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**AP to attract global majors as healthcare capital**

In a bid to convert Andhra Pradesh into the health care capital of India and to attract global pharmaceutical companies into the state, the Andhra Pradesh state government has decided to build up a Pharma City under the Special Economic Zone at Visakhapatnam, the coastal city of the state.

The state government has also formed a task force on pharmaceuticals to take all possible initiation in this direction and appointed Dr. J. C. Mohanty, managing director of Andhra Pradesh State Financial Corporation to be the nodal officer for all the projects initiated by the task force.

Mr.Venkat Jasti, a member in the pharma task force and the president of the BDMA and Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance (Hyderabad), said that the pharma task force is a collaborative effort of both the industry and government. Apart from providing total infrastructure , Pharma City will also focus on environment protective measures of global standard and will provide single window clearance to entrepreneurs who wish to set up a manufacturing base.(The Asian Age)