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(L to R) Globsyn CEO Bikram Dasgupta, state IT minister Manab Mukherjee and state IT secretary GD Gautama at the launch of a new IT workspace infrastructure project in the city on Thursday.
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Globsyn Crystals launched

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Globsyn Technologies Ltd and Intelligent Infrastructure Ltd Thursday announced the launch of a new IT workspace infrastructure project at Salt Lake Electronics project called Globsyn Crystals.

The complex, which would have two towers to be completed by October, 2007 would be built on a six-lakh sqft area with a project cost of Rs 150 crore.

The work-habitat project, conceptualised by Bikram Dasgupta, chairman of Globsyn Technoliges will have intelligent offices, digital theatres, retail outlets, health clubs and learning centres.

"Today there is a growing need to merge technology with life, to create an attrition free work habitat. With a combination of work and leisure, the new workspace would keep attrition at bay," said Mr Dasgupta.

The initiative was inaugurated by Manabendra Mukherjee, the state IT minister.

According to Mr Mukherjee, around 13.3 million sqft of new workspace is coming up for the IT industry in the next 24 months.

"As more and more new IT companies are showing interest to set up their shops in the state, there is a growing need to develop newer space in the city," said Mr Mukherjee. ♦

...The actual project, however, will be implemented by Wetel, the state nodal agency for IT and electronics development, in partnership with private partners. Concluding this, West Bengal IT minister Manab Mukherjee said, "We have just received state Cabinet clearance to acquire 500 acres of agricultural land near Kolkata Airport to develop a second IT complex. In addition to the upcoming Salt Lake IT hub, this will assist the state government in populating this land. Once the consultant is appointed, the 500-acre IT infrastructure complex will be developed under the 'public-private partnership' (PPP) model by Wetel."

...Specifically, the state government is yet to take any decision on whether there will be a single or multiple private partners to execute the upcoming IT infrastructure project. "There are no decisions on the number of private players who will partner Wetel in executing this IT infrastructure project. The state is examining several options and will take a decision after appointment of a consultant," said the state IT minister.

The proposed Globsyn Crystals is to be ready by October 2007. The total cost of the project will be set at Rs 150 crore. The building will house offices, cafes, and a gym. The park is situated as a work-habitat. Along with a large infrastructure, enough space for 6,000 people building.

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Study fears 'tsunami lung' in survivors

Though the tsunami that struck Asia in December 2005 did not lead to any epidemic, scientists fear that major infections in the lungs of those affected may crop up in the long-term. The infection, termed as "tsunami lung," may have afflicted many survivors, doctors said.