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REDEFINING DIPLOMACY, ONE STATE
AT A TIME

EDITOR'S NOTE

In recent years, paradiplomacy—where subnational governments directly engage in international relations—has gained traction in India, allowing states like Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala to forge foreign ties, attract investment, and participate in global networks on trade, climate, and public health. This decentralized approach is reshaping India's diplomatic landscape by enhancing economic profiles, fostering cultural exchange, and promoting development while complementing national objectives.

Therefore, to explore this exciting new world of international relations, the issue delves into the various dimensions of paradiplomacy within India—its origins, current dynamics, and future prospects. We explore how Indian states are leveraging paradiplomacy to foster new models and ideals for development and federalism.

We hope this edition provides a valuable perspective on the evolving landscape of paradiplomacy in India and encourages further dialogue on its implications for the country's global engagement.

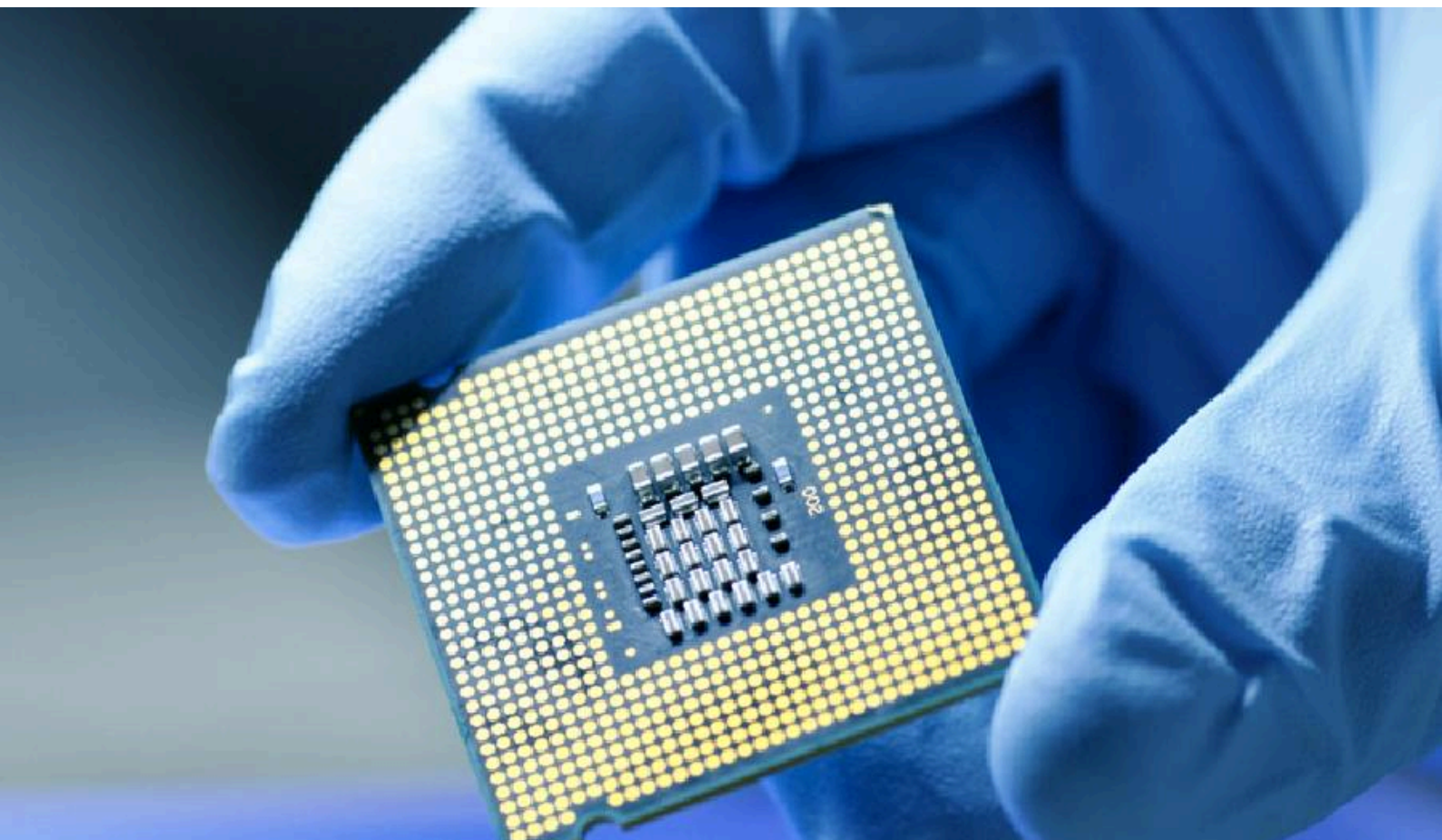
WEST BENGAL GOVERNMENT IDENTIFIES PLOT FOR A SEMICONDUCTOR PLANT

In this new age of Information Technology, semiconductors and their factories are all the rage. Many believe that Taiwanese expediency in this matter is the main consideration for its allies, maybe even more than curbing China's influence in the Pacific. India, though a distant observer in the China-Taiwan conflict, is also in this race for semiconductor supremacy. In fact it is solidifying its presence through the Government of West Bengal which has already identified the land on which the country's first ever national security semiconductor fabrication plant will be built. This project is under a transformative collaboration with the United States.



This project was announced following talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Joe Biden in Willington this last Saturday. It is to be a strategic partnership between Bharat Semi, 3rdiTech, and the US Space Force. It is also going to be supported by the India Semiconductor Mission. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said that the project will lead to huge employment generation. "We have been pursuing this for the last three years," she said, further mentioning six industrial and rail corridors being set up in the state.

This stands as another example of the efficiency and paramount importance of paradiplomacy. It also stands as a symbol of how paradiplomacy promotes federalism and stands as a pillar of economic development in the provinces of the Union.



RAJASTHAN CM'S JAPAN & SOUTH KOREA VISIT BOOSTS INVESTMENT HOPES AHEAD OF RISING RAJASTHAN SUMMIT 2024

Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma visited Japan and South Korea. The six-day trip was part of preparing for the 'Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit 2024' scheduled to be conducted from December 9 to 11. According to the Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister, Diya Kumari, the main aim of the visit was to attract investment into Rajasthan through the Rising Rajasthan Investor Meet, they are anticipating more inflow of investment through this meet which could help in the development and increase employment opportunities in the state. Kumari also highlighted that the tourism sector can attract investments which will help strengthen the economy of the state. Furthermore, she also assures that the government will swiftly implement effectively with the signing of Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) . The Deputy Chief Minister Prem Chand Bairwa who went along with the CM for the visit also shared that the visit was a success, with the investors having a positive outlook towards investing in the state and the CM has also promised to provide all possible support

Rajasthan Minister Jawar Singh also said that the visit regarding the Rajasthan summit to invite companies from different countries to invest in the state will result positively and he is expecting this to lead to higher employment generation in the state and with foreign companies signing MoUs they can help in the development of the state. Singh also praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for leading the country and building global trust in India. The upcoming Rising Rajasthan summit aims to attract global investment and encourage partnerships with support from the Industry and Commerce Department, Bureau of Investment Promotion (BIP) and Rajasthan State Industrial Development & Investment Corporation Ltd (RIICO). The CM himself has not spoken about his visit to the countries.



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