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- NRIs plan mega resort in Puri

Bhubaneswar: A group of NRIs based in Spain, the US and the UK have evinced interest to set up a beach resort in Puri.

At least 15 NRIs headed by US-based Pradip Savarwal called on Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and sought the Government’s help for the project. The team later visited the tourist sites in the State.

The NRIs are expected to invest about Rs 1000 crore to set a resort of international standards, Tourism Minister Surya Narayan Patra said.

The Government is specially interested in the project in view of the mega investment plans in the industrial sector. VIP visitors who come to set up industries would find the resort an ideal retreat in the State.

The minister said the tourism department has acquired 987 acres in the Sipa Sarubali area between Puri and Brahmagiri near the Cilika lake for the purpose. The area falls under the Special Tourism Zone.

Stating that the proposed resort will be located on a virgin beach, the Minister said the project would include a five-star hotel of international standards, a golf course and horse riding track and other facilities. Nearby villages would also be developed to give foreign tourists a feel of rural life in Odisha.

Sania Mirza returns the ball against Aiko Nakamura of Japan in the second round match of the Japan Open tennis tournament in Tokyo. 18-year-old Mirza won 6-1, 6-4 to enter the last eight.

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