

## Ship-building yard, oil plant to come up in Dhamra

BHUBANESWAR, Nov. 7: Apeejay Surendra Group and Bharati Shipyard Ltd. (BSL) are considering plans to set up a ship-building and an oil rig construction and repairing plant near Dhamra.

The chairmen of these groups called on chief minister Mr Naveen Patnaik here today and discussed their plans. The issues discussed included different government sanctions, official sources said.

As these projects are expected to generate ample employment opportunities, Mr Patnaik suggested to expedite the work.

The ship-building plant, which is expected to come up with an investment of Rs 900 crore, would be completed in three phases, the first one would begin in January next year. It is expected that the work will be finished by 2013. While about 7,000 people would get direct employment, as many as 40,000 will get indirect employment. The project will fetch Rs 20 crore annual revenue to the state exchequer, sources said. ■ SNS