

Emami to invest Rs 2,200 cr to set up paper mill in Bengal

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Emami Paper Mills Ltd, part of the Rs 2,000 crore Emami Group, will invest Rs 2,200 crore to set up a paper mill in West Bengal.

Emami Paper, the largest paper manufacturing company in India, will sign a memorandum of agreement with the West Bengal Industrial Development Corp on Friday. The paper mill, with an installed capacity of 600 tonne per day, will be located in the paper park being set up by the state government in West Midnapore over 2000 acres.

The company, set up in 1982, has paper mills in Dakshineswar (near Kolkata) and Balasore in Orissa. While the Dakshineswar mill has a capacity of 50 tonne per day, the Balasore facility has increased its capacity to 450 tonne per day after a recently undertaken expansion plan.

"The proposed plant would be located at Kulti Kuri near Jhargram in the West Midnapore district," said a company official.

"The new plant will be wood-based and will manufacture newsprint and writing paper," the official said. It will require 6.5 lakh tonne of pulp wood per annum.

The state forest department is likely to supply one-third of the raw material to the plant, and the company will procure rest of the supplies.

The two 'waste-based' facilities at Dakshineswar and Balasore are manufacturing newsprint now.

"It would take three to five years to complete the construction work for the proposed factory," said the company official. Once operational, the factory is estimated to employ 5,000 people.