

LAVASA

Lavasa is free India's first hill city being developed by HCC. It is located in the picturesque landscape of the Sahayadri Mountains and is set amidst 7 hills and 60 km. of lakefront. A 3 hour drive from Mumbai and an hour's drive from Pune, the city is one fourth of the size of Mumbai.

The master plan of Lavasa (12,500 acres) is developed by internationally renowned design consultant HOK, USA and is a recipient of many international awards. It is based on the principles of new urbanism that brings together all the components essential to daily life in a more organized manner thus creating spaces within walking distance from each other. Lavasa has many firsts to its credit – technology leadership, e-governance, India's first e-city, the first Indian city developed using Geographical Information System (GIS), etc. In association with The Biomimicry Guild (USA), the science of Biomimicry is used at Lavasa where learnings from nature are integrated in the Lavasa development.

Lavasa aims to provide a perfect work – life balance with a unique combination of technology and infrastructure advancements. The city will have a host of non polluting industries which will be the main economic driver; these include R&D and training centres, IT and biotech industry, KPOs and those related to art, fashion and animation.

A complement of global leaders in Hospitality (Accor, ITC, Hilton), Health and Wellness (Apollo Hospitals) and Education (Said Business School – Oxford University, Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne – Switzerland, International Business Relations (IBR) – Germany, NSHM Knowledge Park – Kolkatta, Symbiosis, Christ University – Bangalore and Christel House) have already been tied up. SpaceWorld, a 65-acre edutainment park powered by technology from USSRC and NASA, will offer a space-like experience to visitors and will be operational soon.

Lavasa is planned for a permanent population of around 3 lakh residents and a tourist inflow envisaged at 20 lakh per annum. The first of the 5 towns – Dasve is slated to be ready by 2010-11. Lavasa is a prime offering from HCC, with a level of city infrastructure yet to be experienced in India, thus setting a new benchmark in planning, construction and service delivery. With all urban advantages in a natural setting, Lavasa is envisioned to be a more liveable city of the future where residents can live, work, learn and play in harmony with nature.