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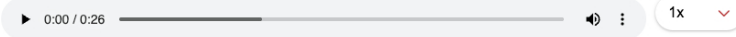
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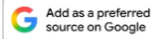
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Fresh from clinching a \$15-billion investment commitment from Google to set up its artificial-intelligence (AI) hub in Visakhapatnam (Vizag), Nara Lokesh, Andhra Pradesh's minister for human resource development, information technology and electronics, outlines the southern state's new investment strategy. Speaking to *Asit Ranjan Mishra* from the chief minister's residence on the banks of the Krishna on the Vijayawada-Amaravati Road, Lokesh says the government has shifted its focus from seeking "special-category status" for the state to building an investment-driven growth model. Edited excerpts:

Andhra Pradesh has adopted a cluster approach to regional development. Could you elaborate how it is working and



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