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Naveen writes to PM for IIT, IIM and IIIT



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Bhubaneswar, Oct 17: Orissa Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has taken up the State's demand before the Centre for establishment of institutions of higher learning.

In a letter written to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Tuesday, Patnaik has demanded setting up of institutions such Indian Institute of Technology, Indian Institute of Management and International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) in the State.

The Chief Minister has written that Orissa desperately needs educational institutes of higher learning in view of the rapid industrialisation taking place in the state at present.

According to official sources, Patnaik had reiterated the demand for better Central government educational institutes in the State in the wake of the Centre's decision to set up at least eight IITs, seven IIMs, five IISERs, 20 IIITs and 30 central universities in different regions of the country.

Patnaik pointed out that the State was need for more technically qualified people to meet the manpower requirement of the various mineral-based industries in the coming years.

Meanwhile, Patnaik is leaving for New Delhi on Wednesday. He will be the national Capital till Saturday.

During his stay in New Delhi, Patnaik was likely to meet the Prime Minister to discuss various issues, including the setting up of the higher institutions of learning in the State, official sources said on Wednesday.

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