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Jul 23, 2006

Centre permitting, IIT campus in City

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BHUBANESWAR: If not a National Institute of Science (NIS), then at least a campus of IIT. The State is hopeful of getting Centre's nod for setting up off-campus of IIT Kharagpur in the City when the proposed NIS is still in a limbo.

The Orissa Government will submit a proposal to the Human Resources Development Ministry for getting the nod for the proposed IIT campus soon.

The proposal was discussed at a high-level meeting presided by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik here on Saturday. Director of IIT Khargpur, S K Dubey and AICTE Chairman Damodar Acharya and BPUT V-C Omkarnath Mohanty attended the meeting.

The State Government had requested IIT Khargpur to prepare a detailed project report (DPR) for the proposed campus. Dubey informed the Chief Minister that the DPR would be ready within a month.

Knowledgeable sources said the DPR would be submitted to the HRD Ministry for approval and sanction of necessary funds. Funds to the tune of Rs 800 crore would be required for the proposed campus.

The IIT campus, once set up, will provide quality education to at least 5,000 students in disciplines like bioscience, metallurgy, mining and other advanced areas of knowledge. The campus will have research and development centres to help upgrade the faculty for improving the standards of engineering colleges in the State.

Dubey reportedly told the Chief Minister that about 300 acres of land would be required for the proposed campus, which should be ideally a half-hour journey from the City airport. The Chief

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