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**CM raises IIT in Delhi**

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**BHUBANESWAR:** Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik met Union Minister for Human Resource Development Arjun Singh in New Delhi on Friday and discussed with him establishment of a campus of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur in Orissa.

The State Government has offered 300 acres of land near Bhubaneswar for setting up of the campus. Naveen reiterated the commitment of the State Government to provide all necessary assistance for its establishment.

The Chief Minister reasoned that since Orissa is fast emerging as a hub for industrial activities, an institution of the stature of IIT will help meet the industry demands.

According to a release issued here, Singh said the Centre favours establishment of such an institute in Orissa soon.

Naveen also took up the issue of establishment of a new Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) at Bhubaneswar regarding which he had earlier written to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

In view of the growth of the City as a major centre for IT and IT-enabled services, Bhubaneswar deserves an IIIT; Naveen said and added the State Government is willing to provide land for the institution.

Singh assured Naveen that the Centre would definitely consider Bhubaneswar favourably while sanctioning new IIITs.

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