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CM discusses IIT Kharagpur campus in Orissa

BHubaneswar: Chief minister Navin Patnaik on Friday met the Union minister for human resources development (HRD) Arjun Singh in New Delhi to discuss about the establishment of a campus of IIT, Kharagpur in Orissa.

During discussion, Patnaik stated that the Orissa government has offered 300 acres of land next to Bhubaneswar city for setting up the campus and is fully committed to provide all necessary assistance for the institution.

Justifying the need for setting up the IIT centre, he said that since Orissa is fast emerging as a hub for industrial activities, an institution of the stature of IIT will provide the much needed boost to the efforts of the government in providing support to these industries. In his reply, the Singh stated that the Centre is positively inclined to set up such an institution soon.

Besides, the chief minister also discussed about the establishment of a new Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) at Bhubaneswar for which which he had earlier written to the prime minister.

In view of the growth of Bhubaneswar as a major IT hub and IT-enabled services, location for an IIIT in the capital city would be ideal, Patnaik said and added that the state government is willing to provide land for the institution.

In his reply, the Union minister assured the chief minister that the Centre would seriously consider the case in this regard.

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