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### Arjun plays havoc with Orissa



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Now it is official.

With Arjun Singh at the helm, Orissa stands remote chance to have the share over proposed Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)s by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD).

The just released annual report on April 24 highlights the attempts made in 2006- 2007 and takes stock of the

present stage of major programs and gives some indication of the proposals for the future.

The report said that seven IITs and six IIMs have served the country extremely well and have done us proud.

It is now proposed to establish 3 new IITs in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar and Rajasthan.

So it is abundantly clear that MHRD is not favoring Orissa, over setting up an IIT in future also as the annual report gives indication of the proposals for the future, said the sources.

It has also been decided to establish a 7th IIM at Shillong in the North East.

Two new Schools of Planning and Architecture are also proposed to be started at Vijayawada and Bhopal.

In addition to the existing Indian Institute of Information Technology at Gwalior, Allahabad and Jabalpur under the Government of India, a new IIIT (Design and Manufacturing) has been approved to be established at Kanchipuram in Tamil Nadu.

Proposals have been submitted to the Planning Commission for starting 20 new IIITs so as to cover each major State.

Orissa has already gone ahead with its own IIIT.

Planning Commission has suggested that these could be considered under the Public-Private Participation mode.

Erstwhile Regional Engineering Colleges/Government Engineering Colleges have been converted into National Institutes of Technology (NITs) with changes in their governance structure.

There are 20 NITs at present.

In order to bring all of them under umbrella legislation, the NIT Bill had been introduced in Parliament.

In order to build scientific research institutions of the highest standards in which teaching and research at the under-graduate and post-graduate levels will be undertaken in an integrated manner, two Indian Institutes of Scientific Education and Research (IISERs) have been set up at Kolkata and Pune.

A third IISER is being set up at Mohali (Punjab) and two more have been proposed at Bhopal and Thiruvananthapuram.

It is hoped that over a period of time, IISERs will attain the eminence of IISc, Bangalore and put India in the forefront of scientific research in the world, says the annual report.

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