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**If the general assembly elections in Orissa are held in December 2007 whom you will vote?**

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- Nationalist congress party led by Bijoy Mohapatra
- Samrudha Odisha headed by Jatish Chandra Mohanty
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## Oriya diaspora writes Patnaik on IIT and other issues (II)

Sun, 07 Oct 2007 17:32:00 They have demanded that the state government should move the central government again for setting up an Indian Institute of technology in the state. The letter has also made some other major demands.

By A Correspondent

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New York, October 7 (odisha.in) 38 years old Orissa Society of the Americas (OSA) the main organization of Odiyas in North America has written a letter to the chief minister Naveen Patnaik seeking his intervention into major issues the state is facing.

They have demanded that the state government should move the central government again for setting up an Indian Institute of technology in the state. The letter has also made some other major demands.

**The letter sent by OSA to chief minister Naveen Patnaik**

Dear Esteemed Chief Minister of Orissa:

Greetings!

On behalf of the Orissa Society of the Americas (OSA), the main organization of Odiyas in North America, we would like to bring to your notice the following urgent issues related to Orissa's growth and progress and the 11th Plan. These issues need earliest attention as the 11th Plan is getting finalized within a couple of months. If we miss the chance now, we will face a much harder struggle to get this accomplished.

**Chhattisgarh News**

January 25th अगवा एसपीओ का अब तक पता नहीं

January 25th वाहन पर नक्सली हमला, कोई हताहत नहीं

January 25th आठ लाख का गांजा पकड़ा

1. Sir: The PM of India announced on August 15th 2007 that the Indian Government plans to establish 8 new IITs in India. Although your government has earlier (prior to the PMs announcement on Aug 15 2007) sent letters to the PM and discussed with the Human Resource Development Minister about an IIT in Orissa, in light of the new announcement of the PM, we suggest that your government take some additional steps, such as submitting a vision for an IIT in Orissa, including how an IIT will help Orissa and how Orissa will help an IIT located in the state. Such a step will make Orissa's claim stronger and is perhaps necessary as other states like Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka have taken similar, competitive initiatives recently.

2. Sir: The PM in his August 15th speech also mentioned that there will be 30 new central universities, with 16 of them in states that do not have any. That means Orissa will get one and since Orissa has been asking for a central university in KBK (Kalahandi-Bolangir-Koraput) region, it should go to KBK. However, since KBK is a vast area, and is the most backward district cluster of India, we request that you make certain specific requests regarding this university. In particular:

(a) The central university in KBK should be a multi-campus one with campuses in all the District Head Quarter towns in KBK+ districts, i.e., the eight KBK districts and the adjacent Gajapati and Kandhamal districts.

(b) This university, to be established in the most backward district clusters of India, should be treated at par with the central universities in the north east in all respects (such as: it must have special quotas for tribals and KBK+ residents; it must have the components that will be in the central universities in the north east.)

3. As per the PM's address to the planning commission on September 14th, the remaining 30-16= 14 central universities will be decided on the basis of competition. Since India already has 23 central universities (none of these is in Orissa) and the new 30 ones will take the total to 53, and Orissa is the 11th largest state of India in terms of population and 9th largest in terms of area, and among the most backward states of India, Orissa should request for not one but two central universities. (Please note that Bihar, which has already been granted a new IIT, is asking for a greenfield central university and upgradation of the Patna University to a central University. See [http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/Cities/Patna/PU\\_be\\_made\\_central\\_university\\_Teachers/articleshow/2392105.cms](http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/Cities/Patna/PU_be_made_central_university_Teachers/articleshow/2392105.cms))

We propose that the second central university in Orissa be an upgradation of Ravenshaw University. Some of the arguments in favor of Ravenshaw University, if a greenfield central university is infeasible, are as follows:

a. Ravenshaw is a unitary university; like most world class universities such as those in the United States, and like most of the existing central universities in India (such as JNU, BHU etc.), Ravenshaw does not have any affiliated colleges.

b. Ravenshaw is one of the oldest higher education institutions of India with a glorious past. Its alumni are almost the who's who of Orissa.

c. Ravenshaw's location at the heart the millennium city of Cuttack and also in the middle of the Bhubaneswar-Cuttack metropolitan areamakes it easy to access and the presence of top-notch educational and research institutions near it makes Ravenshaw a good candidate for becoming a world-class knowledge hub; i.e., a world class central university. (The PM in his address to the planning commission mentioned this criteria explicitly.)

d. Ravenshaw has made plans for its expansion in directions that are consistent with the goal of a world class university that the PM talked about.

4. Sir: Most importantly to uplift KBK and the other backward parts of Orissa out of morass they are in, we request that you take up the issue of rail connectivity to these areas, urgently. We understand that you are already making cases for connectivity related to ports and mineral transportation such Talcher-Sukinda Rd and Bhadrakh-Dhamara. We are also mindful that better access to KBK area may potentially be used for undue exploitation of the KBK region, but we will all remain vigilant.

Thus, we request that you make a case for completing the important rail projects in KBK and the other norther tribal areas of Orissa during the 11th Plan. These rail projects include the lines

- (a) Khurda - Balangir
- (b) Gunupur-Theruvail
- (c) Lanjigarh Rd – Bhawanipatna – Junagarh – Nabarangpur- Jeypore – Malkangiri – Bhadrachalam Rd (Andhra Pradesh)
- (d) Talcher – Bimlagarh  
... etc.

In regards to all of these, we are willing to extend our help. For example, we have created documents and drafts that argue these cases. These documents are located at:

[I] On KBK Rail Connectivity: <http://www.orissalinks.com/orissagrowth/?p=489>

[II] The case for IIT in Orissa: <http://www.orissalinks.com/?p=128>

[III] On KBK Central University: <http://kbkcentral.googlepages.com/>

In addition, there are several Orissa origin professors and scientists in the North America who we are mobilizing to help in the higher education related efforts. A partial list of the academics is at <http://www.orissalinks.com/?p=504>

We appreciate your time.

Sincerely,

Pratap Das, President  
Asutosh Dutta, Vice-President

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January 10th, 2008 Bitti was convicted for allegedly raping a 26-year old German student at Alwar in March 2006. A First Track Court of Alwar had sentenced him to seven years imprisonment.

[Subash Pani appointed as secretary planning commission](#)

January 3rd, 2008 It has also transferred two Orissa cadre IAS officers. It appointed Subas Chandra Pani, an Indian Administrative Services (IAS) officer of Orissa cadre 1972 batch, as Secretary in the Planning Commission.



[Avinash's father, friends claim he was murdered in Mumbai](#)

December 16th, 2007 According a balestic expert, when a person attacks some body from behind, he would shoot at the right temple.



[Moon's craze for VCD album forced Avinash to pay huge amount \(EXCLUSIVE\)](#)

December 14th, 2007 Odisha.in is also in possession of a number of EXCLUSIVE photographs of Moon and Avinash in intimate postures at Restaurants, hotels, swimming pools, sea shore and shore of Chilika Lake where they had spent their time together.

[4th Pravasi Oriya Divas on Dec 23 at Bhubaneswar](#)

December 14th, 2007 We follow the pattern of the Prabasi Bharatiya Diwas the Government of India every year promotes (it is usually held on Jan. 9 the date on which Mahatma Gandhi returned to India from South Africa), the centre president Sahadev Sahu said.



[New twist to Moon Das-Avinash episode : Bhupen files F.I.R.](#)

December 11th, 2007 Though the Mumbai police and Moon Das have said that Avinash had committed suicide after killing Moon's mother and uncle, neither Bhupen Patnaik, father of Avinash nor his friends are prepared to buy the idea.



[Photograph establishes Moon was married to Avinash in temple](#)

December 11th, 2007 She was also wearing a wedding ring in the ring finger of her left hand. Avinash had also put vermilion on his forehead and had put an Uttariya over his shoulder, as is done during performing rituals.



[Avinash had married Moon in temple, wanted to make it legal](#)

December 2nd, 2007 Babita wanted Avinash to write down the details about him and Mousumi (Moon) in her diary so that there would be no ambiguity in the application for registration of marriage.



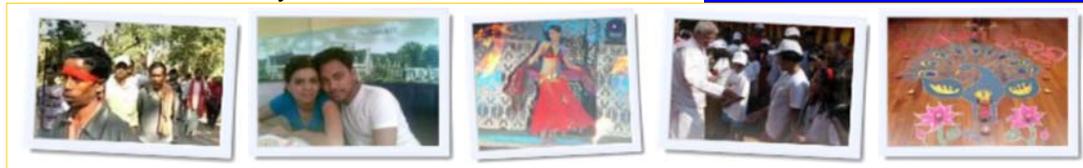
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November 30th, 2007 If it was In case of an unlicensed weapon, the police should ascertain the source from which it was procured.

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