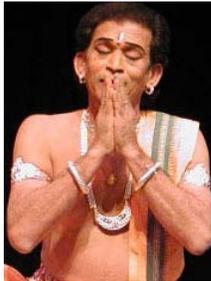


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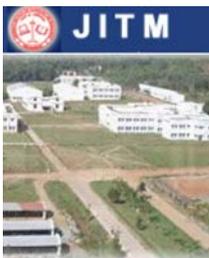
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OSA call for IIT & Central Univ

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Orissa Society of the Americas (OSA) has given a clarion call to Naveen Patnaik to push forward the demand for an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) and 2 Central Universities(CU) for the state.

OSA, the main organization of Odiyas in North America, in a memorandum to the Chief Minister of Orissa has urged to attend the urgent issues like IIT and CU for the growth and progress of the backward state.

All the top notch of OSA including Pratap Das, President, Asutosh Dutta, Vice-President, Priyadarsan Patra, General Secretary and Sandip K. Dasverma, Treasurer has impressed upon the CM not to miss the chance as the Eleventh Plan formulation 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, lamented the leading Non Resident Odiyas (NRO).

Reminding Naveen about the Prime Minister's announcement on Independence Day for establishment of 8 IIT in the country, NROs have requested the CM to submit a Vision Paper for an IIT and to stake our claim strongly.

States like Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka has taken similar initiative in this regards, said Dr.Patra, General Secretary OSA.

Similarly Dr.Man Mohan Singh in his 15 August speech has also mentioned that there will be 30 new Central Universities, with 16 of them in the states that do not have any.

That means Orissa will get one and since the state 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.

Particularly the CU 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.

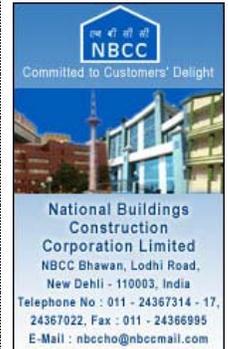
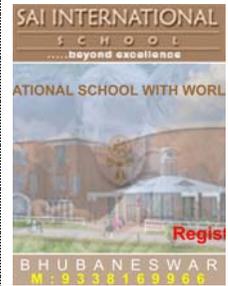
In addition to it we must ask for not one but two Central Universities for the state keeping in view the education promotion agenda of the Central government in mind.

We should take a cue from Bihar, which has already been granted a new IIT, is asking for a Greenfield Central University and up gradation of the Patna University to a CU, said Mr.Das Verma.

A detailed memorandum on behalf of OSA has been sent to the Prime Minister of India to consider the above demands.

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This is very appropriate demand to have an IIT in Orissa, which is the land of many Talented persons in different fields. Orissa is the Land of people who made Konark temple . Center should now look at Orissa and leave stepmotherly political attitude and should allocate funds what Orissa deserve.

Arka Mohanty
11/9/2007

It is a great opportunity for our Chief Minister to write his usual letter to Prime Minister and claim that Orissa is a victim of central negligence!

S.Misra
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