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## Regional

### Orissa demands well known institutes

Bhubaneswar (PTI): Orissa on Tuesday demanded that some institutes like IITs, IIMs, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISERs) and International Institute of Information Technology (IIITs) be set up in the state.

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik wrote a letter to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh asking him to ensure establishment of technical institutions in the state saying Orissa had been neglected for long.

"Orissa desperately needs educational institute of high standard in view of rapid industrialisation in the state," Patnaik told Singh in the letter, official sources said here.

The state government's claim came in the wake of the Centre's decision to set up at least eight IITs, seven IIMs, five IISERs, 20 IIITs and 30 central universities, the sources said.

Lamenting "neglect" of Orissa, Patnaik said the state neither have an IIT nor an IIM. He said investment proposals in steel, aluminium, power, IT and other sectors had created a different environment in the state which needed more technically qualified people to handle the future demands.

Besides, the state had vast potential to grow in petrochemicals, automobile industries and other allied sectors as it had been receiving many investment proposals from within the country and abroad.

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