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## Naveen demands IIT, IIM for Orissa

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Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Wednesday called on Union Minister for Human Resource Development Arjun Singh in New Delhi and reiterated the demand for setting up an IIT and IIM in the State.

During the discussion, Patnaik demanded for the setting up of an IIT, an IIM and a multi-disciplinary Central university in the KBK region in view of the current industrial boom in the State. "An IIT should be established in the State during the 11th Five Year Plan period," Patnaik said.

Singh assured Patnaik that the Centre would soon take a decision on the Orissa Government's demand for the setting up higher institutions of learning in the State.

Orissa had a very good case for setting up of a Central University in the KBK region, Singh said.

Singh also said that there was a strong possibility of setting up of an IIT or IIM in Orissa in view of the industrial growth being witnessed in the State, according to an official release.

Patnaik also met Union Urban Development Minister S Jaipal Reddy and urged him for enhancement of allocation of fund for Orissa to at least Rs 2500 crore under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission.

He also sought allocation of Rs 1000 crore under the Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for the Small and Medium Towns.

Patnaik further said the Government of Orissa was committed to undertake various mandatory and basic reforms in order to strengthen the resource base and delivery system of the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in the State. The Urban Minister assured to extend maximum possible financial assistance to make the capital city of Bhubaneswar and pilgrim city of Puri as world class.

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