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Orissa demands IIT, IIM, Central University

Bhubaneswar: The Orissa government on Wednesday intensified its demand for a greenfield IIT and an IIM in the state, besides establishment of a Central University in the backward KBK (Kalahandi-Balangir-Koraput) region of the state during 11th Five-Year Plan.

The demand was made by chief minister Navin Patnaik when he met Union human resources development minister Arjun Singh in New Delhi.

Singh assured me of good news in a few days, Patnaik said, adding, establishment of an IIT, an IIM and a Central University was essential because of the state's rapid industrial upsurge.

He said that the state had been making the demands since a long time that remained unfulfilled.

Given the current industrial boom in Orissa, it is necessary to bring in professional culture and management, he said, adding, an IIM could help boost the managerial skill among the local people.

Patnaik also demanded setting up of a Central University in the KBK region that could educate the youth in traditional and modern disciplines.

There was an urgent need to set up a top class multi-disciplinary Central university in KBK region with all facilities which would be helpful for the tribal people, he pointed out.

The chief minister later met Union minister for urban development S Jaipal Reddy and demanded enhancement of funds to Orissa to at least Rs 2500 crore under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) and Rs 1000 crore for Urban Infrastructure Development scheme for the small and medium towns.

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