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## Local News

**CM reiterates demands for IIT in Orissa**

**Bhubaneswar:** Chief minister Navin Patnaik on Friday urged prime minister Manmohan Singh to make specific provision for the establishment of an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in the state during the ensuing 11th Five-Year Plan.

Expressing resentment over the routine indifference of the Centre towards Orissa, the chief minister, in his letter, said that he is surprised to see that decisions are being taken on a political consideration.

I have repeatedly taken up the matter of establishing of an IIT in Orissa with the prime minister and the Union HRD minister and told them that Orissa's case is a genuine one, he said.

Raising his voice against the Centre, Patnaik said a question should be asked why the Centre shifted the National Institute of Science (NIS) that was sanctioned by the then NDA Government from Bhubaneswar to Kolkata.

Reacting sharply over the remarks of the Union HRD secretary of HRD that Orissa does not deserve an IIT as it has already got the NISER (National Institute of Science and Educational Research), Patnaik said how could the NIS be shifted to Kolkata when IIT, Kharagpur is already there.

How West Bengal has taken two such premier institutes? All these decisions have been taken on a political consideration, Patnaik pointed out.

Justifying his demand, the chief minister said that as Orissa was witnessing a rapid growth in industrialisation, these technical institutes are required for creating a skilled manpower.



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Rs / \$	39.35
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