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Gajapati, Orissa, INDIA.

Not a word on IIT
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It seems that Naveen Patnaik only believes in writing letters for consumption of media.

The Chief Minister has written a number of letters to the Centre, demanding Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Indian Institute of Management (IIM) and several other national level institutions for Orissa.

How ever the State Government forgot to mention the much needed requirement of an IIT and IIM for the development of Higher Education in the State in the Governor's Address .

The Governor's Address which reflects the agenda of the State Government for next year, did not mention a word about IIT, IIM and other Centers of Higher Learning.

Muralidhar Chandrakant Bhandare, the Governor addressed the Orissa Legislative Assembly on 13 February here.

In his more than hour long speech, not a word on IIT or IIM was mentioned.

Similarly the Centre has asked all the states to present their case for a Central University.

Till date Orissa does not have a Central University and the state deserves at least two Universities.

Intelligentsia of the state has all along harping on the demand for IIT, IIM and Central Universities.

Non Resident Oriyas (NRO)s like Professor Chitta Baral, Dhirendra Kar, Professor Digambar Mishra, Deba Nayak, Sandip K Das Verma and others are trying their level best to influence the Policy makers.

These NROs are in constant touch with the Representative of the Assembly and Parliament to take up the cause of the lagging higher education in general and professional education in particular of the state.

Leading Voice of the State, Agami Orissa Chief Lalit M Patnaik is in the forefront to harp on the demand of IIT for the state.

Apart from that the Ministry of Human Resources Development (MHRD) has also requested the states to justify their demand for a World Class University.

And lo behold, the Government of Orissa has not even written a letter demanding a World Class University, in which the MHRD will be spending at least Rs.1000 crore, revealed an officer.

Today the Governor's speech was totally silent over these issues.

On the contrary, it has mentioned that University such as Vedanta University and Sri Ravi Shankar University and National Law University are in the process of being established in the state.

This speaks volumes of the sincerity of the Government of Orissa, which tom toms that the State is taking various positive steps to improve the quality of higher education in Orissa, lamented an educationist.

How ever the State Government has said that it has launched ambitious program for Industrial Training Institute (ITI) and Polytechnic with an ultimate goal to have at least one ITI in each of the 314 blocks.


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