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Locations for 8 new IITs, 7 IIMs announced

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The Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) today announced the locations of eight new Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and seven Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) along with 30 Central and world class universities to be set up in the country during the 11th Plan period.

Out of the eight IITs, first announced by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in his Independence Day speech, one IIT would be set up at Indore in Madhya Pradesh while Orissa, Gujarat and Punjab would get one each.

The ministry had earlier announced IITs for Bihar, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. Medak district near Hyderabad has been identified for Andhra Pradesh IIT, according to state government official.

Of the seven new Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs), envisaged in the 11th Plan, one each would be set up in Tamil Nadu, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Uttarakhand, Haryana and Chhattisgarh. An IIM for the North-East at Shillong was earlier announced and has been named as Rajiv Gandhi Indian Institute of Management.

HRD Minister Arjun Singh who made the announcement today also named the locations for 16 Central universities and a new category of 14 world class universities to come up in state capitals and major cities. The latter are Central universities which the government says would aspire to world standards.

The 16 Central universities would be set up in Bihar, Jharkhand, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Goa.

In three states, existing state universities would be taken over by the Central government and converted into Central universities. These are Dr Hari Singh Gaur University, Sagar (Madhya Pradesh), Guru Ghasidas University, Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh), and Goa University.

Establishment of the IITs, IIMs and Central universities in the above states is subject to state governments offering adequate land at suitable locations, free of cost, for the purpose, Arjun Singh said.

According to officials, each of the new IIT would require about Rs 760 crore to make it fully functional, while an IIM would need Rs 250 crore.

For a Central university, the requirement is Rs 250 to Rs 300 crore (including recurring and non-recurring costs over a period of four to five years). While intake of the new IITs would be around 2,500 students, it would be 120 per year in IIMs, they said.

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