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India to have more IITs, IIMs soon



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Union Human Resource Development (HRD) Minister Arjun Singh has finally announced the names of the places where new IITs and IIMs would come up under the 11th Five-year Plan.

Speaking at a press conference on Friday, Singh said that the eight IITs will be set up in Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Rajasthan, Bihar, Himachal, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Punjab at a cost of Rs 760 crore each.

The IITs in Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan and Bihar will start functioning from the coming academic session, which is to start in July.

The seven new IIMs are slated to come up in Meghalaya, Tamil Nadu, J&K, Jharkhand, Chattisgarh, Uttarakhand, Haryana, which will cost Rs 250 crore each.

Of these, the Meghalaya IIM in Shillong will start operation from this academic session in July.

Apart from this, the 16 states, which do not have central universities, will soon be able to boast of having the same.

The government is also planning to set up 14 world-class universities in India.

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- Many villages do not have primary schools, high schools. The condition of majority of government schools (on which majority of Indians depend) in villages and cities are pathetic. There is a severe shortage of basic training colleges. Morality and character of majority of Indian students are at its lowest. Cheating and corruption is the rule of the day. We need to educate (not just "literate") common Indians. That can solve many problems the country is facing today. We must not waste our money and other resources for some elite communities and for supplying manpower to western countries.
Posted by B. B. Goel at 3:13 on Mar 29, 2008
- It is really ridiculous that our ministers and bureaucrats are cutting the roots of the tree and watering the foliage. India education system has gone rotten from the very base. Our primary and high school education and examination system is just pathetic, to say the least. Quality of Indian science education and research is going down despite of increased funding (as per published reports). Even our elitist institutes like IITs and IIMs are just training institutes who only can supply trained manpower to do mostly routine jobs in manpower-starved western countries (and we feel proud about that). Even such elite institutes are just pathetic when it comes to original research, basic or applied (when we need our own talent, not just mugging up and vomiting). We must not waste our resources to establish any more IIT or IIM or IISc type elite institutes. We should invest heavily on improving our primary and high school education (both quality and quantity wise) all over the country.
Posted by jay at 3:5 on Mar 29, 2008
- Maximum number of major IT companies are in Bangalore and hence establishing one IIT at Bangalore is the most desired in view of the necessity and as well for further industry/institution interaction which will help the industries and as well to country. It is right time one such IIT is established in Bangalore city.
Posted by Dr.Shanthakumar at 21:56 on Mar 28, 2008
- Dear Education Minister, Rs.760 Crores X 8 = Rs. 5880 Crores and Rs. 250 crores X 7 = Rs. 1750 Crores. Total = Rs.7630 Crores. Dear Education Minister you visit any one of the Government Schools in Bangalore and Rural Karnataka, they don't have any basic shelter. But you have no heart to give them money. Sir have you got any database of all Alumni of IITs/IIMs tell them what is their contribution to India, except one Naryan Murthy, Deveshwar, etc..Dear Sir why the govt waste precious tax payers money on this, instead open up job oriented training institutes for the rural and urban poor. It is madness of highest order Govt is wasting such huge money on such foolish projects aimed to build up the image of the Minister. Also 10,000 acres of precious agro lands will be wasted for this useless work
Posted by Gundappa Srinivas at 16:46 on Mar 28, 2008

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