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## [Orissa Plus]

### Orissa finally gets one IIT

Statesman News Service

BHUBANESWAR, March 28: The Human Resource Development (HRD) ministry of union government today announced establishment of new IITs, IIMs and central universities (CUs) during the eleventh plan period.

Orissa, which has been demanding elite educational institutes to address the growing requirement of efficient human resource to boost the industrialisation drive, has got one IIT and one CU.

Initially, it was a section of social organisations, few NGOs with academicians, who had raised the demand for the state. Their contention was that the state, despite all its qualifications has been deprived of the elite higher education institutes, for one reason or another.

With the demand intensified, the members of parliaments came to the fore to lead the campaign. Time and again, a number of MPs, in both the Houses of Parliament raised the issue and drew attention for the state's long-standing demand.

The state government too took the lead in the campaign. In a number of missives sent to the prime minister, chief minister Mr. Naveen Patnaik had raised the issue umpteen times. When the recent union budget promised nothing in this respect, a sense of resentment was felt even among the common mass.

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