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Academic hat trick for Orissa!!!



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It's an unprecedented educational hat trick for Orissa.

Thanks goes to the UPA Government at the Centre and relentless struggle by the Oriyas, NROs and the State Government.

Now Orissa will receive an IIT, World Class University and Central University said Arjun Singh, Union Minister of Human Resources Development (HRD) on 28 March here.

The Central Government has now decided to locate the 4 IITs in the States including Orissa, Madhya Pradesh (Indore), Gujarat and Punjab, said he.

Six Indian Institute of Management (IIM) in Tamil Nadu, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh (Raipur),

Uttarakhand and Haryana, said Mr.Singh.

The Eleventh Five Year Plan, endorsed by the National Development Council in December, 2007, envisages, inter-alia, establishment of the following new higher education institutions in the Central sector, 8 IITs, 7 IIM, 14 Universities aiming at World Class Standards, 16 Universities in States which do not have a Central University at present.

Out of the above new institutions, location decisions had already been taken in the case of 4 IITs and one IIM.

The Prime Minister has since approved the proposals made by the Ministry of HRD.

Location of 4 IITs(in Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Bihar and Himachal Pradesh), and one IIM (at Shillong) have already been announced.

In addition, it is also proposed to convert the Institute of Technology of the Banaras Hindu University into an IIT.

Admission to this Institute is already based on the IIT – Joint Entrance Examination.

Location of 14 World Class Universities

As regards 14 Central Universities aiming at world class standards, it has been considered necessary that these are located in or near selected large cities which would automatically have the kind of connectivity and infrastructure which such universities would need.

Those are Orissa (Bhubaneshwar) Maharashtra (Pune) West Bengal(Kolkata) Tamil Nadu, (Coimbatore)Karnataka (Mysore) Andhra Pradesh(Vishakapatanam) Gujarat(Gandhinagar) Rajasthan (Jaipur)Bihar(Patna), Madhya Pradesh(Bhopal), Kerala(Kochi), Punjab (Amritsar) , Uttar Pradesh (Greater NOIDA) and North Eastern Region in Guwahati

Location of 16 Central Universities in Uncovered States

16 States which do not have a Central University at present, and which will get one Central University each in the 11th Plan.

Those are Orissa, Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Goa.

Of these, in three States, existing State Universities will be taken over by the Central Government and converted into Central Universities.

These three Universities are Dr. Hari Singh Gaur University, Sagar (in Madhya Pradesh), Guru Ghasidas



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University, Bilaspur (in Chhattisgarh), and Goa University.

Establishment of 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.

Each of the concerned State Government is being requested to offer land accordingly.

Actual establishment of these institutions would however depend, among other things, on how quickly the concerned State Governments respond by allotting adequate land at suitable locations.

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good point Jagdish..we must not stop here..we must fight for IIM and other central institutes too..We are lucky as well as proud to have Chitta, Lalu Mansingh, Sandip Dasverma, Dhirendra and other educated and extremely dedicated NROs behind us and also a supportive state Govt. Thanks Deba

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At the first instance Tathya.in has once again proved that it is for the cause of Orissa.Reportings of the most popular website has tremendous effect on the Bureaucrats, Educationists, Inteligentsia and young educated mass. Secondly ledaing NROs like Professor Chitta Baral, Mr.Dhirendra Kar and few others have relentlessly tried for the IIT and World Class

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University and Central University. Now we must try for an IIM and I have all hope that we will achieve by concerted efforts. Really great move by our educated NROs.	
Once the euphoria over this "hat trick" subsides, once again will come the realisation that Odisha is the most neglected state in India.	Proud Odia 3/29/2008
Establishing the IIT, WCU and CU were inevitable. These demands became so high profile that the alternative for the centre would have been rather unpalatable: riots, anti-congress wave, and possible secessionism. Granting these well deserved institutions was no more than a face saver for the centre.	
All other institutions, like the IESTs, NIPER, IIPM, NIFT, NID, will never be given to Odisha because the minimal Odia demand has been now met.	
Besides, after 50 years without any IIT, IIM, ISI or IISc, Odisha is lagging far behind in the academic field. IIT KGP is opening a branch campus in Rajarhat which will be as big as the entire IIT in Odisha. There are so many eminent IITans all over the world who continue to aid the growth of their respective states. Those states like Delhi and W. Bengal are reaping the benefits of their IITs for decades. Odisha is not among the lucky ones.	
Sorry to disappoint everyone, but Odisha can only play catch up in the academic field because of the central government history of neglect. Today's new announcement only addresses it partly. But the decade-long attitude has left an indelible mark on the face of Odisha. WE WILL FORGIVE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT BUT WE CANNOT FORGET.	
Also, let us wait and see if the central government doles out other goodies to us whose deprivation to Odisha has not gained high profile attention: railway investment, airports in Jharsuguda and upgrading BBSR to international standards, roads, infrastructure, etc.	
Professor Chitta Baral led the movement sitting at United States and Oriyas are reaping the benefits.He has to be congratulated. I congratulate Professor Baral for your dogged pursuit	Binod Pradhan 3/28/2008
Undoubtedly today Orissa is proud of having an IIT and a world class University. It's a great shy of relief for all, who could see the success after their sincere efforts through various ways to achieve the end. We must congratulate everyone involved in the whole process thinking alike to do something for Orissa. Special thanks must go to Govt. of India and the state Govt. Let's hope to see things happening in the state. Tathya.in must get the credit for the first breaking news.	Hari Om 3/28/2008
Dear all: This was possible because of all our joint efforts. If one goes through tathya.in, one can see the heart Braja babu put on this. If you go to http://iit.orissalinks.com you will see the 666 page compilation of media coverage on this and get a picture of everyones' (media, MPs, CM, common people etc.) effort. The result is a testament to the fact that when all of us work together for Orissa's benefit it ends in a good result; even if we are fighting against tremendous odds. sincerely, Chitta	Chitta Baral 3/28/2008
This is truly great news indeed! The central government has done its part. Kudos to PM Manmohan Singh, a statesman and a leader! The onus has now shifted to CM Naveen Patnaik to provide land for these upcoming institutions of excellence. Here is the official press release: http://pib.nic.in/release/release.asp?relid=36955 I also hope that the CM does everything possible to help the upcoming private universities in Orissa also, most notably, Vedanta University.	Sanjoy Das 3/28/2008
It is a great news for state loke Oriss which is lacking on education front against national level.No it our duty we should persuade our state government to lend the helping hands towards state government. Once again i congratualate to all of your sincier and relentless effort. My special thanks to Orissa MPs. The way they present the case in Center and aggitated in Loksabha was unprecedented in history of orissa.	Bijaya 3/28/2008
Congratulations to Baral Babu and Lalit Babu from AgamiOrissa for making it a Mass movement. Now, the State Govt. should immediately, provide land after deciding the locations. This should be a priority, or, the opposition will blame the govt. for going slow on this.	Umashankar Das 3/28/2008
congrats all. Now we have to also monitor that state Gov. should act promptly so that IIT and two central universities become a reality soon.	Saumya R Mohapatra 3/28/2008
We are grateful to Dr.Man Mohan Singh, Prime Minister, who has kept his words truly.it is because of Dr.Singh, Minister HRD Arjun Singh obliged Orissa with an IIT, World class University and a Central University.	Jagannath Patra 3/28/2008

