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Naveen urges Arjun to set up science centre in Bhubaneswar

Pioneer News Service / Bhubaneswar

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Monday urged Union Human Resources Development Minister Arjun Singh to expedite the establishment of Regional Centre of Studies in Integrated Sciences in Bhubaneswar under the National Institute of Science framework.

He informed Mr Singh that the Orissa Government has already identified a 75-acres plot at Gothapatna under Bhubaneswar tehsil for setting up the campus and is awaiting release of funds by the Centre.

The Chief Minister urged Mr Singh that the Bhubaneswar project, which was cleared two years back, should be taken up first.

Mr Patnaik requested Mr Singh to establish a Central University in the K-B-K region. He pointed out that there is a heavy concentration of SC and ST population in this region which has a literacy rate of below 50 per cent.

Mr Patnaik stated that the university, which can have specialised centres for tribal development studies, will go a long way in encouraging tribal students of the region to take up higher studies.

The Union Minister appreciated the idea of having a Central University in the K-B-K region and sought a formal proposal in this regard from the State Government.

He assured that this would receive high priority whenever the Centre considers setting up Central Universities. On establishment of the Regional Centre of Studies in Integrated Sciences, Mr Singh assured that his ministry would review the matter.

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