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### Quote of the Day

Only in human-life the Jiva can throw off the veil of Maya-delusion and realise its True-self. It can lose its seemingly separate identity and become completely submerged with the Creator. To have human-life is the highest fortune of the Jiva because it is the human-life alone in which self-realisation, i.e., God-Realisation is possible.

**Lord Ram**

### Weather

#### Forecast

Forecast: Clear sky with dry weather throughout the day.



#### Temperture Humidity

Max:28.4°C High:90%  
Min:12.5°C Low :25%

### Entertainment

#### Now I cannot live without Kareena!

Shahid Kapoor is at the important juncture of his life. He has three big releases coming up in two months -



Vikram Bhatt's Deewane Huye Pagal, John Matthew Mattan's Shikhar and Mahesh Manjrekar's Vaah! Life Ho To Aisi.

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### Local

#### PIL against Centre's affidavit on NIS shifting filed in HC

**Cuttack:** The alleged shifting of a proposed National Institute of Science (NIS) from Orissa took a new turn following a public interest litigation (PIL) filed by the Orissa State Public Interest Protection Council (OSPIPC) challenging the veracity of the claims made by Prem Kumar, under secretary in the ministry of HRD, in an affidavit submitted in the High Court, here on Thursday.

The affidavit, filed by Kumar on behalf of the Centre, had stated in the affidavit that no decision was ever taken to set up any such science institution at Bhubaneswar.

The OSPIPC has alleged that Kumar had misled the court.

The PIL is expected to be taken up for hearing on 12 December.

In a fresh petition, OSPIPC president, Prasanta Das has claimed that the UGC had in December 2003 communicated to the vice-chancellor of the Utkal University, a decision to establish NIS at four places in Bhubaneswar, Pune, Allahabad and Chennai.

This was followed by a letter from a High Power Committee of the UGC in April 2004 indicating about preparation of a project report on it.

Pointing out that chief minister Navin Patnaik had sent at least three letters to the prime minister requesting him not to shift the proposed NIS from Bhubaneswar, the petitioner has sought the directive of the court to implead Utkal University in the case and production of all letters that formed a part of the communication between the UGC and the HRD ministry over the proposed NIS at Bhubaneswar.

It may be mentioned here that the OSPIPC in August 2005, had filed a PIL in the Orissa High Court seeking judicial intervention against the shifting of the proposed NIS from Bhubaneswar to Kolkata.

In response to the petition, the court on November 9 issued an interim order directing the Centre to stay the shifting of the proposed science institution from Bhubaneswar to any other part of eastern India.

Subsequently, Prem Kumar in an affidavit clarified that the Union Cabinet had in November 2005 decided in favour of creation of two new institutions devoted to science education and research.

The Cabinet decision was taken on the recommendation of the Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister.

Subsequently, the Centre had decided to locate the two IISRE at Pune and Kolkata, the affidavit clarified while seeking grant of leave to set up an Indian Institute for Science Research Education (IISRE) in Kolkata.

The affidavit further stated that the UGC, on March 2003, had come up with a proposal to establish a advanced centre for science and technical education at four places, one of them being in Bhubaneswar. The affidavit, however, maintained that the Union HRD ministry did not approve the proposal of the UGC after seeking opinion of the law ministry

The NIS issue had dominated the State Assembly during the recent winter session of the State Assembly.

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