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### NIS will surely be set up in Orissa, asserts Naveen

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The Biju Janata Dal (BJD) president and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Monday urged party workers to spread the good word about the Government's achievements among the people who live in the cities and also the remote parts of Orissa. Mr Patnaik was speaking at the State party office here on the occasion of the BJD's ninth foundation day.

He underlined his Government's efforts to make Orissa the number one State in the country. "The National Institute of Sciences (NIS) will certainly be set up in the State and the party is putting all its efforts in this direction," asserted Mr Patnaik.

He further said that the Government has taken every possible step for the uplift of the State's women by introducing Mission Shakti. Similar efforts are being made to create job opportunities through an employment initiative, he added. Emphasising his Government's role in bringing prosperity to the farmers and the landless people, he said the creation of Pani Panchayat was a step in this direction. The Government, he continued, was trying to bring a smile on the face of each man and woman of the State.

The Chief Minister also reiterated his Government's commitment to provide basic amenities including good roads, drinking water and the electricity to the people. For the uplift of tribals, the Government has also initiated many projects, he said.

Seeking the support of the people to make the State number one, Mr Patnaik said the pace of industrialisation had been moving swiftly. Similarly, the State had witnessed growth in the IT sector and the Infosys chairman's visit was a move in this direction.

The party's secretary general Dr Damodor Rout came down heavily on the Opposition, stating that they would not be successful in bringing disrepute to the Naveen Patnaik Government.

In a scathing attack on the Opposition, Mr Pyari Mohan Mohapatra, Rajya Sabha MP, said that the party, unlike the Opposition, was not controlled from Delhi and believed in democracy.

It did not have to wait for any direction from Delhi to arrive at a decision. It would take some time to make the party a real cadre-based organisation, he observed, adding that the BJD would be in power for the next 20 to 25 years and serve the people.

Criticising the step-motherly attitude of the Centre towards Orissa, he said the Congress Government, whenever in power, had never helped the State Government realise its goals. Even Prime Minister Nehru had opposed late Biju Patnaik's move to set up Paradip port, he pointed out. "When the State Government is facing debt burden, the Centre is busy neglecting the genuine demands of the State," he rued.

Mr Mohapatra suggested that the party should create a cell in the industrial areas. The cell should try to help the people in getting employment and look after their rehabilitation. "The State cannot develop through the Government employees; hence, the party workers should work to ensure the State's progress," he said, adding that the party should make sincere efforts to constitute committees from the ward level to the State level.

Strongly criticising the Opposition, vice-president of the party and Finance Minister Prafulla Ghadai said that earlier when Posco decided to shift its base from Kolkata to Orissa, the Left parties had made all out efforts to stall the project by creating misgivings about it. Orissa's Opposition parties have lent their support to the Left parties, forgetting the interest of the State, he remarked.

On the mining policy, he said the party would only opt for value addition. He further said not a single mining lease has been given to any party. However, during the Congress regime 634 mining leases were given and the mine owners exported ore to the tune of 25 million tonnes last year

Works Minister AU Singh Deo, Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Debasis Nayak, Biju Yuva Janata president Ratha Das, Women and Child Welfare Minister Pramila Mallick, Bhubaneswar Mayor Mihir Mohanty, MP Prasanna Patsani and Bhubaneswar district unitpresident Prakash Bastia also spoke on the occasion.

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