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### National

## NIS to be set up in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar, July 1. (PTI): Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has assured that a National Institute of Science (NIS) would be set up here, an official release said on Friday.

Singh gave the assurance to Union Minister of State for Labour Chandrasekhar Sahu at a recent meeting, it said.

Sahu, who met the Prime Minister in New Delhi over some pending major issues related to Orissa, had apprised him that the UGC had announced in 2003 to set up four regional centres of integrated science at Bhubaneswar, Pune, Allahabad and Chennai.

For this purpose, Sahu said, 75 acres had been identified at Gothapatna in Bhubaneswar. However, the Centre had shelved the proposal on the ground that the UGC was not competent to set up such institutes under the Act.

The Centre had decided to establish two National Institutes of Science for research at Kolkata and Pune under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, he said and urged Singh to either revive the UGC proposal to set up the NIS at Bhubaneswar or implement the same under the HRD Ministry, it said.

The Prime Minister, the release said, had responded positively to the suggestion.

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