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Non-resident Oriyas urge MPs to fight for IISER

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Despite the announcement of establishing one Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), chances of Orissa seems bleak. The Centre has already announced to locate IISERs in Kolkata, Pune, Chandigarh and in Kerala, sources said.

It seems the Prime Minister has merely made promises to Union Minister of State for Labour, Chandrasekhar Sahu and the State's Leader of Opposition, JB Patnaik regarding establishment of a science and technology institute in the State without really trying in this regard. The promise is in lieu of the earlier planned National Institute of Sciences (NIS) and IISER, which never saw light of the day.

It is high time for the MPs to strongly raise the issue on the floor of the national legislature, Non-Resident Oriyas (NROs) from the United States, Australia and the UK have pleaded.

Professor Chitta Baral of Arizona State University, who is spearheading a campaign along with Orissa Society of Americas (OSA) Secretary Dharendra Kar has also urged the leaders to make a combined effort for establishment of IISER.

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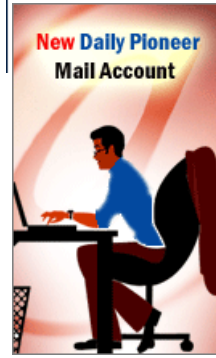
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