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NISER: Agami Odisha holds Victory Day**Pioneer News Service | Rourkela**

The Rourkela Chapter of Agami Odisha observed Monday as 'Victory Day' following the foundation-stone laying of the National Institute of Science Education and Research (NISER) in Bhubaneswar by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. Agami Odisha has been spearheading the campaign against the shifting of the proposed NISER from Bhubaneswar to Kolkata.

It may be mentioned here that the previous NDA Government had declared to set up a National Institute of Sciences (NIS) in Bhubaneswar, but the UPA Government later decided to shift it to Kolkata. Agami Odisha had taken up the issue in various forums by mobilising cross sections of people in favour of the demand for locating the institute. It also mobilised MPs and MLAs to take up the matter.

A meeting was held on Monday under the chairmanship of Aurobinda Das, convener of the Rourkela unit of Agami Odisha to celebrate the achievement of the demand. The meeting was attended by students, teachers, advocates, journalists and civil society members.

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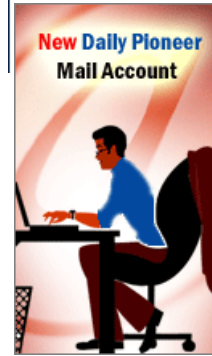
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