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Central university in KBK demanded

Statesman News Service

BHUBANESWAR, Oct. 24. — Chief minister Mr Naveen Patnaik today urged the Centre to accord approval for a central university in the undivided Koraput-Bolangir-Kalahandi (KBK) districts, besides expediting setting up the proposed Regional Centre of Studies in Integrated Sciences at Bhubaneswar.

These requests were made by the Chief minister during his meeting with the Union Human Resources Development minister Mr Arjun Singh at New Delhi today. Mr Singh sought a formal proposal from the state government for the establishment of a central university in KBK region while appreciating the rationale behind the idea, said an official release.

The Union minister also assured to review the matter relating to the establishment of the Regional Centre of Studies in Integrated Sciences under the National Institute of Science framework. It may be noted that the then NDA government had announced establishment of regional centres of National Institute of Sciences at six places across the country including Bhubaneswar.

However, the UPA government has recently decided to set up a regional centre of NIS at Kolkata, fuelling speculations that the proposed Bhubaneswar centre would be shifted to Kolkata.

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