

IIT Bhubaneswar signs MoU with OPTCL for power sector development

IIT students to gain practical exposure from real-time OPTCL projects

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Chair position to also work on building a Centre of Excellence for renewable energy and smart grid. Image Credit: Twitter

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bhubaneswar, signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited (OPTCL) on January 29 to establish the OPTCL Chair.

Energy minister DS Mishra said the state has collaborated with IIT Bhubaneswar for the development of its power sector. He added that the state and IIT Bhubaneswar will immensely benefit if the industry-institute interface is further developed with this initiative.

According to Sourav Garg, OPTCL chairman, the IIT students can solve the technical issues that hinder productivity in the power sector. He believes the students will also learn from the practical approaches on real-time projects from this initiative.

IIT Bhubaneswar is also committed to enhancing social development of the area through structured intervention. IIT Bhubaneswar director RV Raja Kumar stated that the OPTCL Chair in the institute will act as an extended arm of the research and development wing for the Odisha power sector.

Both OPTCL and IIT Bhubaneswar will look forward to bringing in modern development in the industry-related sector and the academic line through this important collaboration. The Chair position will also establish a Centre of Excellence for renewable energy and smart grid for further improvement.

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