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BHUBANESWAR: State public sector endeavor Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited has signed an MoU with Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar for the institution of OPTCL Chair within the premier engineering institute.

It is certainly a historic second for Odisha to collaborate with a premier institute like IIT for development of Odisha power sector, Energy Minister D S Mishra stated.

“We are happy to know that IIT is not only confined to academic service but also extended its arm for the development of the state. This industry-institute interface will be a win-win situation for both with regards to research and development,” Mishra stated.

The MoU was signed on Friday.

He stated this cooperation will improve the technical knowhow.

OPTCL chairman Sourav Garg on Friday stated IIT could be a troubleshooter for numerous technical points surfacing within the power sector. It is a dream come true and we really feel proud to collaborate with one of the best brains of the nation.

The college students from IIT may have sensible publicity on the actual-time tasks, on the similar time OPTCL engineers may have a possibility to work together with IITians and improve their information within the course of, Garg stated.

“Apart from education, IIT Bhubaneswar is committed to the local area and social development through structured intervention. This Chair will act as an extended arm of the R & D wing for the Odisha power sector,” IIT Bhubaneswar Director Prof R V Raja Kumar stated.

“These synergies are sure to create lasting impact in addressing key issues pertaining to the power sector. We also assure that the proposed Centre of Excellence for Renewable Energy, SMART Grid will provide an amalgamation to both academics and industry in general,” he stated.

Ragunath Pratihari, Director (HRD) OPTCL emphasised on the significance of collaboration in fashionable development situations. This OPTCL Chair will allow a standard platform to deal with points with reference to each teachers and trade, he stated.

The core aims of establishing the Chair Position of OPTCL in IIT Bhubaneswar are information sharing, ability enhancement and analysis and development. A Centre of Excellence for Renewable Energy, Smart Grid can be established underneath the umbrella of this Chair place, he stated.

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