

## Pradhan inaugurates mega multi skilling institute at Jatni

Foundation stone laid for ICT-IOC campus & Hall at IIT



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Skill development of the new generation is a national need and youths will be the torch bearers of a self-reliant India said Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan while inaugurating the Skill Development Institute here on Friday in the presence of his ministerial colleagues Hardeep Singh Puri and Rameswar

Teli. Chairman Indian Oil S M Vaidya and chairman SDI, R K Mohapatra participated while CM Naveen Patnaik sent his message by way of an audio-video clip.

Indian Oil, is steering SDI-Bhubaneswar as a 'Greenfield Mega Model Multi Skilling Institute' and has contributed Rs 255 crore for setting up the Institute. The PSU plans to further invest Rs 80 crore.

Over the next 10 years, SDI Bhubaneswar aims to train more than 50,000 students in multidisciplinary courses at the new campus.

SDI-Bhubaneswar's pilot campus has already skilled over 1,200 candidates across various trades with an overall placement rate of 90 per cent.

SDI-Bhubaneswar also plans to roll out new courses in its new campus by setting up Centres of Excellence catering to various industrial requirements, said Prad-

han.

The event also witnessed the Bhumi Pujan of the permanent campus of ICT (Institute of Chemical Technology)-IOC (Indian Oil) Bhubaneswar.

Indian Oil has contributed Rs 95 crore in nurturing this Institute that is offering multiple courses, including M Tech, Executive M Tech, Integrated M Tech, and PhD.

In his address, CM Naveen Patnaik said "I hope this institute will excel and provide training and placement support to the youth of Odisha.

Odisha has seen phenomenal growth in the industrial sector in recent years. The state Government has been focused on promoting skill development while adhering to global standards to facilitate industrial growth".

Pradhan noted that SDI is one such unique example of leveraging the CSR partnership wherein all PSUs in the Oil & Gas Sector and Balmer Lawrie as part of Hydrocarbon Sector Skill Council have joined hands for setting up 6 state-of-the-art Skill Development Institutes (SDIs) in the country.

Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri noted that it is imperative that our youth is exposed to the latest technologies and are given a conducive environment to innovate while Rameswar Teli

said the institute will be run professionally aligned to global standards.

Chairman Indian Oil Mr Shrikant Madhav Vaidya noted that energy PSUs have undertaken major endeavours to strengthen the skilling infrastructure in the country.

At IIT Bhubaneswar, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated a lecture hall complex and a Hall of Residence.

A MoU was also signed by Prof. R.V. Raja Kumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar and Ranjan Kumar Mohapatra, Chairman, Skill Development Institute Bhubaneswar in the presence of the Union Minister.

The MoU is for enhancing skill development activities for unemployed, underemployed & underprivileged youth with technical education relevant to the industry under the expertise and guidance of IIT Bhubaneswar.

Pradhan emphasized on the NEP 2020 and said it is not merely a policy but a vision document for our future which aims to establish a student-centric education system by empowering the students with flexibility and power of choice.

The Minister said with focus on quality research and innovation, IITs have indeed become the symbol of the progress of India and success in higher education.