

**Ex-DMET passes away**

**Cuttack:** Former director of medical education and training (DMET) Kiran Mishra (77) breathed his last at Rajahmundry in Andhra Pradesh Saturday. Mishra was born at Sharankul in Nayagarh district in 1937 and served as a professor at Sriram Chandra Bhanj Medical College and Hospital in Cuttack and Maharaj Krushna Chandra Gajapati Medical College and Hospital in Berhampur. He also served as principal of Veer Surendra Sai Medical College and Hospital in Burla. Mishra acted as the MET of the state from 1992 to 1996.

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**GOVERNMENT TIE-UP***IIT centre to help overhaul rural roads*

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**Bhubaneswar, August 16:** To improve the quality of rural roads, the state government has decided to set up a Centre for Management, Training and Research on Rural Roads' at IIT-Bhubaneswar's Arugul campus.

The rural development (RD) department in collaboration with IIT would set up the centre to improve the quality of rural roads. It was decided at a high-level meeting held under the chairmanship of chief secretary GC Pati recently, official sources said.

Infrastructure and laboratory costs

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would be provided by the Union ministry of rural development with assistance from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) while the state RD department would allot ₹1 crore every year for maintenance and hiring of human resources, sources stated.

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IIT-Bhubaneswar has submitted a draft MoU to the state government that will be signed between the RD department and the institute soon. The validity of the MoU is five years, and can be extended.

According to the draft MoU, the objective of the centre is to provide training to engineers of the state in the form of refresher courses and workshops and research and development on various areas pertaining to rural

roads including effective use of local materials and innovative technologies.

The centre will be run under the school of infrastructure of IIT and a senior faculty member of the school will be appointed as coordinator to oversee various activities of the centre.

The centre would be used for providing training to engineers in the subjects including conducting survey, investigation and preparation of DPRs for rural roads, planning and design of roads, waste utilisation in road construction, design of hill roads, quality assurance and quality control for road projects, sources added.