

Need for establishment of IIT in Kurukshetra, Haryana

SHRI NAVEEN JINDAL (KURUKSHETRA): Madam Chairperson, I stand before this august House to raise a matter of utmost importance. There is an urgent need to establish an Indian Institute of Technology in Haryana.

At the outset, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the hon. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji and the hon. Minister of Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan ji for their visionary leadership in revolutionising India's education sector. Over the past 10 years, the total number of students in 23 IITs has more than doubled from 65,000 students to 1,35,000 students, empowering lakhs of young minds to contribute to India's technological advancement.

Madam, however, Haryana -- a State that has contributed immensely to the nation's progress, from feeding the country as its breadbasket to producing Olympians, and soldiers who safeguard our borders -- still lacks in IIT.

While Haryana proudly hosts premier institutes like AIIMS-Rewari and IIM in Rohtak, there is no IIT in the State. This is despite Haryana's rich legacy of academic excellence and its strategic location as an industrial and agricultural powerhouse.

Madam, Dharmakshetra-Kurukshetra is the land of Bhagavad Gita and is the land of immense historical, cultural, and educational significance. It stands as an ideal for this IIT. The city already has an infrastructure to support a world-class institution. Therefore, an IIT at Kurukshetra would unlock opportunities for rural and Tier-II city youth, who often face barriers to accessing top-tier education.

Madam, I have personally discussed the matter with the hon. Chief Minister of Haryana, who has wholeheartedly supported this proposal. The State Government is fully prepared to provide the requisite land and has already written to the Ministry of Education for the establishment of an IIT at Kurukshetra.

Therefore, Madam, through you, I urge the hon. Minister of Education to prioritise this request and take immediate steps to establish an IIT at Kurukshetra.

Madam, turning this vision into a reality would benefit millions of aspiring students and contribute to the nation's development. Thank you.

HON. CHAIRPERSON: Hon. Minister, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal ji.

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