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Besu Celebrates 150th Anniversary With Assurance Of INI Status

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The state chief minister assures INI status to the oldest engineering institute in the state.

Saturday, November 25, 2006: On the occasion of the 150th anniversary celebration of Bengal Engineering and Science University (BESU) on Friday, the state chief minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee said, "We are in constant touch with the Centre over the proposed upgrade of the Bengal Engineering and Science University (BESU)'s status to that of an Institute of National Importance (INI)."

He said that he had written to prime minister Manmohan Singh in this regard. "Our higher education minister, too, is trying to convince the human resources development ministry to accord the INI status to BESU, which is among the best engineering institutions in the country," the chief minister added.

Sudarshan Roy Choudhury, higher education minister, government of West Bengal, also present at the programme, said that the state government had completed all formalities for the INI status. He said, "We are waiting for the formal announcement from the Centre."

Bhattacharjee said that he had pleaded the prime minister to sanction around Rs 40 crore to the Shibpur campus to enable it to implement its projects.

But both were, however, silent on the proposal of bestowing the IIT status on BESU. (An INI tag for Besu would not automatically lift it to the level of IIT, though all IITs are INIs.)

They did not even mention about the admission procedure and the model of governance the institution would follow if it were declared an IIT, though the human resources development ministry in September had sought a 'clear stand' from the state government on these issues.