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Kolkata, Nov 21: The 150-year-old Bengal Engineering and Science University here has tied up with [Canada's Windsor University](#) for introducing automobile engineering courses at BESU, keeping in view the manpower requirement in that sector following the decision of several companies, including Tata Motors, to set up units in [West Bengal](#).

"A Memorandum of Understanding would be signed with the university in January for carrying out joint academic programmes and R&D," Dean of BESU B M Dutta said at a press conference in connection with the university's 150th year celebrations beginning November 24.

Stating that Windsor was among the top universities in the world in automobile engineering, Dutta said that the new course would cater to the manpower requirement in the automobile sector in the country as also in West Bengal, where Tata Motors is setting up a four-wheeler unit and the

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BESU would also introduce undergraduate courses in food and nutrition technology, occupational health technology, chemical engineering and biotechnology, besides those in emerging areas like power electronics, nanotechnology, smart materials and disaster management technologies, university vice-chancellor N R Banerjee said.

According to Banerjee, BESU is seeking the status of Institution of National Importance and has submitted the necessary papers to the state government. "Now the matter is with the Ministry of HRD. It is for them to decide." The Centre has sanctioned Rs 519 crore for BESU under the 11th plan period to upgrade academic standards and infrastructure, he said.

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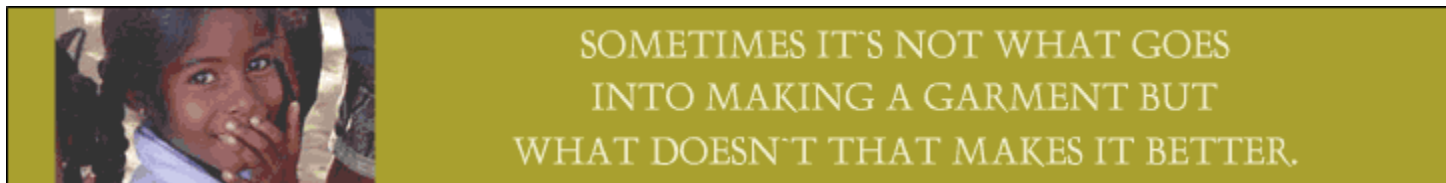
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