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INI status for Besu sure: CM

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KOLKATA Nov. 24: The state government was certain that the Centre would grant Institute of National Importance (INI) status to Bengal Engineering and Science University, said chief minister Mr Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee on the occasion of the 150th year celebration of Bengal Engineering and Science University, Shibpur, today.

Confirming the state government's claim, Mr Sudarshan Roy Chowdhury, the higher education minister, said: "We are awaiting a formal announcement from the Centre for the confirmation of the status to Besu. We will stress quality education as we have done all through these years."

The chief minister said: "The university has decided to introduce new disciplines like nano-technology and disaster mitigation. The courses on defence research and alternative energy will be of immense help to the state. Besides thermal and hydel power plants, we are planning to set up nuclear power plants in the state."

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