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## CM urges Sibal to set up NIMA in city

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Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Tuesday met the Minister of Orissa (Independent) for Science and Technology and Ocean Development Kapil Sibal and urged him to set up the National Institute for Advanced Materials and Applications (NIMA) for the State which may be located in Bhubaneswar.

He stated that the huge mineral deposits, including atomic minerals (rare earth), concentration of mineral based industries especially in the areas of steel and aluminum, and a robust network of technical institutes in Bhubaneswar such as Institute of Physics, the Institute of Material Sciences, Biju Patnaik University of Technology, OUAT and Utkal University make Bhubaneswar an obvious choice for such an institution.

Chief Minister handed over a copy of the detailed project report which involves a one time capital cost of around Rs 78 crore and recurring expenditure of around Rs 7 crore per annum.

According to the sources said Mr Sibal appreciated the proposal and agreed to start work in that direction in the existing Institute of Material Science at Bhubaneswar.

Mr Patnaik also met the Union Minister of Agriculture, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Sharad Pawar and congratulated him for the decision to set up a National Fishery Development Board.

Mr Patnaik highlighted the enormous potential of the State in the fishery sector. Since the proposed Board would focus on aquaculture, Bhubaneswar which already hosts the Central Institute for Fresh Water Aquaculture, would be the ideal location for the proposed unit and assured required infrastructure support would be provided from the State Government.

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