

Assam to Get IIM in Guwahati

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Guwahati: Assam will get an Indian Institute of Management (IIM), which will come up in Guwahati and be mentored by IIM Ahmedabad.

Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said on X, "Sharing a BIG NEWS! Following our request in 2023, Hon PM Shri@narendramodi ji has given a special gift to the people of Assam by approving an Indian Institute of Management near Guwahati, making it among the few cities to house an IIT, AIIMS, Nat'l Law Univ & now IIM. Over the last 18 months, we presented a strong case to the Hon'ble Education Minister Shri@dpradhanbjp Ji and the Education Ministry. Assam offe-

red premier land and logistical support for this endeavour. Now IIM Ahmedabad will mentor the upcoming IIM in Guwahati".

The demand for an IIM in Assam has been a long-standing one. Even when Sarma was the education minister in the Congress government earlier, he had been advocating and persuading for an IIM in Guwahati. As the head of the BJP government in the state, he had written a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in April, 2023 too.

Sarma said the IIM will be a game changer for Assam, making the state an education hub in eastern India and also help fulfil its economic aspirations. "I envisage these premier institutes to collaborate among themselves and industry to unleash the power of multidisciplinary education," he said.