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PRESS RELEASE

Bhubaneswar 10/12/2020,

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik on Human Rights Day, called upon to renew our pledge to eliminate inequalities, discrimination and commit to protect the human rights of all, especially those who are vulnerable and marginalised to build a world which is more resilient, just and inclusive.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister today inspected the construction of Inter State Bus Terminal (ISBT) in Baramunda and reviewed the progress of the work. Hon'ble Chief Minister said the new ISBT in Bhubaneswar will cost about ₹180 Crore and is expected to be completed in 18 months.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister praised its design and said that it will be a new landmark in Bhubaneswar. The project has two parts-one is Khandagiri Bus Depot and the other is Baramunda Inter State Bus Terminal. Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed satisfaction on the timely completion of Khandagiri Bus Depot work.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister said that at ISBT, special emphasis is being given on passenger convenience with state-of-the-art design, wide access and exit of buses and commercial space. He further said that transformation work of ISBT has been undertaken under the 5-T programme.
 - Hon'ble Minister Sri Ashok Chandra Panda, Hon'ble MLA Sri Anant Narayan Jena, Hon'ble MLA Sri Sushant Rout, Chief Secretary Sri Asit Tripathy, Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister (5-T) Sri V. K. Pandian, Commissioner BMC, Police Commissioners along with senior officers were present during the visit.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister congratulated State Institute for Development of Arts & Crafts (SIDAC) on being accorded with Centre of Excellence status by Government of India. The institute that oversees Odisha Crafts Museum-Kala Bhoomi, is the first such institute in government sector to impart non-technical training, he said.
- Chief Secretary Sri Asit Tripathy presided over the high level meeting held today which approved swift land allotment for 28 investment projects of around Rs. 588 Crore with direct employment potential of 3245 persons. He directed

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the entrepreneurs to complete their construction works on respective sites within the scheduled timeline of Industrial Development Corporation (IDCO). He also directed concerned departments to extend facilitating support for early grounding and commissioning of the projects.

- Chairman and Managing Director (CMD), IDCO, Sri Sanjay Kumar Singh presented detail of the scrutinized project and said that the projects requiring land allotment are mostly MSME units from varied sectors like sea food processing, IT and ITES, automobiles, agro-food processing, tourism, light engineering, warehousing, seed processing and manufacturing.
 - Additional Chief Secretary, Forest and Environment Dr Mona Sharma, Principal Secretary, Industry Sri Hemant Sharma, Principal Secretary, General Administration and Public Grievance Sri Sanjiv Chopra, Principal Secretary, MSME Sri Satyabrata Sahu, Secretary, Skill Development and Technical Education Sri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Secretary, Electronics and IT Sri Manoj Mishra, Municipal Commissioner, BMC Sri Prem Chandra Choudhary, Collector, Khordha Sri Sanat Kumar Mohanty along with senior officers of concerned departments participated in the discussions.
- From 9th December to 10th December morning, 21 people arrested, 738 vehicles seized and fine of Rs. 23,01,800/- has been collected by the Odisha Police in the state for violation of different regulations and guidelines related to COVID-19.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 9th December, 62,81,162 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 3,22,649.
- 3,17,412 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1794.
- No of active cases are 3,383.
- 3,383 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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