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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik today through a virtual mode, launched 9 citizen centric services of the State Transport Authority, under 5-T initiative. Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the freedom to choose any transport office of the State for vehicle related services will be a kind of liberation for thousands of people and the long queues in front of transport offices will soon be a thing of past.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister underlining 5T initiative of the State, said that his Government is committed to provide Citizen Centric Services in a hassle free manner through online process, system improvement and automation. Stressing on the importance of Transport sector in our daily life, he said that the vehicle registration process has been made paperless and contactless.
  - Hon'ble Chief Minister said that Odisha is the first State in the country using the platform of NIC to introduce document upload through Digital Signature with auto number generation, thereby dispensing with the submission of paper documents at the local Road Transport Offices, and allowing the owner to register the vehicle at any Transport Office of the State. He further said that the State is also the first to introduce Learner License Application in UMANG App, the mobile platform of National E-Governance Division.
  - Hon'ble Chief Minister congratulated the Transport Authority for taking the initiative to gain pre-eminence in application of digital technology. Advising the Transport Authority for providing excellent services, Hon'ble Chief Minister said that such a huge transforming initiative will create great expectations from people. The Transport Authority should live up to the promised satisfaction level of the people, he added.
  - Hon'ble Minister, Commerce and Transport Sri Padmanabh Behera, Chief Secretary Sri Suresh Chandra Mohapatra, APC Sri Rajkumar Sharma, Principal Secretary, Commerce and Transport Department Sri Madhusudan Padhy, Transport Commissioner Sri Sanjeeb Panda and DG, NIC Dr. Neeta Verma and

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other senior officers attended the function over VC while Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister (5-T) Sri V.K. Pandian moderated.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister on World Pulses Day, said that pulses have an invaluable role in supporting sustainable food system, healthy diet, household food security, farm biodiversity and soil health. He reaffirmed commitment to promote consumption and cultivation of pulses for a healthy Odisha.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister chaired over the State Cabinet, which approved two rural piped water supply projects worth ₹ 254 Cr. for Jajpur district. The projects are scheduled to be completed in two years and benefit 483 villages of Danagadi, Rasulpur, Dharmasala, Bari and Jajpur blocks of the district.
- State Cabinet has approved two rural piped water supply projects worth ₹ 185.9 Cr for Kandhamal district. The projects are scheduled to be completed in two years & benefit 329 villages of Tikabali and Baliguda blocks of the district.
- State Cabinet approved construction of Integrated Infrastructure Complexes (IIC) in all districts as per 5-T action plan. The IICs to be built by SSEPD in phased manner and will be built as Centres of Excellence.
- The IICs will house old age and destitute homes, physiotherapy centre, medical unit, rehabilitation centre, special schools for physically impaired and people with intellectual disabilities; space for sports, cultural and extracurricular activities for children and senior citizen.
- State Cabinet approved Rejuvenating Watershed for Agricultural Resilience through Innovative Development (REWARD) project. ₹ 500 Cr will be spent in 6 years starting from April this year on this project on science based watershed management.
- State Cabinet has approved the financial bid of successful bidder for the construction of intake structure and pressure main from RD 0.00KM to 34.1KM along the Right bank of Bargarh Main Canal of Gangadhar Meher Lift Irrigation Project, Bijepur.
- ₹ 340.36 Cr project will be executed in EPC-Turnkey basis including power connectivity system, operation and maintenance of the project for five years with project completion in 30 months. It will irrigate 25,600 Ha of land in Bijepur, Sohela, Barpali & Dunguripali blocks.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that in a major boost to Make In Odisha, the State Level Single Window Clearance Authority (SLSWCA) headed by Chief Secretary cleared eight industrial projects worth over ₹1242 Cr in the Metal and

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Metal Downstream, IT and ESDM, Manufacturing, Logistics and Tourism sectors.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the projects cleared by SLSWCA include Atomized Iron Powder Plant in Sundargarh, manufacturing unit of PET Preforms and Closures and manufacturing unit for production of Solar Panel, advanced storage batteries in Khordha, Logistics Park in Cuttack.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister also said that other projects include Integrated Heavy Beach Sands Project, 5-star Hotel-cum-Luxury Resort, 5-star Luxury Resort in Puri and a 4-star Hotel in Bhubaneswar. Odisha has attracted investments worth ₹1,20,456.74 Cr in the last 1 year across six focused sectors, he added.

#### Health Update

- Up to midnight of 9<sup>th</sup> February, 79,30,729 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 3,35,889.
- 3,33,139 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1910.
- No of active cases are 787.
- 787 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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