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PRESS RELEASE

Bhubaneswar 24/02/2021,

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik today launched the Multi-Protocol Label Switching Virtual Private Networking (RD-MPLS VPN) System for Rural Development Department on virtual platform and said that this networking system will provide internal connectivity to the offices of the department at local level, where internet connectivity is inadequate.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressing happiness over the Rural Development Department's efforts to strengthen the 5-T Initiative of the Government to bring about transformative changes by introducing technology intensive applications said that the network will facilitate the use of online web-based applications to be used at field levels and further the 5-T Initiative of the Department in bringing transparency, effective monitoring and grievance redressal.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister further said that the RD Department is already implementing web-based applications for an array of services including Tendering, Maintenance Management, Works and Accounts Management, Financial Management, grievance redressal and several other services. Lauding the endeavour of the Department for making end to end automation in the whole tendering process, he said that this will avoid human interface and thus bring in more efficiency and transparency in the management of the entire work cycle.
- Hon'ble Minister, Rural Development Shri Sushant Singh, Chief Secretary Shri Suresh Chandra Mohapatra, Development Commissioner Shri P. K. Jena, ACS Forest, Secretary Electronics & IT, CGM BSNL were present. Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister (5-T) Shri V. K. Pandian moderated the programme while officials of Rural Development Department at district level were connected on virtual mode.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that 'Odia University' shall be established at Satyabadi, Puri for further research in the field of Odia Language, Literature and Culture. Hon'ble Chief Minister approved the design of 'Odia Language

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University' and hoped that it will provide best academic experience in a peaceful, serene and open environment in the line of Banavidyalaya.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that Odia Language has got recognition as the 6th Classical language of India. Mentioning that enormous immortal works have been created in Odia language, Hon'ble Chief Minister hoped that the 'Odia Language University' in the campus of Satyabadi Banavidyalaya will be instrumental to place Odia language in global ambience.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that 'Odia Language University' shall create more opportunity for research in Odia grammar, thesaurus, oral and written literature etc. with all-round development of creativity among students and shall be a Hallmark of Odia identity along with significance of Odia language in the country.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 23rd February, 82,30,442 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 3,36,835.
- 3,34,243 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1914.
- No of active cases are 625.
- 625 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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