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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik today launched two IT-enabled modules in line with the 5-T initiatives and attended orientation programme for the newly recruited 100 Junior Executive Assistants in Odisha Mining Corporation at Convention Centre, Loka Seva Bhavan. Hon'ble Chief Minister advised the newly-recruited Junior Executive Assistants to work efficiently emphasizing utmost importance to Transparency and Teamwork.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister appreciated the role of OMC for propelling the economic growth of the state and contributing immensely in the CSR activities. By implementing the two additional IT systems, OMC – one of the largest and fastest growing mining PSUs in the country – has further strengthened its business processes, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister further said that the “Gandhamardan Iron Ore Mines Traffic and Ore Dispatch Automation Project” is a technology-enabled solution which provides seamless traffic management for timely ore despatch from the mines augmenting sales, ensures safety standards and transparency. The other IT module “Vendor Invoice Management System (VIMS)” provides a digital platform for end-to-end processing of invoices of vendors of OMC for timely payment and transparent processes, he added.
- Shri Prafulla Kumar Mallick, Hon'ble Minister, Steel & Mines, Shri Suresh Chandra Mahapatra, Chief Secretary, Sri Surendra Kumar, Principal Secretary Steel & Mines, and Chairman, OMC, Shri Balwant Singh, MD, OMC, Shri V. K. Pandian, Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister (5-T) also attended the programme.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister reiterating his commitment to take up the overall development of Balasore Municipality, announced development projects worth ₹155 Cr. While making the announcement for the 1st phase, Hon'ble Chief Minister assured that the projects will be taken up on priority.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the projects include development of Sahadevkunta Bus Stand at a cost of ₹8 Cr, development of road from Tamulia

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gate flyover to Station Chhak including 6 laning, street lighting and major roads in the Balasore Municipality at a cost of ₹70 Cr.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that sports infrastructure will be developed at a cost of ₹14 Cr and ₹53 Cr will be spent towards protection and beautification works of Budhabalanga River bank to provide professional coaching and top class infrastructure for budding sportspersons.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the development of drainage, roads and water bodies to be taken up by Balasore Municipality at the cost of ₹10 Cr. Hon'ble Chief Minister said that construction work of Teaching Hospital at Govt Medical College at the cost of ₹275 Cr and infra development activities at the cost of ₹16 Cr is already underway.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister paid humble tributes to the martyrs who laid their lives in the Jallianwala Bagh massacre in 1919. The Nation will never forget their supreme sacrifices and they will continue to inspire love for our motherland, Hon'ble Chief Minister said.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister congratulated everyone on the Bhubaneswar Foundation Day. From a temple city, Bhubaneswar has evolved as truly global city, Smart City and Sports Capital of India. It is our constant endeavour to develop it as a liveable city while preserving its monuments, culture and heritage, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister presided over the State Cabinet which decided to continue the ANWESHA scheme for 5 more years, benefitting more than 25,000 students to provide high quality education to ST and SC students. Odisha Government will make provision of ₹ 569 crores for this purpose.
- Odisha Cabinet approved setting up of Bagchi-Karunashraya Palliative Care Centre in Bhubaneswar which will be first of kind in the state. The hospital will have 100 beds initially with planned expansion later and patients will be offered free services.
- Odisha Cabinet also approved setting up of Bagchi-Sri Shankara Cancer Hospital and Research Institute in Bhubaneswar. It will have 250 beds initially which will be expanded to 500 beds. Subroto Bagchi and Susmita Bagchi have pledged ₹340 Cr for these two projects.
- Capital Bhubaneswar Foundation Day was observed today jointly by Information and Public Relations Department and Capital Foundation Day Celebration Committee. In a programme held at Jayadev Bhawan, Dr. Surjya Narayan Patro, Hon'ble Speaker, Sri Raghunandan Das, Hon'ble Minister, I&PR, Water Resources, Dr. Lenin Mohanty, Editor, 'Utkal Prasanga' and 'Odisha Review', Sri Sanat Kumar Mohanty, Collector, Khurda, Sri

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Krupasindhu Mishra, Director, I&PR Department and Sri Pradosh Pattnaik, Veteran Journalist spoke on the occasion.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 12th April, 94,28,469 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 3,53,086.
- 3,40,600 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1930.
- No of active cases are 10,503.
- 10,503 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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