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## Projects of worth Rs.640.65 Cr approved under OMBADC

Chief Secretary emphasized on global exposure to students in School Development Projects

### Multi-purpose Indoor Stadiums approved for 11 ULBs

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The projects of worth 640.65 cr was approved under OMBADC in the sectors of the development of the secondary schools, environmental monitoring and sports development in urban local bodies (ULBs) of the mineral bearing districts. These approvals were accorded in the Board of Directors meeting held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary Sri Suresh Chandra Mahapatra in on digital mode from *Lokseba Bhawan* wherein Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of OMBADC Smt Uma Nanduri presented the necessity and expected outcome of the projects for discussion.

Giving nod to the projects, Chief Secretary Sri Mahapatra directed to provide global level education and exposure to the students under secondary school development programme. Sri Mahapatra said since the smart class room, e-library, science lab, ICT lab would be developed through the new project, the teachers must focus on providing best education to the students with global exposure. Such facilities, added Sri Mahapatra “should enable our children to compete with any one at national and global level”. He also emphasized on development of the play ground and joyful ambiance and a learning eco-system. CEO Smt Nanduri appraised that a total number of 889 secondary schools in the districts of Angul, Dhenkanal, Deogarh, Jajpur, Jharsuguda, Mayurbhaj and Sundargarh districts were included under the project with estimated amount of Rs. 533.40 cr.

The proposal for development of multipurpose indoor stadiums estimated at a total of Rs.104.15 cr for eleven ULBs in mining affected districts were also sanctioned in the meeting. These included nine municipalities namely Belpahar, Brajrajnagar, Anandpur, Barbil, Birmittapur, Rajganjpur, Rourkela, Joda and Vyasnagar Municipality; and, two NACs namely Champua and Udala. The facility would nurture and promote sports talents in these ULBs and their adjacent areas. Chief Secretary Sri Mahapatra directed to make best use of the facilities for nurturing and promotion of the sports talents in mining districts.

The project on application of ICT and data science for development of the environmental information system in the mining areas of Odisha estimated at Rs.3.10 cr was also sanctioned in the meeting. The project envisages development of a comprehensive data base on periodic environmental data collected from mines through different statutory returns, clearances and compliances. CEO Smt Nanduri appraised that the data generated should be used in curtailing of pollution and decision-making activities regarding mining operation.

Development Commissioner Sri Pradeep Kumar Jena, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Sri Sisir Kumar Ratho, Principal Secretary Finance Sri Vishal Kumar Dev, Principal Secretary School and Mass Education Sri Satyabrata Sahu, Member Secretary Odisha Pollution Control Board Dr K. Murugesan, Secretary Sports and youth affairs, Sri Vineel Krishna along with other members of the board of directors participated in the discussions. CEO, OMBADC Smt Uma Nanduri presented the technical, financial and executive details of the projects.

**\*\* U.K. Mohapatra, PRO to Chief Secretary\*\***