## ORISSA MARCHES AHEAD

Under the dynamic leadership of Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik continuous efforts are on to steer Orissa on the rapid path of progress and prosperity

- Devolution of power and responsibilities Panchayati Raj institutions, so as to enable them to function as institutions of Self Governance.
- State Government is coming out with a mineral policy with high priority to value addition. It has already signed MoUs with 25 investors interested to put up mineral based industries in the State.
  - In order to create self employment opportunities in the State. Employment Mission is to be launched under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister. The objective of the Mission will be to facilitate generation of employment opportunities.

In order to bring transparency on accountability in Administration e-Governance has been introduced.

- All villages of the State will be electrified by 2009.
- All out efforts are on to reduce the infant mortality rate to sixty percent thousand live births under 'Infant Mortality Reductions Mission'.
- Government has earmarked Rs.7 crore for execution of M.I.Ps under the Biju Krushak Vikash Yojana (B.K.V.Y.)

- Government has promoted farmers' participation in the irrigation management by forming 10,805 Pani Panchayats all over the State and is committed to implement Participatory Irrigation Management over the entire irrigated ayacut of the State.
- Biju Patnaik Award instituted for outstanding contributions in the field of sports.
- MOUs signed with I.T. majors of international repute for investment of capital and creation of employment opportunities.
- A Self Help Mission for Empowerment of Women called "Mission Shakti" was launched on International Women's Day in 2001 to promote formation of groups and strenghtening of existing Women's Self Help Groups in the State. 1,39,059 SHGs have been so far formed in all the districts of the State.
- Shri Jagannath Temple Administration has been revamped and an I.A.S. officer of Commissioner's rank has been appointed to oversee the temple administration work.

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