

150 years of BeMC: CM on launch spree

All families in Berhampur to get safe drinking water by 2018, informs Rural Development Min

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THE public should lend a helping hand to the Government in its efforts to convert Ganjam into a prosperous district, said Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, who was on an inauguration spree here on Thursday.

Addressing a public meeting organised by Berhampur Municipal Corporation (BeMC) to commemorate completion of its 150 years at Khallikote University playground, Naveen said his Government is determined to bring all-round development in the State, particularly the rural areas. All necessary assistance is being provided for beautification of the Silk City, the CM said and assured that funds will be released for more development works.



On the occasion, Rural Development Minister Bikram Keshari Arukh said all families in the Silk

City would get safe drinking water by 2018.

On the day, Naveen inaugurated and laid foundation stones for several projects, including the ₹27.18 crore new Badamadhapur-Kaliabali water supply. This apart, he unveiled five urban health centres in the city at a cost of ₹3.16 crore, 22 high-mast and semi-high-mast street lights at ₹70 lakh, Dhobabandha vending zone at ₹42 lakh, extension building of BeMC at ₹2 crore, Kalyan Mandap at Khodasingi at ₹66 lakh, the newly constructed Bijipur-Bauri road at ₹68 lakh, modernisation project of oldest library in the city at ₹42 lakh and e-library at a cost of ₹27 lakh. The CM laid foundation stones for construction of a road to Mango market at a cost of ₹42.38 crore, modernisation of

graveyard at Ankuli Khodasingi and Lanjipalli at ₹57 lakh and a sports complex at Baikunthanagar at ₹3.8 crore. He also launched the digital door numbering drive in the city.

Among others, Ministers Usha Devi, Surya Narayan Patro, MP Sidhant Mahapatra, MLAs of Berhampur, Gopalpur, Polosara, Aska, Chatrapur, BeMC Mayor K Madhavi and Deputy Mayor Jyotshna Nayak were present.

Around 45 platoons of police force were deployed in the city for the last two days and several activists of BJP and Congress detained at various police stations for the CM's visit. While two temporary helipads were constructed for Naveen's visit, traffic on all main roads in a radius of around 2 km from BeMC office was restricted by the police.

