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On Utkal Divas BMC opens 9 Jala Seva Shibirs

Bhubaneswar, April 1: To beat the summer heat and help citizens quenching their thirst during the coming summer months, the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation in association with several organisations across the city, on Utkal Divas today, opened nine Jala Seva Shibirs. There is a plan to have more than 100 water kiosks across the city by the civic body.

Mayor Ananta Narayan Jena inaugurated the first water kiosk at Rajmahal Square. Later he also visited and inaugurated centres at Satabdi Nagar and Unit I Daily Market.



Dumduma, CRP Square, Damana Square, in front of NIC, Rasulgarh Square, Unit I Daily Market and Satabdi Nagar.

The facilities with the Jala Seva Shibirs will have three earthen pots of 60 to 70 litres of capacity each to contain cold, potable water. Till last year BMC was supplying two earthen pots to each Jala Seva Shibir. This year there will be one more anticipating more use by citizens.

BMC donates tri scooter to beneficiary on Utkal Divas

Bhubaneswar, April 2: On Utkal Divas Mayor Ananta Narayan Jena of the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) donated a tri scooter to a physically challenged person Srinivas Mallick at Samantarapur as part of a noble gesture on the auspicious day. The tri scooter was sponsored by Axis Bank, Samantarapur Branch under its corporate social responsibility (CSR) activities. The programme was organised by Axis Bank Samantarapur Branch, where local councilor Litu Mahasupakar, BMC Chief Finance Officer Labanya Sabar, Axis Bank Circle Head Arabinda Sahu, Cluster Head Satya



Bhusan Rout, Branch Head B. Mishra, senior manager Manoranjan Mohanty and branch heads of other branches of the Temple City were present.

Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation and Axis Bank have decided to arrange these type of social activities in Progress Through Partnership model in days to come. It can be mentioned here that the civic body opened nine drinking water kiosks, known as Jala Seva Shibirs yesterday on the day of Utkal Divas. The day is being celebrated as on that day separate Odisha province was created from the different Odia speaking tracts during the British rule in 1936.

44 Project Samman toilet complexes set to revive sanitation scenario in city

Bhubaneswar, April 25: Project Samman, with 44 specially designed toilet complexes across the city totalling 264 toilet seats, is all set to transform the sanitation scenario in the State Capital.

As part of the implementation of Smart City Projects, under Project Samman, 17 community toilets have been constructed in the first phase in some of the major slum localities in the city. Respective Ward Sanitation Committees (WSCs) in each of the wards have been handed over operation, maintenance and supervision responsibilities of all these community toilets in order to ensure proper maintenance and upkeep. These committees also play a significant role in creating awareness among fellow slum residents to stop open defecation and make use of these specially designed toilets.

Similarly, 27 public toilets have also been constructed in the first phase, on strategic locations adjoining major streets, bus stops and high-footfall junctions in the city. This has ensured access to safe, dignified and reliable sanitation solutions for both slum residents as well as visitors to the city besides putting a curb to the ills of open defecation. It can be mentioned here that another nine community toilet complexes with 54 more toilet seats under Project Samman, are in the pipeline.



As per data available from Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC), 2.5 lakh users so far have used the Project Samman facilities till March 31, 2018, recorded through mobile tablets. Interestingly, as the toilet complexes were developed with inclusiveness in mind, 6,000 differently-abled persons have also used them as on date.

Students from DAV CS Pur, visitors from Belarus join 70th Ekamra Walks Old Town Circuit

More than 60 participants including 25 kids from city-based DAV Public School, Chandrasekharpur, their eight teachers and two visitors from Belarus formed the group of heritage walkers on the 70th Ekamra Walks Old Town Circuit.



Snigdha Nayak a teacher from DAV CS Pur said ``the school is going to celebrate the World Heritage Day on April 18. We have brought these kids to give them a first-hand knowledge on the monuments of our city, which is also known as the Temple City."

Triggering workshop on 'Fecal Sludge And Septage Management

A district-level triggering workshop on 'Fecal Sludge And Septage Management' for Khurda District held at BMC office today. Discussions were made on State Policy, the importance of Value Chain of #FSSM.

The key concepts of Fecal Sludge and Septage Management is the effective & efficient collection, transport, & treatment of fecal sludge from pit latrines, septic tanks or other sanitation systems were also discussed.



Smart Dist slums deck up with murals to spread messages on social issues

Bhubaneswar, April 2: In a unique initiative, Bhubaneswar Smart City Limited (BSCL) under its socially smart city initiative has started paintings murals at Telugu Basti in Saheed Nagar under BTCD area to spread the message of cleanliness and gender equity. While the Smart City Proposal (SCP) has already proposed the child-friendly city concept, the two new aspects would add to the BTCD area's changing profiles of slums to become smart and healthy.

Activating unused space at the entrance of Telugu Basti,



Saheed Nagar, BSCL under Socially Smart Bhubaneswar Initiative created murals in collaboration with city based artists and art organizations. The mural will also have social awareness messages added to it in coming days

Similar art-based initiative has also been started at Shanti Nagar in Kharvel Nagar area, wherein murals have been created around a newly formed playground which was earlier an open defecation site.

Peer leaders and young children of Shanti Nagar Basti had cleaned up a 4,000 square feet of area which was earlier used as open defecation site. They had cleaned up the space and are now using it for the purpose of playing. Taking the process further, BSCL took up the initiative to paint the walls of the open space and entrance to the slum with paintings to make it look clean, beautiful and child-friendly. Also messages of social importance are put at relevant point. Along with it the day care centre being managed by Ruchika Organisation for small children is being made child friendly. This would help to create interest towards education amongst the children.

No to Ponzi link: Peer leader girls to educate slum dwellers on Smart investment options

Bhubaneswar, April 20: ``Peer Leader'', girls, popularly called ``Pragati Sathi'' are going to spread message on socio-economic themes so that the gullible slum dwellers would keep themselves away from the evil traps of ponzi firms and investing their hard-earned income in fake non-banking financing companies.

Aiming to empower adolescent girls from slums of Bhubaneswar Town Centre District (BTCD) through life skill training, the third-phase 3-days training for ``Pragati Sathi focused mainly on financial literacy and safe saving options available for people. The training concluded at Centre for Youth and Social Development (CYSD) today.

As part of third phase training, the ``peer leader girls'' were provided information on various form of savings, requirements and benefits of savings, ways to ensure regular savings, safe and secure saving options and schemes, technical issues related to life insurance, health insurance and available government schemes for formation of self-help groups (SHGs).

The 30-member group of girls from the slums under the Bhubaneswar Town Centre District (BTCD) area has undergone skill training earlier in two phases under the Socially Smart Bhubaneswar Project, which is a joint initiative of Bhubaneswar Smart City Limited (BSCL), Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) and UNFPA to strengthen social components of the Bhubaneswar Smart City Proposal. The girls selected from the slums for the training have been identified by project implementation partner, Humara Bachpan.

