**PRESS NOTE**

**Inauguration of Airport Model Police Station at Bhubaneswar**

**Launching of 35 Model Police Stations by Hon’ble Chief Minister,**

**Odisha on 26 November 2018.**

Today Shri Naveen Patnaik, Hon’ble Chief Minister inaugurated Airport Model Police Station, Bhubaneswar at 5.30 p.m. which has been envisaged as sequel to opening of International Airport at Bhubaneswar and keeping in mind the issues related to increased flow of foreign tourists to Odisha.

Hon’ble Chief Minister also flagged off 12 PCR mobiles meant for increased police mobility and patrolling in Bhubaneswar for the ensuing World Cup Hockey and thereafter, for prompt and better response to the people in need.

He also flagged off 35 new Boleros and 70 new motorcycles meant for 35 Model Police Stations at 5.30 p.m. today. There are additional vehicles provided to the Model Police Stations to improve mobility and efficiency.

At 5.50 p.m., Hon’ble Chief Minister launched 35 Model Police Stations, one in each district (list enclosed) through Video Conferencing from 3rd Floor Conference Hall, Secretariat, Bhubaneswar. He also interacted with people present in 7 Model Police Stations, which are Similiguda of Koraput district, Bada Bazar P.S. of Berhampur, Nalco P.S. of Angul, Puri Town P.S. of Puri, Sahadevkhunta P.S. of Balasore, Khetarajpur P.S. of Sambalpur and Plantsite P.S. of Roukela Districts.

During such interaction, people overwhelmingly expressed their happiness and gratitude to Hon’ble Chief Minister for having introduced the concept of Model Police Station which will be people friendly and prompt in redressal of public grievance.

Hon’ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik expressed his happiness while launching Model Police Station and told “this will inspire confidence among public and shall go a long way in making police not only smart but also people friendly.”

Shri R. Balakrishnan, Development Commissioner, Odisha who attended the launching ceremony, expressed his happiness on performance of Odisha Police in maintenance of law and order, crime control, disaster response and combating left wing extremists, and also complimented the new idea of Model Police Station and expressed his hope, “now common people will feel confident in visiting the Police Stations, shall be treated friendly and their complaints will be attended to as early as possible.”

Dr. R.P. Sharma, DGP, Odisha gave welcome address and mentioned that the workload and challenges of police are increasing everyday along with rising expectation of enlightened public. Police has to keep pace with above challenges in terms of logistics, infrastructure, skilled and adequately trained manpower with scientific and modern gadgets. He emphasized “police should not only be SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Time-bound) but also should be people friendly in a welfare state. They should be sensitive and treat people with empathy particularly vulnerable and weaker sections of the society.”

He further added that, the concept of Model Police Station entails both physical aspect as well as functional parameters to achieve these ends. The Model Police Stations will act as role-model for the other police stations in the district. He requested for necessary financial and material support to extend the concept to other 537 territorial Police Stations of the State and requested Govt. to extend necessary financial and logistic support.

He mentioned that idea of Model Police Station is comprehensive and first of its kind in entire country.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Shri Satyajit Mohanty, Commissioner of Police, Bhubaneswar-Cuttack.