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Govt preparing Master Plan of 31 cities: CM

The State Government is preparing a Master Plan of 31 cities and towns through the Geographical Information System (GIS) mapping and remote sensing survey.

This was revealed by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik at the conference of Mayors and Chairpersons of the urban local bodies of the State here on Friday.

Patnaik said a master plan for the towns is essential for preparation and implementation of different schemes. A Comprehensive Development Plan is also required for town planning and to provide basic infrastructure to people. The new technologies would help resolve the problems like traffic snarls and scarcity of drinking water in the new areas of the towns.

Patnaik also informed that the Government has included 41 cities under the e-governance programme. After Bhubaneswar, Cuttack and Puri, the Government is also planning to introduce the City Bus service in Baripada, Sambalpur, Rourkela, Brahmapur and Baleswar. He advised the corporators and chairpersons of the civic bodies to give adequate attention to resolve the problems of the poor urban residents.

