



### **Inauguration of new Aahar Centre at Burla**

31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 The State Government on Monday launched night meal facility at Aahaar Centres on hospital campuses across the State. He also dedicated the service at Veer Surendra Sai Institute of Medical Sciences and Research VIMSAR campus in Burla through video conferencing. Officials said the service will be helpful for patients and their attendants in hospitals who come from far off places. The meals, which are being provided at `5 per plate, will be available between 7 pm and 9 pm every day.

In order to encourage the participation of people in the scheme, the state government has also introduced the online donation system. People can provide foods to poor on the occasion of birthdays, marriages, marriage anniversaries and death anniversaries of their dear ones through the Aahar centres. The donations will be received through online mode only and it will be 100 percent tax-free.

Aahar yojana Cheap meal Scheme to provide Subsidised Food. is an excellent scheme of our state government to help poor people in the city. It is a food subsidization program run by the government of Odisha to provide cheap lunch to urban poor at rupees five per meal scheme. It was inaugurated on April1, 2015 by the chief Minister of Odisha Navin Patnaik on Utkal Divas the foundation day of the state for providing cooked vegetarian meals at subsidized food to urban poor. The state government on april1st opened 21 Aahar centre's. The scheme provides meals in five major cities of Odisha, Sambalpur, Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Rourkela and Berhampur. Food provided under this scheme is Bhata (hot cooked meal of rice), Dalma (a curry of pulses and vegetables), and pickles are served to people at Rs.5/- each a plate. The actual cost of food is around Rs20/-. But is subsidized to Rs. 5.

The mission of this scheme is to provide cheap lunch to labourers who travel to big cities in search of work. The Government launched the scheme in five major cities of Odisha in order to ease the inconveniences of labourers. Aahar stalls are mainly found in crowded places like hospitals, bus stands or railway stations to serve lunch at just Rs 5/-. The hygiene of the food is checked by different municipal hospitals. The Aahar centres provide food at the designated places. The subsidised meals for people visiting urban areas for various works would be provided at four crowded places each in these five cities every day and served at Rs5/- each except Sunday in the below mentioned 5 centre's

1. District HQ Hospital-Sambalpur medical
2. Laxmi talkies (OSRTC bldg
3. Firm Road (Near horticulture)

- 4. Burla Medical
- 5. Jail chowk (Kalyan Mandap) .

The centres are set up at hospitals, and industrial towns with the help of eligible funding agencies. Except Sunday and local holidays like Nuakhai, Sital sasthi it is open all other day. Aahar outlet was inaugurated by Finance Minister in Burla medical first. The food is cooked and distributed by Manna Trust and total operation maintenance managed by Sambalpur Municipal Corporation.









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