



## **PLYING OF 12 NO'S OF NEW NON A/C MIDI CITY BUSES OF WESTERN ODISHA URBAN TRANSPORT SERVICE LIMITED, SAMBALPUR**

Sambalpur: September 2017, The Western Odisha Urban Transport Service Limited (WOUTSL) is the sole public bus transport provider for Sambalpur, Jharsuguda and Bargarh Districts. It is a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) which joint ventures of the Sambalpur Municipal Corporation, Sambalpur Development Authority, Jharsuguda Municipality, Bargarh Municipality with shareholding of 40%,27%,16.5% & 16.5% respectively.WOUTSL has been operating city bus service since 29<sup>th</sup> January,2014 with Paschim Odisha Paribahan Company (POPCO) under Public Private Partnership (PPP), which was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha Sri Naveen Patnaik. A fleet of 32 buses cover all major destinations across the cities (Burla, Hirakud,Sambalpur,Jharsuguda, Bargarh). At present these buses ply on 10 different routes. More than 7,000 people travel by the city buses every day.

City buses are set to ply on new selected routes in the town shortly as Western Odisha Urban Transport Services Limited (WOUTSL) gets ready to add 12 Non-AC Midi Buses to enhance its fleet size. WOUTSL has further plan for 04 Nos. Non-AC Mini Buses and 04 Nos. AC-Midi Buses. Travelling by Non-AC Midi Buses here is an ordeal during the summer. The AC Midi Buses may run on the Bargarh-Sambalpur-Jharsuguda route. In order to provide facilities to the passenger moving in the city bus WOUTSL has procured this 12 no's of new buses which have been delivered by Ashok Leyland Limited. WOUTSL is planning to run the buses in different routes shortly for giving better transportation facilities to the citizens. Commuters are happy with the news of more buses and new routes.

The bus service is receiving very good response. POPCO also plans to introduce smart card service by March next year to make the rides more convenient for commuters."Once smart cards are introduced, commuters who buy the card just have to scan the card on a handheld device kept with the conductor to deduct the exact fare for the journey. The pre-paid cards can be purchased from POPCO office and can be recharged time to time.

**Buses lined up for handing over**



**Welcoming CEO-WOUTSL & Team**





**Key Handover**



**Puja & distribution of sweets**



**Commissioner Sir Familiar with Buses**



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Training to the drivers



