

Odisha launches social security scheme for sanitation workers

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THE ODISHA government on Friday launched a statewide scheme for sanitation workers, institutionalising and regulating core sanitation services to provide social security and financial benefits to the workers and their families.

The 'Garima' scheme was

launched via video-conferencing by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Friday. With a dedicated corpus fund of Rs 50 crore, the scheme will be implemented in all the 114 urban local bodies of Odisha, a senior official said. Under the scheme, a survey will be undertaken to identify sanitation workers across the state engaged in core sanitation

jobs and to register them under a database. Registration of private sanitation service organisations with ULBs for authorisation will also be facilitated. Working hours of sanitation workers will be limited to 6 hours per day, and they and their family members, will also be given health insurance.

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