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Govt to rope in IITBBS to improve bus services

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Bhubaneswar: The state government plans to engage Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bhubaneswar, to conduct a study for improving Rajdhani bus services, launched by the Odisha state road transport corporation (OSRTC) in January this year. At present, 23 Rajdhani buses are connecting Bhubaneswar with 11 district headquarters towns.

“We want to improve the comfort of passengers and launch new facilities for them. Even though the public transport system is doing well and making profit, we plan to take the expertise of IITBBS to further improve the services. We will also take their assistance to improve the OSRTC services in

10 new buses lie idle

As many as 10 city buses bought over a year ago have been lying idle in the newly built bus depot at Haladiapadara on the outskirts of Silk City. The Ganjam Urban Transport Services Limited (GUTSL), a special purpose vehicle formed to operate the city bus service, had procured the 10 buses for Rs 3 crore on April 24 last year. The buses had been handed to the GUTSL in May 2018. Since then, they have been gathering dust at the depot. **TNN**

some other areas,” state transport secretary G Srinivas said. Official sources said the school of infrastructure of IITBBS had conducted a performance assessment study of the city bus services in the past.

Srinivas said the OSRTC will purchase more vehicles under the Rajdhani bus service.