

# PM underlines commitment to holistic development of Odisha

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NEW DELHI, BHUBANESWAR, 24 NOVEMBER:

Odisha has immense possibilities of port based industrial development and the state is India's mining and metal powerhouse making its position very strong in the steel, aluminium and energy sectors, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday.

The Prime Minister participated in the 'Odisha Parba 2024' celebrations at Jawaharal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi and addressed the gathering.

The culture of Odisha has greatly strengthened the spirit of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat', in which the sons and daughters of the state have made huge contributions, he said. The PM paid glowing tributes to several legendary personalities of the state.

Noting that Odisha will be celebrating the centenary year of statehood in 2036, he said that the Government's endeavor was to make Odisha



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one of the strong, prosperous and fast-growing states of the country.

The PM highlighted that today Odisha was getting three times more budget than the central government used to give it 10 years ago. He added that this year, 30 percent more budget had been given for the

development of Odisha as compared to last year. He assured that the Government was working at a fast pace in every sector for the holistic development of Odisha.

Noting that the production of cashew, jute, cotton, turmeric and oilseeds was in abundance in Odisha, the PM said that

the Government's effort was to ensure that these products reach the big markets and thereby benefit the farmers. He added that there was also a lot of scope for expansion in these food processing industry of Odisha and Government's effort was to make Odisha sea-food a brand that is in demand in the global market.

The new government in Odisha has approved an investment of Rs 45,000 crore within the first 100 days. He added that today Odisha had its own vision as well as a roadmap, which would promote investment and create new employment opportunities. He congratulated the Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and his team for their efforts.

He underscored that the government was also creating new possibilities in the tier two cities of Odisha, especially in the districts of western Odisha where development of new infrastructure can lead to creation of new opportunities.

Noting that Odisha was a

land of immense possibilities in terms of tourism, the PM said there was a need to work across multiple dimensions to bring these possibilities to the ground.

He expressed his happiness over all the four gates of the Jagannath Temple Puri complex have been opened along with the Ratna Bhandar of the temple.

Union Minister of Railways and Electronics & IT, Ashwini Vaishnaw, said "Our Odia language, gifted by Lord Jagannath, embodies sweetness and richness unparalleled. Odisha's strides in semiconductor programs and technological development are paving the way to remarkable heights."

Union Minister for Education, Dharmendra Pradhan, reflected on the state's dynamic contributions, saying, "Odisha embodies the vision of Viksit Bharat," with its youth spearheading startup initiatives and preserving the profound legacy of Odia culture and heritage through the disciplined efforts of Odisha Samaj."

# CM disburses 3rd installment of Subhadra Yojana

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ROURKELA, 24 NOVEMBER:



Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi disbursed the third installment of the first phase of Subhadra scheme at a massive public meeting on Sunday. Over 20 lakh women Rs 5000 each.

The CM also unveiled 984 projects worth Rs 1201 crore for Sundergarh district. Speaking during the programme Majhi stressed on the development of different tourist spots and tourism in the district. "Sundergarh has a vast potential to attract tourism. Our government is committed towards the development of tourism" said the CM.

Deputy CM Prabhati Parida said, "Subhadra scheme" will not stop till all the beneficiaries have received the money".

Senior cabinet colleagues, local party MLAs and bureaucrats were present amongst others.

The Chief Minister lauded the contribution of Sundergarh district in all fields - industry, sports and tourism.

It is worth noting that in the first phase, more than 25 lakh beneficiaries were

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handed over to the Prime Minister. In the second phase, assistance was provided to more than 35 lakh beneficiaries in Baripada, Mayurbhanj. By now 80 lakh women of the state have received assistance.

He informed that a total of more than 4.59 lakh mothers and sisters have registered for the Subhadra scheme in Sundergarh district, while the first installment amount has been paid to more than 3.37 lakh women by the third phase.

Emphasizing the promises and commitments of the government, the Chief Minister said that on the first day of the formation of our government, the cabinet met and decided to fulfill the four main promises. Subhadra Yojana is one of them.

In the field of women empowerment, the previous BJD government made a lot of propaganda about Mission Shakti. But even in that, a

maximum of 70 lakh women could be involved. Mission Shakti used to get interest-free loans. But in the Subhadra Yojana, we are providing direct financial assistance to women, he said.

Union Tribal Affairs Minister Juel Oram said that the state government is committed to working for the development of women. He said that all eligible women must be included in the scheme to promote women empowerment.

Deputy Chief Minister Pravatī Parida said there is tremendous enthusiasm among women for the Subhadra Yojana. More than one crore women of the state have digitized their documents themselves. Minister of Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water, Rabi Naik also addressed the gathering.

# BJD Minority Cell members protest proposed amendment to Waqf Act

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BHUBANESWAR, 24 NOVEMBER:

The Minority Cell of the BJD headed by MP Munna Khan on Sunday staged a protest rally here and submitted a memorandum to the President Droupadi Murmu through the district collector objecting to the proposed amendment to the Waqf Act 1995.

The proposed changes in the Waqf Act have far-reaching implications on the autonomy, protection, and governance of Waqf properties, considered as sacred and integral to the religious and social welfare of the Muslim community.

Khan and hundreds of people belonging to the muslim community, including women carried placards and took out a procession express-



ing their concerns.

The primary stakeholders, particularly the Muslim community, were not consulted prior to the introduction of the amendment bill in Parliament. Such an approach undermines the democratic principles of inclusivity and participation, they decried.

All Waqf properties that have been surveyed by the respective Survey Commissioners and published in the official gazette should continue to be recognized and protected as Waqf properties. Revoking or diluting this recognition may lead to disputes and jeopardize the

sanctity of these properties, they said.

The proposal to delegate the power to District Magistrates to determine whether a property is Waqf or government-owned could lead to bias, misuse, and the weakening of Waqf boards' authority.

The community strongly

objects to the inclusion of non-Muslims in Waqf boards as suggested in the bill. For instance, in the case of Hindu temples and places of worship in Uttar Pradesh and other parts of India, only individuals practicing the Hindu faith are appointed to managing boards. A similar principle should apply to Waqf boards to preserve religious integrity and trust, said the BJD.

The deletion of provisions allowing for oral Waqf creation (permissible under Islamic law) in the proposed bill will adversely impact the recognition of such properties, stated the BJD.

The BJD demanded withdrawal of the proposed bill and comprehensive consultations with the stakeholders before any amendment was introduced in parliament.

# Minister Mohapatra pulls up NHA officers over delay in repair of NH 49

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
BARIIPADA, 24 NOVEMBER:

Housing and Urban Development Minister Krushnachandra Mohapatra on Sunday expressed his dissatisfaction over the inordinate delay in repair of NH 49 stretch at Dwarsuni Ghat here.

The Minister reached the spot to take stock of the situation where he saw the slow pace of work in repair cum widening of the NH due to the construction agency who had commenced work last year.

Peeved over the lack of interest by concerned agencies, the Minister contacted the project director and other authorities of the NHA over telephone from the spot in the presence of Collector Hema Kanta Say and SP Varun Guntupalli.

The Minister got angry and threatened to take action against the authorities if they



do not complete the work expeditiously.

He suspected that the contractor was deliberately delaying the project work and the officials have failed to intervene.

I will take up the matter with the Union Minister Nitin Gadkari and ask him to take action against the officers, he said.

The Collector also expressed displeasure at the delay to repair the NH. He also discussed with some officials of the NHA.

Fifteen kilometer stretch of the NH is in bad shape and different outfits and political parties have raised protests over it.

# Prohibitory orders imposed in Jajpur Sadar area

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BHUBANESWAR, 24 NOVEMBER:

The attack on MLA Himanshu Sahoo and the subsequent arrest of a former chairperson of Jajpur municipality has snowballed into a major political row.

While there was tension in the Jajpur town area and the police clamped prohibitory orders, the ruling BJP and BJD leaders accused each other of perpetrating violence.

To maintain law and order in Jajpur, police imposed prohibitory orders under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) in the Jajpur police station Jajpur Sadar PS area.

This decision comes after tensions rose following the attack on Dharmasala MLA Himanshu Sahoo, disputes related to Biraja Haat, and the arrest of Bhaba Prakash Das, brother of BJD leader Pranab Prakash Das.

Keeping in view the threat perception to the MLA, Sahoo, his security detail has been upgraded.

## Crime Branch probe into clash ordered, 19 arrested

A total of 16 cases have been registered so far and 19 persons have been arrested and forwarded to the court of law. To ease tensions, a flag march was conducted in Jajpur city, led by incharge DIG Central Range DIG Satyajit Naik, Jajpur District Collector P Anvesha Reddy, and Superintendent of Police (SP) Yash Pratap Shirmal.

The state government handed over the investigation into the attack on Dharmasala MLA Himanshu Sahoo to the Crime Branch. It will investigate the three cases filed in this regard. Those are attack on the BJD legislator, rasta roko staged before the assault and gherao of the police station.

BJD's chief whip Pramila Mallik alleged that the police were behaving in a partisan manner and harassing her party leaders and workers. The party leaders would meet

the DGP to express their concern over the police investigation, she said.

"All political leaders go to the people of their constituencies. But why the Dharmasala MLA moving around with more than 100 supporters in another area on the night of the incident? Besides, why did none of his supporters file any police complaint? There are several issues that need to be clarified by the police," Mallik said.

Claiming that law and order in the state had deteriorated under the BJP rule, she said no steps have been taken in criminal cases of group clashes, attack on minorities, thefts and sexual assault in Bhadrak and Balasore.

The BJP state president Manmohan Samal countered saying it was the BJD which in his frustration is behaving irrationally. The BJD is unable to digest its electoral defeat, he remarked. BJD leaders should be condemning the attack on a MLA, instead they are supporting those who indulged in violence, remarked Samal.

# NODC to be formed soon: CM

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ROURKELA, 24 NOVEMBER:

The proposed North Odisha Development Council (NODC) will be formed in a couple of months time, said CM Mohan Charan Majhi on Sunday.

A task force has already been formed to start the process of formation of NODC, Sundergarh district, which is now under Western Odisha Development Council (WODC), would be brought under NODC. "I personally want Sundergarh to be included in the NODC. It will ensure rapid growth of the western Odisha district," he added. The proposed council will be formed on the lines of the Western Odisha Development Council which was formed in 1998. SNS

# Driver burnt alive as vehicle catches fire

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
BALASORE, 24 NOVEMBER:

In an unfortunate incident the driver of a tea dust laden container charred to death after the vehicle gutted near Laxmannath toll gate under Jaleswar police station on Sunday.

The incident occurred around 2.45 am and it is suspected that the driver dozed off, losing control on wheels.

Eyewitnesses said the vehicle heading rammed into the divider breaking the automatic lift bar of the gate. After hitting the divider it caught fire and the lorry with loaded consignment was

reduced to ashes in the inferno before the driver could not be pulled out from the cabin by the toll plaza staff.

Miraculously the toll plaza staff had a close shave although computers and other equipment of the gate were damaged.

Fire brigade personnel doused the flame. The vehicular traffic through the gate was disrupted following the fire accident and it resumed after 5 am.

Police found the charred body of the driver, and it is presumed the helper jumped off the vehicle before it caught fire.

# Rescued gharial hatchlings released into Satkosia gorge

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
ANGUL, 24 NOVEMBER:

Satkosia Wildlife Division Authorities who rescued 12 gharial hatchlings during the monsoon released them to the Satkosia gorge successfully on Saturday. All the released gharial hatchlings are safe and sound in the gorge after the release as sighted by forest officials on Saturday.

The hatchlings that were four to six inches long during the rescue are now grown up to 1 to 2 feet long, said the Divisional Forest Officer Saroj Kumar Panda.

Panda said, in order to provide life security to gharial

hatchlings during monsoon 12 were rescued from the gorge and were lodged at the gharial research and conservation unit at Tikarpara. As per estimates at least 35 hatchlings were born in the gorge of whom 12 were rescued due to apprehension that they may be swept downstream.

The DFO said the special care was taken in view of the high mortality last year. They were lodged in a special pool created in the unit where facilities of thermo regulator admin installed. Due to other steps taken in the unit, we could prevent mortality among the gharial hatchlings, he added.

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(Under sub-section (2) of Section 15 of the Electricity Act, 2003)

1. ERES XXXIX Power Transmission Limited, having its registered office at 104-B, First Floor, 191/A, Kharavela Nagar, Unit- 3, Bhubaneswar, Odisha-751001, which is incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013, has made an application before the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, New Delhi under sub-section (1) of Section 15 of the Electricity Act, 2003 for grant of transmission licence in respect of the transmission lines, sub-stations and other assets, the details of which are given below.

S. No.	Name of Line/Sub-station (location)	Line length/ Capacity	Estimated Completion Cost or Levelised Transmission charges	Schedule COD	Remarks
1	Angul (POWERGRID) - Gopalpur 765 kV D/C line along with 765kV, 1x 330MVA switchable line reactor with 500 ohm NGR (with NGR bypass arrangement) at Gopalpur end in both circuits of Angul (POWERGRID)-Gopalpur 765 kV D/C line.	180 Km	Rs. 2897.29 millions per annum	31.12.2027	
2	Gopalpur - Gopalpur (OPTCL) 400kV D/C (Quad) line	20 Km			
3	Establishment of new 765/400 kV, 2x1500 MVA GIS substation at Gopalpur in Odisha • 765/400 kV, 1500 MVA ICTs: 2 nos. (7x500MVA single phase units including one spare) • 765 kV ICT bays: 2 nos. • 400 kV ICT bays: 2 nos. • 765 kV, 330 MVA/B bus reactor: 2 nos. (7x110 MVA single phase units including one spare unit for both bus and line reactors) • 765 kV bus reactor bays: 2 nos. • 420 kV, 125 MVA/B bus reactor: 2 nos. • 400 kV bus reactor bays: 2 nos. • 765 kV line bays: 2 nos. [for termination of Angul (POWERGRID) - Gopalpur 765 kV D/C line along with 765 kV, 1x330 MVA switchable line reactor at Gopalpur end in both circuits] • 400 kV line bays: 2 nos. [for termination of Gopalpur - Gopalpur (OPTCL) 400 kV D/C (Quad) line] • 765 kV, 330 MVA/B (3x110 MVA single phase units) switchable line reactor along with associated bay and 500 ohm NGR (with NGR bypass arrangement) [at Gopalpur end in both circuits of Angul (POWERGRID) - Gopalpur 765 kV D/C line] 2 nos. Additional space for future expansion: • 765/400 kV, 4x1500 MVA ICTs (12x500MVA single phase units) along with associated ICT bays at both voltage levels • 400/220 kV, 4x500 MVA ICTs along with associated ICT bays at both voltage levels • 765 kV, 2x330 MVA/B (6x110 MVA single phase units) bus reactor along with associated bays • 420 kV, 2x125 MVA/B bus reactor along with associated bays • 8 nos. of 765 kV line bays (along with space for switchable line reactor) for future lines • 10 nos. of 400 kV line bays (along with space for switchable line reactor) for future lines • 12 nos. of 220 kV line bays for future lines • 765 kV bus sectionaliser bay: 1 set • 400 kV bus sectionaliser bay: 1 set • 220 kV bus sectionaliser bay: 1 set • 220 kV bus coupler bay: 2 no.				
4	Extension at 765 kV level at Angul (POWERGRID) S/s including bus extension in GIS 765 kV AIS line bays (along with space for future switchable line reactor): 2 nos. [for termination of Angul (POWERGRID) - Gopalpur 765 kV D/C line] including bus extension in GIS of about 3000 m				
5	Extension at Gopalpur (OPTCL) GIS S/s 400 kV GIS line bays: 2 nos. [for termination of Gopalpur - Gopalpur (OPTCL) 400 kV D/C (Quad) line] + 2 nos. for diameter completion				

**Note:**  
i) Gopalpur (OPTCL) is being taken up for implementation and is expected to be awarded by Mar 2024. As per OPTCL's input, 20 km line length has been considered between 765/400kV (ISTS) and 400/220kV (Intra-state) substations at Gopalpur 400/220kV (Intra-state) substations at Gopalpur.  
ii) The bus scheme of 400kV level at Gopalpur (OPTCL) GIS S/s shall be one and half breaker scheme, 2 nos. full diameter i.e. 4 nos. of GIS bays needs to be implemented in the scheme for requirement of 2 nos. GIS bays for termination of Gopalpur (OPTCL) - Gopalpur 400kV D/C (Quad) line in two different diameters. Utilisation of other 2 nos. GIS bays of these diameters shall be identified in future.  
iii) OPTCL shall provide space at under implementation Gopalpur (OPTCL) 400/220kV GIS S/s for implementation of 2 nos. of 400kV GIS line bays for termination of Gopalpur (ISTS) - Gopalpur (OPTCL) 400kV D/C (Quad) line. 2 nos. full diameter i.e. 4 nos. GIS bays shall be established.  
iv) POWERGRID shall provide space at Angul (POWERGRID) 765/400kV S/s for implementation of 2 nos. of 765kV line bays (along with space for future switchable line reactor) along with bus extension in GIS for termination Angul (POWERGRID) - Gopalpur 765kV D/C line.

2. Complete application and other documents filed before the Commission are available on the website <https://www.tatapower.com/content/dam/tatapower/sites/program/tatapower/pdf-root/regulatory/tbcb-projects/Petition%20T%20L.pdf> for access by any person. The application can also be inspected at the office of the Company at Shatabdi Bhawan, B-12 & 13, Sector 4, Noida, UP-201301 with Mr. Tushar Dhande, CEO- ERES XXXIX Power Transmission Limited, (tushardhande@tatapower.com) or Office of the Commission in accordance with the procedure specified by the Commission.

3. Objections or suggestions, if any, be filed before the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Floors, Tower B, World Trade Centre, Naroji Nagar, New Delhi - 110029, with a copy of the objection(s)/suggestion(s) to the applicant or its authorized agent, within 15 days of the publication of the notice in the newspaper.

Place: Noida, U.P.  
Date: 25.11.2024

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