

Subhadra issues to be resolved by bank mitras soon

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THE Odisha government will soon engage 'bank mitras' to resolve issues of Subhadra applicants who have been facing difficulties in linking mobile and Aadhaar numbers and making their accounts DBT-enabled.

Sources said the Women and Child Development department is unable to process around 7.68 lakh applications for release of assistance under the scheme owing to non-compliance, procedural and technical issues and delay in field verification.

Even as the flagship scheme achieved a milestone of assisting 80.45 lakh beneficiaries so far, a staggering 5.6 lakh verified applications are pending for release of assistance as they are either not DBT-enabled or not properly linked to the mobile and Aadhaar number of the respective applicants.

Besides, re-verification of 2.08 lakh applications, which were rejected on the basis of land area, family owning a four-wheeler or one of the family members is a government employee is yet to be completed.

Deputy chief minister Pravati Parida said the 'bank mitras' will help over five lakh women applicants resolve the issues with their bank accounts. "The bank mitras attached to bank branches for

helping SHGs will now facilitate Subhadra applicants to resolve their issues. Banks have also been asked to sort out procedural issues, if any, as soon as possible," she told *The New Indian Express*.

Although the state government had assured to re-verify 2.67 lakh applications rejected earlier on a war-footing with the help of revenue inspectors, only 22 per cent (58,740 women beneficiaries) of them have been re-verified so far and received the assistance.



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"Some of the applications were rejected only because the government data shows them owners of more than five acres of irrigated land and paddy has been sold in their name in mandis despite the fact that they do not own the land. The verification is taking time and we are hopeful that it will be completed by next month," Parida said.

The deputy chief minister said over 80 lakh women beneficiaries receiving more than ₹4,000 crore financial assistance as part of the first installment under the largest only-women welfare scheme is a history itself in a state like Odisha.

"The number of selected applicants stood at 1.04 crore after preliminary verification of applications received so far. Now we have around 23.55 lakh applicants left to receive the aid. They will be covered in the fourth and final phase," she said.

Squatters to be evicted from govt quarters, says minister

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WORKS minister Prithviraj Harichandan on Sunday said eviction of unauthorised and illegal occupants of government quarters will be initiated soon.

Issuing a warning to government employees who have rented out their official quarters and those who have occupied the houses in an unauthorised manner, the minister said, the General Administration department is preparing a list of such persons.

"Strict action will be taken against those who have rented out their government quarters. Those who are living in government quarters on rent are equally guilty and will face severe action," said Harichandan.

In some cases, the government quarters have been allotted to persons or organisations

who are not entitled for the same while in others, the occupants have kept the quarters for a long time after their retirement.

Harichandan, who is also the minister of Law, said in some places government quarters have outlived their utility and are in dilapidated condition. As these buildings are not safe, the GA department is not allotting them. But, some people have taken advantage of the situation and forcefully occupied them, he observed.

The minister said the government is planning to demolish the buildings which have been declared unsafe and beyond repair. "Such places will make way for high-rises to accommodate more employees waiting for government accommodation, and with better facilities," he said.

In September this year, a senior official of the Panchayatiraj department, Ramesh Chandra Jena, was found to have rented out his quarter in Unit-II area on a monthly rent of ₹12,000. The matter came to light during a Vigilance search on him for amassing assets disproportionate to his known sources of income.



Meanwhile, even after more than five months of the dissolution of the 16th Assembly, many former legislators who have lost the election have not vacated their official quarters forcing the GA department to issue eviction notices under the Odisha Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act.

On the other hand, several ministers of the BJP government are still staying in the state guest house due to shortage of quarters.



POLLUTION WATCH

A motorist stops on NH-16 flyover to take a look at the thick layer of smog engulfing Bhubaneswar during the wee hours of Sunday | DEBADATTA MALLICK

CB to probe Dharmasala MLA, vendor assault cases

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THE Crime Branch (CB) on Sunday took over investigation of three separate cases including the alleged attack on Dharmasala MLA Himanshu Sekhar Sahoo, alleged involvement of senior BJD leader Pranab Prakash Das' brother, Bhaba in assaulting a vegetable vendor, and a group of locals staging a road blockade against some vendors for doing business at the old location of Biraja Haat in Jajpur town.

Sahoo was allegedly assaulted on November 20 when he was on his way to Jajpur town to attend a meeting at the office of the deputy director of mines. His vehicle had to stop as a few locals were staging a road blockade by burning tyres near a bridge on Kuakhia-Jajpur Town road opposing vendors over setting up business at Biraja Haat. A few miscreants rushed to Himanshu's vehicle and vandal-

Prohibitory orders in Jajpur town

Jajpur: The district administration on Sunday clamped prohibitory orders in Jajpur town and Biraja Haat area following the alleged attack on Sahoo and the arrest of Bhaba. Police also conducted flag march in the town on the day.

They also allegedly attacked him and his security officer with an iron rod and snatched his gold chain. The haat near Biraja temple was recently shifted to Santhmadhab area under Biraja Parikrama project.

On November 21, Bhaba Prasad and his associates allegedly assaulted a vegetable vendor there. He and his associates then staged a blockade at Jajpur-Singhpur against the vendors who were not shifting to the haat in Santhmadhab area.

BJD to oppose Waqf Bill in Parliament

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THE BJD on Sunday announced its MPs in the Rajya Sabha would strongly oppose the Waqf (Amendment) Bill which is listed for consideration and passage by the Parliament during the winter session starting on Monday. The regional outfit, which has no representation in Lok Sabha, demanded the contentious Bill be withdrawn.

The party's minority cell led by its president and Rajya Sabha MP Muzibulla (Munna) Khan held a demonstration in front of the Raj Bhawan and submitted a memorandum to the President of India through the sub-collector of Bhubaneswar seeking

withdrawal of the bill.

The party alleged that the proposed amendments in the Waqf Act, 1995, will disturb the harmony between different communities in the country. The proposed changes in the Waqf Act will have far reaching implications on the autonomy, protection, and governance of Waqf properties which are considered as sacred and integral to the religious and social welfare of the Muslim community, Khan said.

He also said the primary stakeholders, particularly the Muslim community, were not consulted prior to the introduction of the amendment bill in

Parliament. "We urge that this proposed Bill be withdrawn and comprehensive consultations be held with stakeholders to address their concerns before any amendments are introduced in Parliament," he added.

The party has raised objections to the inclusion of non-Muslims in Waqf boards as suggested in the Bill. The memorandum also held that the proposal to delegate power to district magistrates to determine whether a property is Waqf or government-owned is detrimental to the autonomy of Waqf institutions. However, state BJP president Mamohan Samal said the Centre will not do any injustice to any community.

EXPRESS READ

Winter session: Speaker to hold all-party meet today

Bhubaneswar: Speaker Surama Padhy has called an all-party meeting on Monday for smooth conduct of the winter session of the Assembly which is set to commence the next day. The Speaker told mediapersons that she will have a broad discussion with members of all political parties about the session. She called upon the MLAs cutting across party lines to attend the session and participate in the process of the development of country and state. The supplementary budget for 2024-25 will be placed in the House on the first day of the session. The session will continue till December 31 with 25 working days. According to the schedule, 20 days have been allocated for official business while five days are reserved for private members' business.

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We, Feeders Electric and Engineering Limited, proposed Installation of 1.5 MTPA Iron Ore Beneficiation plant at Village-Sanandipur, Koida, Dist-Sundargarh, Odisha which Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (Issued by the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Odisha has accorded Environmental clearance vide EC Identification No. EC24809010R5816619M and File No. 47410120-IND/105-2024 dated 06th November 2024.
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NOTICE
(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/switchable line reactor: 2 nos. (7x110 MVA/switchable line reactor) including one spare unit for both bus and line reactors) • 765 kV Bus reactor bays: 2 nos. • 420 kV, 125 MVA/switchable line reactor: 2 nos. • 400 kV Bus reactor bays: 2 nos. • 765 kV line bays: 2 nos.				
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) 400kV 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 of 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%207%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, 6th, 7th & 8th Floors, Tower B, World Trade Centre, Narajoi Nagar, New Delhi - 110029, with a copy of the objection(s)/suggestion(s) to the applicant or its authorised agent, within 15 days of the publication of the notice in the newspaper.

Place: Noida, U.P.
Date: 25.11.2024
Tushar Dhande - CEO
ERES XXXIX Power Transmission Limited

EAST COAST RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No. ST-SBP-TENDER-2024-31, Dt. 18.11.2023
Name of Work: COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT OF AUTOMATIC FIRE DETECTION AND ALARM SYSTEM (AFDAS) OVER SAMBALPUR DIVISION FOR 03 YEARS.
Tender value: ₹83,10,000/-, EMD: ₹1,66,200/-, Cost of Tender Document: ₹5,900/-
Date & time of Tender Closing: 11:00 hrs on 10.12.2024.
No manual offers sent by Post/Courier/Fax or in person shall be accepted against the e-Tenders. Even if these are submitted on firm's letter head and receipt in time. All such manual offers shall be considered invalid and shall be rejected summarily without any consideration.
Complete information including e-Tender documents of the above e-Tenders is available in website <http://www.treps.gov.in>
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KIIT Ranked 4th Best in India in first ever Times Higher Education Interdisciplinary Science Rankings 2025

KIIT-DU has achieved an impressive 4th position in the country in the inaugural Times Higher Education (THE) Interdisciplinary Science Rankings 2025, highlighting universities excelling in interdisciplinary scientific research. The University's global ranking stood at 92.

India has a strong representation in the rankings released recently, with 65 universities featuring in it, including seven in the top 100. Notably, Anna University leads among Indian institutions and has secured the 41st position globally.

This recognition underscores KIIT University's commitment to fostering interdisciplinary research and innovation. Among Indian institutions, KIIT stands as

ence landscape. Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS lauded the historic achievement and said: "KIIT's position among the interdisciplinary scientific research universities reflects its enormous contribution towards research and development in the field over the decades". KIIT's quality researchers and staff have made this possible through their quality research, innovation, and publications. He congratulated the faculty fraternity of KIIT-DU, staff members and the students for the unique achievement. KIIT University, established in Odisha, has spread its influence all over the world in the field of research and development, intellectuals said.

KIIT stands as one of the top performers, among Indian Institutions, contributing significantly to the nation's presence in the global interdisciplinary science landscape.

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