

Odisha will turn into renewable energy hub: Joshi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhubaneswar

THE Centre aims to develop Odisha as a major hub for renewable energy and explore the scope of green hydrogen production in the state, said Union minister for New and Renewable Energy Pralhad Joshi on Friday.

Speaking at the valedictory session of the two-day Chintan Shivir of the ministry here, Joshi said Odisha has immense renewable energy potential with 140 GW of solar capacity and significant opportunities in green hydrogen.

The potential for floating solar panels in Odisha will also be explored, he said while highlighting that a solar modules, solar cells and ingot-wafer manufacturing unit of 6,000 MW capacity is being set up in Dhenkanal district with investment of around ₹9,000 crore.

Joshi said that another company is also setting up a 1,000 MW manufacturing capacity for production of solar mod-

ules and cells at Infovalley-II in Bhubaneswar with investment of around ₹730 crore.

The minister said a dedicated taskforce will be set up to achieve the goal of 500 gigawatt (GW) at an investment of around ₹42 lakh crore by 2030. He also announced that a new joint centre of excellence for R&D will be established in collaboration with the Ministry of Power to foster innovation and technological advancements in the RE sector.

He called for the early finalisation of power purchase agreements (PPAs) and strict enforcement of renewable purchase obligations (RPOs) to ensure the success of renewable energy projects. The PM Surya Ghar Yojana will achieve over 5 lakh installations by the end of November 2024, he said.

Deputy chief minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo said that the state government will stand with the Union government in meeting the 'Panchamrit' targets set by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Woman killed in fire accident during funeral arrangement

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Coimbatore

A 53-year-old schoolteacher died and three others sustained burn injuries in a fire that broke out during the funeral arrangement of her mother-in-law at her house at KRG Nagar in Coimbatore on Friday afternoon. Police said two of the three survivors suffered over 60 per cent burn injury and are critical. The fire broke out after fuel spilled out of a portable generator kept for operating the freezer box while refuelling it and fell on an earthen lamp, triggering the blaze.

According to sources, B Ramalakshmi (83) died of age-related illness on Thursday around 5 pm. She was living with her son Murugasubramanian (60) and her daughter-in-law Padmavathi (53), who was working as a Tamil teacher at a school in Ram Nagar. Ramalakshmi's younger son B Rajeswaran (55), daughter Banumathi (50) and Banumathi's husband Ramasubramanian were also looking after the funeral arrangements on Friday. Rajeswaran has visual, auditory and speech disabilities, sources said.

Due to power outage, the family rented a portable generator to operate the freezer box. S Sriram (20) of Varadharaj Nagar

near Ganapathy brought the generator to their home. While he was refuelling the generator, he accidentally spilled petrol onto the earthen lamp kept near the freezer box, sparking a fire.

When the fire spread to the petrol can, the youth dropped it in panic and the fire rapidly spread throughout the small house. Padmavathi, Banumathi, Rajeswaran, and Sriram, who were caught inside the house, sustained burn injuries. The injured were rushed to Coimbatore Medical College Hospital (CMCH) in three ambulances, but the doctors declared Padmavathi dead on arrival.



Man held for duping youths on overseas jobs promise

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Berhampur

A 28-year-old man from Chikiti in Ganjam was arrested by Golanthara police for allegedly cheating unemployed youths by assuring them jobs abroad.

Golanthara IIC Bibekanda Swain said Sunil Kumar Sahu of the Bhubaneswar unit of Protector of Emigrants (PoE) had on Thursday alleged that an institute at Pitapali village is cheating unemployed youths by promising them jobs abroad. A police team along with representatives of PoE reached the village and during search found that over 20 youths were appearing for an interview at the accused Sadi Sanmukh Rao's Krithika Technical Training Institute.

During probe, it was found that the youths were being interviewed for the post of welder in Turkey. The team discovered



that the institute had collected money from the job aspirants without obtaining authorisation/immigration clearance from the Ministry of External Affairs.

Police said Rao had founded a public charitable and technical trust and collected money from youths promising them jobs abroad. While Sanmukh was arrested, the youths duped by him were advised to lodge complaints with police. A case under sections 318 (4) and 143 (3) of BNS along with section 24 of Emigration Act was filed and investigation is on, said police.

Evos celebrates 15 years journey

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhubaneswar

Avaya, a grand event marking the 15 year journey of real estate company Evos Buildcon, was celebrated here recently.

"Evos has focused on lasting relationships and creating spaces defined by quality and trust. We remaining committed to elevating industry standards through quality and architectural innovations," said managing director Kalinga Keshari Rath.

He said the company's collaboration with industry leaders like Sanjay Puri Architects, Tectonix Thailand and Cushman and Wakfield underscores Evos's commitment to delivering project that enhances Odisha's urban landscape.



FLAME OF DEVOTION

Devotees conduct the traditional 'Jwala Toranam' during Kaarthika Pournami celebrations at Shivalam temple in Visakhapatnam on Friday | G SATYANARAYANA

EXPRESS READ

Boita Bandana celebrated in Bahrain

Bhubaneswar: The Boita Bandana festival, a glorious reminder of Odisha's rich maritime tradition, was celebrated by the Odia diaspora in Bahrain on the occasion of Kartika Purnima on Friday. Members of Bahrain Odia Samaj sailed miniature boats in a traditional manner on the Manama shore. "The festival that marks the end of the holy Kartika month also signifies the day on which Odia mariners used to sail for distant lands such as Java, Sumatra, Bali and Borneo, etc., for trade. It is a matter of pride that the government of India is celebrating it as Entrepreneurship Day," said founder of Bahrain Odia Samaj Arun Kumar Praharaj.

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