

Odisha CM directs IGP (CAW & CW) to meet rape victim in Delhi to ensure progress in probe

BHUBANESWAR, OCT 15

CHIEF Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Monday directed the Inspector General of Crime Against Women and Children Wing (CAW & CW) of Odisha Police to leave for New Delhi to monitor the progress of the investigation into the alleged sexual abuse of Odisha woman who was rescued from the Sarai Kale Khan area on the intervening night of October 10 and 11.

The IGP (CAW & CW) S. Shyini has also been directed to meet the victim lady and enquire about the health condition of the victim. Taking the matter seriously, the Chief Minister has also instructed the Odisha Police to provide all the assistance needed in carry-

The incident regarding the sexual assault of an Odia girl in Delhi is being followed up with seriousness and sensitivity. Odisha Police is in touch with the family members of the survivor and are also following up on the progress of the investigation with Delhi Police. Arrangement has been made to facilitate movement of family members from Bhubaneswar to Delhi.

ing out the investigation in the case by proper coordination with Delhi Police.

As per reports, the Director General of Police, Odisha YB Khurania has also held discussions with the Delhi Police Commissioner regarding the progress of investigation into the shameful incident.

"The incident regarding the sexual assault of an Odia girl in Delhi is being

woman, a nursing graduate from Odisha, was allegedly raped by unknown miscreants who later dumped the victim in a semi-urban state in Sarai Kale Khan area of Southeast Delhi on the intervening night of October 10 and 11.

The victim was later rescued by the police team who took her to the AIMS Trauma Center where she is currently undergoing treatment.

The Delhi Police has reportedly registered a case against unknown miscreants under sections 70(1) [gang rape] and 115(2) [voluntarily causing hurt] of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). The Delhi police sources stated that Multiple teams have been formed to apprehend the alleged culprits involved in the brutal incident.

Notably, the victim

Odisha govt constitutes high-level task force to check distress migration

BHUBANESWAR, OCT 15

ODISHA government has constituted a high-level task force under the chairmanship of Deputy Chief Minister K.V. Singh Deo to recommend holistic measures to address the problem of distress migrations in the state.

The task force headed by Singh Deo will also include Deputy Chief Minister Pravatī Parida, other ministers, the chief secretary, the development commissioner and secretaries of various departments.

"This high-level task force will identify the potential ramifications of migrant workers, prevent distress migrations and decide the course of action to solve the problems. It will also recommend steps to be taken up by various government agencies to check distress migration and also to mitigate the sufferings of the migrant labourers of Odisha," reads the statement issued by the Information & Public Relations on Monday.

The Secretariat of the Task Force

will be located in the Panchayati Raj Drinking Water Department while the task force will meet at least once in six months to review the progress.

The Task Force may also appoint a few expert members of national and international repute working in this field of distress migration. The Task Force can also rope in academicians, development practitioners, UN agency representatives etc. who will be intimated to attend the meetings whenever needed.

"The Task Force will examine the nature of migration region-wise and recommend specific interventions needed. It will also deliberate upon the regional variation, seasonality as well as the magnitude of the migration and recommend strategies to reduce distress migration and will deliberate upon the existing activities/ interventions being made by different departments to reduce distress migration and the effectiveness of the same by studying the existing legal/policy provisions to tackle the problem," it further added.

The Task Force has also been assigned with the responsibility to recommend specific measures to various departments regarding the creation of infrastructure as well as opportunities for livelihood within the state through skilling, credit availability, linking the family with anti-poverty programs etc.

It will also recommend additional targeted interventions/schemes required to be taken up by the State Government and will suggest the Institutional framework required to be put in place at the state, district, and block levels to tackle the issue in a holistic and sustainable manner.

The Task Force will suggest the need to enter into partnerships with expert agencies, Civil Society, and Technical organisations to improve the effectiveness of the interventions proposed. It will recommend the necessary coordination with the Central government and various state governments to ensure the availability of resources for resolving the migrant labourer problem in the state. —IANS

RSP achieves record low specific water consumption in Sep 2024

ROURKELA, OCT 15

ROURKELA Steel Plant (RSP) has set a new record for its monthly Specific Water Consumption, achieving just 2.83 cubic metres per ton of crude steel (m³/TCS) in September 2024. This figure surpasses the previous record of 2.84 m³/TCS, which was reached in July 2023.



for fresh water. Besides, the WMD has initiated a scheme to repurpose treated water from the 4 million litres per day Sewage Treatment Plant for use in gardens and for road cleaning within RSP. The overall consumption of make-up water has also declined due to the closure of the Rolling Mill Pump House, which previously supplied water to Hot Strip Mill-1 and Cold Rolling Mill.

The significant reduction in water consumption is the result of numerous initiatives implemented by the Water Management Department (WMD) as part of its comprehensive water conservation strategy. A key factor has been the commissioning of Treatment System-1 under the Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) project. The plant has made notable strides in recycling treated wastewater from Outfall #1, which is now reused in several major production units, effectively decreasing the demand

through the strategic application of water treatment chemicals in major production units to minimize water blowdowns. Continuous efforts to repair water leaks across the plant have also played a crucial role in reducing overall make-up water requirements. These collective actions underscore RSP's commitment to environmental sustainability. —PBD

NAPA calls for dialogue amid diplomatic row between India, Canada over Nijjar's killing

CHANDIGARH, OCT 15

AMID an escalation in the diplomatic row between India and Canada over separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar's killing, the North American Punjabi Association (NAPA) Tuesday urged constructive dialogue to safeguard the rights of the Sikh community across both nations.

Recent events have highlighted significant challenges faced by Sikhs, particularly regarding issues of identity, safety, and political representation, the NAPA said.

The association said it is deeply concerned about the potential ramifications of the strained diplomatic relations on the Sikh diaspora, which has long been a bridge between the two cultures.

NAPA head Satnam Singh Chahal said many Sikhs in Canada are feeling anxious about their safety and the possibility of a backlash as tensions rise.

The association urged both governments to ensure the protection of all communities, particularly minorities, and prioritise "dialogue over conflict".



Constructive discussions can pave the way for better understanding and cooperation, which is essential for the health of the Sikh community and the broader relationship between India and Canada, it said.

Chahal further said that the political climate risks polarisation among the Sikh community, leading to "fractures that

undermine unity and solidarity".

It is crucial to foster a sense of togetherness rather than division, he said.

"The Sikh community has a rich history intertwined with both India and Canada. The narratives surrounding Sikhs must be informed by their contributions rather than historical grievances alone," Chahal added.

NAPA urged community members to engage actively in the political process, advocating for their rights and ensuring their voices are heard in

discussions that impact their future.

"As we navigate these challenging times, NAPA reaffirms its commitment to advocating for the rights of Sikhs and promoting a spirit of cooperation, understanding, and mutual respect," it said.

The ties between India and Canada came under severe strain following Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau's allegations in September last year of a "potential" involvement of Indian agents in the killing of Nijjar. New Delhi rejected Trudeau's charges as "absurd".

Vedanta Aluminium supports Suravi Children's Fest in Sundargarh, fostering young talent in rural schools



PBD BUREAU
SUNDARGARH, OCT 15

IN an effort to discover and nurture the latent talent of rural school students, Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest aluminium producer, recently sponsored the "Suravi Children's Festival." This

state-level event serves as a platform for young talents from local communities.

Held at Girisma Upper Primary School, the festival attracted enthusiastic participation from students of 186 schools representing 18 gram panchayats within the tribal-dominated Hemgir Block of Sundargarh district.

The event featured a wide range of activities, including arts and crafts, singing, music, dance, debate, essay writing, elocution, and creative writing.

Among the attendees were Kanana S. Patel, Block Education Officer (BEO) of Hemgir Block, and other distinguished guests who emphasized the importance of holistic development for students.

Speaking on this occasion, BEO Patel said, "Suravi is an initiative that grows future leaders. We commend Vedanta for pro-

viding rural students with a unique platform to showcase their talents while learning the values of collaboration and perseverance."

Kishore Ark, Additional Block Education Officer (ABEO) also expressed his appreciation, noting, "With Vedanta's support, the Suravi festival has become a vital platform for students to display their talents, fostering an environment where they can dream big and aim high. Such initiatives create a positive ripple effect across

our community."

Vedanta Aluminium's Mines Business is committed to transformative community development, focusing on providing access to quality education and empowering the youth.

By investing in the future of Odisha's youth, Vedanta paves the way for new opportunities, growth, and development.

The company is dedicated to driving community advancement through strategic initiatives in education, healthcare, sustainable livelihoods, rural infrastructure, and grass-

roots sports and culture. Besides, Vedanta conducts health camps via its mobile health unit, offering free medical check-ups and healthcare awareness in rural Odisha.

Through these efforts, Vedanta Aluminium actively contributes to the socio-economic transformation of Odisha, demonstrating its commitment to positively impacting lives within and beyond its operational areas through close collaboration with local authorities, welfare organizations, and community members.

Four local journalists among five held for dacoity

BHAWANIPATNA, OCT 15

POLICE have arrested five persons, including four journalists of a local web portal, for their alleged involvement in a dacoity case, officials said on Tuesday.

The accused had intercepted the car of a labour contractor on October 2 near Bhanganbari on the outskirts of Bhawanipatna town in Kalahandi district and decamped with Rs 2.55 lakh police said.

The contractor had filed a written complaint on October 13. The five accused were arrested from Bhawanipatna on Tuesday, said Sunaram Hembram, Sub-Divisional Police Officer (Bhawanipatna Sadar). —PTI

Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra inaugurates Under Armour's first store in Odisha

PBD BUREAU
BHUBANESWAR, OCT 15

UNDER Armour, the global sportswear giant, has made its much-anticipated debut in Odisha with the opening of its first exclusive store at Bhubaneswar's Nexus Esplanade Mall recently. The store was inaugurated by Olympic and World Champion Neeraj Chopra.

At the event, Chopra engaged with local athletes and fitness enthusiasts, inspiring them to pursue their dreams with determination. He emphasized the importance of high-quality sports gear in enhancing performance, stating, "Having the right gear makes a real difference. Under Armour has been vital to my journey, and I'm thrilled that athletes in Odisha now have access to this incredible brand."



The new store features the innovative "Brand House City Concept Evolution," offering customers an immersive shopping experience. It showcases a variety of high-performance gear, including SlipSpeed Mega shoes, Velocti running shoes, and Chopra's favourite mineral-infused apparel lines — Launch and Vanish. The store also highlights the Curry and Project Rock collections, along with a comprehensive golf range.

Tushar Goudalas, Managing Director of Underdog Athletics, the exclusive distributor for Under Armour in India, remarked on Odisha's rich sporting legacy and

its growing prominence in the sports arena. "The timing couldn't be better to introduce Under Armour here, and our partnership with Neeraj Chopra strengthens our vision of becoming India's most loved athletic performance brand," he stated.

EAST COAST RAILWAY
E' PROCUREMENT SYSTEMS

The following tenders have been uploaded on the website www.irc.gov.in

No. MCSIStore/E-Procure/Tender No. MCSIStore/OT/05.10.2024
(1) TENDER NO. 02245027

DESCRIPTION : SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TRAINING & COMMISSIONING OF EOT CRANE CAPACITY 55 TON, AS PER LEADING PARAMETER AT SCHEDULE 1 AND TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION AS PER COF/MO/R/IEOT-C-2022, REV 0 INCLUDING CONJOINTMENT TOOLS, MAINTENANCE SPARES AS PER SCHEDULE 1/1 NO. ESTIMATE VALUE: ₹ 40,55,000/-

(2) TENDER NO. 02245027

DESCRIPTION : SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TRAINING & COMMISSIONING OF EOT CRANE CAPACITY 55 TON, AS PER LEADING PARAMETER AT SCHEDULE 1 AND TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION AS PER COF/MO/R/IEOT-C-2022, REV 0 INCLUDING CONJOINTMENT TOOLS, MAINTENANCE SPARES AS PER SCHEDULE 1/1 NO. ESTIMATE VALUE: ₹ 38,00,000/-

Tender Closing Date & Time: At 1500 hrs. on 28.10.2024 for both the Tenders.

By Chief Materials Manager/CRM/PR-615/P/24-25 Manchewar

EAST COAST RAILWAY
ST-OI-AMC-PRDP-YARD-429, Dt. 08.10.2024

Tender Notice No. ST-OI-AMC-PRDP-YARD-429, Dt. 08.10.2024

NAME OF WORK: COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR PARADEE AND EXCHANGE YARD FOR DURATION OF THREE YEARS FROM KM. 4911+75 AT PPL LEVEL CROSSING GATE NO. CP45 TO KM. 49433 UP TO FLY OVER BRIDGE AT ATHERA, BANKI IN KHURDA ROAD DIVISION.

Tender Value: ₹ 6,07,59,304.56, EMD: ₹ 4,53,800/-

Bidding Start Date: 16.10.2024
Bidding Closing Date and Time: At 1100 Hrs. on 30.10.2024

No manual offers sent by Post/ Courier/ Fax or in person accepted against such tenders even if these are submitted on or after tender bid and received in time. All such manual offers shall be considered invalid and shall be rejected summarily without any consideration.

Complete information including tender documents of the above tender is available in website: www.irca.gov.in

Note: The prospective tenderers are advised to visit the website 15 days before the date of closing of tender to note any changes / corrigendum issued for this tender.

Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer, Khurda Road

"E"-PROCUREMENT NOTICE
GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA,
WORKS DEPARTMENT

Bid Identification No. 01/QC CTC/2024-25

1. Executive Engineer, Quality Control (R&B) Division Cutback, on behalf of Government of Odisha, invites online bids from eligible registered/COE Contractors/Equipment manufacturers/dealers in double cover system for supply of various laboratory equipment/machinery for Central Laboratory (R&B) Cutback and Zonal laboratories (R&B) Chandikhoi and Dhenkanal under Quality Control (R&B) Division, Cutback including their installation, commissioning & operational training under terms and conditions contained in the bid document.

2. Cost of Tender Paper: Rs. 600.00

3. Availability of bid document on the website: From 12.30 P.M. of 15.10.2024 to 5:00 P.M. of 29.10.2024

4. Date of opening of Bid: On 30.10.2024 at 11:30 A.M.

5. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: <https://tendersodisha.gov.in>. Any addendum corrigendum cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, KHORDA (R&B) DIVISION, KHORDA
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
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Tender Call Notice
KANTABAJI (R&B) DIVISION
Letter No. 4624 dtd. 30.09.2024

The Executive Engineer, Khordha (R&B) Division, Khordha on behalf of Government of Odisha invites percentage rate bid in Single cover system in ONLINE Mode from eligible class of Civil & Electrical contractors having valid registration certificate for execution of the Civil & Electrical works as detailed below:

1. Nature of Work
2. No. of Work
3. Tender Cost
4. Class of Contractor
5. Available of Bid documents in the web site.
6. Date of opening of Bids

7. Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the Website: <https://tendersodisha.gov.in>. Any information regarding Addendum / Corrigendum / Cancellation of tender can be available in the said website.

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Executive Engineer, Khordha (R&B) Division, Khordha

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
KANTABAJI (R&B) DIVISION
Bid Identification No. 04/KBJ/2024-2025

The Superintending Engineer, Kantabaji (R&B) Division, Kantabaji on behalf of Government of Odisha invites Percentage rate Bid in Single Cover system in ONLINE Mode for the E/EI work mentioned in the table below from the contractor registered the State Government (E/O) for execution of Electrical work. The proof of registration from the appropriate authority shall be enclosed along with the Bid

1) No. of work - 01 No. Single Cover)
2) Nature of work - E/EI
3) Class of contractor - HT
4) Approximate value of work - Rs. 12.49 Lakh
5) Tender cost - Rs. 8,00,00/-
6) Date and time of availability of Bid documents in online - From 11.00 AM. of Dt. 17.10.2024 up to 05.00 PM. on Dt. 29.10.2024
7) Date of Opening of Technical Bid (Cover-1) in online - On 30.10.2024 at 11:30 AM.
8) Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the e-procurement portal [www.tendersodisha.gov.in](https://tendersodisha.gov.in)
9) The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the Website: [www.tendersodisha.gov.in](https://tendersodisha.gov.in). All future corrigendum will be available on ONLINE Mode only.

S/-ARJUNA BEHERA
Superintending Engineer, Kantabaji (R&B) Division

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