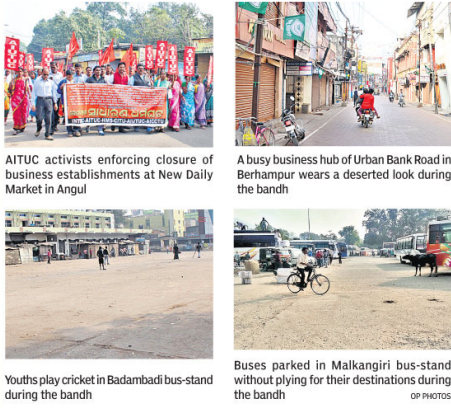


SHUTDOWN CRIPPLES LIFE



BJP Yuva Morcha flays govt

Rourkela, Jan 8: Even as the second bridge across river Brahmani has become a bone of contention in Rourkela, Panposh BJP Yuva Morcha or organisational district Tuesday blamed the state government for its callousness towards the project. It also took a dig at MLA Dillip Ray, who has recently resigned from BJP over the bridge issue. The BJP Yuva Morcha said Ray has been shedding crocodile tears for his own political benefits over the issue. Addressing reporters at the party office in Sector 3, president of the unit Anuksh Burma said the state government has not been cooperating in the

SECOND BRIDGE OVER BRAHMANI



Members of BJP youth wing interacting with media at Panposh, Tuesday

years ago, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik had laid foundation stone for a barrage on river Koel and a medical college at Kuanmunda, but those projects have been forgotten by the Steel City residents." He added that neither the state government nor Ray had taken up the issues with the public. On the occasion, Yuva Morcha announced names of new office-bearers. Anup Agrawal, Gourab Bansal, Jagal Tanwar and Rajendra Goud were elected as vice presidents while Subant Biswal and Sonu Kansara were nominated general secretaries. Pintu Nahak, Sanjib Maiti, Anil Gurung, Ranjan Mohanty, Prashant Tarai and Kishore Bhukta were nominated secretaries.

KEROSENE-RUN VEHICLES ON RISE; ADMIN APATHETIC

Jeypure, Jan 8: Jeypure Private Bus Owners Association has created a commotion when it alleged that most of the buses plying in undivided Koraput district are running on kerosene. On the direction of the district Collector K Sudarshan Chakraborty, a team of Supply Department officials inspected six buses and found that kerosene was being used as fuel instead of diesel in a bus named 'Mahavir'. The officials seized 20 litres of kerosene from the bus and registered a case under ESMA. In another drive, three buses, three mini trucks and five trucks were checked at Dimiriput and 300 litres of kerosene was seized from a truck. The earnestness with which inspections were carried out by the Supply Department has become a thing of the past now, allowing unscrupulous vehicle owners to use kerosene as fuel with impunity. As the number of vehicles running on kerosene keeps increasing, they not only usurp the poor people's quota, but also damage the environment and public health. Hundreds of trucks and buses operating in the district have blatantly flouted the norms, it is alleged. District administration has done precious little to check use of kerosene in transport buses, it is alleged. Kerosene is an essential commodity for the poor. Its value is more in pockets where electricity is still a dream.



Pointing out that some bus owners buy kerosene from dealers as it is cheaper than diesel and use it in their vehicles, Private Bus Owners' Association Secretary Durga Prasad Tripathy had written a letter to all the Collectors of undivided Koraput district. Sources said there were five kerosene wholesalers in Koraput district, two in Malkangiri, three in Nabarangpur and three in Rayagada. There are 520 fair price shops in Koraput, 11 in Malkangiri, 157 in Nabarangpur and 232 shops in Rayagada. There are 3,39,053 kerosene consumers in Koraput district, 1,45,156 in Malkangiri district, 2,96,965 in Nabarangpur district and 2,36,990 in Rayagada district. A consumer gets 2.5 litres of kerosene a month. Taking the total number of consumers into account, Koraput, Malkangiri, Nabarangpur and Rayagada districts get 847,633 litres, 362,890 litres, 742,413 litres and 592,475 litres respectively.

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Bandh paralyses MCL's mining ops

Sambalpur, Jan 8: The efforts of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) to recover its production loss of 4,867 million tonne in the current fiscal due to disturbances was further hit by Tuesday's country-wide bandh as coal mining and supply operations were paralysed. The MCL's average coal production stood at 4.65 lakh tonne a day. It could plunge further from its negative growth rate of 0.87 per cent to around 1.31 per cent in the current fiscal had it not been for the loss of working hours during the bandh. The MCL had produced 101.575 million tonne till January 7, 2019 against the 102.465 MT produced during the corresponding period in the previous fiscal. Even loaded rail rakes were stopped from moving out of MCL's coalfields Tuesday. The stoppage of work due to disturbances in the MCL project areas contributed 25 per cent of the total production of Coal India. As per records, 10 million tonne annual capacity of Kaniha region in Talcher Coalfields was the most affected mine with

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PAPER UNIT 'DEPLETING GROUND WATER'

Balasore, Jan 8: Several farmers have alleged that ground water level has gone down in Remuna area of Balasore due to excessive exploitation of groundwater by a private paper mill at Balgopalpur. The farmers took up the issue with the District Collector. They pointed out that the paper mill has been using ground water for its four units and three captive power plants by sinking many bore wells in the area. The mill has been releasing its effluents into Sapan creek, leading to pollution of river Sona. Dead fishes are often found floating while domestic animals were affected with diseases after consuming the polluted water, they added. The paper unit is also causing air pollution, leading to eye and skin diseases, alleged samiti member Krushnachandra Jena. Many people's representatives like Manjulata Das, Paramodini Jena, Tikina Singh, Raghunath Nayak and Bipin Marandi were upset over groundwater depletion and air pollution and warned of agitation if the administration fails

to take appropriate steps in this direction within 15 days. Regional manager of OSPCB (Balasore) PK Mohapatra said all chimneys of the unit are working 24x7 and are being monitored online. The effluents are being treated before they are released into the river while officials are checking it constantly, he added. He also said the company has taken permission of the authorities concerned for use of groundwater use. Collector Ramesh Chandra Rout said a committee has been formed comprising three officials to look into the allegations. "If the paper mill violates any norms, action will be taken against it," he added.

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