

Mines ministry to set up PMU to supervise DMF fund use in state

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WITH the ministry of Mines planning to set up a programme management unit (PMU) to monitor utilisation of the District Mineral Foundation (DMF) funds, the state will come under close scrutiny for lagging in utilisation, and diversion of money to other sectors than the mandated welfare of mining-affected areas.

With Odisha accounting for the highest share of DMF funds - over ₹30,000 crore which is nearly 30 per cent of the total collection across the country, the total expenditure so far is ₹1,867.80 crore. This is merely 5 per cent of the total collection.

Serious irregularities in fund utilisation and diversion of DMF funds have been reported from different districts. While Sundargarh district had collected ₹6,405 crore from DMF, only ₹860 crore has been utilised. Purchase of expensive vehicles for the district police and construction of boundary wall of Sundargarh circuit house from DMF funds were some of the irregularities detected earlier.

After a parliamentary committee expressed concerns over diversion of funds from DMF in several states, the Mines ministry initiated the process to establish a PMU to assist the Centre and the states for timely and proper fund utilisation in priority areas. Apart from assisting the ministry in rolling out new rules, guidelines and standard operating procedures (SOPs) on various aspects of DMF, the proposed PMU will coordinate with

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Mines ministry

various ministries of the central government, state governments, district administrations and work closely with the state teams to ensure smooth implementation of DMF projects.

"The PMU will review effective utilisation of DMF funds under Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PM-KKKY) by states, districts and point out shortcomings while suggesting interventions required by the ministry. It will prepare a list of non-performing and non-improving districts on a monthly basis and send alerts to the states concerned," the ministry said.

The Centre issued revised PMKKKY guidelines last year for effective and timely utilisation of DMF funds to ensure sustainable development of the mining-affected areas. The PMU will have the mandate to monitor legacy audit pending from the inception of DMFs at the district-level so that these are completed in a time-bound manner.

After monitoring the audit and annual report status, it will be uploaded on the national DMF portal, officials said.

Govt to launch new citizen feedback system to improve service delivery

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WITH the Mohan Charan Majhi-led government set to complete one year in office, it is gearing up to roll out a comprehensive citizen feedback system for gauging public opinion on its style of governance and identifying areas for improvement.

The initiative aims at gathering valuable feedback from citizens on various welfare programmes, administrative functioning and people's expectations across multiple channels to enhance engagement, improve public service quality and promote transparency and accountability in governance.

With this, Odisha is set to join a growing list of states experimenting with tech-driven governance tools to improve service delivery and accountability. While earlier initiatives like 'Mo Sarkar' have already set a precedent for direct feed-

back from service users, the new system is expected to take this approach further by institutionalising data-driven monitoring across all departments.

Sources said, the new feedback system is part of an effort to move away from what it described as 'top-heavy and bureaucrat-driven governance' under the previous BJD regime towards a more responsive and people-first approach.

"The idea is to directly ask people whether they are happy with the new government's way of functioning and where they think improvements are needed. The government aims to evaluate its performance, address gaps, and reinforce transparency and accountability by gathering insights from people across the state," said an official.

Unlike earlier models, the feedback system is being designed to work across multiple departments and services, cap-

turing data through both online and offline channels. Online services will be integrated through APIs for real-time beneficiary data, while departments offering offline services will have to share data manually with the Odisha Computer Application Centre (OCAC) at regular intervals.

In order to ease this process, a 'citizen management module' will be developed within six months to allow seamless data sharing. A major innovation under the new system is the development of a unified beneficiary database by integrating all beneficiary-oriented schemes.

This database will serve as a vital tool for monitoring public sentiment and service delivery quality. Senior stakeholders including the chief minister, ministers, secretaries, and district collectors will be able to access and review feedback to guide policy decisions and administrative improvements.



SHADY MOVE

A differently-abled man puts tree branches over his tricycle to escape the heat, in Bhubaneswar on Monday | DEBADATTA MALLICK

Swain writes to Naveen, says secular credentials of party severely dented

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AMID growing internal unrest in the BJD following the Waqf Bill voting, senior leader and Athargarh MLA Ranendra Pratap Swain has shot off a letter to party president Naveen Patnaik stating the issue has dented the secular credentials and founding principles of the party. "The Waqf Bill controversy has raised serious questions on BJD's stand on secularism. This is a moment to reclaim the party's ideological legacy and reassert its identity rooted in social justice with secularism and regional dignity as its pillars," Swain said in the letter.

Stating that Biju Babu's politics was rooted in social justice with secularism and regional pride as its natural extensions, Swain said, "Let us not let a few individuals hijack the party, distort the social fabric and deepen regional imbalance." The senior leader said the party's founding ideals in addressing the needs of marginalised communities like SCs, STs, OBCs, minorities and women have also been eroded. "People of Odisha are looking up to us for principled leadership. I am confident that under your guidance, the Biju Janata Dal can rise to the occasion and chart a bold path forward," he stated in his letter.

Meanwhile, targeting his party colleague in the Rajya Sabha, Sulata Deo, over her social media post on the Waqf Bill, MP Debashish Samantaray said, "After the statement of the party chief, we are maintaining silence. But some people are indulging in indiscipline."

Calling her a junior member in the party, Samantaray said they have drawn the attention of party president to such acts of 'indiscipline'.

This came a couple of days after Deo in a social media post targeted BJD MP Munna (Muzibulla) Khan and Samantaray. She claimed that the BJD supremo had categorically asked the MPs, including Munna Khan and Debashish Samantaray, on April 7 to vote as per their conscience on Waqf Bill in the Rajya Sabha.

Meanwhile, more than 300 BJD workers led by chairman of the Gudari panchayat samiti in Ganjam district Lakshmi Sabar on Monday joined Congress at the party headquarters here. Welcoming them, president of the Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee Bhakta Charan Das said they will help strengthen the party at the grassroots level in Ganjam district which was a stronghold of the regional outfit.

He also said many leaders of the rival political parties will join the Congress soon.

POLICE YET TO FIND LEADS IN TODDLER THEFT CASE

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ALMOST two days after a two-year-old boy was stolen from his blind mother near Ram Mandir on Saturday night, police are yet to make any headway in the case.

The woman Jayanti Mallick (25) had lodged a complaint with Kharavel Nagar police on Sunday. Briefing mediapersons on Monday, DCP Jagmohan Meena said multiple police teams have been formed to crack the case at the earliest.

"We are examining the CCTV footage and collecting intelligence to nab the accused persons and rescue the child," he said.

Earlier in the day, police detained a sus-

pect after examining the CCTV footage. However so far, his involvement has not been established in the case. Crime Branch's Crime Against Women and Children wing is also providing technical assistance to the police in this connection.

The DCP said Mallick had been staying with her son and a six-year-old daughter at Kanya Ashram in Niladri Vihar. She visited Ram Mandir every day to ask people for alms.

On Saturday night, she could not return to the ashram due to bad weather and slept on the footpath near the temple along with her two children. It was during that time that an unknown person approached her and gave juice to her son before taking him away.

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Notice Inviting Tender
"Inviting application for grant of Quarry Leases".

G-07: In exercise of the power conferred by Section 15 of Mines and Mineral (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with the Odisha Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2016 as amended from time to time notified there under, the Government of Odisha has identified 1 no quarry leases for electronic auction and hereby invites tender for the purpose of grant of Quarry Lease.

Accordingly, technical bids for grant of quarry lease are invited in the format of 'Form-M' both in digital and physical format from eligible bidders.

Eligible condition, date and time for participating in the electronic auction are provided in Tender Document. Detailed Tender Document along with the timeline, notification, updates and other details for the e-auction process for the quarries are available in electronic form only and can be downloaded from the website https://www.mstcccommerce.com. Interested and eligible bidders can register themselves on the above website. On successful registration, Model Tender Document will obtain login ID and password necessary for participation in the e-auction process. Model Tender Document and Mineral Block Summary are available free of cost on the website of MSTC (https://www.mstcccommerce.com).

The intending bidders should submit necessary details and relevant mandatory documents in Form - M, by using valid login User ID and password. The bidders should refer to the 'Bidder's Manual' for successful submission of 'Form-M' for participating in the tenders, which is available in the e-auction portal. The period given to the bidder for submission of e-tenders for Technical Evaluation, is counted from the date on which the notice inviting tender (e-NIT) including e-tender is actually published in newspaper(s) and the website of the Directorate of Minor Minerals.

Time schedule:
The detail time schedule is available in the tender document.
Starting date of online & offline application: 17-04-2025
Last date for submission of application: 08-05-2025
Date of opening of application (Technical bids): 09-05-2025
Date of auction: 14-05-2025

Sl. No	Circle	District	Talash	Name Of Source	Mineral	Mouza	Khata No.	Plot No.	Kissam	Area in Hect.	Re-source	MAC per MQ (in Rs.)	MQ Per Year
1	Sambalpur	Jharsuguda	Lakhanpur	Sarandamal Stone Quarry - 2	Stone	Sarandamal	226/241 226/243	1197/3671 1197/3674	Patit Patit	0.56	Available	196	3500

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Government of Odisha Higher Education Department

Inviting Applications for Government of Odisha Sponsored UPSC Civil Services Residential Coaching Scheme for the Session 2025-26

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Government in the Higher Education Department is providing free UPSC Civil Services Residential Coaching to 200 aspirants who are domiciles of Odisha

- It will be a residential coaching i.e. food and accommodation will be provided by Government to the selected candidates.
- There will be a pre-qualifying entrance examination for shortlisting 200 candidates and the date of examination is 8th June, 2025.
- Coaching will be provided for 11 months for Prelims and Mains examination (General Studies and Optional paper) as per the syllabus of UPSC.
- The detailed guideline in this regard is available in Higher Education Department website-www.dhe.odisha.gov.in

Interested candidates, having the eligibility as mentioned in the guideline, may apply in SAMS portal of Higher Education Department to appear in the entrance examination.

Application Fee: Rs.100/- is to be deposited through online mode at the time of submission of application.

Sl. No	Description	Timeline
1	Availability of Common Application Form (CAF) in the SAMS website	15.04.2025 (04.00 P.M.)
2	Last date of applying online CAF	09.05.2025 (11.45 P.M.)
3	Submission of applicant's data to SSB by OCAC to conduct Entrance Examination	14.05.2025
4	Date of Entrance Examination	08.06.2025
5	Availability of Admitcard in SSB website (www.ssbodisha.ac.in)	03.06.2025
6	Publication of Selection List	Dates will be notified by Higher Education Department later
7	Last Date of Admission of Selected Applicants	
8	Commencement of Coaching Classes	

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WALK - IN - INTERVIEW

A walk-in-interview will be held in the premises of EKLAVYA MODEL RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL, HIRLI, NABARANGPUR on 26.04.2025 (Saturday) in order to prepare a panel of teachers to engage as guest teachers on period wise on temporary basis for the academic year 2025-26 as and when needed against available vacancy. Interested candidates fulfilling the required qualification may appear for walk-in-interview along with complete set of xerox copies of all certificates to be submitted with Application form. Selection of candidates shall be on the basis of carrier assessment, Teaching, experience and performance in Viva-voice. The undersigned reserves the right to cancel this advertisement / walk-in-interview or reject any or all applications without assigning any reason thereof.

Date of Interview	26.04.2025 (Saturday)
POST	PGT (History, Economics & Geography) TGT-PET (MALE & FEMALE)

NB :- No TA/DA will be given for attending the interview. The candidates from 18 years of age to 65 years having minimum prescribed qualification may appear the Walk-in-Interview. Candidates are informed to register for the Walk-in-Interview through QR code given below (Google Form) before attending the Walk-in-Interviews per schedule and submit a hard copy of application.

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QR code for Registration form to attend interview (Google Form)

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- Total No. of Works : 65 (sixty five) Nos.
- Tender Amount (Approx.) : Rs.5.24 Lakh to Rs.83.65 Lakh
- Tender paper Cost : Rs. 4,000/-, Rs. 6,000/- & Rs. 10,000/- (On-line payment) (Non-refundable)
- Class of Contractor : "D", "C" & "B" Class Contractor.
- Other details are as follows.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender		Last date & time for seeking tender clarification in e-Procurement portal.	Place of opening of Tender		
		From	To		O/o the Superintendent Engineer, Jagatsinghpur Irrigation Division, Jagatsinghpur	Technical Bid (Cover-I)	Financial Bid (Cover-II)
Superintending Engineer, Jagatsinghpur Irr. Division, Jagatsinghpur	JID-01 / 2025-26	16.04.2025 at 10.00 Hours	29.04.2025 at 17.30 Hours	25.04.2025 upto 1.00 PM during office hours	30.04.2025 at 11.00 Hours	Will be intimated while uploading the Financial Bid Evaluation Summary	Will be intimated while uploading the Opening Summary

Further details can be seen from the Govt. web site "https://tendersodisha.gov.in"
All corrigendum / cancellation of tender if any, will only be uploaded in the above web site

Sd/- Superintendent Engineer, Jagatsinghpur Irrigation Division, Jagatsinghpur

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