

NH-16 to get 2 overbridges

Construction set to begin in February



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Gopulpur, Jan 15: The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) will construct two overbridges and six underpasses on National Highway-16 in Ganjam district in order to ease traffic and prevent accidents, according to sources.

The stretch of NH-16 from Andhra Pradesh border to Punitola Square in Ganjam district has become a death zone as frequent accidents

have claimed numerous lives and devastated many families. For years, locals have been demanding construction of an overbridge to address the safety concerns, and now, the government has finally taken up the matter.

The NHAI has announced that construction of overbridges and underpasses will commence soon at key accident-prone intersections along this stretch. Major overbridges will be constructed at Jagannathpur Square and Lanjipalli Bypass. Additionally, underpasses will be built at various critical locations, including the IRE Square in Chhatrapur, Haladiapadar, Kanisi Haat, Randa, Golonthara Chati, and Surala Junction.

The groundwork for the project gained momentum last November when tenders were invited by the NHAI. The tender process was completed in December, and a joint consultancy firm from Maharashtra and Odisha has been entrusted with the construction work. The project, scheduled to begin in February, is expected to be completed within 18 months.

Once completed, these key infrastructure projects are anticipated to significantly reduce accidents and improve traffic flow, thereby ensuring safety of commuters along the highway.



EUPHORIC MOOD: Artistes and officials participate in a group dance during a procession as Dhanu Yatra kicks off in Sambalpur Wednesday

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Govt seeks report on DMF scam

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Keonjhar/Hatadihi, Jan 15: The state Planning and Convergence department has sought a report pertaining to alleged irregularities in the District Mineral Foundation (DMF) funds in Keonjhar district.

The allegations include advance salary payments to Project Management Unit (PMU) staffed by E&Y LLP, absence of required documentation, attendance registers, absentee statements and unauthorised increase in staff strength. Allegations were levelled on these issues August 23, 2024.

The matter came to the fore in reply to a query obtained under Right to Information (RTI) Act in DMF letter (No. 2250/9) dated October 2024.

Following the allegations, the state Planning and Convergence department issued a



letter dated January 15, 2025, to Keonjhar Collector and DMF chairperson, directing them to submit a detailed report.

According to the complaint, Keonjhar DMF had engaged Gurgaon-based firm E&Y LLP

in 2017 under a three-year agreement to operate as the PMU.

In a meeting held June 13, 2019, the DMF executive committee deemed the PMU's performance satisfactory, and di-

rected for an increase in staff strength and their salaries. However, this action reportedly exceeded the committee's authority under Rule 6 of the Odisha DMF Rules (ODMF), 2015.

Subsequently, the same firm renewed its agreement April 7, 2022 and has continued operations till date. The firm also reportedly received an advance payment of ₹1,70,55,720 which is 10 per cent of the agreement's value as salaries for employees August 16, 2022.

The state Planning and Convergence department has directed immediate submission of a fact-based report to clarify these allegations.

The CEO of DMF filed a report September 20, 2024 (via memo No. 2129/25) regarding allegations and related matters. According to contractual terms and conditions, an inspection

report was submitted, and an advance payment of ₹1.70 crore was made to the organisation concerned.

The investigation report highlights significant points, particularly that the inspection report did not mention an agreement for the advance payment to the organisation.

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Funds worth ₹1.70 crore were disbursed to the organisation as advance for employee remuneration from April 7, 2022, to April 6, 2025. It is also mentioned that the monthly remuneration would be adjusted against the advance.

Bizman robbed of ₹15L

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Raighar, Jan 15: Six masked miscreants allegedly attacked a businessman with sticks and looted ₹15 lakh from him in broad daylight at Raighar in Nabarangpur district Wednesday.

According to reports, Raighar-based businessman Abdul Ansari, along with his two employees, Guddu Dhuba and Yunus Lathia, was on his way to the weekly market at Chhatabada under Parua panchayat around 10:30am, when the assailants intercepted them. The gang also attacked the trio with sticks before fleeing with a bag containing the cash.

The victims are being treated

at Raighar hospital.

Sub-inspector Manoj Behera is investigating the incident, while Umartoke SDO Meeankshi Thakur is overseeing the inquiry.

Notably, masked miscreants continue to wreak havoc in Nabarangpur as another daylight robbery had taken place in Darubandha Sahi of Nabarangpur town January 13. A gang tied up the wife of businessman Saroj Mohanty, threatened her with a knife, and made away with ₹20 lakh in cash and 100 grams of gold ornaments.

Two back-to-back armed robberies in 48 hours have created panic among locals and raised questions about police efforts to combat the rising street crimes.

2 couples in police net for duping job seekers

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Berhampur, Jan 15: Two couples have been arrested for allegedly cheating at least 11 job seekers of over ₹11.70 lakh in Ganjam district on the pretext of getting them jobs in a company at Bhubaneswar, police said Wednesday.



The arrested couples identified as Ganesh Singh, 42, his wife Tapaswini Nayak, 40, of Nilagiri area in Balasore district and Bipin Patra, 35, and his wife Bijuli Patra, 32, of Patharabanda village near Bhubaneswar. They were staying in rented houses in Ganjam district's Hinjili area, said the police.

According to police, Ganesh, who is the mastermind of the cheating case, also has several criminal antecedents in Bhubaneswar.

"We are also verifying the record of criminal activities of Ganesh and other accused persons in other police stations," said inspector-in-charge (IC), Hinjili police station, Srinibash Sethi.

Police said Ganesh had taken

₹2 lakh from one Bulu Jena of Hinjili area to sell a land located at Berhampur to him about a year ago. Bulu, who has a grocery shop in Salia Sahi in Bhubaneswar, has come in contact with Ganesh and his friend Bipin, while they were staying in Salia Sahi in the Capital city.

Families of Ganesh and Bipin shifted to Hinjili about eight months ago and stayed at Kanjama in rented houses. During their stay at Hinjili, they also allegedly cheated at least 11 job seekers to provide jobs in a company in Bhubaneswar. The couples had taken huge sum of money ranging from ₹45,000 to over ₹3.50 lakh from each of the victims on different dates, he said.

As the victims did not get a job, they demanded return of their money from the couples several times. However, the accused couples urged them to wait for some more days. The victims, however, caught them Sunday, when they were planning to flee from Hinjili. They handed over them to the police and lodged an FIR against them. The police took them into custody Monday.

"We have registered a cheating case against the couples and started an investigation. Preliminary investigation has revealed the couples had duped ₹11.70 lakh from 11 persons," said Sethi.

Illegal fishing threat to turtles in Gahirmatha



POST NEWS NETWORK

Rajnagar, Jan 15: Unlawful fishing activity has taken a heavy toll on the endangered Olive Ridley turtles as forest officials recovered the carcass of turtle weighing 40kg from a trawler seized during a face-off with fishermen illegally fishing in the prohibited zone of Gahirmatha marine sanctuary during the fishing ban, Sunday.

The seizure of the turtle is indicative of the serious threat posed to the marine species. The incident has sparked concern among the nature lovers and wildlife enthusiasts. Two GPS sets, three VHF sets, 11 trawling nets and 20 quintal fish were also seized from the trawler. Gahirmatha is the world's largest and most important nesting

kill the forest personnel on board. Police registered a case and arrested the trawler owner, Advanash Kumar Nayak, from Sasapatra village under Mahakalapara block of Kendrapara district and produced him in the court. The driver of the trawler was arrested earlier.

According to the complaint lodged by forester Suresh Chandra Prusty, he along with 13 other forest personnel was patrolling in the sea when they seized a trawler with fishermen illegally fishing in the sea. Losing no time, the trawler driver Madhabananda Mallick alerted the owner Abinash over a VHF set.

Directed by Abinash, fishermen on board another Chandi Tarini trawler and four other trawlers attacked the patrol vessel and tried to sink it in the sea. They even threatened the forest personnel of dire consequences and snatched away eight fishermen on board the seized trawler.

The forest personnel had a close shave as they fired in the air to disperse the miscreants. Meanwhile, alerted over the Sunday's incident, forest officials led by ACF Manas Kumar Das have intensified patrolling in the sea.

The fishermen and the trawler owners are not only fishing in Gahirmatha despite ban but have unleashed a reign of terror in the seawaters.

Lack of proper action has only emboldened them as they catch fish as well as turtles with impunity. Reports said forest officials seized a trawler named Chandi Tarini-3 during the encounter with the illegal fishermen in Gahirmatha Sunday. During verification, forest officials seized the dead turtle from the seized trawler.

Later, the forest department filed an FIR at Talachius Marine police station on charges of trying to sink the patrol vessel of the department and

IGH docs perform complex surgery on 18-yr old

RAJESH MOHANTY, OP

Rourkela, Jan 15: Doctors at Ispat General Hospital (IGH) here successfully performed a critical plastic surgery on an 18-year-old male patient from Banki Karamtoli hamlet of Indrapur village under Raiboga tehsil in Sundargarh district, according to IGH sources. The patient, a beneficiary

of Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY), was admitted to IGH December 26, 2024, following a road accident, the sources added.

The patient arrived at the hospital with a minor head injury, a laceration on the left side of his face, and a downward-outward displacement of his left eyeball. Diagnostic tests revealed a complex fracture involving the left



fronto-zygomatico-maxillary complex and the orbital floor.

A meticulous surgical plan was worked out to address the injuries. The

procedure included fixing the fractures with mini-plates and screws and suturing the facial lacerations. Although the patient's vision could not be assessed preoperatively, the surgical team successfully restored his eyesight. Post-surgery, the patient was able to count fingers at a distance of six feet, and full eyelid movement was restored.

The challenging surgery was led by CS Sahoo, plastic surgery specialist, with significant contributions from Ruby Singh, senior consultant in plastic surgery, and Smita Kujur, senior consultant in anaesthesia. Nursing staff, under the supervision of sister Seema, provided seamless postoperative care. The patient was discharged after recovery.

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TENDER CANCELLATION NOTICE

No. E-88 Date: 08/01/2025

No. E-679- This is to notify all concerned that the tender for engagement of agency for providing House Keeping Services & Security Services on outsource basis at Govt. Hospital in the District Nayagarh under "NIRMAL". Published in the tender call notice No. 17 Dt. 22.02.2024 & No. 18 Dt. 22.02.2022 respectively is here by cancelled. The participating bidders are requested to collect their EMD and sealed copy of the price bid on any working day from the office of the undersigned. Sd/-
CDM & PHO -cum-District Mission Director, Nayagarh
OIPR-10050/11/0003/2425

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Government of Odisha e2 Procurement Notice
Bid Identification No. S.E.-60/2024-25

- Number of works - 01 (one) number of work.
- Approximate estimated cost - 56.45 lakh
- Period of Completion - 03 (Three) Calendar months
- Date & Time of availability of bid documents in the portal - Dt. 20.01.2025 to 03.02.2025.
- Last Date / Time of receipt of bid in the portal - Dt. 03.02.2025 up to 5.00 PM
- Date of Opening of bid - Dt. 04.02.2025 at 11.00 AM
- Name & address of the Office inviting bid - Superintending Engineer, Mayurbhanj (R&B) Division, Baripada

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal <http://www.tendersodisha.gov.in>
Sd/- R.G. Ray, Superintending Engineer
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1. Name of the Work	Road works during 2024-25 in the district of Bargarh			
2. EMD	@1% of the estimated cost put to tender			
3. Other details	As per DTCN			

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender online for bidding	Last date and time of seeking tender clarification	Date and Time of opening of tender
1	2	3	4	5
Executive Engineer, Rural Works Division, Bargarh	ONLINE-BGH-15 OF 2024-25	16.01.2025 at 11.00 A.M. to 22.01.2025 upto 5.00 P.M.	22.01.2025 upto 4.00 P.M.	24.01.2025 at 11.00 A.M.

Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersodisha.gov.in.
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