

State to approach CZA for approving tiger safari DPR

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WITH the Supreme Court (SC) recently ruling that tiger safaris will be allowed on non-forest or degraded forest land in buffer areas, the state government has decided to re-approach the Central Zoo Authority (CZA) seeking approval of its master plan for establishment of world's first melanistic tiger safari project at Manchabandha reserve forest near Baripada.



The melanistic tiger safari has been planned to be established in the Manchabandha reserve forest area adjoining NH-18 of Baripada town in Mayurbhanj district

A senior wildlife official told TNYE that the detailed project report (DPR) and master plan for the project is pending with the expert group on zoo design at CZA. "However, after the apex court verdict, we will now approach the committee of the CZA to consider the master plan submitted for establishment of the proposed melanistic tiger safari," he said.

He said considering the ruling of the SC, the options suggested by the committee in the master plan, the same will be complied with.

The Supreme Court in its verdict last month had emphasised that tiger safari has to be in consonance with the 2019 rules of National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) and ruled that the same shall be established on 'non-forest land' or 'degraded forest land' in buffer areas provided that is not part of a tiger corridor. Besides, the apex court has also clarified that tiger safari shall be allowed only in association with a full-fledged rescue and rehabilitation centre for tigers where conflict animals, injured animals or abandoned animals are housed.

The proposal of the melanistic tiger safari in Baripada was placed before 110th meeting of expert group of zoo design of CZA in March 2024 which recommended it to the technical committee of CZA. The committee has recommended on several shortcomings, following which a

three-member NTCA team visited the Manchabandha site and analysed the feasibility and location with respect to the existing rules and regulations. In July 2024, the proposal was recommended by NTCA to CZA, after which the melanistic tiger safari DPR along with a master plan was submitted in August 2024, sources said.

The melanistic tiger safari has been planned to be established in the Manchabandha reserve forest area adjoining NH-18 of Baripada town in Mayurbhanj district for which the Forest department has earmarked a 150 hectare patch of land. Around 40 to 50 hectare will be reserved as display area, while the remaining land has been proposed to be utilised for creation of veterinary care facilities including a rescue centre, staff infrastructure and visitors' amenities among others.

The state government had initially planned to release six tigers, four melanistic and two white tigers in the safari of which, three melanistic tigers along with two white tigers of the same lineage have been planned to be brought from Nandanakan Zoo. Another melanistic tiger, unfit for rewilding had been proposed to be brought from Ranchi as part of an agreement between the Odisha and Jharkhand governments.

Actor Dileep case: Survivor says not everyone treated equally before law

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kochi

NEARLY a week after the trial court acquitted actor Dileep in the 2017 abduction and sexual assault case, actor Bhavana, the survivor, broke her silence on Sunday expressing anguish and questioning whether the law delivers equal justice.

In an emotional Instagram post, she wrote: "After years of pain, tears, and emotional struggle, I have come to a painful realization: not every citizen in this country is treated equally before the law."

She said the verdict made her realise how strongly human judgment can shape decisions, and that the experience has shaken her faith. However, she acknowledged that "every court does not function in the same

way". Stating that the verdict did not surprise her, she listed out the reasons why she lost faith in the trial court.

Shortly after the post appeared on social media, actor Manju Warrior, former wife of Dileep, said the survivor was yet to get complete justice, and the architect of the heinous crime still walks free. In a social media post, Manju said, "I have utmost respect for the honourable court. But in this case, justice for the survivor is still incomplete. Only those who committed the crime have been punished. The mind that planned and enabled the heinous act, whoever that is, still walks free, and that is terrifying." Justice will be complete only when everyone be-

hind the crime is held accountable, she added.

Bhavana began her post with the date December 12, 2025. "After 8 years, 9 months and 23 days, I finally saw a small ray of light at the end of a very long and painful journey. Six of the accused have been convicted, and for that, I am GRATEFUL!" she said.

The verdict might have surprised many, but not her, the survivor said. "As early as 2020, I began to feel that something was not right. Even the prosecution noticed changes in the way the case was being handled, especially when it came to one particular accused," she said.

(The survivor is named with her permission)



Workers building the structures of Phase-2 corridor of the Chennai Metro Rail near Kathipara flyover on Sunday | MARTIN LOUIS

Prior police permission made mandatory for wedding procession

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Cuttack

THE Cuttack police have made prior permission mandatory for organising wedding processions, especially those with bands or loudspeakers.

The move came after many wedding processions were noticed to be held without police permission, in violation of the rules and creating serious in-

convenience for the people.

DCP Khilari Rishikesh Dnyandeo said that people planning marriage processions must apply for a licence through online and offline mode. Applicants are required to submit a detailed set of documents on www.epbbsrcet.odisha.gov.in and follow a fixed online approval process under the Odisha Urban Police Act.

According to the information shared by the police, applicants must submit the original booking copy of the registered band or sound system, booking copy of venue, mandap/hotel, booking receipt of two private security guards during the procession, electricity bill if venue is in house, scanned copies of the invitation card and an indemnity bond executed at notary on

non-judicial stamp paper worth ₹100.

The invitation card of the bride and groom of identity proof are also required to be submitted particularly when the ceremony is held at a private residence.

Additional clearances are mandatory depending on the venue. Land no-object certificate from local authorities such

as the CMC, CDA, & B&B department or the teshdar is also required if government land is involved. Further, NOCs from the Fire department and TP-CODL are also required for electrical safety and the R&B department for stage or pandal.

Applicants must register by using a mobile number, through which updates will be communicated via SMS.

Energy conservation a national duty: Dy CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bhubaneswar

DEPUTY chief minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo on Sunday emphasised the need to adopt energy conservation not merely as a habit but as a national duty.

Addressing a function on the occasion of National Energy Conservation Day at Lok Seva Bhawan, he stressed the need for proper electrical earthing in every household to prevent electricity accidents and wide implementation of energy meters, which has the potential to reduce energy losses.

Principal secretary, Energy, Vishal Kumar Dev said, "We should focus on energy conservation while adding capacity for more energy generation to meet the increasing demand."

Director of Central Environmental Studies K Murugesan urged the teachers to promote innovative thinking and ideas among the students regarding energy conservation.

The deputy chief minister honoured the winners of the state-level quiz competition with Odisha State Energy Conservation Awards (OSECA). More than 2.5 lakh students had participated in the competition at block and district-level.

Sports festival organised at Xavier's Play School in Cuttack



BHUBANESWAR: The annual sports festival of Alramchand Bazar Xavier's Play School was held on Saturday. As many as 35 students participated in competitions held at the school playground. Games were also conducted for the parents. School principal Anusuya Acharya, teachers Kumari Madhulika and Sonalisa Singh and assistant Rakhi Sahu conducted the festival.

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