

PM to hold roadshow in city, launch digital fund for smart city, Raja, celebrating nature and womanhood, begins across state

Modi to Address Gathering At Janata Maidan

Bhubaneswar/Cuttack: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will conduct a roadshow in Bhubaneswar during his visit to the state on June 16, panchayati raj minister (Raj) Nishi announced on Saturday.

The PM, who is scheduled to arrive in the afternoon, will receive a traditional welcome in several government programmes including a public address at Janata Maidan.

A key highlight of Modi's visit will be the inauguration of a digital donation system (SmartFund) for the Hari Jagannath Temple, modernising its centuries-old offering system.



PM Modi, who is scheduled to arrive in the afternoon, will receive a traditional welcome before participating in several government programmes.

The new platform will enable devotees to make offerings through various digital payment methods including UPI, debit/credit cards and net banking. "The digital initiative is not just a technological upgrade—it's a spiritual bridge connecting millions of devotees to Lord Jagannath, regardless of their location," said a senior official of Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA). The temple, which currently receives annual donations of over Rs 50 crore primarily through cash offerings, aims to enhance transparency and accountability through the digital bid system. The system includes robust security measures to prevent fraud and provides instant transaction receipts to devotees.

Raja, celebrating nature and womanhood, begins across state

Bhubaneswar: In a vibrant display of cultural heritage and harmony, Raja festival commenced across the state on Saturday painting the landscape with colours of tradition and joy. The three-day celebrations, deeply rooted in the state's cultural fabric, marks a unique celebration of Mother Earth's regenerative cycle.

As the monsoon clouds gather, young girls adorned in new attire and intricate mehndi designs, with traditional swings, their laughter mixing with the breeze. The air is filled with the enticing aroma of freshly prepared pithas and special panna, as vendors across cities and villages set up elaborate stalls showcasing the seasonal delicacies.

President Droupadi Murmu highlighted the festival's significance, emphasising its deep connection to agricultural traditions and natural cycles. "This celebration honours Mother Earth through traditional games like 'Doli' and 'Bagudi', accompanied by special preparations of 'Pitha' and 'Panna', she shared on social media, calling for environmental awareness.

CMC organises festivities for slum children

Cuttack: Cuttack Municipal Corporation (CMC) organised a special Raja celebration for underprivileged children at Vikash Bhawan on Friday. The event, which celebrates womanhood, saw participation from 150 children of the age of 15 from 15 different slums.

The celebration included swinging on swings, games, and music. "We wanted every child, regardless of background, to be part of this joy," said CMC assistant commissioner Swati Mishra.

The participants were gifted new dresses, cosmetics and set up food stalls serving traditional delicacies like pitha and dahi-bara, promoting local cuisine while supporting women's entrepreneurship. A highlight of the celebration was a special mehndi session.

More than 30 CMC workers coordinated the event, ensuring smooth management and joyful experience. "I loved the mehndi and my new dress. I have never celebrated Raja like this before. It was the best day," said Nimpur slum resident Anurupa Mishra.



A woman on a swing (below) a festive spread of delicacies in Bhubaneswar on Saturday.

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Tutor arrested for abetting suicide of teen in Ganjam dist

Berhampur: A 36-year-old tutor was arrested in Ganjam district on Friday on charges of abetting the suicide of a Class XI student. Another accused, also a tutor, is on the run, police said. "We are conducting search and investigation against the other accused," said inspector P K Patra. "Besides abetting the suicide, police also looked the tutor Pocco Asti." he said. The girl, aged 16, allegedly consumed poison on Sunday. Her family members rushed her to local hospital and then to MKGC Medical College and Hospital where she died during treatment on Monday police said.

Police registered a case against two of her tutors after her brother lodged an FIR on Tuesday alleging the duo was responsible for his sister's death. Police seized the notebook of the deceased where she mentioned the name of the accused. Police said during her tuition classes, the accused requested her to take a love proposal. They also captured her objectionable photographs. When she refused their proposals, they allegedly threatened to make her photos and messages public. "She became mentally disturbed and it might have forced her to take the extreme step," said the deceased's brother.

4 killed in separate elephant attacks in Keonjhar district

Keonjhar: Four persons were killed in separate elephant attacks in Keonjhar district on Friday, sparking tensions between police station areas and forest officials.

In the first incident, two residents of Kenduthi Munda Basti, Santosh Munda (45) and Reena Munda (49), were attacked by a wild elephant while collecting sal leaves for the Raja festival. The attack took place in the border area between Keonjhar and Balasore divisions. Reena died on the spot, while Santosh succumbed to his injuries at Barbil community health centre.

The incident triggered violent protests as hundreds of villagers confronted forest officials who arrived with ambulances. The protesters, alleging delay in their uniforms, and held them captive for three hours before police intervention.

Forest range officer of Barbil, Sanjib Kumar Rout, has filed a complaint at Registrar of Forests, Bhubaneswar.

OSBC seeks judicial probe into arrest of senior advocate

Cuttack: Odisha State Bar Council (OSBC) has demanded a judicial inquiry to ascertain the facts behind the arrest of a senior advocate by Balasore police for alleged protesting with a woman IAS probationer. Purusottam Das, a 70-year-old advocate, was arrested on Tuesday after IAS probationer Shamaal Kalaynara Bhagat filed a complaint against him with the Balasore police station on June 7.

OSBC demanded the judicial inquiry in a memorandum to chief minister Mohan Charan Mahapatra on Friday. He also demanded immediate action against the inspector in charge of Sabadekhunta police station.

In the memorandum, OSBC chairman Sitanshu Mohan Dwivedy said, "The OSBC has also unanimously resolved that if no action will be taken within 10 days from the date of receipt of this communication, the council will decide further course of action."

Dwivedy claimed that though he requested the SP to interrogate the IAS probationer, no steps have been taken till date.

OSBC is the apex statutory body for more than 180 affiliated bar associations in the state.

Blind girls get taste of tradition in Berhampur

Berhampur: Several blind girls from a private residential school here celebrated the Raja festival, which began on Saturday.

Dressed in vibrant clothes and their faces adorned with makeup, the girls, aged between 5 and 18, swung on swings, sang, danced and released sweets like laskara and poda pitha. The event took place at a large ground near their school. School secretary Baban Shankar Feddy, said the celebration has become a yearly tradition.

Man held for raping minor

Berhampur: A 60-year-old man was arrested for allegedly raping a seven-year-old girl in a village in Ganjam district on Thursday.

The survivor, a distant relative of the accused, was admitted to a hospital in Ganjam.

Inspector Basant Kumar Saha said the accused raped the girl when she was alone at her home while her parents were attending a feast.

Silk city's blood donors save lives

Berhampur: From businessmen to students and homemakers, a group of dedicated individuals in silk city are quietly scripting a powerful story of compassion and service through their unwavering commitment to blood donation.

At the heart of the life-saving mission is 45-year-old trader Laxmi Narayan Patra, who has donated blood 115 times since he first walked into a blood bank in 2008.

to help a woman in urgent need. "At the age of 18, I had a fever, febrile weakness. Since then, I've donated every three months," said Patra.

Patra mobilised volunteers from across Ganjam to donate blood after the Bahanga triple train accident in Balasore district on June 2, 2023. "Around 40 people from Berhampur turned to Balasore to help," he said. Joining Patra in the mission is B.L. Lakshmi, 46, a fellow trader who has donated blood 107 times since he turned 18. "I donate blood to six or seven people whenever there's a call for help," he said.

Also in the altruistic circle is 67-year-old Kamal K Purushotham Kumar Subudhi, who marked his 70th birthday recently. Although health issues are interrupted his routine he resumed donating regularly for the past two years. To coordinate efforts, they run a social media group with around 100 members.

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e-TENDER NOTICE Date: 13.06.2025
office of the Dy. General Manager (Civil), UJVNL Limited, Mursani, Pithoragarh, invites online bids for construction of Birakir Bhyad Puspabaghar HEP (3X40 MW), Mursani from interested parties Brief summary of tender given below:
Name of work: 01/DGM(Civil)/SR/2025-26
Name of work: Construction of Coffers dam, Barrage, intake and its appurtenant works including hydro-mechanical works like barrage spillways gate, intake gate, surge shaft gate, control casing, stator, rotor, generator, transformer, control room, switchyard etc of Tuni-Pisu HEP (72 MW) on River Tuni in District Debagarh of Odisha

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Name of work: 01/UJVNL/DGM (Civil)-AT/PT/2025-26
Name of work: Construction of civil works of barrage, intake, adits, HRT, surge shaft, power house building including appurtenant works along with supply, erection, testing, commissioning of hydro-mechanical works like barrage spillways gate, intake gate, surge shaft gate, control casing and electrical mechanical works like draft tube, spiral casing, stator, rotor, generator, transformer, control room, switchyard etc of Tuni-Pisu HEP (72 MW) on River Tuni in District Debagarh of Odisha

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INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)
No: EE/SWD/YLK/Tend/05/2025-26 Date: 13-06-2025

The Executive Engineer, SWD - Yelahanka Zone, BBMP, Bengaluru, invites applications from eligible Contractors registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the Construction of works detailed below.
(Standard Tender Document - KM-4)

1. Expansion / Widening of Narrow Water Vents for Retaining Walls, U' Drains, Box Drains and Culverts / Bridges to Storm Water Drains at Various Locations in Byataryanapura and Yelahanka
1.1. Constniture of Yalahanka Zone "Package YLK-1" (Project No. 06 07 and 23) - Approximated Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs): 2268.52 (Excluding GST), EMD Amount (In Rs.): 22,69,000.00 (Rs. 1,00,000.00 through KPP Portal and Rs. 21,69,000.00 through BG in Favour of Executive Engineer, SWD-Yelahanka Zone)

2. Expansion / Widening of Narrow Water Vents for Construction of Retaining Walls, U' Drains, Box Drains and Culverts / Bridges to Storm Water Drains at Various Locations in Byataryanapura and Yelahanka
2.1. Constniture of Yalahanka Zone "Package YLK-2" (Project No. 03, 04, 22 and 24) - Approximated Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs): 2189.48 (Excluding GST), EMD Amount (In Rs.): 21,90,000.00 (Rs. 1,00,000.00 through KPP Portal and Rs. 20,90,000.00 through BG in Favour of Executive Engineer, SWD-Yelahanka Zone)

3. Expansion / Widening of Narrow Water Vents for Construction of Retaining Walls, U' Drains, Box Drains and Culverts / Bridges to Storm Water Drains at Various Locations in Byataryanapura and Yelahanka
3.1. Constniture of Yalahanka Zone "Package YLK-3" (Project No. 05, 09, 25 and 26) - Approximated Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs): 2229.25 (Excluding GST), EMD Amount (In Rs.): 22,30,000.00 (Rs. 1,00,000.00 through KPP Portal and Rs. 21,30,000.00 through BG in Favour of Executive Engineer, SWD-Yelahanka Zone)

MM-90
Bonal Forest Division invites Applications from interested persons such as for employment as legal assistants in the Office Call under SWCLP in Bonal Forest Division. The interested candidates may apply directly or by e-mail to the office of the undersigned. The complete application along with relevant documents should reach this office on or before 20.06.2025. The instruction form along with detailed role and responsibilities shall be available on the website www.sardarshahibhadr.org.in/officeofaee/

B-194
OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF (CIVIL), ODISHA
NIRMAN SOCIETY, UNIT-V, BHUBANESWAR
INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)
File No. B-194-Tourism/47/2025 Lt. No. 22507 Bhubaneswar, the 6th June, 2025

1. The Chief Engineer (Bidding) Odisha, Bhubaneswar, on behalf of Government of Odisha, invites percentage rate bids in double cover system in ONLINE MODE only, for the works "Development of Blind Walk at Jagur Temple" in Building work.

2. Nature of work: Building work

3. No. of work: 01 No.

4. Bid Cost: 10,00,000/-

5. Class of Contractor: 'A' (Special Class)

6. Availability of Bid Documents: From 01.06.2025 to 17.06.2025 at the office of 05.07.2025

7. Date of Opening of Bids: 01.07.2025 at 11:30 AM

8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE BIDDING mode. The details can be seen from the website: https://bidsindia.nic.in. Any amendment / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website only.

Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation
QUOTATION CALL NOTICE
No. 29758/BMC Dated 13.06.25

On behalf of the Commissioner, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC), the Executive Engineer, Division-II, BMC invites sealed quotations experienced parties for "Supply of 20000 nos. of Tree Guards to undertake Plantation activities within Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation". The interested parties shall submit the application along with the financial proposal on or before 21.06.2025 till 5:00 PM by hand/post/courier at the Office of Executive Engineer, Division-II, BMC, Near Kalpana Square, Bhubaneswar-751014. For further details regarding the quotation call notice, the interested parties visit the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation website: https://www.bhubaneswar.gov.in. The detailed quotation call notice. The reserved technical applications shall be opened on 23.06.2025 at 11:00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer, Division-II, BMC, Near Kalpana Square, Bhubaneswar-751014. For any clarifications, the interested parties may contact Office of Executive Engineer, Division-II.

EAST COAST RAILWAY
KUR-472, Dt: 11.06.2025
NAME OF THE WORK: JOBE MODIFICATION IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED UFBRI IN 18 SECTIONS 'A' & 'B' BRIDGES OF SPAN 13.20 METER BY R/S CLASS BETWEEN BHADRA-MANJUR ROAD SECTION OF KHURDA ROAD DIVISION.

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