



Keonjhar may face acute water scarcity

Rapid decrease in water level in Sana Machhakandana dam sparks concern among officials

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Keonjhar, March 14: The residents of this town and areas close to its vicinity are bracing for acute water crisis with the water level in the Sana Machhakandana dam decreasing. It is bad news for the residents as the hot summer has already set in, officials of the district administration stated here Thursday. Water to the dam comes from the Sana Machhakandana river. Inadequate rainfall during the monsoons last year led to the decrease in water level of the river and the supply of water to the dam also suffered.



The maximum and minimum water level for the dam is 1,960 feet and 1,926 feet respectively. When the water level in the dam hovers around 1,936 feet it is considered safe. Anything below it is considered alarming. Currently the level of water in the dam stands at 1,926 feet, enough for the alarm bells to start ringing. Officials said that the crisis will worsen if there is lack of rainfall in the near future. The water level in the dam is giving sleep-

less nights to officials of the Public Health Engineering department (PHED) entrusted with the responsibility of supplying water seamlessly to this town. The Sana Machhakandana dam located near Medinipur under Banspal block of this district is the main source of drinking water for this town. The water from the dam is supplied through pipes and conserved at Ward Nos 1-8 and 11-18. Over 50,000 families depend on this dam for drinking water supply. PHED engineer Ghashiram Majhi said. Water from the dam is also used for irrigation. Hence the decrease in water level is creating apprehensions among the minds of the farmers. Harvesting of crops is suffering due to lack of water, locals pointed out. They added that despite spending large amounts for dredging and repairing, the dam is failing to retain water. They also said that as the dam water is not distributed in a regulated manner, the recent crisis has cropped up and it may escalate in the near future. When contacted, PHED general manager Narad Rath informed that if the crisis persists, pumps will be used to lift water from the dam and supply it to residents of the town. It should also be stated here that the Badagahara and Sanagahara waterfalls are on the downstream of the dam. Lakhs of tourists visit these scenic waterfalls every year and contribute to the economic development of the locality. If the waterfalls dry up, the economy will also suffer without tourists, locals said.

Canopy bridge in Keonjhar's Nature Camp main attraction



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Keonjhar, March 14: The hanging canopy bridge and a tree house constructed at the Nature Camp near the famous Sanagahara waterfall in this district will be a huge attraction for tourists as it will help them bond with nature and wildlife, officials said Thursday here. The newly-constructed canopy bridge was inaugurated by Keonjhar MP Chandrani Murmu, in presence of other officials and dignitaries, Wednesday evening. There are five cottages in the Nature Camp maintained by the Forest department. However, the major attraction is the hanging canopy bridge and a tree house built 20 feet above the ground. The 270 feet bridge has been

constructed by connecting the trees. Tourists can walk and enjoy the beauty of nature, said Ashok Das, Additional Conservator of Forests. Similarly a resting place (tree house) has been constructed in the middle of the hanging bridge. Tourists can sit there and enjoy the scenic beauty. The tree house and the bridge have been built at a cost of ₹20 lakh, officials said. They added that dormitories and rest rooms for drivers have been built to attract more tourists to the camp. Some locals however, pointed out that the bridge has been built without keeping in mind the safety of birds and animals like monkeys. They also added that the bridge has to be maintained in a proper manner for the safety of visitors.

MAN GETS 20 YEARS IN PRISON FOR RAPE

Baripada, March 14: A court in Mayurbhanj district sentenced Thursday a man to 20 years in prison jail for raping a seven-year-old girl. The court also imposed a fine of ₹10,000 on the 30-year-old man, and in case of default, he has to remain in jail for three more months. The convict was identified as Dhumakettu Singh, 30, a native of Denfauda village under Baisinga police limits in Mayurbhanj district. The incident happened November 3, 2021 in a locality under Baisinga police limits. Dhumakettu raped the girl when she went to work as a domestic help in his house, police said. The girl's father lodged a police complaint, and after registering a case under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, the police arrested the accused. POCSO court Judge Santosh Kumar Nayak gave the verdict after examining the statements of the survivor and 16 witnesses, besides the medical report. The court also directed the Mayurbhanj District Legal Services Authority to pay ₹4 lakh as compensation to the girl. Special Public Prosecutor Monoranjan Pattnaik informed.

RSP introduces EVs for clean environment

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Rourkela, March 14: With the objective of keeping the environment clean and green in future, authorities of SAIL have decided to introduce 30 electric vehicles (EVs) for the chief general managers of various departments of Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP). At a function held March 13 at the Indo-German Club here, Atanu Bhowmik, director-in-charge (DIC), RSP with additional charge of Bokaro Steel Plant handed over the keys of Tata Nexon EVs to the CGMs. Many senior officers of RSP were also present on the occasion. During the function Bhowmik conducted a puja for the new EVs and also drove one of those around the club. "De-carbonisation is the need of the hour and we are committed to do whatever possible to reduce emissions. Let us join hands and make this step towards decarbonisation a successful one. The electric vehicles will certainly reduce pollution," Bhowmik said. Rajashree Banerjee, CGM (HRD) and N Rajendran, CGM (Mechanical) thanked the management and shared their experience of driving the EVs.

JAIL TERM FOR 3 IN PONZI SCAM

THE COMPANY HAD DUPED OVER 500 PERSONS AND COLLECTED ₹10 CRORE FROM THEM

POST NEWS NETWORK
Balasoar, March 14: The OPID Court here convicted director-cum-promoter of M/s Auroxa Deal Multitrade (OPC) Pvt Ltd and two others for duping 500 persons and collecting ₹10 crore from them. The court delivered the judgment Wednesday holding accused Babu Singh Kushwaha, the director of the company guilty and sentenced him to seven years rigorous imprisonment (RI). It also imposed a fine of ₹3.45 lakhs on Kushwaha. Two other senior employees of the company Sarat Kumar Nayak and Pravat Ranjan Das were also convicted and sentenced to five years RI and fines of ₹1.25 lakhs each were slapped on them. If the three fail to pay the fine amounts, they will have to undergo an additional prison term of one year.



the court ordered. A case was registered pursuant to an enquiry conducted by the officials of the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) on a petition filed by one Chandra Kanta Dash and others against M/s Auroxa Deal Multitrade (OPC) Pvt Ltd and its director and promoter on the allegation of duping as many as 500

cash back offers. The collection of deposits by the company under the cover/mask of direct selling was nothing but the running of ponzi schemes, the court observed. The company also offered various rewards like 'Star Achiever' and 'Emerald Star Achiever' and promised incentives like ₹5,000 in cash, mobile phones and furniture. However, nothing materialised even after deposits were collected. Officials said that the company had its activities mainly in Balasoar and Bhadrak districts. During investigation Kushwaha was arrested from Gwalior whereas Nayak and Das were held from this town, informed Special Public Prosecutor, OPID Court, Pranab Kumar Panda. He also praised the EOW officials for carrying out the probe in a thorough manner.

Vedantu to open offline learning centre in City

BHUBANESWAR: Vedantu, a trailblazer in the ed-tech industry, is set to revolutionise offline coaching with the launch of the Vedantu learning centre in Bhubaneswar, March 17. The centre in Bhubaneswar marks Vedantu's strategic move towards extending access to quality education through offline channels, especially for students preparing for JEE/NEET exams. The announcement was done by Sachin Agrawal, vice-president (business), Vedantu; Jyoti Ranjan Tripathy, partner, Vedantu learning centre and Vikas Bahinipati, partner, Vedantu learning centre. A formal event is scheduled to commemorate the launch March 17 at the Railway Auditorium, Chandrasekharpur, featuring an in-depth career guidance seminar that will showcase the advantages of the centre. As per a company release, Vedantu Learning Centres will introduce an innovative approach to personalised learning, meticulously designed for JEE, NEET, and foundation courses. Leveraging a decade of technological innovation, Vedantu ensures tailored learning experiences, both in physical classrooms and through its advanced online platforms. In the words of the company, "We're not just coaching students for exams; we're preparing them for life. Expanding our services to offline centres across India is the natural progression in our journey to make quality education accessible for all. Throughout this journey, we promise to stand by their side, offering unwavering support, and inspiring them to unlock their true potential. Our vision extends beyond current horizons, aiming to support students even in the remotest parts of our nation."

Three train services extended to Sonepur

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Sonepur, March 14: East Coast Railway (ECOR) has decided to extend services of three pairs of trains to this town keeping in mind the aspirations of local people. Recently train tracks from Bolangir were extended till this town. ECoR sources said the Bhubaneswar-Bolangir-Bhubaneswar Express and two pairs of passenger trains will be extended up to Sonepur. The 12893 Bhubaneswar-Bolangir-Sonepur Superfast Express will leave

Bolangir at 13.45 hours and will reach Sonepur at 15.15 hours. Similarly the 12894 Sonepur-Bhubaneswar Superfast Express will leave Sonepur at 13.00 hours and reach Bolangir at 14.25 hours. It will then leave Bolangir at 14.45 hours and reach Bhubaneswar at 21.45 hours. The regular services of this train commenced from March 14 from the railway station here. Officials said that the timings and stoppages of the 12893/12894 Bhubaneswar-Sonepur-Bhubaneswar Express will remain

unchanged from both directions. Between Bolangir and Sonepur, the train will stop at Bichhupali, Jhartaarhia and Narsingh Garh railway stations. The Bolangir-Bichhupali passenger will be extended up to Sonepur March 15 onwards. The 08305/08306 Bolangir-Bichhupali-Bolangir passenger will leave Bolangir at 08.15 hours and reach Sonepur at 09.45 hours. In the return direction, it will leave Sonepur at 10.45 hours and reach Bolangir at 12.00 hours.

20K kids given pulse polio vac

Rourkela: Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) is playing an important role in the eradication of polio in the country by vaccinating kids. The vaccination drive was launched at the Ispat General Hospital (IGH) here March 3 and ended March 5. On the inaugural day of the vaccination programme, Dr BK Hota, ED (M&HS), Dr Jayanta Kumar Acharya, CMO, other senior doctors, volunteers and parents of children were present. Other than the IGH, pulse polio vaccine was administered at different booths set up in the steel township. On the second and third days door-to-door campaign was held to ensure 100 per cent vaccination of children in the age group 0-5 years living in the township. In all 20,100 children were vaccinated during the three-day programme, officials informed.

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Black panther spotted again in Hemgir range

THE RARE ANIMAL WAS LAST SEEN SIX YEARS BACK IN THE SAME FOREST AREA

POST NEWS NETWORK
Rourkela, March 14: A rare black panther which was spotted in Sundargarh district six years ago has once more appeared, officials of the Forest department informed Thursday. DFO Pradeep Mirase of Sundargarh Forest division confirmed that pictures of the big cat have been captured by the trap cameras installed in the forest. "Last week, we found evidence of the presence of the black panther again in Garjanpahad reserve forest area under Hemgir range. It is a very good sign. It is a pointer to the fact that there is thriving biodiversity in the forest despite mining in nearby areas," Mirase stated. "This sighting is indeed an encouraging development for all," he added. It should be stated here that six



years back trap cameras had captured images of the black panther in Hemgir range. However, after that the animal had disappeared from sight. Wildlife enthusiasts had been left wondering about its whereabouts and they expressed concern over its safety. Sharing an image of the panther, PCCF (Wildlife) Susanta Nanda

said on 'X', "This ghost of the forest was first captured in 2018 in Sundargarh. Hearing to inform that it was again recaptured in a trap camera recently, putting rest to all speculations that was raised by a few in the public domain." Mirase also provided the details of the various animals found in this range. "Pictures of many other animals like honey badger, civet cat, rusty spotted cat, peacock, mongoose, bear, porcupine, barking deer, hare, wild boar, jungle hene black cat and fox along with the black panther were captured through trap cameras," informed the forest officer. Hemgir forest range is known for its natural flora and fauna. The black panther has been spotted near the Dungakhol stream in the Garjanpahad reserve forest area spread over 5,947.47 hectares.

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The deadline for submission of tenders is 05.04.2024 up to 3.00 PM local time. Bidder reserves its right to accept/reject all or any tender(s), without assigning any reason therefor.
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RENGALI RIGHT CANAL DIVISION NO. - VI, JAGATPUR, CUTTACK
'e' Procurement Notice
No. A-1729: The Superintending Engineer, Rengali Right Canal Division No. VI, Jagatpur Cuttack on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites percentage basis bids in Single Cover System for construction of the work as detailed below:

1. Name of the Work	Construction of PCC Lin Drain on left side of canal from RD 18.546 Km to 18.846 Km of SDC of RCP
2. Tender Cost	Rs. 41.67 lakh
3. Bid Document Cost	Rs. 8,000.00 (Online)
4. Bid Security	Rs. 41.70 lakh
5. Class of Contractor	'B' Class
6. Period of Completion	03 Calendar Months (90 days)
7. Other details as follows	

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender Online for Bidding	Date of Opening of Bid
Superintending Engineer, Rengali Right Canal Division No.-VI, Jagatpur, Cuttack	SERFCPO/03/2023-24	From: 18.03.2024 10.00 A.M. To: 28.03.2024 5.30 P.M.	30.03.2024 11.00 A.M.

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