

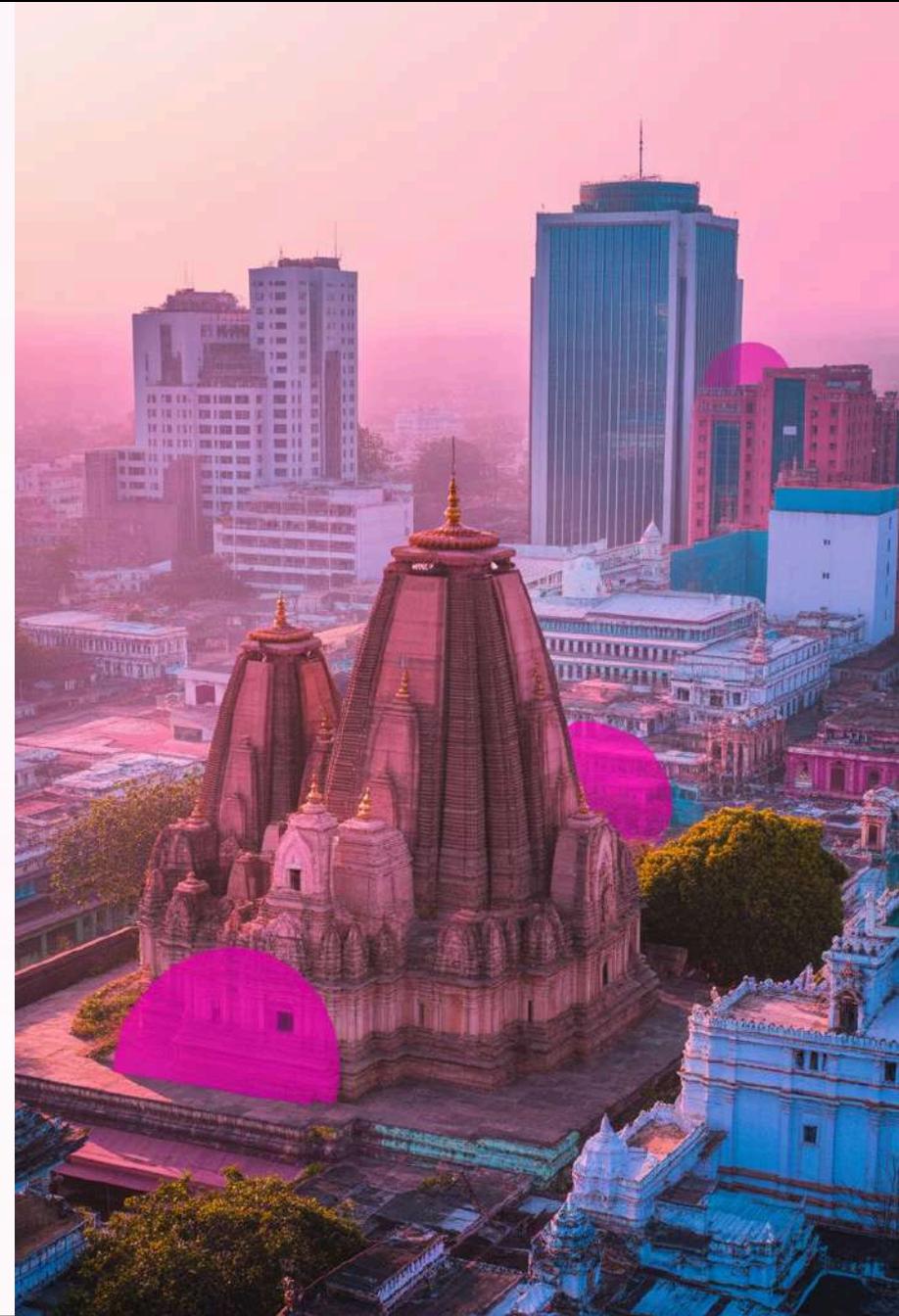


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Odisha Updates

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CIVIL SERVICE CORNER



Odisha: Key Facts

Governor - Hari Babu Kambhupati

CM - Moham Majhi

Capital - Bhubneshwar

State Border – 1) Madhya Pradesh, 2) Andhra Pradesh, 3) West Bengal, 4) Bihar, 5) Jharkhand, 6) Chhattisgarh, Bay of Bengal

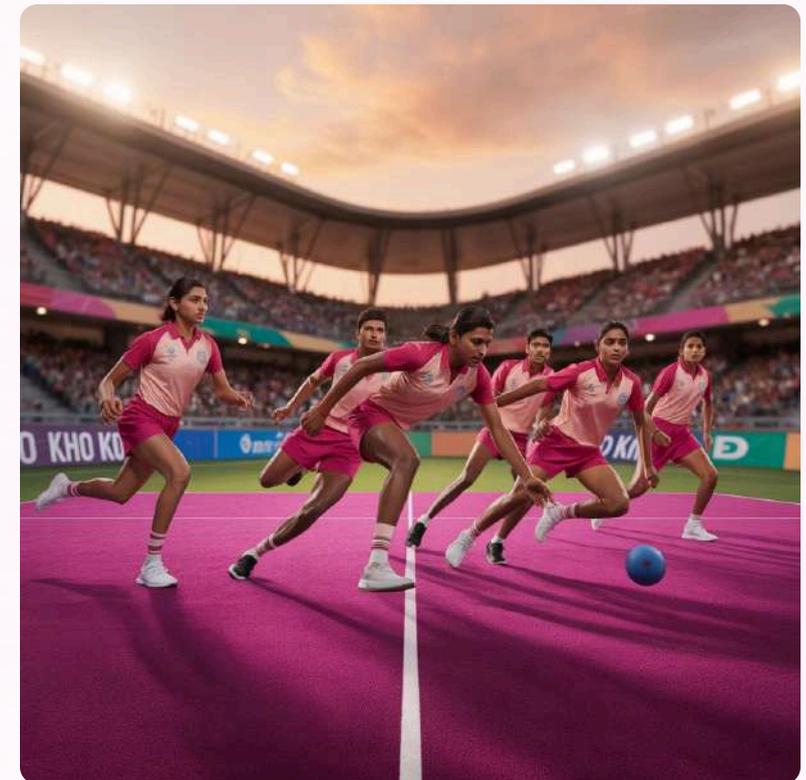
State Animal - Sambhar

State Bird - Blue Jay / Indian Roller



Kho Kho Sponsorship

- The Odisha government has announced a **₹15 crore sponsorship deal** for the Indian national kho kho team, running from January 2025 to December 2027. The **₹5 crore annually** will be funded through the **Odisha Mining Corporation**. The sponsorship aims to enhance team development, improve training infrastructure, and support participation in national and international competitions, reflecting Odisha's continued commitment to sports development.



Ayushman Bharat Implementation

Implementation Timeline

- On **January 13, 2025**, Odisha became the **34th state** to implement **Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY**, formalized through an MoU with the National Health Authority.

Scheme Convergence

The scheme will converge with Odisha's **Gopabandhu Jan Arogya Yojana (GJAY)**, offering **₹5 lakh health coverage per family**, plus an additional **₹5 lakh for women**.

Beneficiaries

Around **1.03 crore families** will benefit, with **67.8 lakh families** supported by the Union Government.

Emergency Detainees Pension

- The Odisha government has announced a monthly pension of **₹20,000** for surviving detainees of the **1975-1977 Emergency** under the **Maintenance of Internal Security Act (MISA)**. This welfare measure, effective from **January 1, 2025**, also includes medical coverage and other benefits, honoring those imprisoned during the Emergency period.



PM Modi's Visit to AP and Odisha

- 1** — January 8-9, 2025
Prime Minister (PM) **Narendra Modi** visited Andhra Pradesh (AP) and Odisha to launch various projects worth over **Rs 2 lakh crore** to promote sustainable development, industrial growth, and infrastructure enhancement.
- 2** — Andhra Pradesh Projects
Laid the foundation stone and inaugurated various railway and road projects worth over **Rs.19,500 crore** in AP. First **Green Hydrogen Hub** under National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM) launched in Pudimadaka, AP.
- 3** — Odisha Events
18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) convention inaugurated in and remotely flagged-off the inaugural journey of the **Pravasi Bharatiya Express** in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.



Utkarsh Odisha – Make in Odisha Conclave 2025

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the '**Utkarsh Odisha – Make in Odisha Conclave 2025**' in Bhubaneswar on **January 28**. The event, Odisha's largest business summit, was attended by Odisha CM **Mohan Charan Majhi**, Union Ministers **Dharmendra Pradhan** and **Ashwini Vaishnaw**, and global business leaders. The two-day conclave aimed to promote investment, boost industrial growth, and position Odisha as an economic hub, with delegates from **16 countries**.



Pravasi Bharatiya Express

Launch Details

On **January 9, 2025**, Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the **Pravasi Bharatiya Express**, a special state-of-the-art tourist train for the Indian diaspora, from Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

Historical Significance

The launch coincides with the **110th anniversary** of Mahatma Gandhi's return to India from South Africa on this date in 1915.

Purpose

The train, designed under the **Pravasi Teerth Darshan Yojana (PTDY)**, aims to connect Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) with India's rich cultural and religious heritage by offering a fully sponsored tour across the country.





Shahid Madho Singh Haath Kharcha Scheme

Launch

Odisha CM **Mohan Charan Majhi** inaugurated the **Shahid Madho Singh Haath Kharcha Scheme** on **January 7, 2025** at Adivasi Mela, Bhubaneswar.

Benefits

The scheme provides **₹5,000** financial assistance to **Scheduled Tribe students** enrolling in Class IX and XI, aiming to reduce dropout rates.

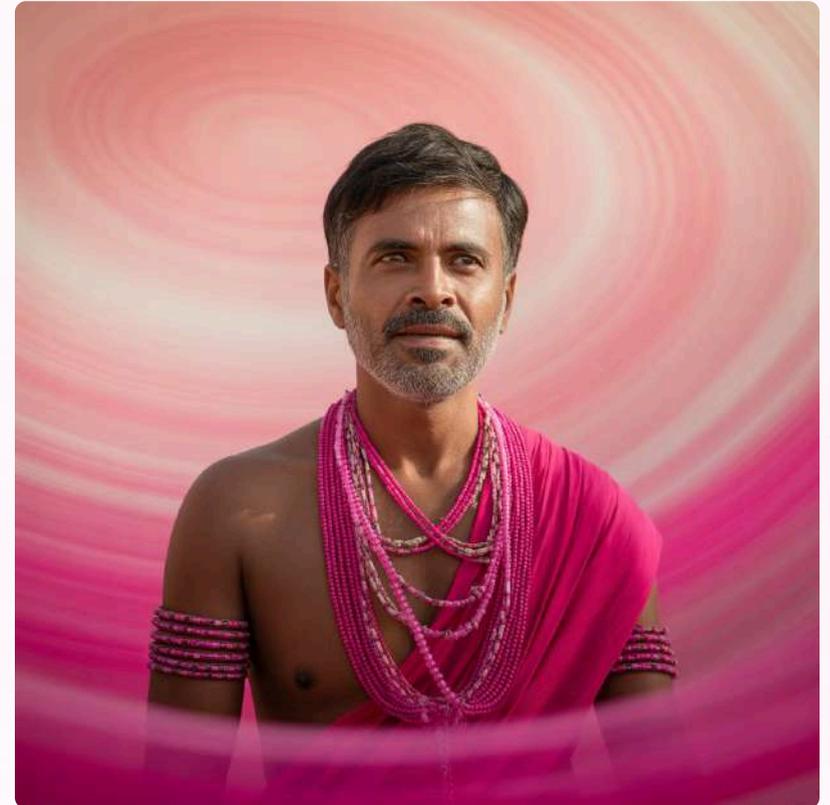
Eligibility & Process

- Eligibility: ST students with a family income of **≤ ₹2,50,000**.
- Incentive disbursed directly to the student's bank account.
- Application process through recommendations from school principals and headmasters via the **Odisha State Scholarship Portal**.



Madho Singh: Historical Significance

- **Madho Singh**, born around 1786, was a **zamindar and tribal leader** who led resistance against British rule.
- He was a prominent figure during the **First War of Indian Independence (1857)**, uniting tribal groups in guerrilla warfare against the British.
- Captured and executed in **1858**, Madho Singh remains a symbol of courage and resilience for Odisha's tribal communities.
- The scheme helps empower tribal youth, alleviating socio-economic challenges and promoting educational opportunities for future generations.



Subhadra Scheme: Empowering women, building futures



Subhadra Scheme

Overview

- The **Subhadra Scheme**, launched by the Odisha Government's **Women and Child Development Department**, empowers women through financial support, digital literacy, and access to social safety nets.

Political Context

- Part of the **BJP's poll promises** ahead of the 2024 elections, the scheme aims to improve women's socio-economic conditions and encourage entrepreneurship.

Academic Partnership

- Partnering with **IIM Sambalpur**, the government seeks research-based guidance to enhance the scheme's impact.

Singapore President's Visit to India

Visit Timeline

1

Singapore President **Tharman Shanmugaratnam**, visited India from **January 14 to 18, 2025**, marking his 1st bilateral state visit to India.

2

Delegation

He was accompanied by **Chee Hong Tat**, Minister for Transport and 2nd Minister for Finance of Singapore; and **Sim Ann**, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of National Development of Singapore.

Key Events

3

President of Singapore Tharman Shanmugaratnam and President of India **Droupadi Murmu** jointly unveiled the **60th Anniversary Commemorative logo** at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi. The logo celebrates six decades of strong ties between India & Singapore. During his visit, several Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) were signed between the Odisha government and Singaporean organizations.



NITI Aayog's Fiscal Health Index 2025

1

Odisha's Rank

Scored **67.8** points

2

Chhattisgarh's Rank

Scored **55.2** points

3

Goa's Rank

Scored **53.6** points

NITI Aayog launched the "**Fiscal Health Index 2025**" on **January 24, 2025**, in New Delhi, evaluating the fiscal performance of 18 Indian states. Odisha ranked first, followed by Chhattisgarh and Goa.

States with Challenges: Karnataka faced issues with expenditure quality and debt management.

Odisha (Static Data): CM: **Mohan Charan Majhi**; Capital: **Bhubaneswar**

Purpose of Index:

- Assesses revenue mobilization, expenditure management, and debt sustainability to guide policy reforms for economic growth.
- Framework Alignment Supports "**Viksit Bharat @2047**" vision for sustainable and balanced regional development.

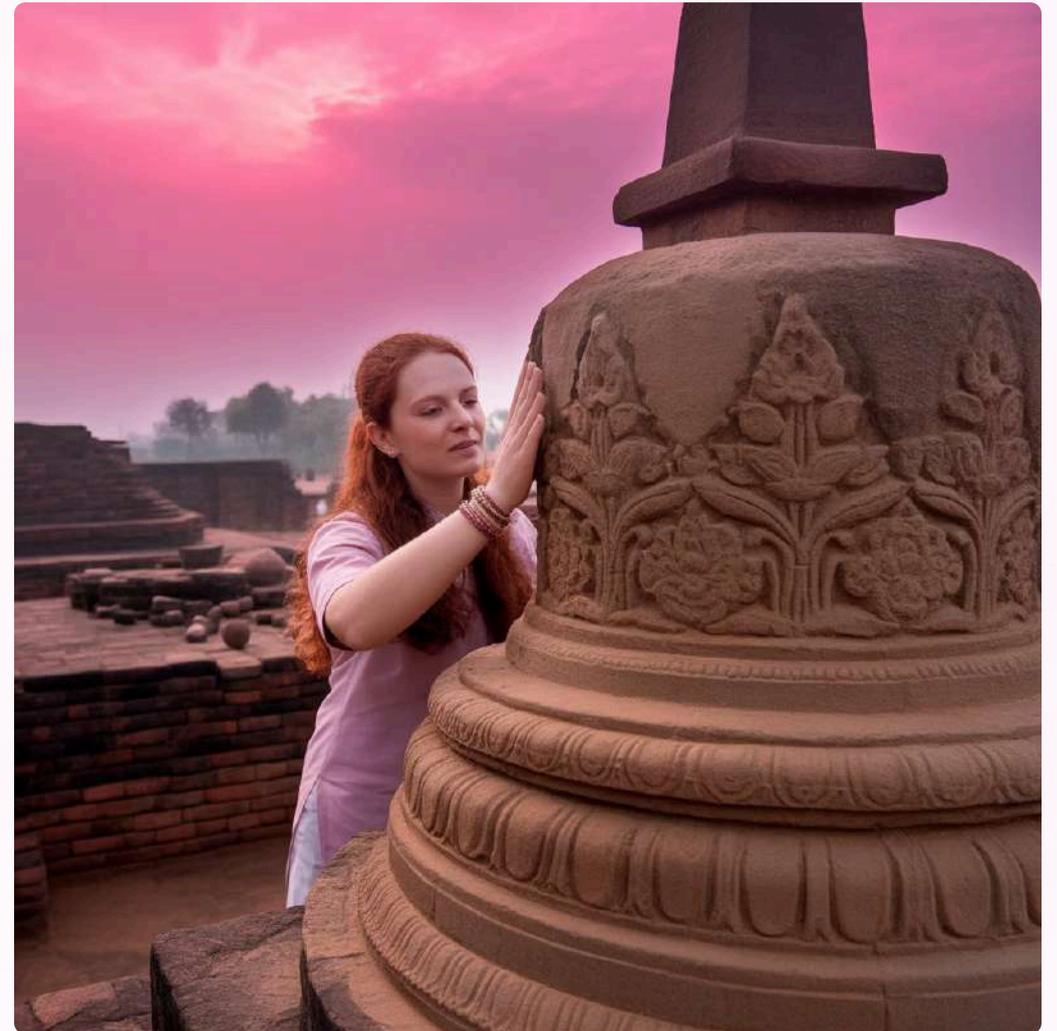
Women's Hockey India League

The **Odisha Warriors**, led by **Janneke Schopman**, won the inaugural **Women's Hockey India League (HIL)** title, defeating **Soorma Hockey Club 2-1** in a thrilling final. The match, held at **Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Stadium** in Ranchi, marked a redemption for Schopman. The Warriors' resilience and tactical brilliance, especially from **Ruturaj Dadaso Pisal**, secured their historic win.



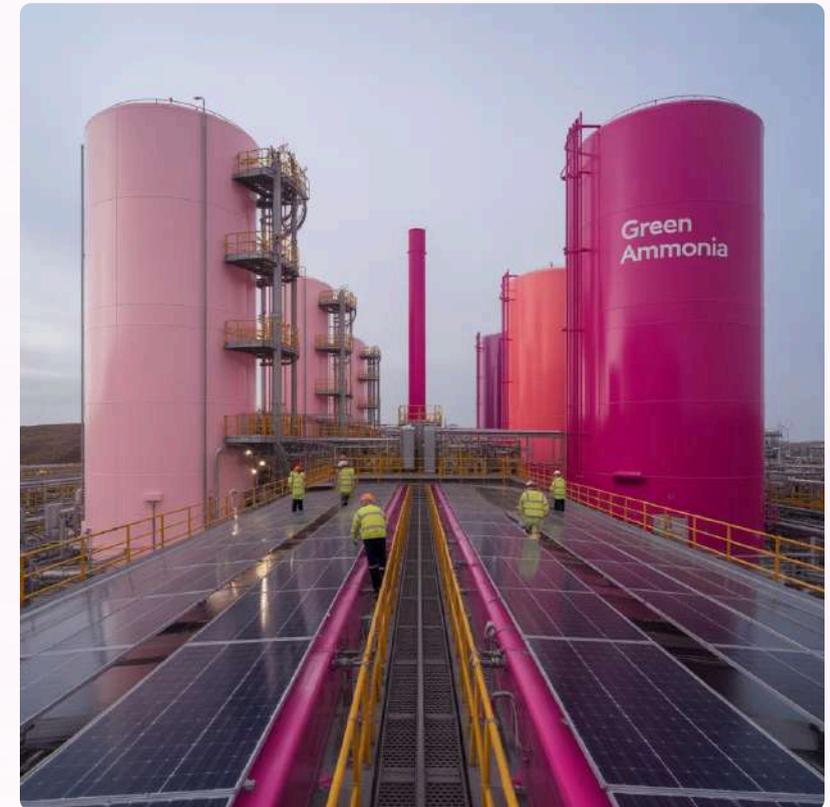
Ratnagiri Buddhist Complex Excavation

In **December 2024**, the **Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)** resumed excavations at the historic **Buddhist complex in Ratnagiri**, Odisha, after a **60-year hiatus**. Spearheaded by ASI's superintending archaeologist **D B Garnayak**, the project seeks to further uncover Ratnagiri's rich history and explore material evidence of Odisha's connection to Southeast Asia's cultural and maritime heritage.



Green Ammonia Plant in Gopalpur

- **Avaada Group** has partnered with **Casale** to develop a **1,500 TPD green ammonia plant** in **Gopalpur, Odisha**. The project aims to use renewable energy and advanced ammonia production technology for a carbon-free process. This collaboration highlights Avaada's commitment to reducing carbon emissions in industrial processes and advancing India's clean energy sector.



Odisha Budget 2025-26

₹2.9...

Total Budget

For fiscal year 2025-26

₹2.6...

Previous Budget

For fiscal year 2024-25

- Odisha Chief Minister **Mohan Charan Majhi** presented the **2025-26 state budget** with a total expenditure of **₹2.90 lakh crore**, focusing on agriculture, irrigation, and rural development. This marks the first full-fledged budget by the **BJP-led government**, showing a rise from the previous **₹2.65 lakh crore budget** for 2024-25, highlighting the state's commitment to economic growth.



Beti Bachao Beti Padhao in Odisha

The **Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP)** scheme, launched on **22nd January 2015**, aims to address gender imbalance and the declining child sex ratio in India. In alignment with the scheme's objectives, the Odisha Government has implemented several initiatives to empower adolescent girls, prevent child marriages, and enhance their education and self-defense skills. These initiatives, launched in different districts, focus on raising awareness, ensuring legal protection, and providing skill-based training to create a safer and more inclusive environment for girls.



BBBP Initiatives in Odisha: Ganjam District

Initiatives

"Nirbhaya Kadhi" (Fearless Bud) & "Mo Gelha Jiya" (My Dear Daughter) – Ganjam District

Objective

- Empower adolescent girls and promote gender equality.
- Prevent child marriage, sex selection, and female foeticide.

Coverage

183,933 adolescent girls across **3,309 villages** in Ganjam.

Key Achievements

- Ganjam declared **child marriage-free** on 3rd January 2022.
- **20 out of 953** child marriages successfully prevented (2019-2024).
- **450,000 students** from 3,614 schools took a pledge to say "No" to child marriage.
- **₹5,000 reward** for first information on child marriage cases.
- **OSCP** recognized Ganjam's efforts in preventing child marriages.

BBBP Initiatives in Odisha: Dhenkanal District

Initiative

"Kalpana Avijan" – Dhenkanal District

Objective

- Track and monitor adolescent girls (10-19 years).
- Strengthen community engagement to prevent child marriages.

Coverage

1,13,515 adolescent girls identified and enrolled.

Key Achievements

- **343 child marriages** prevented (2019-2024).
- **4,45,000 students** from 3,425 schools pledged against child marriage.
- Awareness programs held in **1,211 villages**.
- Dhenkanal administration felicitated during International Girl Child Week 2024.
- Odisha WCD and Mission Shakti recognized the initiative.
- **Barsha Priyadarshini Sahoo** awarded for taking a stand against child marriage.
- A rescued mountaineer became the brand ambassador for Kalpana Avijan.

BBBP Initiatives in Odisha: Keonjhar District

"Swarna Kalika" – Keonjhar District

Objective

- Raise awareness about the negative effects of child marriage.
- Promote community-based interventions.

Key Achievements

- **50% reduction** in child marriages (by 2024).
- **2,000 stakeholders** engaged in awareness campaigns.
- **ADVIKA app** promoted for tracking and intervention.
- Community leaders and adolescents actively involved in the campaign.



BBBP Initiatives in Odisha: Deogarh District

"Veerangana Yojana" – Deogarh District

Objective

- Train adolescent girls in martial arts and self-defense.
- Boost self-esteem and confidence.

Coverage

- **500 adolescent girls** trained in a 30-day martial arts camp.
- **300 teachers and guardians** sensitized on girls' legal rights.

Key Achievements

- **50 master trainers** developed, who trained **6,000 girl students** across 300 schools.
- Recognized and institutionalized in schools and colleges.
- Featured in district festivals and won the prestigious **SKOCH Award**.



Bikashita Gaon Bikashita Odisha Scheme

Launch

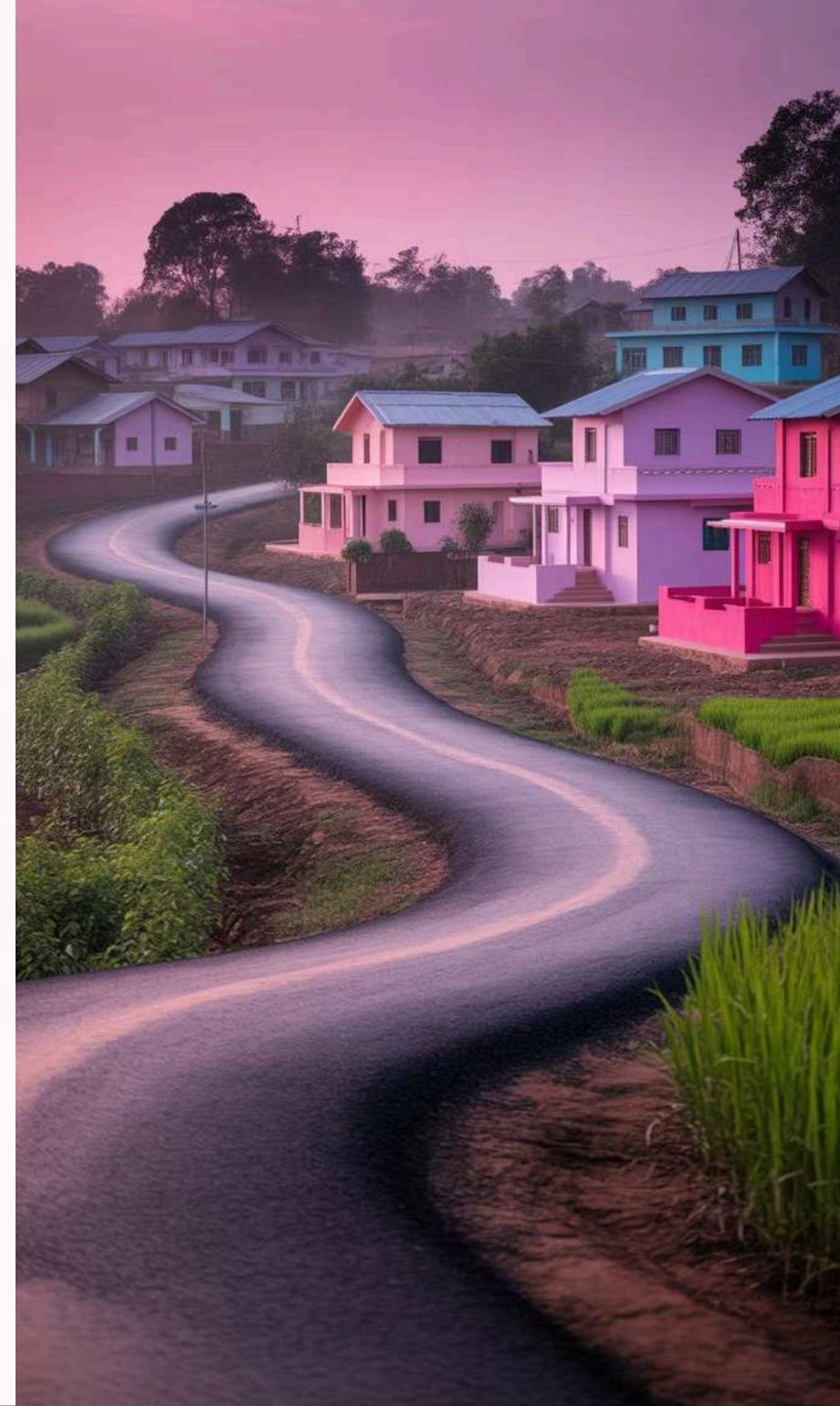
- Odisha Chief Minister **Mohan Charan Majhi** launched the '**Bikashita Gaon Bikashita Odisha**' (BGBO) scheme in Khordha, aiming to boost rural infrastructure.

Budget & Focus

- With a **₹5,000 crore budget** over five years, the scheme focuses on road connectivity, civic amenities, education, and micro tourism.

Approach

- It builds on previous initiatives, ensuring holistic village development while keeping development and politics separate.



VSHORADS Testing in Odisha

DRDO conducted three successful flight trials of the **Very Short-Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS)** at the **Chandipur test range**, Odisha. The system demonstrated its precision, reliability, and effectiveness in targeting highspeed aerial threats, especially drones and loitering munitions, enhancing India's air defence capabilities.



Olive Ridley Turtles at Rushikulya

700,000 637,000 741,000

Turtles in 2025

Record high at Rushikulya

Previous Record

From 2023 season

All-time Record

Gahirmatha rookery (2001)

Nearly **700,000 Olive Ridley turtles** laid eggs at the **Rushikulya rookery** in Odisha's Ganjam district during the 2025 **arribada**, marking a record high. The mass nesting, which began on **February 16** and ended on **February 23**, surpassed the previous record of 637,000 turtles in 2023. Favorable climatic conditions and improved beach maintenance contributed to the surge in numbers.

The highest recorded mass nesting in India occurred in 2001 at **Gahirmatha rookery** with about 741,000 turtles.

Ramnath Goenka Awards 2025

The **Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Awards** were presented by President **Droupadi Murmu** to honor outstanding contributions to Indian journalism. The awards recognize journalists who uphold the values of truth, integrity, and fearless reporting. In her speech, President Murmu highlighted the importance of journalism in sustaining democracy and acknowledged **Ramnath Goenka's** legacy in defending press freedom, particularly during the Emergency. She emphasized the need for ground reporting, research-based journalism, and the role of human values in combating challenges posed by AI and misinformation.

Uncovering India Invisible: Satyasundar Barik (The Hindu) – Reports on migration and missing daughters in Odisha.



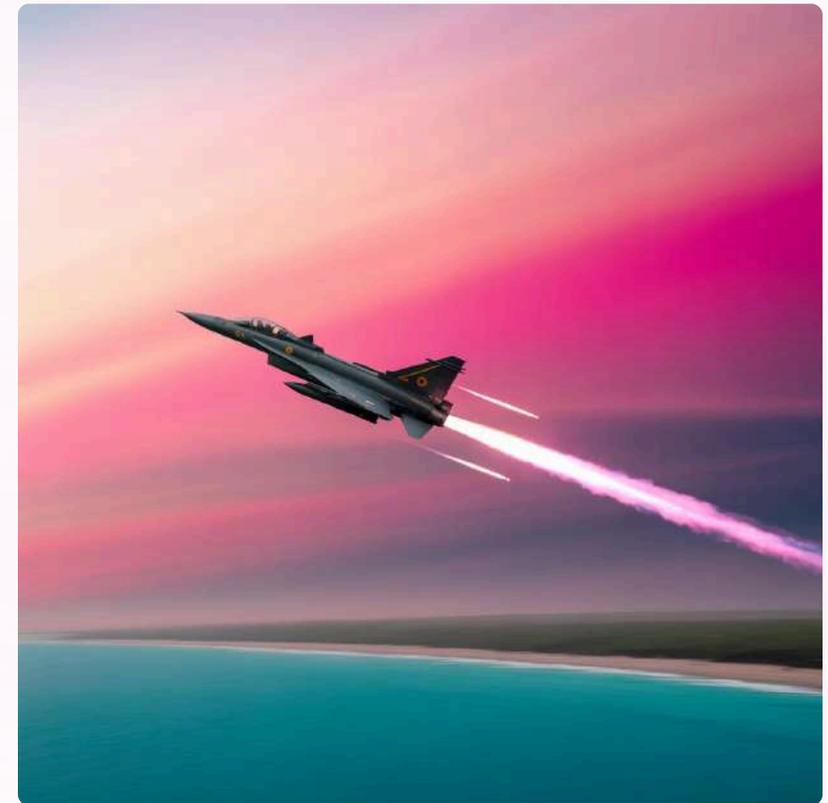
UK Skills Mission to Odisha

A **UK Skills and Chartered Bodies Mission** delegation is visiting Odisha to explore partnerships in vocational education and skill development. Discussions focused on industry-led skilling, UK-style apprenticeships, and training in advanced manufacturing, renewable energy, digital skills, and sustainable infrastructure. Minister **Sampad Chandra Swain** and British Deputy High Commissioner **Andrew Fleming** emphasized collaboration to build a globally competitive workforce.



Astra BVRAAM Testing

India's **Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA)** successfully tested the **Astra BVRAAM** (Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile) from the **LCA Tejas AF MK1** prototype off the Chandipur coast, Odisha. Developed by **DRDO**, the missile hit a flying target accurately, demonstrating a range of over **100 kilometers** and enhancing India's air defense capabilities with advanced, indigenous missile technology.



VLSRSAM Testing

- The **DRDO** and **Indian Navy** successfully tested the **Vertically-Launched Short-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VLSRSAM)** on **March 26, 2025**, at the **Integrated Test Range (ITR)** in Chandipur, Odisha. The missile successfully engaged and destroyed a high-speed aerial target at low altitude, demonstrating its **Near-Boundary-Low Altitude capability**, agility, reliability, and accuracy in combat configuration.





ASI Discoveries in Kerala and Odisha

Kerala Discoveries

The **Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)** has made significant discoveries at two locations: over **110 megalithic burial sites** near Malampuzha Dam in Palakkad, Kerala, shedding light on early Iron Age society.

Odisha Discoveries

A collection of **Buddhist antiquities** in Ratnagiri, Odisha, offering insights into the spread of **Vajrayana Buddhism** and its links with Southeast Asia.

Railway Multitracking Projects

1

Sambalpur – Jarapda 3rd and 4th Line

Part of the ₹18,658 crore railway expansion project approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs

2

Jharsuguda – Sason 3rd and 4th Line

Will enhance line capacity and improve mobility across Odisha

3

Kharsia – Naya Raipur – Parmalkasa 5th and 6th Line

Covering districts across Odisha and Chhattisgarh

4

Gondia – Balharshah doubling

Will ease operations and reduce congestion in the region

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi**, has approved Four projects of Ministry of Railways with total cost of **Rs. 18,658 crore** (approx.). The Four projects covering **15 Districts in 3 States** i.e., Maharashtra, Odisha, and Chhattisgarh will increase the existing network of Indian Railways by about **1247 Kms**.

With these projects **19 New Stations** will be constructed, enhancing connectivity to Two Aspirational Districts (Gadchiroli and Rajnandgaon). Multi-tracking project will enhance connectivity to approx. **3350 villages** and about **47.25 lakh population**.



Similipal National Park

107th

National Park Rank

In India

2nd

National Park

In Odisha

845.70

Area (sq km)

Across 11 forest ranges

Similipal, a rich ecological region in Odisha, was officially declared the **107th National Park** of India and second in Odisha on **April 24, 2025**, covering **845.70 sq km** across 11 forest ranges. Known for its biodiversity—including **55 mammals, 361 bird species**, and being a major tiger reserve—this move marks a milestone in conservation.

Proposed in 1980, the park's core area was cleared of human habitation, except for **Bakua village**, which was excluded.

The new status ensures stronger protection laws, more funding, and aligns with the vision of "**Viksit Odisha**" and "**Viksit Bharat**", as noted by CM **Mohan Charan Majhi**.

Utkal Divas (Odisha Day)

- **Utkal Divas** (Odisha Day) is celebrated annually on **April 1** to commemorate Odisha's formation in **1936** as India's first linguistic state, separating from the Bengal Presidency.
- The region, historically known as **Kalinga**, was famed for its prosperity, **Kalinga War (261 BCE)**, and cultural advancements. Under British rule, Odisha was divided, fueling the statehood movement led by **Madhusudan Das**, **Gopabandhu Das**, and **Fakir Mohan Senapati**.



Operation Olivia: Marine Conservation

Achievement

In a major boost to marine conservation, the **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)**, through its annual mission **Operation Olivia**, has successfully protected nearly **6.98 lakh Olive Ridley turtles** that nested at the **Rushikulya river mouth** in Odisha in February 2025.

Background

- Launched in the early 1980s, Operation Olivia is conducted annually from November to May.
- Focuses on nesting beaches in **Gahirmatha, Rushikulya river mouth**, and other coastal Odisha regions—key breeding grounds for the Olive Ridley turtle.

Key Achievements

- Protected **6.98 lakh** Olive Ridley turtles at Rushikulya river mouth in February 2025.
- Over **5,387 surface patrol sorties** and **1,768 aerial surveillance** missions conducted since inception.
- Detained **366 boats** involved in illegal fishing activities.
- Established MoUs with NGOs for conservation and education programs.

ANKUR Initiative

- In a landmark step toward urban transformation, the Government of Odisha has launched a visionary initiative titled **ANKUR – Atal Network for Knowledge, Urbanisation and Reforms**. Spearheaded by the **Housing and Urban Development (H&UD) Department**, ANKUR is envisioned as a strategic platform to drive urban innovation, foster collaborative partnerships, and build smart, sustainable, and citizen-centric cities.





Greenfield Airports Approval

Kota Airport (Rajasthan)

Union Civil Aviation Minister **Rammohan Naidu Kinjarapu** has approved Greenfield airports in Kota (Rajasthan) and Puri (Odisha) on **May 5, 2025**. Kota, a center for education and industry, will now benefit from enhanced air infrastructure.

Puri Airport (Odisha)

Puri, a renowned **pilgrimage site**, will get a new airport to boost regional connectivity, promote tourism, and support economic development. This move aligns with the **UDAN scheme** and is a part of the government's long-term aviation strategy to make air travel more accessible and inclusive.

POCSO Courts Order

The **Supreme Court of India**, while addressing a suo motu petition on the rise in child rape incidents, has ordered the Centre and State governments to urgently set up exclusive **POCSO courts**. It underlined that trial delays violate the **Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012**, which mandates speedy justice. States like Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Maharashtra, UP, **Odisha**, and West Bengal have been flagged for judicial backlog. This move is critical to ensure timely justice, strengthen child protection mechanisms, and uphold child rights.



Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan

Launch

- Union Agriculture Minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** launched the '**Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan (VKSA)**'.

Goal

- The goal of this campaign is to transform Indian farming with the help of science and technology.

Location

- It was launched in **Sakshigopal, Puri (Odisha)** and later at the **ICAR-CIFA centre** in Bhubaneswar.



PM Modi's Development Projects in Odisha

Railway Projects

1

On **June 20, 2025**, PM Modi launched multiple rail projects worth **₹2,750 crore** in Odisha, marking a significant push toward regional connectivity and development. The inauguration of the **Sonepur-Purunakatak rail line** connected **Boudh district** to India's rail network for the first time.

2

Bhubaneswar Visit

During his visit to Bhubaneswar on June 20, 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated **₹18,600 crore** worth of development projects, flagged off new rail and bus services, and launched the **Odisha Vision Document**, aiming for a **\$1.5 trillion economy by 2047**.

Additional Initiatives

3

Emphasizing cultural revival, women empowerment, and infrastructure growth, the PM also rolled out the **Baraputra Aitihya Gram Yojana** and felicitated **Lakhpati Didis** under the SHG initiative. The event signaled the government's commitment to holistic, inclusive progress in Odisha.

Human-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation

In a major step toward mitigating human-wildlife conflict, Union Minister **Bhupendra Yadav** announced the creation of a **Centre of Excellence at WII-SACON**, focusing on the use of AI-driven solutions, public sensitisation, and rapid response mechanisms. Backed by previous advisories (2021) and detailed guidelines (2022), the initiative comes amid rising fatalities due to tiger and elephant attacks, particularly in states like Maharashtra, **Odisha**, and Uttar Pradesh.



Puri Municipal Corporation

New Status

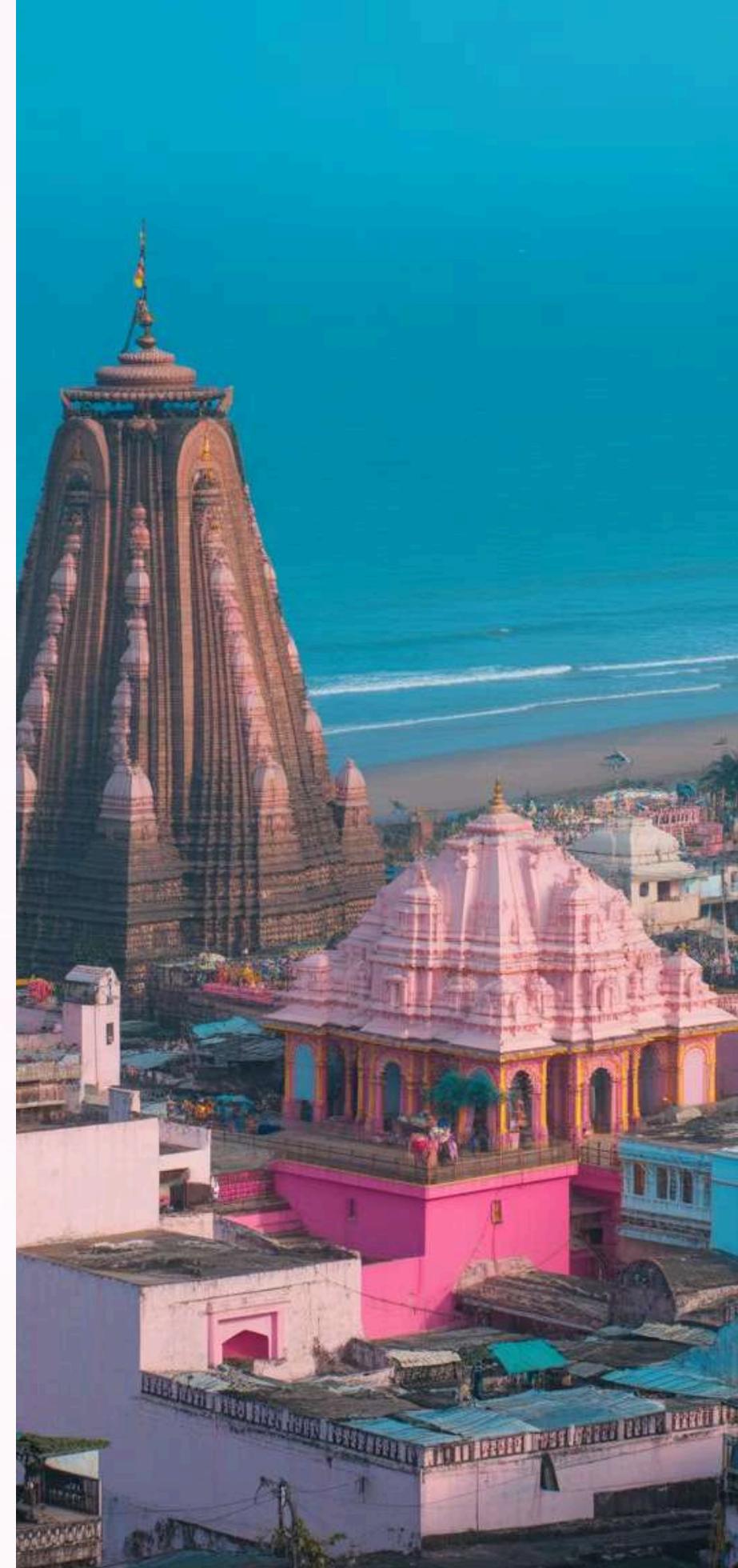
- **Puri** will become the **sixth municipal corporation** in Odisha, as announced by Chief Minister **Mohan Charan Majhi** on **July 5, 2025**, ahead of the Bahuda Yatra.

Purpose

- The decision is aimed at providing better services in the city, which welcomes lakhs of visitors every year. Areas around Puri city will be added to the corporation, and the government has also planned a **Jagannath Museum, Library, and Research Centre** to promote Odia culture.

Vision

- This move supports the state's vision to make Puri a major tourist and spiritual centre by **2036**.



Odisha-TEX 2025

- Odisha signed **33 MoUs** worth **\$902 million** under its **Apparel & Technical Textile Policy 2022** during **Odisha-TEX 2025**, aiming to create over **1 lakh jobs by 2030** and establish textile clusters in six districts.
- The state enhanced employment subsidies, with **₹6,000 for men** and **₹7,000 for women**, to attract investors and strengthen workforce participation, positioning Odisha as the textile hub of eastern India.



New Urban Local Bodies in Odisha

7

New Municipalities

Upgraded from NACs

16

New NACs

Created from panchayats

2026

Target Year

For pothole-free urban areas

To improve civic amenities and strengthen urban local bodies (ULB)s, chief minister **Mohan Charan Majhi** on Sunday announced the creation of seven more municipalities and 16 notified area councils (NAC)s in different districts, a move that opens the door for them to operate on their own budget.

Announcing this at the state-level celebration of **Local Self Governance (LSG) Day**, Majhi instructed that all urban areas should be made pothole-free and open drains should be closed by **April 2026**. He emphasised that urban areas are the face of development, and if roads and infrastructure in these areas are not clean and pothole-free, the goal remains unachieved.

New Municipalities and NACs

New Municipalities

The seven new municipalities are **Karanjia, Boudh, Bhanjanagar, Aska, Chhatrapur, Kabisuryanagar and Polasara**. These were NACs and have been upgraded into municipalities. The new NACs have been carved-out from the administrations of panchayats and blocks. **Puri** civic body, which was a municipality, has been upgraded into a municipal corporation.

New NACs

Loisinga in Balangir district; **Sohela** in Bargarh; **Badamba, Narasinghpur, and Salepur** in Cuttack district; **Gondia** in Dhenkanal; **Patrapur and Jagannath Prasad** in Ganjam district; **Chandikhole** in Jajpur district; **Narla and Jaypatna** in Kalahandi district; **Tangi** in Khurda district; **Boriguma** in Koraput district and **Kaptipada, Jashipur, and Rasgovindpur** in Mayurbhanj district have become NACs.



ନୂତନ ପୌର ନିଗମ ଏବଂ ଅଧିକୃତିତ ଅଞ୍ଚଳ ପରିଷଦ

"ସଡ଼କରେ ଗର୍ତ୍ତ ବିଷୟରେ କୌଣସି ଅଭିଯୋଗ ରହିବା ଉଚିତ ନୁହେଁ। **ଏପ୍ରିଲ 2026** ଶେଷ ସୁଦ୍ଧା, ସମସ୍ତ ସହରାଞ୍ଚଳ ନିଜକୁ ଗର୍ତ୍ତମୁକ୍ତ ବୋଲି ପ୍ରମାଣିତ କରିବେ," ମାଝି ତାଙ୍କ ଭାଷଣରେ ଦୃଢ଼ତାର ସହ କହିଛନ୍ତି।

ସେ ଆହୁରି କହିଛନ୍ତି ଯେ ଯଦି ସ୍ଥାନୀୟ ନିକାୟ ଅଧିକାରୀ ଏବଂ ପ୍ରତିନିଧିମାନେ ସେମାନଙ୍କର ଦାୟିତ୍ଵ ପ୍ରଭାବଶାଳୀ ଭାବରେ ପୂରଣ କରନ୍ତି, ତେବେ ଉଚ୍ଚ ଅଧିକାରୀମାନଙ୍କୁ ହସ୍ତକ୍ଷେପ କରିବାର ଆବଶ୍ୟକତା ପଡ଼ିବ ନାହିଁ। ସେ ସ୍ଥାନୀୟ ପ୍ରତିନିଧିମାନଙ୍କୁ ଲୋକଙ୍କ ଅଭିଯୋଗ ସମାଧାନ କରିବାରେ ଅଧିକ ସଚେତନ ଏବଂ ଦାୟିତ୍ଵବାନ ହେବାକୁ ପରାମର୍ଶ ଦେଇଛନ୍ତି।



Urban Development Initiatives

Long-term Measures

The govt has initiated several long-term measures to provide modern infrastructure and quality services to urban residents, aiming for a prosperous Odisha. The CM launched several urban development initiatives, extending the '**Sahajog**' programme to all urban areas to ensure govt scheme benefits reach everyone. This programme, launched in May with the help of **Tata Steel Foundation**, aims to deliver benefits to urban residents.

Grievance Redressal

Additionally, a toll-free number, **1929**, named '**Sahar Saathi**', was launched for public to register their grievances. A **WhatsApp ticketing service** for booking '**Aama Bus**' was also launched, offering a **15% discount for women** and **10% for others**, promoting safe and dignified travel for women.

Infrastructure Development

The CM also inaugurated **43 multi-purpose buildings** with an investment of over **Rs 109 crore**. The CM distributed affordable housing and PMAY homes to beneficiaries, with **310 homes from BMC** and **38 under BDA's** jurisdictions allocated to economically weaker sections. Under **PMAY 2.0**, **46 families** received homes, totalling **394 units** allocated.

Which of the following statements about Odisha is/are correct?

1. Similipal was declared as the first National Park of Odisha in 2025.
2. The Shahid Madho Singh Haath Kharcha Scheme provides financial assistance to Scheduled Tribe students.
3. Puri became the fifth municipal corporation in Odisha in 2025.
4. Utkal Divas is celebrated on April 15 every year.

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 2 only
- c) 2 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 4 only

Answer & Explanation

Answer: b) 2 only

Explanation:

Statement 1 is incorrect:

Similipal was not declared as the first National Park of Odisha in 2025 - it's the 2nd National Park in Odisha and 107th in India

Statement 2 is correct:

The Shahid Madho Singh Haath Kharcha Scheme does provide financial assistance to Scheduled Tribe students

Statement 3 is incorrect:

Puri became the sixth municipal corporation, not fifth

Statement 4 is incorrect:

Utkal Divas is celebrated on April 1, not April 15

Which of the following statements about recent developments in Odisha is/are correct?

1. The Odisha government announced a ₹15 crore sponsorship deal for the Indian national kho kho team for 2025-2027.
2. Odisha became the 35th state to implement Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY in January 2025.
3. The Emergency Detainees Pension provides ₹20,000 monthly to surviving MISA detainees from 1975-1977.
4. The Pravasi Bharatiya Express was flagged off by PM Modi from Bhubaneswar in January 2025.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- b) 1, 3 and 4 only
- c) 2, 3 and 4 only
- d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Answer & Explanation

Answer: b) 1, 3 and 4 only

Explanation:

Statement 1 is correct:

₹15 crore sponsorship (₹5 crore annually) through Odisha Mining Corporation

Statement 2 is incorrect:

Odisha became the 34th state, not 35th

Statement 3 is correct:

₹20,000 monthly pension effective from January 1, 2025

Statement 4 is correct:

PM Modi flagged off the train from Bhubaneswar on January 9, 2025

Consider the following statements about Odisha's budget and development projects:

1. Odisha's budget for 2025-26 is ₹2.90 lakh crore, an increase from the previous year's ₹2.65 lakh crore.
2. PM Modi launched railway projects worth ₹2,750 crore in Odisha in June 2025.
3. The Sonapur–Purunakatak rail line connected Boudh district to India's rail network.
4. The Utkarsh Odisha – Make in Odisha Conclave 2025 was inaugurated by CM Mohan Charan Majhi.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 1, 2 and 3 only
- c) 2, 3 and 4 only
- d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Answer & Explanation

Answer: b) 1, 2 and 3 only

Explanation:

Statement 1 is correct:

Budget increased from ₹2.65L crore (2024-25) to ₹2.90L crore (2025-26)

Statement 2 is correct:

PM Modi launched rail projects worth ₹2,750 crore on June 20, 2025

Statement 3 is correct:

The rail line connected Boudh district to the national rail network

Statement 4 is incorrect:

The conclave was inaugurated by PM Modi, not CM Majhi

With reference to wildlife conservation in Odisha, consider the following:

1. Operation Olivia is conducted by the Indian Coast Guard to protect Olive Ridley turtles.
2. In 2025, nearly 7 lakh Olive Ridley turtles nested at Rushikulya river mouth.
3. The all-time record for Olive Ridley nesting was 741,000 at Gahirmatha rookery in 2001.
4. Similipal National Park is the 107th National Park in India and 2nd in Odisha.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- a) 1, 2 and 3 only
- b) 1, 2 and 4 only
- c) 2, 3 and 4 only
- d) 1, 2, 3 and 4



Answer & Explanation

Answer: d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Explanation:

- 1** Statement 1 is correct:
Operation Olivia is the Indian Coast Guard's annual mission for turtle protection
- 3** Statement 3 is correct:
The all-time record of 741,000 was set at Gahirmatha rookery in 2001

- 2** Statement 2 is correct:
Nearly 6.98 lakh (approximately 7 lakh) turtles nested at Rushikulya in February 2025
- 4** Statement 4 is correct:
Similipal is India's 107th National Park and Odisha's 2nd National Park

Consider the following statements about BBBP (Beti Bachao Beti Padhao) initiatives in Odisha:

1. "Nirbhaya Kadhi" and "Mo Gelha Jiya" programs are implemented in Ganjam district.
2. "Kalpana Avijan" in Dhenkanal district focuses on tracking adolescent girls aged 10-19 years.
3. "Swarna Kalika" in Keonjhar district achieved a 50% reduction in child marriages by 2024.
4. "Veerangana Yojana" in Deogarh district trained 500 adolescent girls in martial arts.

Which of the above statements are correct?

- a) 1 and 2 only
- b) 1, 2 and 3 only
- c) 2, 3 and 4 only
- d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Answer & Explanation

Answer: d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Explanation:

Statement 1 is correct:

Both programs operate in Ganjam district to empower adolescent girls

Statement 2 is correct:

Kalpana Avijan tracks and monitors girls aged 10-19 in Dhenkanal

Statement 3 is correct:

Swarna Kalika achieved 50% reduction in child marriages by 2024

Statement 4 is correct:

Veerangana Yojana trained 500 girls in a 30-day martial arts camp