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Subhadra Yojana

For New Applications Registration to Begin from April 1 for year 2026-27

Bhubaneswar, 28/03/2026: To ensure greater inclusion of eligible beneficiaries under the 'Subhadra Yojana', new applications will be accepted through the Subhadra Portal for a period of one month, from April 1, 2026 to April 30, 2026.

KEY DETAILS:

- Application Period: April 1, 2026 to April 30, 2026
Age Limit: Applicants must be between 21 and 60 years of age as on April 1, 2026
Financial Assistance: Eligible beneficiaries will receive a total of ₹10,000 annually, disbursed in two installments, from the financial year 2026-27 for the duration of the scheme
Application Process and Conditions:
Eligibility to Apply: Only those women who have not applied earlier under Subhadra Yojana are eligible to apply during this period. Applications from those who have previously applied will not be considered.
Where to Apply: New applications will be registered through the Subhadra Portal via Common Service Centres (CSC) or Ama Seva Kendras (ASK)
Availability of Forms: Application forms will be available free of cost at all Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) and CDPO offices Subhadra Yojana stands as a landmark initiative for the empowerment of women in the state. The government has made all necessary arrangements to ensure that no eligible beneficiary is left out of the scheme.



Heat Wave Preparedness Review

Bhubaneswar, March 24, 2026: In a high-level review meeting held today at the 3rd Floor Conference Hall of Kharabela Bhawan, the Minister for Housing & Urban Development, Dr. Krushna Chandra Mahapatra, comprehensively assessed the department's preparedness and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the impending summer heat wave.

At the outset, Shri Arindam Dakua, Director, Municipal Administration, outlined the agenda and presented a detailed overview of the Heat Wave SOPs, highlighting key action points and preparedness measures to be undertaken by Urban Local Bodies (ULBs). Addressing senior officials through a virtual platform, the Minister Dr Mahapatra underscored the urgency of proactive and coordinated measures to mitigate heat-related risks as temperatures begin to rise across the State. The review placed strong emphasis on strengthening urban resilience and ensuring uninterrupted delivery of essential civic services.

Dr. Mahapatra directed all departmental heads and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) to strictly comply with the prescribed Heat Wave SOPs. He reiterated that all key directives must be followed in letter and spirit. Special emphasis was laid on maintaining continuous and equitable water supply. WATCO and the Engineer-in-Chief (Public Health) were directed to ensure zero dis-

➤ **Minister H&UD Dr. Mahapatra Calls for Strict SOP Compliance**

➤ **Zero Tolerance to Sunstroke Fatalities**

➤ **Directive to unctional 24x7 Controll Room**



ruption, particularly during peak heat periods.

Commissioners of all Municipal Corporations and Executive Officers of Municipalities and NACs were instructed to operationalize local heat mitigation measures, including installation of public drinking water points, shaded rest areas, and cooling arrangements in high-footfall zones. Strengthening district-level coordination, Project Directors of District Urban Development Agencies (DUDAs) were tasked with closely monitoring field-level implementation and ensuring swift and effective response mechanisms for heat-related contingencies.

All Urban Local Bodies were further directed to make 24x7 control rooms fully functional, with dedicated helpline numbers. These numbers must be widely publicised through multiple communication channels to ensure accessibility for the general public.

Emphasising a people-centric approach, the Hon'ble Minister issued a firm directive "No one should die of sunstroke. All officials must remain alert, vigilant, and responsive at all levels."

He stressed the importance of timely intervention, community awareness, and field-level vigilance to prevent any loss of life due to extreme heat conditions. Smt Usha Padhee, Additional Chief Secretary to Government H&UD Department emphasized meticulous adherence to the notified SOPs, calling for continuous monitoring and accountability at all administrative levels to ensure effective on-ground implementation.

The meeting was also attended by senior officials of the Department, including all Additional Secretaries and other key functionaries. All Municipal Commissioners and Executive Officers of Municipalities and NACs across the State participated through video conferencing, ensuring a coordinated and unified administrative response. The Housing & Urban Development Department reaffirmed its commitment to safeguarding the well-being of urban citizens and maintaining high standards of public service delivery during extreme weather conditions.

Workshop on Cyber Crime Awareness Hold by OSCW to Strengthen Women's Safety

Bhubaneswar, 24,03,2026: A workshop on safeguarding women from cybercrimes was organised today at the conference hall of the Women and Child Development Institution in Laxmisagar, Bhubaneswar. The programme was organised under the aegis of the Odisha State Commission for Women (OSCW).

The workshop was chaired

by Chairperson of the Odisha State Commission for Women, Shobhana Mahanti, and was inaugurated with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries. Director of the Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Odisha, Swyamprabha Mahanti, IAS, attended the event as the chief guest. Members of the Com-



mission, including Urmila Mahapatra, Pratibha Satpathy and Dr Kalpana Mallick, were also present. Assistant Commissioner of Police, Bhubaneswar-Cuttack Police Commissionerate, Akshay Kumar Nayak, joined as the key resource person and delivered a detailed session on cyber crimes, focus-

ing on preventive measures and safety mechanisms for women. The technical session featured an in-depth presentation by Nayak, who elaborated on various forms of cyber crimes and shared practical guidance on how women can protect themselves in the digital space.

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Record Paddy Procurement in Odisha: Over 75L Metric Tonnes Reach Mandis

Bhubaneswar, March 25, 2026: The paddy procurement process for the 2025-26 Kharif season in Odisha has entered its final phase, marking a significant milestone for the state's agricultural sector. According to the latest official reports, as of today, approximately 75,45,381 metric tonnes of paddy have arrived at various mandis across the state, with 75,20,212 metric tonnes already successfully procured. Government data indicates that 18,11,988 farmers have sold their produce so far this year. Out of the total collected stock, millers have already lifted about 73,46,226 metric tonnes from the procurement centers. The Minimum Support Price (MSP) mechanism has played a crucial role in ensuring that farmers receive fair value for their crops, with a staggering ₹22,337.60 crore disbursed in MSP and input assistance payments to date. Bargarh district continues to lead the state in procurement efforts, recording 7,70,157 metric tonnes in arrivals and 7,69,838 metric tonnes in procurement. Kalahandi follows closely with 6,43,178 metric tonnes procured, while Ganjam and Subarnapur districts have recorded 5,58,012 metric tonnes



and 3,79,045 metric tonnes respectively. In a move to ensure transparency and efficiency, the state government confirmed that all payments are being credited directly into the bank accounts of the participating farmers. A comparative analysis of government data as of March 24 highlights a steady upward trajectory in the state's agricultural productivity. Kharif paddy procurement stood at 58,03,664 metric tonnes in 2023-24, rising to 73,02,782 metric tonnes in 2024-25, and reaching 74,92,893 metric tonnes in the current 2025-26 cycle. With an increase of over 16 lakh metric tonnes within just two years, these figures serve as a highly positive indicator for the growth and stability of the state's rural economy.

Odisha Streamlines Approvals for City Gas Infrastructure to Accelerate PNG Rollout

Bhubaneswar, March 25, 2026: In a significant move to fast-track the expansion of clean energy infrastructure across urban Odisha, the Housing & Urban Development Department has issued a comprehensive order simplifying and expediting approval processes for City Gas Distribution projects. The order has been issued by Smt. Usha Padhee, Additional Chief Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department & Chairperson IDCO, reinforcing the State Government's commitment to promoting a gas-based economy and enhancing access to clean and efficient fuel in urban areas. As per the order, Urban Local Bodies have been directed to waive permission fees for laying underground pipelines and related CGD infrastructure. Additionally, no fresh permissions will be required for ongoing or already sanctioned works, thereby removing procedural delays and ensuring continuity in project execution. To further accelerate progress, the State Government has emphasized time-bound approvals, with all concerned authorities instructed to dispose of applications promptly. Restrictions on road-cutting during certain periods have also been relaxed for CGD projects to avoid disruptions and maintain steady implementation.

Mushroom Conclave 2026 held with the theme Mushrooming livelihood options towards a Viksit Odisha

63 Thousand MT of Mushrooms produced in Odisha this year

Bhubaneswar- 25, March: The Mushroom Conclave 2026, held today at The Crown, was organized by The Agricultural Promotion and Investment Corporation of Odisha Limited (APICOL), a corporation under the Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment (DA&FE), Odisha, to promote mushroom cultivation as a sustainable livelihood opportunity. The event featured technical sessions on advanced production techniques, post-harvest management, value addition, and market linkages in the mushroom sector. Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Odisha, Shri Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo, said that Odisha is one of the leading states in mushroom production and it accounts for 11% of overall production in India. Mushrooms are called super food as it is rich in nutrients, fat free & low in cholesterol and its cultivation is organ-



ic & sustainable for the environment. Odisha Govt. is promoting Mushroom cultivation and providing subsidies under MKUY and developing the roadmap for its market linkage, while providing robust logistic support. The conclave witnessed active participation from over 170 participants across Odisha, including members of the Mushroom Federation, reflecting strong interest from the

farming and entrepreneurial community. During the Ceremonial Session, eminent dignitaries addressed the gathering, including Commissioner-cum-Secretary, DA&FE Department, Shri Sachin Ramchandra Jadhav, said that mushroom cultivation provides easy returns & earns profit in a short duration. It consumes less water as compared to other crops or vegetables. Director, Soil Conservation & Watershed Development, Shri Subrat Kumar Panda, Director of Horticulture, Shri Kalunge Gorakh Waman, VC, OUAT Dr Prabhat Kumar Raul, Dr. V P Sharma, Shri Shubhran-shu Mishra, Managing Director, APICOL, Prof. (Dr.) Adwaita Kumar Patra Chairman, Odisha Mushroom Growers Federation, who highlighted the importance of mushroom cultivation in strengthening farmer incomes and rural livelihoods.

AFI at Odisha Capital:

Gurvindervir Singh sprints to glory in 60m dash in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar: Punjab's 26-year-old international sprinter Gurvindervir Singh displayed resilience to walk away with the men's 60m title on the final day of the two-day first National Indoor Athletics Championships here at Indoor Stadium on Wednesday. In a thrilling 60m final reduced to five athletes after three false starts, Gurvinder Singh stayed focused to rocket off the blocks, and crossed the finish line in 6.60 seconds to win gold. His gold-winning time was better than the previous national 60m indoor record of 6.67 seconds, set by VK Elakkiasan in 2022. "It was a good start to the 2026 season. I hope to sustain my efforts in outdoor races," the eventual winner said of posting a national 60m indoor record in his first race of the season. Gurvindervir Singh represented Reliance in the competition. The men's 60m dash was anticipated to be an exciting race. But three false starts cost national outdoor champion and hot favourite Animesh Kujur dearly. He was the third sprinter to be disqualified. Odisha's Dondapti Mrutyam Jayaram and Karnataka's Nehal Sagar were other two sprinters disqualified due to false start. Maharashtra's 22-year-old Harita Bhandra was winner of women's 60m dash. Harita's winning time was 7.32 seconds.



DAY TWO

Results

Men: 60m: Gurindevir Singh (Reliance) 6.60 seconds, Lalu Prasad Bhoi (Odisha) 6.65 seconds, Nuzrat (Hatyana) 6.71 seconds.

Men: U20 60m: Kshitij Sunil (Maharashtra) 6.78 seconds, Rushiraj Singh (Gujrat) 6.87 seconds, Abhay Singh (Reliance) 6.88 seconds.

Men: 400m: Mohammed Sinan (Reliance) 48.27 seconds, Mohammed Badusha (BSF) 49.83 seconds, Aryan Ekka (Odisha) 49.86 seconds.

Men: U20: 400m: Umesh Sahani (Uttar Pradesh) 49.14 seconds, Bapi Hansda (Odisha) 49.27 seconds, Pradeep Mane (Maharashtra) 51.66 seconds.

Men: 1500m: Vinod Singh (Madhya Pradesh) 3:46.13 seconds, Jagdish (Air Force) 3:50.11 seconds, Sunil Yadav (Rajasthan) 3:50.56 seconds.

Men: U20: 3,000m: Dolamani Chirgun (Odisha) 8:39.13 seconds, Bitto Joseph (Kerala) 8:40.32 seconds, Ajay (Uttar Pradesh) 8:41.02.

Men: Triple jump: Vimal Mukesh (Navy) 15.41m, Robinson S (Tamil Nadu) 14.67m, Naresh Rohidas (Odisha) 13.92m.

Men: Pole vault: Reegan G (Tamil Nadu) 5.30m, Rameer Singh (Army) 4.85m, Bineesh Jacob (Railway) 4.55m.

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