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### Navin to meet PM

**Bhubaneswar:** Chief minister Navin Patnaik is scheduled to meet prime minister Manmohan Singh in New Delhi on April 19.

Patnaik, during his tour to the national capital, would discuss a host of issues with Singh pertaining to the Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Bidyutkaran Yojana, hike in coal royalty and establishment of IIT in the state.

The appointment of the chief minister with Singh has been finalized, official sources said here on Tuesday.

### PPT set to handle 106.40 Million tonne cargo by 2012

**Bhubaneswar:** Having the record 38.52 million tonne cargo traffic during 2005-2006, the Paradip Port Trust is set to register a capacity of handling of 106.40 million tonne cargo by 2012 with an investment of Rs 3500 crores.

Briefing newsmen here on Sunday, PPT chairman K Raghuramaiah said that the port has already initiated action to go ahead with as many as 30 projects to increase the capacity of the Port to 71.40 million tonne by 2007-2008 and 93.90 million tonne by 2010-2011.

He said that the port has registered 30 operational records during the year and earned a total operating income of Rs.572.40 crore as against Rs.513.30 crore during the previous year.

The PPT Chairman said the surplus profit of Rs 200 crore would be invested for funding new projects for the growth of the port as it had planned a cargo projection of 45.10 million tonnes by 2007-2008.

He said the centre has sanctioned Rs.154.84 crore to deepening the channel of the port from existing 12.8 meter to 18.7 meter to handle 1,25,000 DWT vessels as against 75,000 DWT vessels presently being handled by the port.

Raghuramaiah said keeping in view the large scale steel plants coming up in the state, the Port has proposed to construct one berth for exclusively handling the iron ore at an estimated cost of Rs 505 crore and another berth for handling import of coke and coking coal at a cost of Rs 384 crores.

Both the project would be taken up on the built, operate and transfer (BOT) basis.

### IPS officers promoted

**Bhubaneswar:** The state government has effected promotion of three IPS officers of DIG and the other two of SP rank.

According to official sources, DIG (Central) Santosh Upadhyaya, DIG (Southern) Arun Ray and DIG (posted at the Centre) Binayananda Jha have been promoted to IG rank while SPs Binaytosh Mishra and R P Koche have been promoted to DIG rank.

The sources also said that efforts are on for a major reshuffle in the IPS level.

While the approval of the chief minister is awaited, the reshuffle would be made within a couple of days, they added.

### **PS bomb attackers nabbed**

**Puri:** In a major breakthrough, the town police on Tuesday arrested three anti-socials in connection with a serial bomb attack on Kumbharapada police station last month.

The arrested have been identified as Rakesh Maharana (25) of Paika Sahi, Durga Prasad Paramguru (22) of Talamali Sahi and Ranjan Pattnaik (23) of Sadar Thana area of the city.

Talking to this paper, Puri SP Sanjib Panda said that the arrested confessed to their crimes during interrogation.

Besides, they also revealed the reason behind the serial bomb attack due to the result of the recently concluded elections to the post of jail sardar in the district jail, when the Khumbharpara police foiled the violence attempted at by one candidate.

The miscreant were recently released from jail earlier had bombed the jailer's residence on March 20, Panda said.

A criminal case was registered and an investigation also was started. In the meantime police station too came under the bomb attack.

While Rakesh was arrested from Gop, the other two were arrested from Rasulgarh in Bhubaneswar on Monday night.

The police traced their location after the duo tried to mislead the police giving false information over phone.

The call was traced to a PCO in Bhubaneswar and they were nabbed in a sting operation, the SP said.

### **KIIT celebrates Utkal Divas**

**Bhubaneswar:** KIIT Deemed University on Sunday celebrated Utkal Divas at its campus.

A number of events like blood donation and cultural programmes were organised to mark the occasion.

An open oratory debate competition, Pratijja was also held.

The blood donation camp was inaugurated by Rabi Rattan Das, secretary, Orissa Red Cross Society in which 201 people donated blood, including Doctor RN Ray, Registrar, KIIT University and Dr Sucheta Priyabadini, deputy Registrar.

Contestants from colleges like ITER, Gandhi Dental Institute, Utkal University, BJB, Ravenshaw and OUAT students participated in the debate competition.

### **Manch opposes Queen's visit by palanquin**

**Bhubaneswar:** While the stage is set for a rare visit of Puri Queen Leelavati Patamahadei on Gahana Bije on April 8, the Ambedkar-Lohia Vichar Manch on Tuesday announced to oppose the visit if the Maharani rides a palanquin to visit the temple.

In a joint statement here, Manch president Sangram Mullick, general secretary Rabi Behera and advisor Kedar Ray said that riding a human-carried palanquin to see Lord Jagannath is purely undemocratic and a sign of royal aristocracy, and if the Maharani rides a palanquin, the Manch will strongly oppose it.

This type of visit would violate the Universal Human Rights Law of the Union Nations Organisation and Article 3 of the Citizens Security

Act, 1976, they said and added that the age-old royal fashion should be stopped and the Maharani should visit the temple like any other citizen.

The Manch has submitted a memorandum to chief minister Navin Patnaik, Puri collector and temple administrator in this regard.

### **Privatisation of parcel handling: Railway Porters warn ECoR authorities**

**Bhubaneswar:** Denouncing the move of the East Coast Railway (ECoR) authorities to privatize parcel loading and unloading, the Railway Porters' Joint Action Committee on Tuesday served an ultimatum to the former.

The committee submitted a memorandum to Railway Board chairman JP Batra urging his intervention.

Meanwhile, the committee threatened to stall the functioning of the Bhubaneswar railway station, if the authorities do not look into the matter.

The committee took out a procession on this occasion and shouted slogans against the railway authorities at the station.

It may be mentioned here that the Union railway minister Lalu Prasad Yadav had announced privatisation of parcel handling system on March 13 this year.

Condemning the move, the committee members said that this amounts to a hanging order for lakhs of porters and their families across the country, who served the railways for more than 50 years on parcel handling work and the smooth running of the railways.

Talking to this paper, AITUC leader Sura Jena said that outsiders should not be allowed to loading and unloading work of the railway platforms that are being conducted by the licensed porters for a long time and the porters should be engaged on parcel handling work on rotation.

The committee also demanded recruitment of Class IV staff from the licensed porters, who served the railways on parcel handling work for a long time.

### **Kadambini accorded ABC status**

**Bhubaneswar:** Kadambini, the first monthly family magazine, has been accorded the Audit Bureau of Circulation (ABC) status.

It may be mentioned here that the ABC accords the status to any newspaper and magazine basing on their volume of circulation.

In a statement here on Tuesday, founder of Kadambini and KIIT chancellor Dr Achyut Samant said that the magazine will have a remarkable role for enriching Oriya language and literature in the coming days.

Editor of the magazine Iti Samant has expressed her profound gratitude to the readers for the stupendous success of the magazine.

### **Elected**

**Bhubaneswar:** Chandrasekhar Jena has been elected as the new president of the Bhubaneswar Bar Association, a release by the Bhubaneswar Bar Association here on Tuesday said.

Besides, Gyana Ranjan Mohanty has been elected as the general secretary while Tusharkanti Mohapatra as vice-president and

Harapriya Samantray as joint general secretary. The election passed peacefully and the newly elected office-bearers were given a rousing welcome.

### **Oriya food festival**

**Bhubaneswar:** The Orissa International Centre will organise a three-day Oriya food festival at Buddha Vihar premises near Housing Board Square from April 13 to 15.

As many as 100 food items will be displayed in the festival, which will be prepared by women SHGs of the capital city.

According Paresch Nayak, organizer of the festival, some reputed dance troupes and a cultural team of Malaysia will join the festival while various cultural programmes would be conducted during the festival.

### **Employee swallows bribe during raid**

**Bhubaneswar:** In a bizarre incident, Girija Shankar Pati, senior clerk in the office of additional Tehsildar, Bhograi, in Balasore district, swallowed the bribe money of Rs 400 after receiving the amount from Srinivas Mandal of Batagram village towards correction of an OLR case, during a Vigilance raid.

The State Vigilance sleuths laid a trap on Monday.

As the Vigilance sleuths arrived at the place, Pati, finding no way, immediately swallowed the bribe money.

The saliva of Pati was treated with sodium carbonate solution, which proved his crime. The pink solution and connected case records were seized in the presence of witnesses. Pati was arrested on Monday and forwarded to court on Tuesday.

In another raid, Jasobanta Kumar Mishra, junior clerk, Khamari UGPHC in Angul district was caught red-handed while accepting a bribe of Rs 15,636 from Pratima Diani, a Mahila Swasthya Karmi of Badasada for showing the unauthorised leave she took for more than five months as worked period by deducting Rs 15,636 from her salary.

Mishra was arrested on Monday and forwarded to court on Tuesday.

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