

Paddy collection plan unveiled

Bhubaneswar (K-CN): Chief Secretary Aditya Prasad Padhi today directed the officials to make paddy procurement process hassle free for the farmers this year.

Chairing a State level paddy procurement committee meeting at the State Secretariat, Mr. Padhi directed the officers of Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare and Cooperation Departments to make the process convenient for the farmers.

He directed the Regulated Marketing Committee (RMC) officers to ensure necessary equipment, drinking water and sanitation system in each mandi.

He directed the

officials to make not be spoiled due to not to deprive any their paddy.



prior arrangement so that the paddy will

the unseasonal rain. The Chief Secretary suggested them

farmers, who do not have UID/Aadhar card, from selling

"The Government is targeting to

procure 30 lakh metric tonne rice, which is equal to around 44 lakh tonne paddy, this year. Around 8.62 lakh farmers have been registered so far for selling their surplus paddy. To make the procurement process more transparent and easy, the registration data of farmers have been coordinated with the Bhulekh land records. By such initiative, the paddy selling through middlemen can be checked", Mr. Padhi told Media.

According to officials, the paddy will be procured from around 294 blocks in which 2,570 societies, 3,032 mandis, 6 paddy procuring agencies and over 1,250 millers will participate in the process.

The millers, who have not delivered 100 per cent rice of the procured paddy during the kharif season in 2015-16, will not entitled to take part in the paddy procurement process this year.

The certified common paddy will be bought from the farmers at Rs 1,470 per quintal and A-grade paddy at Rs 1,510 per quintal.

The procurement will commence from November and conclude in March next year, sources added.

Total 75,448 sharecroppers have been registered for paddy sale this year.

A coordination committee comprising of Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare and Cooperation departments at district level has been formed to carry out the process and payment of minimum support price to farmers conveniently.

The amount will be deposited in the bank accounts of all the farmers through electronic process, informed Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare Principal Secretary Pradipta Kumar Mohapatra at the meeting.

According to him, paddy will be procured in all 294 blocks through P-Pass this year and the procurement document and transactions will be prepared through electronic process.

Panchayatiraj Secretary Deo Ranjan Kumar Singh, RDC AB Ota, State Civil Supplies Corporation Managing Director Niranjan Nayak, FCI, MARKFED, TDCC and other officials were among those present at the meeting.

OSBC Pays Dividends

Bhubaneswar (K-CN): The Odisha State Beverages Corporation Limited (OSBC) today paid to the State Government a dividend amounting Rs 10.88 crore for the Financial Year 2015-16.

Secretary Excise and Chairman of OSBC Bishnupada Sethi presented the dividend cheque to the Chief Secretary Aditya Prasad Padhi today at the State Secretariat.

Sources in OSBC said during the 2015-16 financial year, the company while making a sales turnover of Rs. 3,878.39 crores, earned a profit before tax of Rs.50,14,47,932.66 and a profit after tax

tioned here that the right to carry on importing, exporting, wholesale trade and distribution of foreign liquor in the State solely vests in OSBC under Section 20-A of Bihar and Orissa Excise Act, 1915. While OSBC purchases IMFL, Beer from suppliers, manufacturers who are registered under it, country spirit it purchases from Aska based ACSIL, said sources in OSBC, adding that this state owned PSU sells IMFL, Beer and Country Spirit to the licenced retail vendors at its depot points.

Apart from the depots OSBC has opened at Khurda, Cuttack, Berhampur,



of Rs. 36,29,27,767.66.

The dividend paid to the Government is 30% of the profit after tax. Notably, OSBC has been contributing dividend to the State Exchequer since the financial year 2010-11.

Against the Excise Duty target of Rs. 1787.50 Crore, OSBC has deposited Rs.1815.85 crore in the State Exchequer during 2015-16. It has also donated Rs.10 crore to Chief Minister's Relief Fund during the year.

With State Government taking over the monopoly right in wholesale trade of IMFL and country spirit, OSBC was incorporated as a Government Company in the month of November 2000 under the Companies Act 1956.

This is a Company fully owned by the State Government with paid up capital of Rs. 1 crore and authorized capital of Rs.5 crore.

It may be men-

Sambalpur, Balasore, Angul, Rayagada, Keonjhar, Chandikhole and Balangir, it has also opened country spirit depots at Cuttack, Khurda, Balasore and Chandikhole.

Sources in OSBC said expecting sanction of additional posts by the State Government, it will float tender for opening of new depots at six new places preferably at Bhubaneswar, Puri, Paradip, Rourkela or Sundargarh, Jashipur and Jeypore.

After undertaking IT initiative in collaboration with NIC in supply chain and inventory management of liquor stock in its depots, OSBC presently makes online approval of supply indents, generation of purchase order, issue of permit by Excise authority, dispatch note from the brewery/distillery and generation of daily receipt note at OSBC godowns, said sources in OSBC.



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Now Shobhaa De calls Sonam Kapoor 'super hot'

NEW DELHI (KCN): Author Shobhaa De, who sparked a war of words with Sonam Kapoor by

with Sonam. On Wednesday, she tweeted: "Saw this ad #ThingsDontJudge

Sonam's tiff with Shobhaa started when the author criticized her film "I Hate Luv Storys" in one of her



calling her a "lassie who lacks oomph", has now referred to her as "super hot".

It's a way from Shobhaa's end to extend an olive branch to the "Khoobsurat" actress. Inspired by online portal eBay India's campaign titled # Things DontJudge, Shobhaa took the first step towards reconciling

but people do. Inspired to make amends. Sonam Kapoor, I got it wrong: You are super hot."

Recently, Sonam had written an extensive blog, opening up about her struggle to deal with criticism about her body, her looks and her other issues regarding her appearance.

blogs, labelling it as "I Hate Dumb Storys" and calling Sonam "a lassie who lacks oomph".

Later, the actress posted on the social media platform: "Guys please don't take Shobhaa De seriously. She's a fossil who's getting no action and going through menopause. So just for her."

Sushant always speaks the truth, says

MUMBAI: Actor Sushant Singh Rajput says the clarification given by his "Raabta" co-star Kriti Sanon on their link-up rumours is right as she voices the truth. Last month, the actress tried to put an end to dating rumours

with Sushant by slamming such reports and calling them untrue. When asked to comment on the reports, Sushant said, "Kriti always speaks the truth. Whatever she said is right." The 30-year-old actor was speaking to reporters

last night at the trailer launch of his upcoming film "MS Dhoni: The Untold Story", the biopic of Indian ODI captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni. While Sushant was busy working on the movie, his personal life gar-

See your naked body in the mirror rather than my clip: Radhika Apte tells nosy reporter

MUMBAI (KCN): Adil Hussain and certain job then I will do



Actress Radhika Apte on Tuesday got angry with a media reporter for asking about the leaked nude scenes in her last release "Parched".

"Sorry, your question is very ridiculous. Controversies are made by the people like you. You saw the clip, you shared with other people, so you made the controversy," she said at the launch of Swatch watches on Tuesday.

Recently, the leaked intimate scene between

Radhika from "Parched" created a big controversy. However, the makers said the film is much more than the scenes.

Radhika has not been shy from speaking her mind. Rather than keeping quiet about the controversy, she stressed in all her interviews how the film was much more than that one 'sex' leaked scene.

In Tuesday's event, she said: "I am an artist... if I am required to do a

it. If you get out of your cocoon and look at the world cinema and what people are doing abroad and that is too successfully then you would have not probably asked this question. "I am not ashamed of anything. People who are embarrassed about their own body are curious about other's body. So if you want to see a naked body tomorrow, see yourself in the mirror rather than my clip. Then only we can talk about this."

nered spotlight since his break-up with long-time girlfriend Ankita Lokhande last year. The "Kai Po Che!" star also suffered a rib injury while practising a cricketing shot for "Dhoni". Sushant, however, said neither the break-up nor the

physical injury deterred him from focusing on the film. "Injury was in body, heart break was in heart, but the mind was completely fine so it was okay. None of the two things affected me while shooting the film," he said. When asked when

he will be tying the knot, the actor said, "Let me get a girl first! "Directed by Neeraj Pandey, "MS Dhoni: The Untold Story" also stars Anupam Kher, Kiara Advani and Disha Patani. It is scheduled for release on September 30.

Nature care moves NGT

Bhubaneswar (KCN): Nature Care Initiative has moved to the National Green Tribunal (NGT) praying for immediately steps to ensure free flow of water in River Mahanadi system to maintain ecology and Bi Diversity of Satkosia and Bhitarkanika, which prompted the Green Panel to seek response from the Centre and other parties on the matter.

The Bench headed by Justice Jawad Rahim issued notices to Ministry of Environment and Forests, Ministry of Water Resources, Governments of Chhattisgarh and Odisha and State Pollution Control Boards and Central Pollution Control

Board asking their response.

Hearing a plea filed by Shakti Prasad Nayak of Nature Care Initiative seeking legal action against all the industries operating near River mahanadi, its tributaries and distributaries being carried out without seeking prior environment clearance or in violation of the conditions prescribed in the environment clearance, if granted and without any preventive measures, and report the same to NGT.

"State of Chhattisgarh and Odisha have been constructing major and medium projects on Mahanadi without assessing its impact on water flow, ecology and biodiversity...Chhattisgarh

government has constructed 8 major and 34 medium irriga-



tion projects on the upper catchment of Mahanadi river and another four major and medium projects each are under construction.

"State of Odisha

is implementing several major and medium irrigation

Ret, Dahuragoth are in progress, Ong, Brutang, Upper Lanth, Kutulisinga, Tel Integrated, Khadga, Utei Raul, Jira, Upper Udanti, Ranjor, Ahirajor, Laksh-mipathar Nal, Bramhani Pad and Salki projects are in survey and investigation stage," the plea filed through advocate Purushottam Sharma Tripathi said. The NGO contended that industries located along the river were discharging waste directly into Mahanadi which was also adversely affecting the ecosystem.

"Direct the respondent authorities to take appropriate legal action against all the urban Local Bodies/municipal corporations/sewerage Board, situated

near Mahanadi, its tributaries and distributaries causing pollution and running without seeking prior environment clearance," it said.

The issue of sharing of Mahanadi river water has snowballed into a major controversy between the two states. Odisha has been accusing Government of Chhattisgarh of unilaterally constructing projects on the upstream of River Mahanadi, which caused decline in the flow of its water to the state.

Mr.Nayak has been taking up environmental issues time and again, is a senior journalist based at New Delhi.

Tata group's HR chief Rajan resigns

MUMBAI (KCN): Days after Cyrus Mistry was ousted from Tata Sons, the

members of the now disbanded Group Executive Council (GEC) set

jective of providing strategic and operational support to him. On Monday, including profiles of the members. It was speculated that Mukund Rajan and Harish Bhat, members of the GEC would be offered new roles within the group, but the fates of other members, including ex-BSE chief Madhu Kannan, strategist Nirmalya Kumar and Tata veteran Harish Bhat were unclear. Before joining the Tata group, N S Rajan was partner and global leader, people and organisation, EY.



group's human resources chief N S Rajan put in his papers on Friday.

Rajan, who held the position of Tata Group's chief of human resources (CHRO), was one of

up by Mistry. He put in his papers yesterday, sources said. Rajan came on board of the GEC in May 2013 after it was set up a month earlier, headed by Mistry with the ob-

jective of providing strategic and operational support to him. On Monday, including profiles of the members. It was speculated that Mukund Rajan and Harish Bhat, members of the GEC would be offered new roles within the group, but the fates of other members, including ex-BSE chief Madhu Kannan, strategist Nirmalya Kumar and Tata veteran Harish Bhat were unclear. Before joining the Tata group, N S Rajan was partner and global leader, people and organisation, EY. He had also worked in various organisations, including erstwhile Ranbaxy, Asian Paints, BlowPlast, ABC Consultants and Asia Online.

Industry vision 2025 soon

Bhubaneswar (KCN): With three-day 'Make In Odisha (MiO) Conclave' all set to kick start from November 30, preparations are on to unveil the Odisha Industrial Development Vision 2025 and to announce several new Pro-Indus-

planned activities, process is on to unveil the Vision Document 2025 for Industrial Development in the State.

Several new Policy initiatives are likely to be announced during the conclave, sources said.

State Government will announce such a large number of Policies in a time bound manner after the approval of the State Cabinet.

According to sources, these Policy frameworks are in different stages of formula-

set to making the new MSME policy ready by November 15, while the new Health Care Investment and Biotechnology policy will be ready by the second week of November, the sources asserted.

The new Food Processing Policy



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try Policy Frameworks to enthuse the investors in a big way.

Chief Secretary Aditya Prasad Padhi is continuously reviewing the key activities, which are planned to be taken up before the Conclave and the announcement of several initiatives taken up by the State Government.

Principal Secretary Industries Sanjeev Chopra, who is coordinating the mega show is in touch with the Principal Secretaries and Secretaries of various Departments to monitor the various aspects.

According to sources, apart from taking various

According to them, at least eight new policies will be announced for promotion of industries and make the investors "Feel Good" about the environment in the State, said a senior official in the Department of Industries (DoI).

The new Policies likely to be announced include, MSME Development Policy, Pharmaceutical Policy, Food Processing Policy, Textiles and Apparel Policy, Bio-Technology Policy, Health Care Investment Policy, Tourism Policy and Renewable Energy Policy, they added.

It will be, in all probability, the first occasion when the

tion and Departments concerned are busy in finetuning these packages.

While Tourism, Renewable Energy and Textiles & Apparel Policy is expected to be ready by 31 October, Pharmaceutical Policy will be ready in the First Week of November, it is understood.

Departments of Energy, Science & Technology and Green Energy Development Corporation Limited (GEDCOL) have already finalized the Renewable Energy policy, while Department of Tourism is fine tuning its new policy, said sources.

Similarly Department of MSME

will be ready by third week of November, said the adding all these new Policies are Pro-Industry and Investment Friendly to provide a soothing ecosystem in the State for the Investors' community, feel senior officials.

Investment Promotion Advisors, Ernst & Young and CII Team are extending all support for the conclave, which is expected to see participation of at least 150 top corporate leaders and investors. CII Odisha State Council is coordinating the MiO Conclave and more than 150 invitations have been sent to corporate leaders for setting up stalls at the expo.

JICA Projects On Fast Lane

Bhubaneswar (KCN): JICA assisted Odisha Integrated Sanitation Improvement Project works in the twin city of Cuttack and Bhubaneswar have been expedited in the past three months as per the direction of the Chief Secretary Aditya Prasad Padhi.

The achievement is up to 42 per cent in physical progress of the project said officials here during a review meeting chaired by Mr. Padhi at State Secretariat. The Chief Secretary directed the executing agencies to complete the drains and sewerage points started before digging new areas in the wake of frequent complaints from the silver city.

The department was also directed to have close micro

level monitoring of the physical progress and ensure that the money spent yields highest result in terms of the core works of the project, said sources.

Notably, the project includes 632 km of sewer network (252 kms of in Bhubaneswar and 380 kms in Cuttack), 26 sewerage treatment plants and 48 pumping stations in the twin city.

The project cost has been estimated around Rs 2974 crore out of which State Government share is Rs 594 crore. The project has been divided to four broad packages.

Officials said the over all physical progress achievement in all these four packages were around 42 per cent till end of September against the overall

cumulative progress of 32 per cent in June this year.

pal Secretary Finance Tuhin Kanta Pandey, Principal



Chief Secretary directed the officials to strengthen the monitoring activities at ground level and scale up the performances in coming months.

Target has been set to commission various packages of the project in different phases from December, 2017 to June, 2018.

Development Commissioner R Balakrishnan, Princi-

Secretary Revenue & Disaster Management Dr Mona Sharma, Secretary Housing & Urban Development G Mathivathnan, Special Secretary H & UD Shishir Kumar Ratho, Chief Engineer Odisha State sewerage Board Binod Shariff along with senior officers from concerned departments and JICA team participated in the review.

