

Four Odias to be decorated with Padma Shri honour

Four persons of eminence from Odisha - Maguni Charan Kuanr, Antaryami Mishra, Krishna Patel and Patayat Sahu - will receive the prestigious Padma Shri awards.

Maguni Charan Kuanr- Art

Krishna Patel – Art (Rangabati Song)

Antaryami Mishra – Contribution to Literature

Patayat Sahu – Agriculture

Relax age for constable recruitment: Orissa High Court

The Orissa High Court has ordered relaxation of upper age limit up to four years for the recruitment of 4,790 constables, advertisement for which was issued by the State Selection Board (Odisha Police) on December 26, 2022.

For recruitment of 4,790 constables, the present upper age limit for the general category candidates is 23 and 28 for other category candidates.

Shri Jagannath Yatra train flagged off in Odisha

Union Minister for Education Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister for Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw and Minister for Tourism and Culture G Kishan Reddy flagged off Bharat Gaurav tourist train Shri Jagannath Yatra from Safdarjung railway station, New Delhi on Wednesday.

Bharat Gaurav tourist train started on its very special tour Shri Jagannath Yatra with 528 tourists and it will cover some of the very prominent pilgrimage and heritage destinations in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and Odisha.

Ganjam tops country in MGNREGA

GANJAM district has bagged the top honours in the country for generating man-days and providing 100 days of work to rural households under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) till January 22. Four days after Aska police station received the best police station status in the country, the administration's achievement in rural employment scheme has come as a double bonanza.

Odisha's Sahi Jata, Jhumura to feature in Republic Day parade

The Odisha tableau might not have found place in this year's Republic Day parade at New Delhi but the national celebration will have a touch of the state's culture. The Ministry of Culture's tableau at the Republic Day celebration will be followed by a 10-

minute dance production which will include Odissi, Jhumura (Keonjhar tribal dance) and Sahi Jata Nacha (Puri) dance forms of Odisha. The theme will be Nari Shakti (women empowerment) depicting five elements of earth, water, air, space and fire that womanhood is synonymous with.

Odisha CM takes stock of goshala at Jamukoli

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Saturday directed Khurda administration to expedite land acquisition process for establishment of a new animal welfare centre in Jamukoli area of Jatni. The direction from the CM came during his visit to the existing goshala at Jamukoli with 5T secretary VK Pandian,

1. Which country has launched a new initiative to reduce delays in visa processing in India?

- A. Russia B. USA
C. Germany D. UK
Answer- B. USA

• The US has launched a new initiative to reduce delays in visa processing in India, including scheduling special interviews for first-time applicants and increasing the number of consular staff.
• On January 21, the US Embassy in Delhi and consulates in Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata and Hyderabad held "Special Saturday Interview Days" ("Special Saturday Interview Days") as part of a multi pronged approach to reduce visa backlogs.
• These interview days are for applicants who require a personal visa interview.

2. When National Girl Child Day is celebrated every year in India?

- A. 23 January B. 21 January
C. 22 January D. 24 January
Answer- D. 24 January

• National Girl Child Day is celebrated every year on January 24 in India.
• It was started in 2008 by the Ministry of Women and Child Development and the Government of India.
• The purpose of this day is to raise awareness about the inequalities faced by girls in various fields including education, employment, clothing and others.
• The first National Girl Child Day was celebrated on January 24, 2008.

3. Lunglei Fire Station of which state has received Subhash Chandra Bose Disaster Management Award 2023 for outstanding work in disaster management?

- A. Andhra Pradesh B. West Bengal
C. Mizoram D. Jharkhand
Answer- C. Mizoram

The Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA) and Lunglei fire station, Mizoram, have been

selected in the institutional category for Subhas Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar-2023 for their excellent work in disaster management.

- Government announces Subhash Chandra Bose Disaster Management Award 2023.
- The Centre has selected Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA) and Lunglei Fire Station, Mizoram for Subhash Chandra Bose Disaster Management Award 2023 for outstanding work in disaster management.
- OSDMA was founded in 1999 after the super cyclone.
- Lunglei Fire Station responded effectively to the massive forest fire on April 24, 2021.
- Both were selected under the institutional category.

4. India's first indigenous mobile operating system 'BharOS' was successfully tested at which IIT institute?

- A. IIT Madras B. IIT Mumbai
C. IIT Varanasi D. IIT Delhi

Answer- A. IIT Madras

- IIT Madras's incubatory firm JandK Operations has built India's first indigenous mobile operating system 'BharOS'.
- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Communications Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw jointly tested the indigenous mobile operating system BharOS.
- This software can be installed on commercial off-the-shelf handsets.
- This is being seen as a major achievement in India's mobile operating system sector.

5. The first meeting of the Youth-20 Group will be held on 6-8 February 2023 in which city?

- A. Guwahati B. New Delhi
C. Indore D. Bhubaneswar

Answer- A. Guwahati

- The first meeting of the Youth-20 Group will be held in Guwahati on February 6-8, 2023.
- India is hosting the Youth 20 (Y20) Summit for the first time on the sidelines of the G20 Summit.
- The meeting will focus on the five themes of future of work – climate change and disaster risk reduction, peace building and reconciliation, democracy and health, wellbeing and youth in sport.

6. Where did the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) held its first Mission Olympic Cell (MOC) meeting outside Delhi on January 19 and 20, 2023?

- A. Guwahati B. New Delhi
C. Indore D. Bhubaneswar

Answer- D. Bhubaneswar

- The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) held its first Mission Olympic Cell (MOC) meeting

outside Delhi in Bhubaneswar, Odisha on January 19 and 20, 2023.

- MoC members met to discuss the key agenda and goals of India's Olympic programme and proposals for the Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) athletes.
 - Generally, moc members come to Delhi every month to discuss the agenda related to TOPS.
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7. Where will the Ministry of Tourism host the first Global Tourism Investor Summit in April 2023?

- A. Bhopal B. Chennai
C. New Delhi D. Mumbai

Answer- C. New Delhi

- The Central Government will host India's first Global Tourism Summit in New Delhi from 10-12 April 2023 under the aegis of G20 Presidency of India.
- All G-20 member countries will be invited to participate in the summit.
- Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) is the industry partner for the event.

8. American India Foundation (AIF) inaugurated India's first STEM Innovation and Learning Centre (SILC) in which state in January 2023?

- A. Himachal Pradesh B. Tamil Nadu
C. Jammu and Kashmir D. Delhi

Answer- B. Tamil Nadu

- American India Foundation (AIF) inaugurated India's first STEM Innovation and Learning Centre (SILC) in Chennai, Tamil Nadu in January 2023.
- STEM Innovation and Learning Centre was inaugurated under Vanvil Mandrum Scheme.
- The centre will introduce students to a transdisciplinary learning approach through robotics, AI, space technology and STEM incubation workstations.
- AIF's award-winning flagship education program Digital Equalizer has designed the center as a one stop solution for STEM among students and teachers.

9. Union MSME Minister Narayan Rane inaugurated the one-day National SC-ST Hub Conclave in which city on 23 January 2023?

- A. Varanasi B. Lucknow
C. Bhopal D. Mumbai

Answer- D. Mumbai

- Union MSME Minister Narayan Rane inaugurated the one-day National SC-ST Hub Conclave in Mumbai on 23 January 2023.
- It was organised by the Union Ministry of MSME to spread awareness about the National SC-ST Hub (NSSH) and other schemes of the Ministry of MSME.
- The Hub assists entrepreneurs belonging to SC and ST communities in capacity building, financing and tender bidding participation.

- The government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the National SC-ST Hub and various schemes under the Ministry of MSME to realize the dream of a self-reliant India.

10. How many children have been awarded the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2023 in six categories for their exceptional achievement?

- A. 15 B. 20
C. 21 D. 11

Answer- D. 11

- President Draupadi Murmu presented the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2023 at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi on January 23, 2023.

- The awards have been given to 11 children for exceptional achievement in six categories including art, culture, bravery, innovation, social service and sports.

- This year, four students have been selected for arts and culture category, one for bravery, two for innovation, one for social service and three for sports category.

- The awards are given to children in the age group of 5-18 years.

- Each awardee received a medal, a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh and a certificate from the President.

11. The Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh recently said that the Himachal Pradesh government intends to make Himachal Pradesh the first green energy state by which of the following years?

- A. 2027 B. 2025
C. 2030 D. 2024

Answer- B. 2025

- The Himachal Pradesh government aims to make Himachal Pradesh the first green energy state by 2025.

- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu said the government intends to do so using hydro, hydrogen and solar energy.

- Chief Minister Sukhu directed The Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Limited (HPSEBL), Him energy, HPPCL and Energy Department to take action in this direction.

- He also directed these departments to make policy changes wherever required.

12. Recently, trial operation of the 1st unit of the 660 MW North Karanpura Super Thermal Power Project in _____ has been successfully completed.

- A. Jharkhand B. Chhattisgarh
C. Bihar D. Odisha

Answer- A. Jharkhand

- The trial operation of the first unit of 660 MW North Karanpura Super Thermal Power Project in Jharkhand has been successfully completed.

- With the successful completion of the trial operation, NTPC Group's capacity has crossed 71 Gw.

- The North Karanpura Super Thermal Power Project will ensure cheaper power to Jharkhand, Bihar, West Bengal and Odisha.

- The then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee had laid the foundation stone of this project of NTPC in Jharkhand.

- North Karanpura Thermal Power Station is a coal based thermal power plant located at Tandwa in Simaria subdivision of Chatra district of Jharkhand.