

22<sup>ND</sup> INSTALLMENT OF PM-KISAN DISBURSED; RS 684 CR RELEASED TO 34.24 LAKH FARMERS IN ODISHA

The 22<sup>nd</sup> installment of farmers' benefits under the "Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi" (PM-Kisan) scheme was released on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 by Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India from Guwahati, Assam. Under this initiative, Rs 684 crore was disbursed to 34.24 lakh farmers across Odisha, providing direct income support to strengthen their livelihoods.

In Odisha, the programme was organized across all districts, where farmers and officials assembled at designated venues to witness the live broadcast of the event. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation, ensuring awareness and outreach of the scheme at the grassroots level.

National Informatics Centre (NIC), Odisha played a vital role in the successful execution of the programme. The Video Conferencing Division of NIC ensured seamless live streaming within a short timeframe, while the Agriculture Informatics Division supported the digital framework.

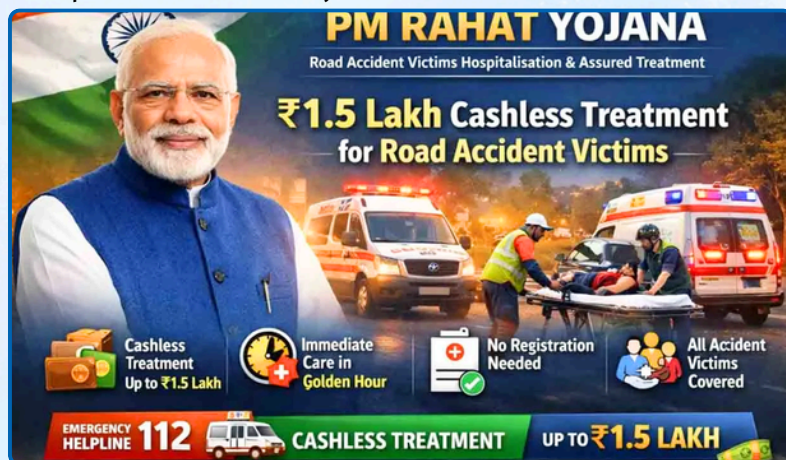


NIC EXTENDS SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PM-RAHAT SCHEME

The PM-RAHAT (Road Accident Victim Hospitalization and Assured Treatment) Scheme, launched on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026, is being implemented with technical support from NIC in collaboration with other key stakeholders.

Following its launch, DIOs played a proactive role in facilitating critical preparatory activities. These included the creation of sub-agency accounts with RBI, onboarding of the Transaction Management System (TMS 2.0), integration with PFMS, and nomination of Grievance Redressal Officers. A review meeting was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 in hybrid mode by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), during which contributions of NIC were acknowledged and appreciated by the Director (MVL).

On 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026, Jagatsinghpur emerged as the first district in Odisha to successfully register and approve a case under the scheme through the eDAR system. As of now, a total of 63 cases have been initiated in the state. Out of these, 39 cases have been approved by the Police Department through the eDAR system, while one case has been rejected. Additionally, 23 cases have been discharged from the scheme due to non-initiation by the Police within the stipulated 24/48-hour timeframe.



SATHI NATIONAL WORKSHOP WITH FSII MEMBER SEED PRODUCING COMPANIES

A National Workshop on the SATHI initiative was conducted with member Seed Producing Companies of the Federation of Seed Industry of India (FSII). Shri Ajeet Kumar Sahu, Joint Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment, Government of India, welcomed all the participants and emphasized the importance of collaborative engagement between the Government and the seed industry for the successful nationwide implementation of SATHI.

Shri Niladri Bihari Mohanty, Scientist-D, National Informatics Centre (NIC), addressed the gathering as the key resource person. During the interactive session, he comprehensively clarified the apprehensions and concerns raised by the participating companies regarding the rollout and operational strategy of SATHI. He elaborated on the system architecture, process flow, compliance mechanisms, and the long-term vision of creating a transparent, technology-driven seed ecosystem.

The Assistant Director General (Seeds) and union leaders representing various seed companies also presented their perspectives, highlighting industry-level practical challenges, operational expectations and suggestions for smoother transition.



STATE COORDINATOR REVIEWED AI INITIATIVES IN NIC ODISHA

A review meeting on Artificial Intelligence (AI) initiatives was held on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 in virtual mode under the chairmanship of Shri Timothy Dkhar, DDG & State Coordinator, Odisha. The meeting was attended by senior officers and officials from NIC, Odisha State Centre and District Centres.

At the outset, the objectives of the meeting were outlined, followed by presentations from various divisions on AI-based initiatives and future opportunities. Key projects included Smart Agriculture Intelligence Network (SAINet), AI-based authentication systems, OCR-driven applications and intelligent transport solutions such as face authentication, vehicle detection, and chatbot services. AI integration in e-Mediclaim, eDistrict, Panchayati Raj and Disaster Management applications was also discussed.

The State Coordinator appreciated the innovative efforts, especially in the Transport and Agriculture divisions and highlighted their impactful implementation of AI. He also noted few challenges such as limited GPU resources and encouraged collaborative efforts to strengthen AI adoption and establish NIC Odisha as a Centre of Excellence in AI.



**JAL ARPAN DIWAS CELEBRATED WITH NATIONAL-LEVEL VIRTUAL INTERACTION ON WORLD WATER DAY 2026**

“Jal Arpan Diwas” was observed on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2026 at Chandol Panchayat under Derabish Block in Kendrapada district as part of Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0, marking World Water Day. The site was one of the six locations selected for national-level virtual interaction. During the programme, Shri C. R. Patil, Hon’ble Union Minister for Jal Shakti and Shri Ashok K. K. Meena, Secretary, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Government of India interacted with the Collector, Kendrapara and local residents.

Shri Arabinda Mohapatra, Hon’ble MLA, Patkura, attended as Chief Guest, along with the Zilla Parishad Chairman, Collector, BDO, Tahsildar of Derabish, and Chief Engineer, RWSS. The NIC team of Kendrapara district and State Headquarters provided timely technical support, ensuring seamless two-way virtual communication and contributing to the successful conduct of the event.



**हिंदी कार्यशाला**

राष्ट्रीय सूचना-विज्ञान केंद्र, भुवनेश्वर में, श्री मलय कुमार दास, उपाध्यक्ष, राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति की संयोजना में प्रथम तिमाही कार्यशाला का सफल आयोजन दिनांक 18 मार्च 2026 को किया गया। कार्यशाला के मुख्य वक्ता डॉ. प्रितिश कुमार मिश्र एवं श्रीमती हरप्रिया मिश्र ने “दैनिक जीवन शैली में आयुर्वेद का महत्व” विषय पर सारगर्भित व्याख्यान प्रस्तुत किया। वक्ताओं ने आयुर्वेद को स्वस्थ शरीर, संतुलित जीवन और सुदृढ़ मानसिक स्वास्थ्य के लिए एक अनिवार्य आधार बताया। उन्होंने दैनिक जीवन में शुद्ध खान-पान, योग, प्राणायाम और नियमित व्यायाम के समावेश पर बल दिया।

राज्य सूचना-विज्ञान अधिकारी डॉ. अशोक कुमार होता ने आयुर्वेद को व्यक्तिगत स्वास्थ्य के साथ-साथ कार्यक्षमता से जोड़ते हुए कहा कि, “स्वस्थ शरीर से ही स्वस्थ मन और स्वस्थ मन से ही सकारात्मक विचार उत्पन्न होते हैं।” यह कार्यशाला इस महत्वपूर्ण संदेश के साथ संपन्न हुई कि आधुनिक तकनीक और पारंपरिक ज्ञान का सटीक संतुलन ही हमें दीर्घकालिक रूप से स्वस्थ, ऊर्जावान और उत्पादक बना सकता है।



**DISTRIBUTION OF 4TH INSTALLMENT OF SUBHADRA SCHEME ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2026**

On International Women’s Day, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2026, Puri witnessed a remarkable celebration of empowerment and progress. At Talabania Ground, the fourth installment of Subhadra Scheme was distributed to eligible beneficiaries, marking a milestone in women’s welfare. The event was graced by Shri Mohan Charan Majhi, Hon’ble Chief Minister, Odisha, Smt. Pravatī Parida, Hon’ble Dy. Chief Minister along with MPs and MLAs of Puri district, reflecting strong leadership support.

NIC, Puri District Center played a vital role by providing IT support, establishing the Camp Office and coordinating with network providers to extend OFC connectivity. This enabled live streaming of the event, ensuring wider participation through virtual mode and symbolizing the union of technology and social commitment.



**HON'BLE UNION HOME MINISTER, SHRI AMIT SHAH INAUGURATED NYAYA SANHITA EXHIBITION AT BHUBANESWAR**

Odisha Police hosted a seven-day Nyaya Sanhita Exhibition in Bhubaneswar from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 at IDCO Exhibition Ground. It was inaugurated by Shri Amit Shah, Hon’ble Union Home Minister in the presence of Shri Mohan Charan Majhi, Hon’ble CM, Odisha. The exhibition aimed to raise awareness about new criminal laws—Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam. Through interactive sessions, demonstrations and discussions, it educated citizens and stakeholders on reforms promoting transparency, victim rights, and speedy justice. Due to public demand, the event was extended by two days.

NIC ICJS team has developed the digital platforms named eSakshya, eSummon, Nyaya Setu, Nyaya Shruti, eProsecution etc. to facilitate implementation of the new criminal laws. Prior to this exhibition, a two days long capacity building drive was organised for Judiciary, Police and Public Prosecutors.



**Awards and Accolades**



NIC Odisha won ‘Gold Award’ for its innovative project DAMPS-PRANISAMPAD at the prestigious ‘ET GovTech Awards - 2026’.



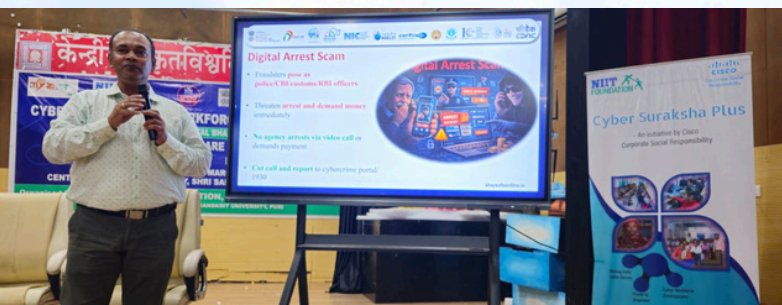
NIC Odisha's eTransport projects 'iDetect' and 'eDetection' received the prestigious 'ET GovTech - 2026' Award for excellence in digital governance.



Dr. B. G. Pitre, Former Principal of The Doon School, Dehradun and a renowned educator, author, mentor, master trainer and specialist in Human Values Education, delivers an inspiring talk on "Password for Self Development" at NIC Odisha's Seshagiri Memorial Hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2026.



Ankit Verma, IPS, SP Jagatsinghpur, expresses his extreme pleasure and sincere appreciation to NIC Jagatsinghpur team for professional and commendable work in successfully conducting the Computer Skill Test for the post of Home Guard. He acknowledged the team's dedication, technical expertise, and smooth execution of the entire process.



Shri Biswanath Panda, Joint Director & DIO, NIC Puri, addressed the Cyber Security & AI Awareness Workshop organized by SAMPARK at Central Sanskrit University, Puri, highlighting key digital security and AI insights.



Officers from NIC Odisha attended the Hindi Technical Workshop organized by NIC, MeitY, on 27th March 2026 at SCOPE Convention Centre, New Delhi.



Shri Subhendu Sekhar Sahoo, DIO Kendrapara, participated in Enumerator and Supervisor Training for Kendrapara Municipality along with the Deputy Collector (Census).

## PHYSICAL ASSET VERIFICATION DRIVE AT NIC ODISHA

A successful physical verification drive of Technical Non-Consumable Assets was conducted at the NIC District Centres by senior officials of NIC. The initiative aimed to ensure accurate inventory management, proper maintenance, and accountability of all technical assets, including computers, networking equipment, and peripheral devices. During the exercise, officials meticulously cross-checked asset records with the actual items, identifying and updating discrepancies where necessary. The drive not only reinforced compliance with asset management protocols but also highlighted commitment of NIC to operational efficiency and transparency. The event concluded smoothly, reflecting effective planning and teamwork across the district centres.





## NIC ODISHA CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

National Informatics Centre (NIC), Odisha celebrated International Women's Day in Bhubaneswar with enthusiasm and active participation from officers and staff. Centered on the theme "Give to Gain," the event highlighted the importance of sharing knowledge, resources and support to promote women's advancement. The programme was graced by Dr. Padma Mahanti, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (APCCF), Social Forestry, Kerala Forest Department, and Dr. Manisha Mishra, Associate Professor, Department of English, Rama Devi Women's University, as distinguished guests. They emphasized on mentorship, collaboration and leadership among women.

Dr. Ashok Ku. Hota, DDG & SIO Odisha elaborated on the theme and acknowledged the contributions of women officers in NIC. The celebrations included competitions like Jhoti, Mono Action and cultural performances, concluding with a reaffirmation of commitment of NIC Odisha to gender equality and women's empowerment.



## IT by Tea

### COEXISTENCE: RESKILLING FOR TOMORROW'S AI

#### Myth :

AI is rapidly creating a digital workforce that replaces human roles, shrinking opportunities for people to contribute meaningfully. As automation expands, many jobs risk becoming machine-dominated, leaving little space for human creativity, judgment and innovation.

#### Truth:

AI is not eliminating jobs; it is redefining them. It automates repetitive work, not human intelligence. Job displacement occurs because the speed of AI growth often outpaces the ability of individuals and organizations to reskill. This creates a temporary transition gap, not a permanent loss of opportunity. At the same time, AI drives demand for advanced hardware, cloud infrastructure, data centres, and energy, expanding opportunities in tech and operations. It also creates entirely new roles such as AI trainers, prompt engineers, data ethicists, and automation specialists. Rather than eliminating work, AI is redefining how work is done and shifting demand toward more creative, strategic, and human-centered skills.

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## DIGITAL TWINS IN GOVERNANCE – PREDICTING REALITY BEFORE IT HAPPENS

Imagine a flood warning system that can tell exactly which villages will be submerged first, which roads will be cut off, and where relief should reach before the disaster actually happens.

This is no longer imagination. With Digital Twin technology, governments can simulate real-world situations in advance and take decisions based on prediction rather than reaction. A Digital Twin is a virtual replica of a real-world system created using IoT sensors, GIS data, cloud computing, and artificial intelligence. Real-time data from the field continuously updates the digital model, allowing administrators to test different scenarios without affecting the actual environment.

### Popular Digital Twin Platforms & Frameworks (Open-Source)

- Eclipse Ditto – Enables creation and management of digital twins for IoT devices with real-time messaging and APIs.
- FIWARE – Widely used in smart city projects; provides context data management and digital twin capabilities via NGSI APIs.
- ThingsBoard – Supports device management, data collection, and visualization, often used to build lightweight digital twin systems.



### Technology Behind Digital Twins:

IoT Sensors for live data, Cloud & Edge Computing for processing, AI/ML for prediction, GIS for spatial mapping, Simulation engines for scenario testing, etc.

Digital Twins shift governance from reactive response to predictive planning, helping reduce loss of life, cost and time. As digital infrastructure expands, Digital Twin technology can become a powerful tool for data-driven & resilient governance.

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## महीने के हिन्दी शब्द

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| • Relief Work       | : राहत कार्य  | • Temporary Post   | : अस्थायी पद       |
| • Tour Advance      | : दौरा अग्रिम | • Discrepancy      | : विसंगति          |
| • Productivity      | : उत्पादकता   | • Public Resources | : सार्वजनिक संसाधन |
| • Act of misconduct | : कदाचार      | • Estate Duty      | : संपदा शुल्क      |

