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## Powering Progress in Koraput:

132/33 kV Lamtaput Grid Sub-Station: A Republic Day Milestone



On the proud occasion of Republic Day 2026, Odisha marked a significant stride in power infrastructure with the inauguration of the 132/33 kV Grid Sub-Station at Lamtaput, Koraput - a 30 crore landmark project strengthening the State's transmission backbone. The sub-station was inaugurated by Shri Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Odisha and Minister for Energy and Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment, in the presence of Shri Raghuram Machha, Hon'ble MLA, Koraput, and Shri Bhaskar Sharma, IAS, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, OPTCL. Commissioned on 23 November 2025, the Lamtaput Grid Sub-Station ensures reliable, uninterrupted, and quality power supply to nearly 25,000 consumers across Lamtaput, Nandapur, Mathamput, Onkudelli, Machkund, and Peta. Strategically connecting the Machkund Power House to the regional grid, the project enables evacuation of Odisha's share from the 120 MW Machkund Hydro



### CMD's MESSAGE

This edition of Shakti Samachar celebrates a quarter of strategic growth and operational excellence.

A major highlight was the Republic Day inauguration of the 132/33 kV Lamtaput Grid Sub-Station. Built with an investment of ₹30 crore, this project delivers quality power to 25,000 consumers and 1,300 lift irrigation points in the remote tribal pockets of Koraput, reinforcing our commitment to inclusive development.

We have also strengthened our financial backbone by securing a ₹1,685.27 crore loan from NABARD. This marks a milestone in project financing for Odisha PSUs, allowing us to accelerate infrastructure expansion while optimizing our debt profile.

In our digital transformation journey, we launched the Odisha Grid Insight (OGrI) Portal. By providing real-time data on substation capacity, we have set a new benchmark in transparency, significantly enhancing the "Ease of Doing Business" for industries and DISCOMs alike.

Beyond infrastructure, our focus remains on the welfare of our people—from the landmark MoU with Union Bank for enhanced employee insurance to our victory in the 18th Power Cup.

As we align with the vision of a Viksit Odisha, let us continue to power the state's progress with integrity and innovation.

**Sri Bhaskar Sarma, IAS**  
Chairman-cum-Managing Director



Project, supports the proposed Jalaput Small Hydro Electric Plant, and strengthens power availability for Balda Mines and surrounding industrial activities.

Beyond infrastructure, the project stands as a catalyst for inclusive socio-economic development—energising 1,300 lift irrigation points, supporting mega drinking water supply schemes in Lamtaput and Nandapur blocks, and improving the quality of life in remote and tribal regions of Koraput.

Aligned with the national vision of “Power to all, power for all, reliable power for all, and affordable power for all,” the Lamtaput Grid Sub-Station reflects OPTCL’s unwavering commitment to last-mile connectivity, regional equity, and sustainable growth.

As Odisha moves forward on the path of development, this milestone reaffirms a simple truth—when power reaches the last mile, progress follows.



## Energy Department Showcases Odisha’s Power Sector at CII Enterprise Odisha Conclave 2026



**Rourkela/28.01.2026:** Energy Department, Government of Odisha, has set up a pavilion at the ongoing CII Enterprise Odisha Conclave in Rourkela. OPTCL is proud to be part of the pavilion, leveraging the platform to sensitise visiting consumers and promote government schemes and corporation initiatives.

The pavilion was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri Mohan Charan Majhi, in the presence of Bhabani Shankar Bhoi, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Odisha Legislative Assembly; Shri Sampad Chandra Swain, Hon'ble Minister for Industries, Skill Development and Technical Education; Shri Durgacharana Tanti, Hon'ble MLA, Raghunathpali; Shri Hemant Sharma, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Govt of Odisha and other eminent officials and stakeholders.

The Enterprise Odisha Conclave, marking its 25th edition, stands as a landmark platform celebrating Odisha's industrial growth, entrepreneurship, innovation and investment journey.

## **Powering Transparency: Launch of Odisha Grid Insight (OGri) Portal**

**Bhubaneswar/09.01.2026:** In a major step towards improving coordination and planning across Odisha's power sector, Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Odisha, Energy and Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment, today launched the **Odisha Grid Insight (OGri) Portal (ogri.optcl.co.in)** at Lok Seva Bhawan. The portal has been developed by Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited (OPTCL) to provide a transparent and unified digital view of the State's transmission network.

The event was attended by Shri Bhaskar Sharma, IAS, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, OPTCL; along with senior officers of OPTCL.

The OGri Portal offers comprehensive technical and geographical information of all 201 Grid Substations across Odisha. For DISCOMs and power generation companies, the portal provides valuable insights into installed transformation capacity, existing load, available margins, spare bay availability, and power take-off arrangements.

With the integration of the SANJOG application, the portal will function as a single unified platform for DISCOMs to avail new 33 kV connections in a more informed, transparent, and efficient manner. Beyond the power sector, the portal will greatly benefit investors and industrial units by offering authentic and reliable information on power availability at various locations across the State, thereby enabling informed and timely investment decisions.

With the launch of this portal, Odisha has become the second State after Rajasthan to offer such a high level of transparency in grid substation and bay availability.

Speaking on the occasion, the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister stated that the OGri Portal reflects the State Government's commitment to transparency, system efficiency, and ease of doing business in the power sector. He emphasized that such digital initiatives will strengthen coordination among transmission, generation, and distribution utilities, leading to reliable power supply and sustainable growth of Odisha's energy ecosystem.



## **Healing Through Awareness: OPTCL Hosts Free Cancer Screening Camp at Power Hospital**

**Bhubaneswar/09.01.2026:** With cancer cases rising rapidly each day, OPTCL, in collaboration with Panda Cancer Hospital, organised a free cancer awareness and screening camp at Power Hospital, Bhoinagar. The camp aimed to educate and empower employees and local residents about early detection and prevention of critical cancers.

Free screenings were conducted for cervical cancer, oral cancer, and breast cancer, along with detailed awareness sessions. Dr. Sthiti Das, an eminent cancer specialist, provided expert medical advice and sensitised participants about symptoms, risks, and the importance of timely check-ups.



Held from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, the camp saw participation from over 100 employees, family members, and local residents, who availed themselves of the screening and consultation facilities. This initiative reflects OPTCL's commitment to fostering a healthy workplace environment and prioritising the well-being of its workforce. The programme was organised under the guidance of Ms. Madhumita Swain, General Manager (HR), whose leadership ensured the successful execution of this meaningful health outreach effort.



# 77th Republic Day Celebration

**Bhubaneswar/26.01.2026:** On the occasion of the 77th Republic Day, Sri B.B. Mehta, Director (SLDC), OPTCL, unfurled the National Flag at Tech Tower. The solemn ceremony was marked by patriotic fervour and a spirit of unity, reaffirming OPTCL's commitment to nation-building and reliable power transmission in service of the people.



**Bhubaneswar/26.01.2026:** On the occasion of the 77th Republic Day, Smt. Anita Mahapatra, CGM (HRD), OPTCL, unfurled the National Flag at Power Hospital. The ceremony was observed with dignity and patriotic spirit, reflecting OPTCL's commitment to service, discipline, and national values.



# Annual Sports Champion & Scholarship

Bhubaneswar/26.01.2026: Marking the 77th Republic Day, OPTCL conducted the Annual Sports Champion and Scholarship Prize Distribution Ceremony, honouring achievers in sports and education and inspiring young talents to strive for excellence.

## Champion



## Scholarship



# OPTCL crowned champions of the 18th Power Cup

**Bhubaneswar/16.01.2026:** The 18th Power Cup Cricket Tournament 2026, jointly organized by OPTCL and GRIDCO, was held at the East Coast Railway Stadium, Bhubaneswar, and inaugurated by Shri Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Odisha. Thirteen teams from Odisha's power sector participated in the tournament, reflecting strong sportsmanship and team spirit.



In the final, OPTCL emerged champions, defeating the Agriculture Department, Government of Odisha, by chasing 82 runs in just 9.1 overs. Kshamasagar Bal starred with an exceptional all-round performance, earning both Man of the Match and Man of the Series awards. The tournament concluded with Shri Bhaskar Sharma, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, OPTCL, presenting the trophies and awards.



## Chief Secretary reviews energy sector for a Samruddha Odisha

**Bhubaneswar/10.01.2026:** Smt. Anu Garg, Chief Secretary, Odisha, chaired a high-level review meeting of the Energy Department at OPTCL HQ, underscoring the importance of providing affordable, reliable, and quality power for all. The review emphasized timely completion of projects, integration of renewable energy, strengthening of transmission infrastructure, and people-centric service delivery to support the vision of a Samruddha Odisha.



## TDS Awareness Programme for OPTCL Employees

**Bhubaneswar/ 12.12.2025:** OPTCL organized an awareness programme on Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) for its employees, aimed at enhancing understanding of tax compliance. The programme was graced by Sri Ashim Kumar Chakraborty, IRS, Commissioner of Income Tax; Sri Sishir Kumar Dash, Joint Commissioner (TDS); Sri Chandan Kumar Ghadai, ITO (TDS)-1, Bhubaneswar; and Sri Aditya Kumar, ITO (TDS), along with Sri Srikant Kumar Sahoo, Director



(Finance), OPTCL, and other senior officers. The interactive session provided valuable insights into various provisions of TDS/TCS, offering clarity on compliance requirements. OPTCL expressed its appreciation to the esteemed resource persons for sharing their expertise and making the programme enriching and informative.

# Annual Sports Meet 2026: Celebrating Team Spirit and Fitness

**Bhubaneswar/04.01.2026:** The Annual Sports Meet 2026, jointly organized by OPTCL and GRIDCO, was successfully held at Kalinga Stadium, witnessing enthusiastic participation from employees. The meet was inaugurated by Shri Bhaskar Sharma, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, OPTCL, in the presence of Olympian Smt. Anuradha Biswal as the Guest of Honour. Senior officials of OPTCL encouraged the participants, highlighting the importance of sports in promoting teamwork, discipline, and employee well-being. Organized under the supervision of Smt. Anita Mahapatra, CGM (HRD), the event saw participation from over 1,000 employees, reflecting OPTCL's strong commitment to fitness and a vibrant workplace culture.



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## FIRST-EVER PROJECT FINANCING BY NABARD TO ANY STATE PSU IN ODISHA

**Bhubaneswar/ 10.12.2025:** A significant milestone was achieved today with the signing of a Long-Term Loan Agreement by OPTCL with NABARD for the development of power infrastructure in Odisha. This strategic financial partnership aims to ensure quality and reliable power supply for upcoming industries as well as consumers across the state.

Under this agreement, NABARD has extended a loan of ₹1,685.27 crore to OPTCL at an attractive interest rate of 7.75% per annum. Of the total loan amount, ₹900 crore will be utilized for new transmission projects, while the remaining amount will be used for swapping existing high-cost loans. This initiative marks the first-ever project financing by NABARD to any State PSU in Odisha, making it a landmark development in the state's power sector.



The ceremony was graced by Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister (Energy) Shri Kanak Vardhan Singhdeo and Shri Bhaskar Sarma, IAS, CMD, OPTCL who appreciated the collaborative efforts aimed at strengthening Odisha's power infrastructure.

The agreement was formally exchanged between Shri S. K. Sahoo, Director (Finance), OPTCL and Shri V. K. Nag, General Manager, Odisha Regional Office, NABARD. Other functional Directors of OPTCL, senior officials of OPTCL & NABARD were also present on the occasion,

This partnership is expected to accelerate the execution of critical transmission infrastructure and support the state's growing industrial and economic landscape.

## Nurturing Green Horizons: OPTCL Angul Leads by Example

**Angul/04.12.2025:** A special plantation programme was conducted at the OPTCL Corporate Building, Angul on 03.12.2025, witnessing enthusiastic participation from employees. Staff members contributed both financially and physically to enhance the greenery and visual appeal of the workplace. The event was graced by senior officials—Sri Kirtan Bihari Behera, GM (Elect.), Sri Pranab Kumar Nayak, GM (Telecom), Sri Birenlal Padhi, DGM (Telecom), and Sri Pradeep Kumar Bhoi, DGM (Elect.)—along with teams from the Project, O&M, and Telecom wings. Their collective effort and active involvement reflected OPTCL's commitment to fostering a cleaner, greener, and more vibrant work environment.



# Strengthening Financial Security

## OPTCL Signs Landmark MoU with Union Bank of India

**Bhubaneswar/ 24.11.2025:** Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited (OPTCL) today marked a momentous occasion by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Union Bank of India (UBI) to implement an exclusive, comprehensive Salary Package Scheme for all its employees.

The official signing ceremony took place at Lokseba Bhawan in the kind presence of Shri Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Odisha, who also holds the portfolios of Energy and Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment.

The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Sri Vishal Kumar Dev, IAS, Principal Secretary, Energy Department, Sri Bhaskar Sarma, IAS, CMD, OPTCL, and other senior officers of OPTCL, including Sri Srikanta Sahoo, Director (Finance), alongside senior officials from Union Bank of India.



On behalf of OPTCL, Sri Umesh Gupta, CGM (Finance) and Ms. Anita Mahapatra, CGM (HRD), and on behalf of Union Bank of India, Sri Harekrishna Das, GM (Zonal Head, Bhubaneswar), and Sri Niranjana Barik, DGM (Regional Head, Bhubaneswar) signed the MoU.

The newly launched scheme provides unparalleled financial security, offering substantial benefits to every regular employee, irrespective of their cadre or designation. Key highlights of the package include:

- **Comprehensive Insurance Cover:** Each employee will receive a Personal Accident Insurance of ₹1.20 Crore, along with an additional Term Life Insurance cover of ₹20 Lakh.
- **Hospitalization Support:** The scheme includes an annual Hospital Cash benefit of ₹30,000/-.
- **Premium Debit Card Benefits:** Employees will be issued a RuPay Select Debit Card on their Zero Balance Savings Bank (SB) accounts, which comes with:
  - Additional accidental insurance coverage of ₹15 Lakh.
  - Annual lifestyle benefits worth ₹75,000/- at no extra cost, including free airport lounge facility, quarterly free health check-ups, and free transactions.

During the ceremony, it was announced that existing accounts maintained earlier with Union Bank of India will automatically migrate to the new scheme, ensuring a seamless transition. Furthermore, the commitment to the OPTCL family extends beyond current staff.

"Union Samman," a similar welfare-oriented package, has been specially designed for OPTCL pensioners, extending the comprehensive benefits to the retired community as well.

The management of OPTCL thanked Union Bank of India for its proactive approach in designing a scheme that is truly aligned with the needs of its employees and expressed deep gratitude to the Government of Odisha for its continued guidance and support.

The partnership today signifies a long, meaningful, and welfare-oriented association between OPTCL and Union Bank of India.



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