



ACTIVITIES REPORT

2025-2026



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Commerce & Transport Department

Chapter 1

01

1. Commerce & Transport Department

The Commerce & Transport Department came into existence during the year 1974. This Department consists of two wings i.e., Commerce wing and Transport wing.

1.1. Commerce Wing

The Commerce Department oversees two key Directorates: The Directorate of Printing, Stationery & Publication in Cuttack, and the Directorate of Ports & Inland Water Transport in Bhubaneswar. Additionally, it is responsible for publishing all extraordinary government gazettes on the official website. It handles notifications regarding name changes, partnership deeds, and various resolutions and notifications from government departments, public undertakings, and universities among others.

The Directorate of Printing, Stationery & Publication (DPS&P) is a Quasi-Industrial Service Organisation which delivers different services like printing of Scheduled & Non-Scheduled Forms, State Government Gazettes, Government Publications, Printing of Govt. Diary, State Govt. Budget, etc.

At the forefront of this Department's strategic vision is the Odisha Maritime Board (OMB). Established in August 2022, the OMB is mandated to act as the nodal agency for coordinating non-major ports and non-nationalised inland waterways activities. Its mission is to optimize efficiency, promote sustainable practices, and position Odisha as a leader in maritime development and management.

Supporting the OMB's objectives is the wider maritime and inland water transport ecosystem managed by the Directorate of Ports & Inland Water Transport (DP&IWT). This includes the implementation of the Odisha Port Policy (published November 2022) to holistically develop the sector.

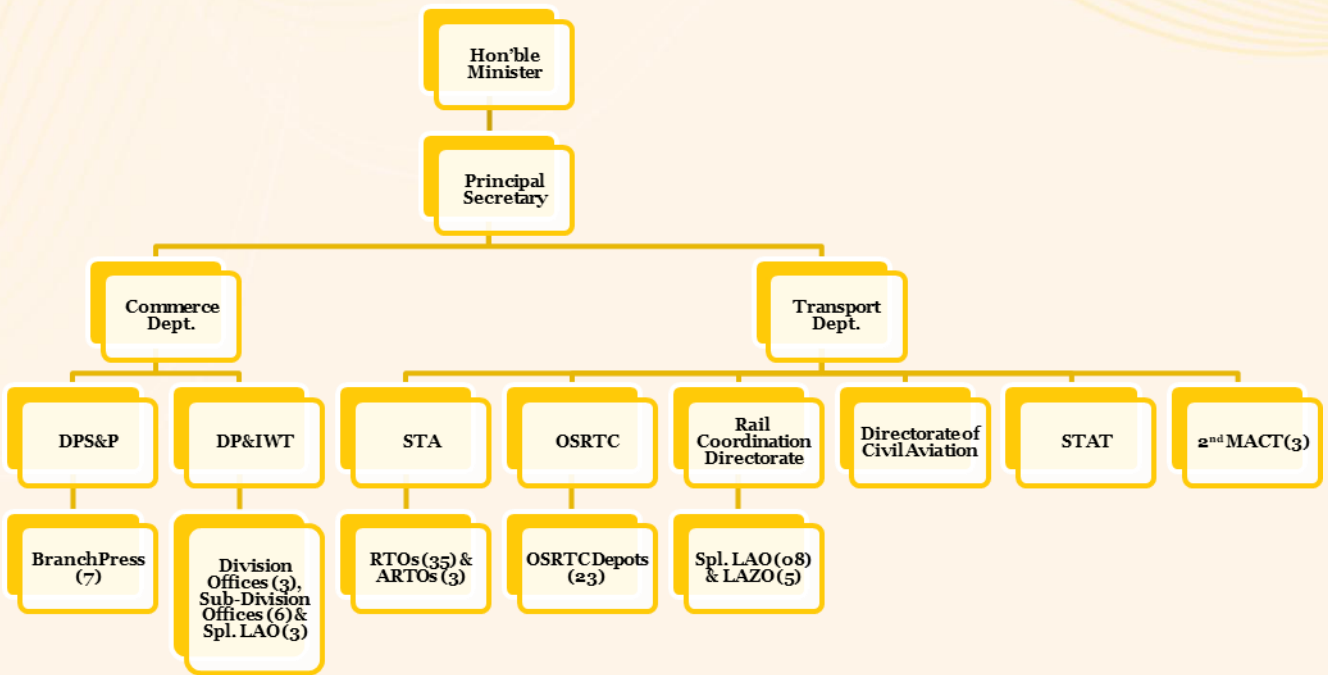
The Crew Training Institute (Chandbali) has been operational since 1979, this institute provides specialized training for inland vessel operations, supplying skilled manpower (launch drivers, serangs, etc.) to the maritime sector.

1.2. Transport Wing

The Transport Department is entrusted with the matters relating to road transport regulatory, rail coordination and aviation sector. This Department administers the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1975 and Rules made there under. The Department also supervises, regulates the working and functioning of the various bodies such as, the State Transport Authority (STA), Regional Transport Offices (RTO) and Directorate of Civil Aviation. There is also a corporation namely, Odisha State Road Transport Corporation (OSRTC) is functioning under this Department. Besides, there are Tribunals namely, State Transport Appellate Tribunal (STAT), Cuttack, 2nd Motor Accident Claim Tribunals (MACT) at Cuttack, Sambalpur and Berhampur which mainly look after finalization of motor accident claims cases.



1.3. Organogram



Directorate of Ports & Inland Water Transport

Chapter 2

02

2. Directorate of Ports & IWT

2.1. Maritime Sector in Odisha

The advantages for development of seaports in Odisha include availability of a cargo-generating vast hinterland comprising other developing Eastern and Central Indian States. Establishment of mining-based Industrial Houses located in the hinterland of the state offer long term potential for cargo which need seaport facility in Odisha. The port locations and the riverine systems of Odisha are ideally situated to adapt to the current development in technology, in the areas of connectivity, automation, cargo handling and ship technology. It is in this perspective that the Government of Odisha, by evolving an integrated strategy, intends to implement its vision in port sector.

Similarly, Inland Water Transport (IWT) is an important, alternative, economic, fuel-efficient and environment friendly mode of transport. Odisha has an extensive network of rivers, lakes, canals, breakwaters, and creeks. An optimal mix of road, rail and inland water transport will provide an efficient transport infrastructure with mobility, flexibility and cost effectiveness. Passenger Launch Service are being provided by Directorate of Ports and Inland Water Transport under Commerce & Transport Department in 6 (Six) different water routes in two sectors i.e., (1) Chandabali and (2) Balugaon.

For development of Inland Water Transport, Government of India have enacted the National Waterways Act, 2016 in which 111 nos. waterways have been declared as National Waterways (NW), out of which 6 nos. waterways i.e., NW-5, NW-14, NW-22, NW-23, NW-64 & NW-96 are in the State of Odisha.



Figure 1: Port & National Waterways of Odisha

#	Name of the Port Locations	District	Co-ordinates	Gazette of Odisha Notification No. & Date
1	Bichitrapur (Talashari)	Balasore	Lat: 21°35'30.21"N Long: 87°26'54.82"E	No.1704, Dtd.25.11.2009
2	Bahabalpur	Balasore	Lat: 21°29'8.09"N Long: 87° 5'15.52"E	No.1238, Dtd.22.08.2015
3	Chandipur	Balasore	Lat: 21°27'6.25"N Long: 87° 2'18.61"E	No.470, Dtd.11.04.1997
4	Inchuri	Balasore	Lat: 21°19'52.28"N Long: 86°54'30.24"E	No.470, Dtd.11.04.1997
5	Chudamani	Bhadrak	Lat: 21° 2'37.62"N Long: 86°51'48.76"E	No.470, Dtd.11.04.1997
6	Baliharichandi	Puri	Lat: 19°49'10.00"N Long: 85°54'41.79"E	No.470, Dtd.11.04.1997
7	Palur	Ganjam	Lat: 19°26'8.38"N Long: 85° 7'48.16"E	No.470, Dtd.11.04.1997
8	BahudaMuhan (Sonepur)	Ganjam	Lat: 19° 6'38.54"N Long: 84°46'59.76"E	No.470, Dtd.11.04.1997

Table: Available Notified Port locations in Odisha for development with co-ordinates

2.2. Operational Ports

Dhamara Port and Gopalpur Port are 02 (Two) Non-Major Ports are in Operational in the State.

2.2.1. Dhamara Port

Dhamra Port is located on the north of mouth of river Dhamra at the Latitude of 20°49'42.45"N and Longitude of 86°57'51.21"E. The Port is situated about 100 Nm south of Haldia major port and about 50 Nm north of Paradip major port. Dhamra falls in proximity to the mineral rich industrial states of Odisha, Jharkhand and Chhattishgarh.

The 2nd phase expansion is under progress. Land measuring to 756.042 Ac. has been handed over to the development for 2nd phase expansion. After completion of the 2nd phase, port capacity will be enhanced to 109 MTPA with total 13 nos. of berths. At present, 05 berths have been completed, and further developmental work is going on with an expenditure of more than ₹9,404.92 Cr.

LNG Terminal with a capacity of 6.5 MTPA expandable to 10 MTPA has been set up at the Dhamra Port premises commissioned on 21st May 2023. It is strategically located to cater to energy requirements of Eastern India states like Assam, Bihar, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal.

Financial Year	Cargo Movement (in MMT)				Revenue Share of Govt. of Odisha
	Import	Export	Coastal Shipping	Total	
2025-26 (up to Dec-25)	23.50	7.27	4.64	35.41	₹ 135,90,61,117.00

Table: Cargo handled, and revenue shared with the Government of Odisha

Bhadrak District	Outside Bhadrak District	Total (Odisha)	Outside Odisha	Grand Total	Total % (Local)
4,091	2,059	6,150	2,582	8,732	70.43%

Table: Employment at the Dhamra Port for Operations & maintenance

2.2.2. Gopalpur Port

Gopalpur Port was operated by the Government of Odisha as a seasonal lighterage Port from 1986-87. The Port was awarded to the developer Gopalpur Ports Limited to convert it to an all-weather direct berthing port through international competitive bidding process on PPP mode on a BOOST basis. The Concession Agreement between Government of Odisha and Gopalpur Ports Limited was signed on 14th September 2006. The port started its all-weather direct berthing commercial operation w.e.f. 29.03.2013 with a berth length of 225m. After restoration work, the port re-commissioned its commercial operation on 31.10.2015. Three (03) berths have already been completed to accommodate multiple vessels at a time to handle cargo of 20 MTPA. Simultaneously, other ancillary works are also in progress. An expenditure of ₹2,373.56 Crore has already been made.

For further development and expansion of the port, Adani Ports & SEZ Limited has since acquired 95% equity stake in Gopalpur Ports Limited, pursuant to which an updated Concession Agreement has been executed. Gopalpur Ports Limited has proposed an investment of approximately ₹16,554 crore, aimed at developing the port to a cargo handling capacity of 50 Million Metric Tonnes Per Annum (MMTPA). Upon completion, the project is expected to generate employment for about 5,000 persons, both directly and indirectly, and will significantly augment regional cargo handling capacity, revenue generation, and overall economic growth.

FY	Cargo Movement (in MMT)				Revenue Share of Govt. of Odisha
	Import	Export	Coastal Shipping	Total	
2025-26 (up to Dec-25)	1.99	1.02	0.46	3.47	₹ 13,68,90,894.00

Table: Cargo handled, and revenue shared with the Government of Odisha

S. No.	Category	Ganjam District	Outside Ganjam District	Total (Odisha)	Outside Odisha	Grand Total
1	On Roll Employee	280	72	352	18	370
2	Listed Worker	1,814	0	1,814	0	1,814
2	Contractual	349	363	712	78	790
	Total	2,443	435	2,878	96	2,974

Table: Employment at the Gopalpur Port for Operations & maintenance

2.3. Developing Ports and Infrastructure

2.3.1. Subarnarekha Port

The Government of Odisha signed the Concession Agreement with the Creative Port Development Private Limited (presently Subarnarekha Ports Private Limited (SPPL)), Chennai on 11th January 2008 for the development of a port at Subarnarekha Mouth (Kirtania) in Balasore District. TATA Steel has already acquired a major stake in SPPL. It is planned to develop the port with cargo handling capacity of 25 MTPA to 55 MTPA. Pre-constructional Activities are under progress. An expenditure of ₹325 Cr. has already been made.

2.3.2. Astaranga Port

Government of Odisha has signed the Concession Agreement with Navayuga Engineering Company Limited for development a port at Astaranga on 22.11.2010 on BOOST basis under PPP Mode. Steps are being taken for obtaining Environment Clearance and CRZ clearance from MoEF, Government of India. It is planned to develop the port with cargo handling capacity of 17.7 MTPA to 71.3 MTPA. The estimated cost of the project is ₹7,417 Cr. The land alienation/acquisition process for development of Port is in progress. An expenditure of about ₹46 Cr. has already been made.

2.3.3. Bahuda Muhan Satellite Major Port

An MoU has been signed between Paradip Port Authority, Odisha Maritime Board and Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited for development of the Bahuda Satellite Port of Paradeep Port in Ganjam district, with an estimated capacity of 150 MTPA and an investment of ₹21,500 crore.

2.3.4. National Mega Ship Building Cluster

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed between Paradip Port Authority, Odisha Maritime Board, for the development of the National Mega Ship Building Cluster nearer to the proposed Riverine Port in Kendrapada District Odisha

2.3.5. Captive Jetty at Jatadhar Muhan

Government of Odisha signed Concession Agreement with JSW Utkal Steel Limited on 26.06.2025 for the development of a Captive Jetty at Jatadhar Muhan in Jagatsinghpur district for their Integrated Steel Plant. As per the Techno-Economic Feasibility Study Report, the estimated project cost is ₹2,104 crore, and the project is expected to generate approximately 3,450 direct and indirect employment opportunities.

2.3.6. Development of Cruise Terminal

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the Paradip Port Authority and the Odisha Maritime Board for Development of an International Cruise Terminal at Puri.



Another Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been executed between the Commerce & Transport Department, Government of Odisha, and the Indian Ports Association (IPA) for Establishment of **02** (two) Cruise Terminals in the State.

2.3.7. Ship Building, Repair & Recycling Facilities

Government of Odisha recognizes the Shipbuilding and Repair industry as an emerging sector in the Maritime Industry. Therefore, the State Government is keen on developing shipbuilding, repair & recycling facilities with an aim to develop the State as a prominent ship-building hub on Eastern Coast of India and Asia.

2.4. Inland Water Transport in the State

2.4.1. Passenger Launch Service

Inland Water Transport services are being provided by Directorate of Ports and Inland Water Transport under Commerce & Transport Department for better transport facilities to the inaccessible areas where there is no road or rail transport facilities. Passenger Motor Launch Services are present in 6 (Six) different water routes in two sectors i.e, (1) Chandabali & (2) Balugaon.

S. No.	Financial Year	No. of Passenger		Total
		Chandabali Sector	Balugaon Sector	
01.	2025-2026 (up to Dec,25)	72,508	41,996	1,14,504

Table: Details of Passengers and fare collection in last year

For providing Zero CO2 emission, noise-free, smoke-free, vibration-free and comfortable travel to the passengers in Chilika Lake, 01 (One) No. 20 Seater FRP Catamaran Solar Electric Passenger Boat has been procured by Commerce & Transport (Com) Department. This boat will provide comfortable journey to both national & international tourist for sightseeing the natural beauty of Chilika Lake like; Bird Sanctuary at Nalaban, Kalijai Temple.

2.4.2. Survey & Registration of Boats

Government of Odisha has formulated “The Odisha Boat Rules-2004” to ensure registration and proper checking of all types of Boats in the state. As per Odisha Boat Rules-2004, Registering Authority under this Directorate is being issued the Registration Certificate to the Boats.

Commerce & Transport Department, Government of Odisha have developed a user-friendly online software application i.e., Boat Information & Management System (BIMS) for online registration/renewal of Boats plying in the State. During the Financial 2025-2026 (up to December,2025), 350 nos.



of Boats have been Registered and 717 nos. of boats renewed and an amount of Rs.10,84,400.00 collected toward Survey and Registration Revenue.

2.4.3. Sahid Baji Rout Noujatra Surakshya Yojana

Commerce & Transport Department has introduced a Scheme named “SAHID BAJI ROUT NOUJATRA SURAKSHA YOJANA” for procurement and distribution of the lifesaving equipment (Lifebuoy, Life Jacket and Fire Extinguisher) among the private passenger boat owners as one time assistance on subsidy (95%) to the private boat/ launch operators/ owners and free of cost to Government of Odisha & PSUs operated boats/ launches to ensure the safety of passengers.

DETAILS OF PROCUREMENT (till December 2025)			
Life Saving Equipment	Total Procurement	Total Distribution	Balance In Stock
Lifebuoy	6,199	5,473	726
Life Jacket	34,315	31,900	2,415
Fire Extinguisher	2,270	2,038	232

Table: Detailed list of total Procurement of life saving equipment

2.4.4. Certificate of Competency

The executive engineer (Mech) of Ports & IWT, North Division, Cuttack for Inland Engineer, Engine Driver, and Serang of Mechanically Propelled Vessels conduct the certificate competency examination. During last financial year 2024-25, 491 nos. of candidates appeared in the above examination, out of which 312 nos. passed in the same. The examination process for the **current financial year is under progress.**

2.4.5. Projects under Sagarmala Initiative

Sagarmala Projects are intended to provide holistic port-led development, industrialization and coastal community development. Two nos. of projects of Commerce & Transport Department have been included in the Sagarmala Programme. The details are as follows:



2.4.5.1. Development of Ro-Pax Jetty and allied infrastructure at Kaninali in Bhadrak District-Talachua in Kendrapada District in the state of Odisha

Project Cost: ₹110.60 Cr. (Revised Cost: ₹154.23 Cr.)

Kaninali in Bhadrak District is situated in the left bank of the River Dhamra and Talachua in Kendrapada District is situated in the Right bank of the river Dhamra. More than 1.00 Lakh people from 146 villages of 11 Gram Panchayat from the area are dependent on this Ghat. Around 1000 passengers including local people depend upon these Ferry Ghats to cross about a distance of 7 km on the river frequently through Government Launches and Private Boats by reducing a road distance of 200 km. This connectivity project will reduce the travel time of the passengers, increase the commercial/ business activities in proposed location and preventing the unnecessary loss of life and property by present unsafe journey through country boats. The project falls under Coastal Community Development (CCD) category of Sagarmala Programme.

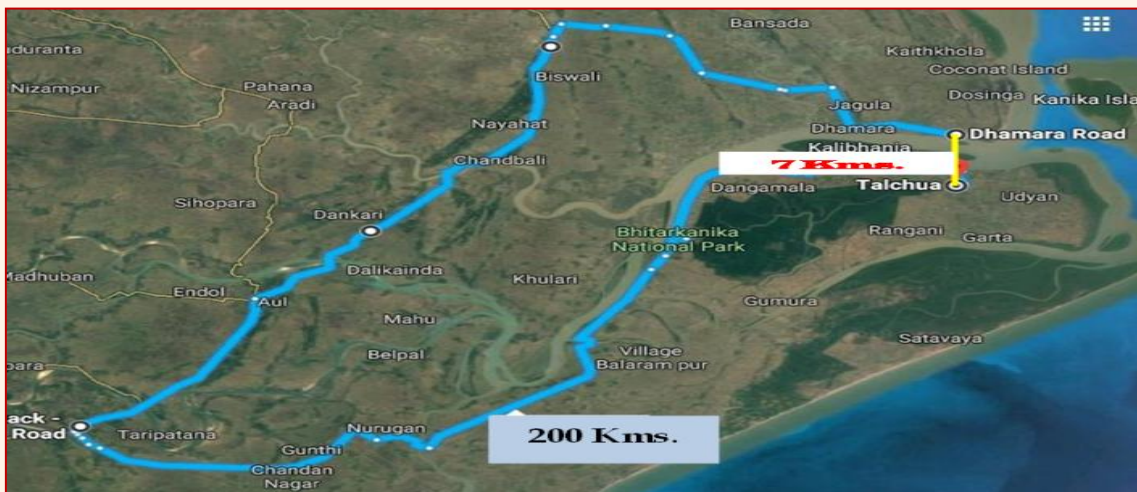


FIGURE 2: (ROUTE MAP OF KANINALI TALACHUA)

Present Status: IIT, Madras has been selected as consultant for providing Project Management Consultancy Service (PMC) for the Project. The project has been commissioned on 11.03.2024 and the revised estimated date of completion of civil works is 31.03.2026.

2.4.5.2. Development of Ro-Pax Jetty and allied infrastructure at Balugaon in Khurda District-Krushnaprasadgada in Puri District in the state of Odisha

Project Cost: ₹54.05 Cr. (Revised Cost: ₹80.19 Cr.)

Balugaon is located on the western bank of Chilika Lake and Krishna Prasad Gada on the eastern bank of Chilika Lake. More than 2.00 Lakh people from 219 villages of 31 Gram Panchayat and 1 No. Notified Area Council (NAC) from both the areas are dependent on this Ghat. Around 260 passengers including local people depend upon these Ferry Ghats to cross about a distance of 10 km



the Chilika Lake frequently through Government Launches and Private Boats thus avoiding a road distance of 75 kms. This connectivity project will reduce the travel time of the passengers, increase the commercial/ business activities in proposed location and preventing the unnecessary loss of life and property by present unsafe journey through country boats. The project falls under Coastal Community Development (CCD) category of Sagarmala Programme

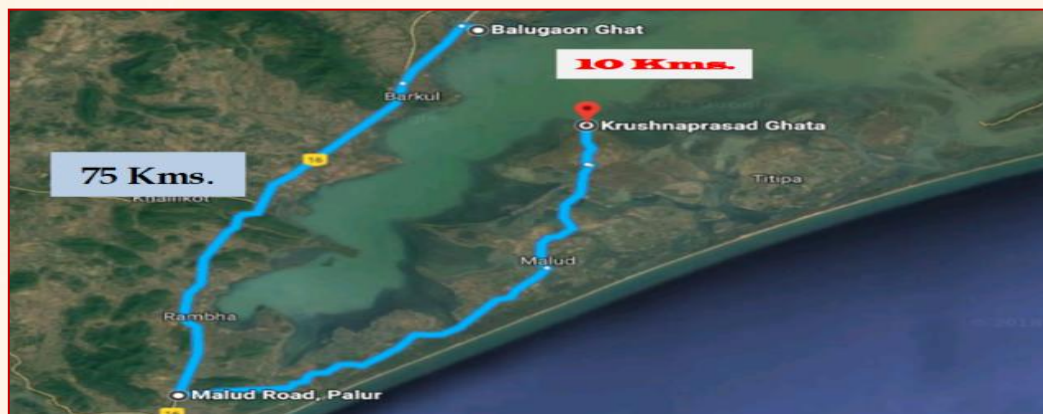


FIGURE 3: ROUTE MAP FROM BALUGAON TO K P GADA)

Present Status: WAPCOS has been selected as consultant for providing Project Management Consultancy Service (PMC) for the Project. The project has been commissioned on 11.03.2024 and the revised estimated date of completion of civil works is 31.03.2026.

2.4.6. National Waterways in the State

For development of Inland Water Transport, Government of India have enacted the National Waterways Act, 2016 in which 111 nos. waterways have been declared as National Waterways (NW), out of which 6 no. waterways i.e., NW-5, NW-14, NW-22, NW-23, NW-64 & NW-96 are in the State of Odisha.

The present status of the above National Waterways is as follows.

- NW-5 is proposed to be developed for evacuation of coal through Talcher coal fields and providing connectivity to Pankapal Industrial area with an annual cargo carrying capacity of 30 MMTPA.
- River Baitarni (NW-14) – For river cruise tourism around Bhitarkanika Forest, a jetty is being provided.
- Birupa Badi Genguti Brahmani River System (NW-22)- A river cruise to connect the "Diamond Triangle" of the "Ratnagiri-Udayagiri-Lalitgiri" complex.
- Buddha Balanga River (NW-23)- A river cruise is proposed to be developed from Hidden Beach (Chandipur) to Balasore city by provisioning 2 floating jetties.



- River Mahanadi (NW-64)- is proposed to be developed by maintaining the fairway for carrying capacity of 2000 DWT vessels provisioning of navigational aids. Further, IWAI is providing passenger jetties for Bahakud-Musadia ferry service.
- River Subarnarekha (NW-96)-A river cruise connecting Pantei ghat to Bichitrapur Mangroves and Bhusandeswara Temple (Asia’s largest Shivlingam) and adjoining Digha Sea Beach (in West Bengal) by provisioning 3 floating jetties at each location.
- All National Waterways are being developed by Inland Waterways Authority of India under Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW), Government of India

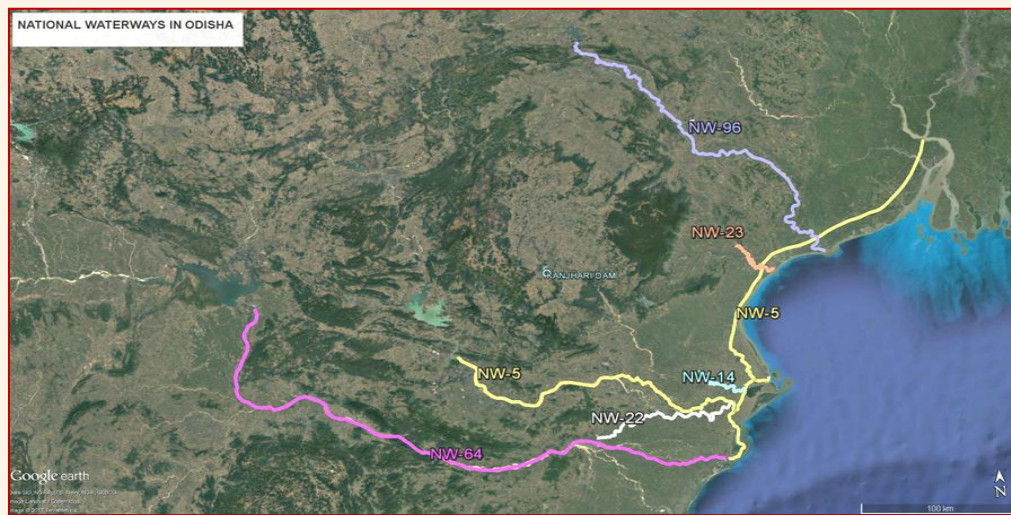


FIGURE 4: NATIONAL WATERWAYS IN ODISHA)

2.4.6.1. *SPV for development of National Waterways in Odisha*

The existing SPV named, Inland Waterways Consortium of Odisha Limited (IWCOL), has been repurposed for the development of National Waterways in the State. The Technical and Financial studies are undergoing currently to understand the feasibility of NW-5 & 64 by the Inland Waterway Authority of India.

2.4.6.2. *Operationalization of National Waterway No.5*

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between IWAI, Paradip Port Authority, Odisha Maritime Board and the Ministry of Coal for operationalization of National Waterway–5 (NW-5), with an investment of ₹12,200 crore, to enable efficient, cost-effective and sustainable movement of bulk cargo through integrated inland water transport and multimodal connectivity in Odisha.



2.5. Crew Training Institute, Chandbali

The Crew Training Institute, Chandbali, which is geographically and topographically very conducive for a training institute like this kind. The Crew Training Institute, Chandbali is a Government Institute of its kind in Odisha since 1979 under the administrative control of Commerce & Transport Department, Government of Odisha. This Institute imparts training program of Inland Vessels to the Crews unemployed youth of the state for operation & maintenance of inland vessels. At present the Institute conducting 2 (Two) types of training courses.



The students who complete the above course are skilled in nature and can be employed as Launch Driver, Seacunny, Boatman and Launch Khalasi in fishing vessels, passenger boats, seagoing vessels as well as ships.

Year	10 Months Regular Course (Jun-Mar)		3 Months Refresher Course (Apr-Jun)	
	No. of Students Admitted	No. of Students Passed	No. of Students Admitted	No. of Students Passed
2025-2026	30	Exam to be conducted from 21.01.2026	20	Exam to be conducted in March,2026

Table: Academic Details for 2025-26 Session



For imparting better training as well as enhancing the skill of trainees in navigation sector, 02 (Two) nos. of Inland Vessel Simulator i.e, one Officer of the Watch and Steering Simulator (OOW) and another Inland Waterways Navigation Simulator (IWN) have been installed at Crew Training Institute, Chandabali.

Steps are being taken for introduction of Director General of Shipping approved Courses in the institute.

2.5.1. Promotion of Maritime Education and Scientific Research

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between Berhampur University, Odisha, and the Indian Maritime University to promote maritime education and scientific research. The collaboration focuses on curriculum development, joint research, faculty and student exchange, and skill development, aimed at strengthening human resources and supporting sustainable growth of Odisha's maritime sector.





Directorate of Printing, Stationery & Publication

Chapter 3

03

3. Directorate of Printing, Stationery & Publication

3.1. About the Press

The Directorate of Printing, Stationery and Publication, Odisha, widely known as “Odisha Government Press” is a service providing Heads of Department of the State of Odisha, established in the year 1936. This aims at catering to the printing requirements and statutory needs of all departments of the Government of Odisha, Government Undertakings, Corporations and Commissions, etc. Prior to 1936, the Odisha Government Press was functioning under the jurisdiction of the erstwhile Bihar-Odisha State.

After becoming a separate State in 1936, the Odisha Government Press started functioning independently at Choudhury Bazar, Cuttack. Subsequently, with the increasing demand of printing



FIGURE 5: MAIN PRESS UNIT OF DIRECTORATE OF PRINTING, STATIONERY AND PUBLICATION, CUTTACK) works, the Press was shifted initially to Buxi Bazar, Cuttack and then finally to Madhupatna, Cuttack. In the year 1962, the Odisha Government Press was declared as a “Heads of Department” and named as “Directorate of Printing, Stationery and Publication, Odisha”. Now, it is functioning under the administrative control of the Commerce and Transport Department of the Government of Odisha.

3.2. EMPLOYEE STRENGTH AND VACANCIES

Presently the HR strength of the Press is (as on 31-01-2026)

Item	No. of Post	Ministerial	Industrial
Sanctioned Strength	1659	266	1393
Men in position	467	105	362
Vacancy	1192	161	1031

- Posts already abolished-1050

Recommendation Empowered Committee:

- Difficulties are being faced to run new equipment installed during modernization due to large scale vacancies. The Empowered Committee held on dt. 31-10-2022 has recommended to fill-up 01 No of Group B Post through OPSC, 14 Nos. of Group 'C' posts through OSSC and 129 Nos. of Group-'C' & Group 'D' posts through Outsourcing. The proposal for re-designation of 79 Nos. of Helpers to Semi-Skilled posts and 12 Nos. Class-III posts of obsolete posts to modern trades have been approved by Govt.
- 129 Nos. of Group "C" and "D" employees have been engaged through service provider (Outsourced) & 01 Post of Junior Assistant (HOD Cadre) has been filled up through OSSC.
- Proposal has been sent for filling up of 01 Group 'B' post through OPSC.
- 02 posts of Junior Assistant (Group-C) in HoD Cadre and 05 posts of Peon (Group-D) have been filled up under Rehabilitation Assistance Scheme in the year 2025.

I. MAJOR ACTIVITIES OF THE DIRECTORATE:

- Odisha Govt. Press undertakes the entire printing requirements of Govt. of Odisha, Governor's Secretariat, Odisha Legislative Assembly, Orissa High Court, A.G. Odisha and other Govt. Corporation & undertaking. This includes different obligatory and non-obligatory jobs.
- It also prints & distributes around 3000 varieties of standard Forms and Registers under 42 Schedules required by around 6,500 Indenting Officers of the State for day-to-day functioning of all Govt. Offices.
- It stores, distributes and ensures sale of all Govt. Publications including Gazettes, Diaries & Calendars etc.
- Imparts technical apprenticeship training to around 169 apprentices in Printing and Allied Trades through School of Printing & Allied Trades (SPAT) which is an integral part of this Directorate.
- Apart from the regular nature of work, it also executes some special and confidential nature of printing works as and when entrusted by the Govt. which includes different

election related works of Home & State Election, Ballot Papers, AG Reports, Budget Documents, Panchayat Samachar etc.

3.3. PRESS PROPER INDUSTRIAL UNIT:

The P.P. Unit usually undertakes the jobs like obligatory and non-obligatory publication, time bound jobs like Gazette, Budget Document both annual and supplementary, Plan/Non-Plan Documents, Volume I and II, A. G. Reports (Appropriation Accounts, Finance Accounts, Civil, Revenue, Commercial and C. A. G. Reports), Different Bills of O. L. A., O. L. A. debates, Activities and Annual Reports. Judicial and Pay-Commission Report, Government Diary, Calendar, Indian Law Report, Statutory Rules of Law Department, P. A. C. Reports, Pads, Envelopes of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Ministers, M. L. As. and Hon'ble Governor and other important jobs of different departments and supply to the Departments in time.

Man Power Status:



Sanctioned Strength	Men in Position	Vacancy
769	177	592

Year	Varieties	Book	Loose	Pad	Envelope
2023-24	1,421	31,62,102	2,92,87,200	5,199	57,18,890
2024-25	2,077	40,30,920	1,87,91,431	8,976	1,28,030

2025-26	900	14,99,437	1,21,65,436	43,587	1,24,650
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b) Jobs executed under PP Unit: (As on 31.01.2026)

3.4. Branch Presses working under P.P. Unit:

1. Secretariat Branch Press, Bhubaneswar:

Area	Manpower Status			Machineries available		
	Sanctioned Strength	Men in Position	Vacancy	Printing Machine	Binding & allied Machine	Pre-Press
G.A. Department Building	75	39	36	03	09 (One Perfect Binding Machine Installed in 2024-25)	02

Major Activities:

All printing jobs relating to Odisha Legislative assembly, Governor's Secretariat, Extraordinary Gazettes and other important & urgent nature of printing works of other Govt. Department are generally being executed in this Branch Press.

2. Branch Govt. Press, Khandapara

This Branch press was established in the year 1964 by Shri Biren Mitra, Ex. Chief Minister.

Area	Manpower Status			Machineries available	
	Sanctioned Strength	Men in Position	Vacancy	Printing	Binding & allied Machine
Ac. 0.29 dec	10	04	06	00	02

Major Activities:

Printing and Binding works like Issue Register, Flat File Board, varieties of envelopes, Election related envelopes and other important & urgent nature of printing works entrusted by head office are being executed in this Branch Press.

3. Branch Govt. Press, Chhatrapur

This Branch Press was established prior to 1940 by English Ruler under the control of Collector, Ganjam. After Independence it merged with Odisha Govt. Press in the year, 1979.

Area	Manpower Status	Machineries available
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	Sanctioned Strength	Men in Position	Vacancy	Printing	Binding & allied Machine
Ac. 0.07 dec.	15	03	12	00	02

Major Activities

Printing and Binding works like Issue Register, Flat File Board, varieties of envelopes, Election related envelopes and other important & urgent nature of printing works entrusted by head office are being executed in this Branch Press.

3.5. PUBLICATION UNIT:

The Publication Unit usually store, distribute and sale different Govt. publications. During the year 2025-26, 16590 nos. of Govt. Diaries, 44230- Card Calendars, 30025-Sheet Calendars, 1150 nos. of Mount Calendars have been sold and distributed. Apart from this, around 52 Nos. of weekly Gazettes and 6080 Nos. Ex-ordinary Gazettes have been received and distributed as per Government approved mailing list.

(a) Volume of Publications and sale during the year 2025-26 (up to 31.01.2026)

Sl. No.	Year	Name of Publication	Quantity sold	Revenue collected (in Rs.)
1	2025-26	Diary	16,590	33,18,000
		Sheet Calendar	30,025	3,00,250
		Card Calendar	44,230	2,21,150
		Mount Calendar	1,150	80,500
Total:				39,19,900

b) No. of Gazettes Published (Published Calendar year wise)

Sl. No.	Year	Odisha Weekly Gazette	Extraordinary Gazette
1	2023	52	2,926
2	2024	52	2,546
3	2025	52	6,080

II. FORMS UNIT:

The Forms Unit is another major production unit of this Directorate. Which caters to the requirement of all scheduled forms/registers of all State Govt. Offices. It prints around 3000 varieties of standard forms and registers under 42 schedules and distribute among 6500 Indenting Officers of the State. This apart, this Unit entertain additional

printing jobs entrusted by P.P. Unit viz: Budget/Ballot Papers/Forms & Envelopes of Home and State Election/Utkal Prasang/Odisha Review/ Diary and Calendars etc.

a) Man Power Status

Sanctioned Strength	Men in Position	Vacancy
457	109	348

b) Jobs executed in Forms Unit:(As on 31-01-2026)

Year	Loose Forms	Books
2023-24	2,19,48,377	7,75,593
2024-25	1,70,09,160	7,38,711
2025-26	1,28,73,350	2,72,888

c) Distribution of Schedule Forms and Registers: :(As on 31-01-2026)

Year	No. of Indenting Officers	Book	Loose	Revenue Collected (in Rs.)
2025-26	1,329	2,27,706	1,68,72,926	28,80,213

III. BRANCH PRESSES FUNCTIONING UNDER FORMS UNIT:

1) Branch Government Press, Keonjhar.

This Branch press was established in the year 1934 by Dhanurjaya Narayana Bhanja Deo, Ex. Ruler. After Independence, it merged with Odisha Govt. Press.

Area	Manpower Status			Machineries available	
	Sanctioned Strength	Men in Position	Vacancy	Printing Machine	Binding & allied Machine
Ac. 1.054 dec.	24	18	06	02	03

During modernisation, a sophisticated Web Offset Printing Machine has been installed in last year.

Major Activities

Printing and Binding works like Issue Register, Tenant Ledger, Log Book, Pay Bill Inner, Flat File Board, Fly leaf, varieties of envelopes, Election related envelopes and other important & urgent nature of printing works entrusted by head office are executed in this Branch press.

2) Branch Government Press, Balangir:

This Branch press was established in the year 1913 by Daliganja Dev, Ex. Ruler of Balangir. After Independence, it merged with Odisha Govt. Press.



Area	Manpower Status			Machineries available	
	Sanctioned Strength	Men in Position	Vacancy	Printing Machine	Binding & allied Machine
Ac. 0.870 dec.	20	04	16	00	02

Major Activities:

Printing and Binding works like Peon Book, Issue Register, Tenant Ledger, Log Book, Pay Bill Inner, Flat File Board, Fly leaf, Police Diary, High Court Form, varieties of envelopes, Election related envelopes and other important & urgent nature of printing works entrusted by head office are being executed in this Branch press.

3) Branch Govt. Press, Deogarh:

This Branch press was established in the year 1886 by Raja Basudev Subala Dev. After Independence, it merged with Odisha Govt. Press.

Area	Manpower Status			Machineries available	
	Sanctioned Strength	Men in Position	Vacancy	Printing Machine	Binding & allied Machine
Ac. 0.10 dec.	16	03	13	00	02

Major Activities:

Printing and Binding works like Peon Book, File Register, Log Book, Flat File Board, Daily cause list, varieties of envelopes, Election related envelopes and other important & urgent nature of printing works entrusted by head office are being executed in this Branch press.

4) Branch Government Press, Bhawanipatna

This Branch press was established in the year 1981-82 by Dayanidhi Nayak, ex. Minister (Commerce).

Area	Manpower Status			Machineries available	
	Sanctioned Strength	Men in Position	Vacancy	Printing Machine	Binding & allied Machine
Ac. 2.745 dec.	10	06	04	00	02

Major Activities:

Printing and Binding works like Receipt Register, Tenant Ledger, Log Book, Pay Bill Inner, Flat File Board, varieties of envelopes, Election related envelopes and other important & urgent nature of printing works entrusted by head office are being executed in this Branch press.

3.6. SCHOOL OF PRINTING & ALLIED TRADES:



The School of Printing & Allied Trades was established in the year, 1955 under the administrative control of Directorate of Printing, Stationery & Publication, Odisha, Cuttack with an objective to bring out skilled technicians in printing and allied trades to meet the demand of State Government Presses as well as Central and Private Presses. The School has become a Basic Training Centre during the year 1971 as per the provisions, contained in Section-9 of the Apprentice Act, 1961. This is the only Basic Training Centre in Printing Group Trade to impart Apprentices Training in the State of Odisha.



Girls Apprentices Trainees (Book Binder Trade)



Girls Apprentices Trainees Operating the Sophisticated Printing Machine

Since then, the school is imparting training in different printing trades as well as post-I.T.I. apprenticeship training of the I.T.I. NTC Holders. Initially, the training was provided in the trades of Letter press, Composing, Line-operator, Mono operator and engraving etc. But, consequent upon introduction of latest Printing Technology, at present training is being imparted only in the upcoming trades, like Offset, Plate Making, Retouching and Book Binding. The State Apprenticeship Advisor, after conducting necessary survey in this organization, has fixed the number of seats in different trades for imparting of such training. The detailed intake capacity and rate of stipend provided to the apprentices are mentioned below:

Man Power Status (As on 31.01.2026):

Sanctioned Strength	Men in Position	Vacancy
22	13	09

a) Printing Apprentices:

Sl. No.	Trade	Present Sanctioned Strength	Duration of Training	Rate of Stipend



1	Book Binder	75	2 years	1st year Rs. 8,200 2nd year Rs. 9,020 3rd year Rs. 9,430
2	Plate Maker	08	2 years	
3	Offset Machine Minder	45	3 years	
4	Retoucher	05	3 years	
	Total	133		

(b) I.T. I. Apprentices breakup:

Sl. No.	Trade	Present Sanctioned Strength	Duration of Training	Rate of Stipend
1	Fitter	03	1 year	₹ 10,560
2	Turner	02	1 year	₹ 10,560
3	Machinist	02	1 year	₹ 10,560
4	Electronic Mechanic	01	1 year	₹ 10,560
5	Electrician	03	1 year	₹ 10,560
6	COPA	20	1 year	₹ 9,600
7	Welder	02	1 year	₹ 9,600
8	Diesel Mechanic	01	1 year	₹ 10,560
9	Carpenter	02	1 year	₹ 10,560
	Total:	36		

N.B.:-

- Total intake capacity of School Unit: $133 + 36 = 169$
- Usually, the School Unit engages fresh apprentices twice in a year i.e., March/April & August/September and also conduct All India Trade Test under DGT, New Delhi and issue certificates to the Printing Trade Apprentices accordingly.
- During the year 2025-26, the School Unit imparted training by engaging 123 Nos. of Apprentices in different Printing Trades and Ex-ITI Trades.

(c) Budget Provision (SPAT)

Year	Head of Account	Provision	Expenditure
2025-26	2,230 (Tech. Education)	1,02,00,000	89,34,278

3.7. STATIONERY UNIT:

The Stationery Unit is a part of the Directorate. Previously Sty. Unit used to purchase 147 varieties of items for supply and distribution among 6500 Indenting Officers of the State. But now this wing has shouldered the responsibility of procurement, storing and supply of all stationery articles in

respect of Orissa High Court. Further, Diary Covers and Stationery articles of Directorate of Printing, Stationery & Publication, Odisha, Cuttack including entire I.T related articles such as computers, printers, scanners, copiers etc are also being procured and supplied for smooth and effective printing of the directorate keeping pace with the digitization process of Government of Odisha.

Man Power Status:

Sanctioned Strength	Men in Position	Vacancy
241	91	150

a) Budget provision for procurement of Sty. Articles for Orissa High Court.

Year	Head of Account	Provision	Expenditure (As on 31.01.2026)
2025-26	2,058	₹ 90,00,000	₹ 59,15,309 (₹ 30,84,691 is kept to meet the expenditure towards Diary Cover)

b) Varieties and volume of stationery articles supplied to Orissa High Court

Year	Name of the item	No. of varieties	Volume/Quantity
2025-26	A/4 size paper (J.K. Copier)	1	16000 reams of 75 GSM
	A/4 size paper (J.K. Copier) Cedar	1	50 reams of 100 GSM
	A/4 size paper (J.K. Excel Bond)	1	50 reams of 100 GSM
	Oddy Glossy Photopaper	1	40 reams
	Stationery Articles	71	36474 Nos.

3.8. REVENUE GENERATED BY DIRECTORATE (As on 31-01-2026):

Year	Revenue Collected (As on 31.01.2026)
2025-26	1,94,66,000

The revenue collected amount includes the sale proceeds of Diaries, Calendars & Gazettes, costs of non-obligatory works executed, sale proceeds of standard forms, Gazettes executed on payment of cost, sale proceeds collected from disposal of waste paper & other unserviceable articles etc.

3.9. e-Indent and Supply Management System (e-ISMS)

Action has been taken for automation of the Indent and Supply Management System of Forms Unit by implementing an e-Indent and Supply Application Software for smooth, hassle-free and effective management for distribution of Forms and Registers among all the Indenting Officers of the State.



State Transport Authority (STA)

Chapter 4

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4. State Transport Authority (STA)

4.1. Motor Vehicle Revenue (Tax & Fees)

As per the provisions of Odisha Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1975, and the Odisha Motor Vehicles Taxation Rules, 1976; MV taxes are levied on each motor vehicle used or kept for use within the State of Odisha, as per the rate specified in the Schedules. Collection of MV Revenue for the last seven years (taxes and fees) is listed below.

Year	Target in Crore	Collection in Crore (₹)	% of Collection	Growth Rate
2019-20	2,025	1,891.67	93.42%	7.14%
2020-21	No Target fixed due to Covid - 19	1,534.63	--	-18.87%
2021-22	1,763.83	1,672.95	94.95%	9.01%
2022-23	2,007.54	2,121.13	105.66%	26.79%
2023-24	2,230.00	2,268	110.67%	16%
2024-25	2,727.00	2,679.33	98%	18%
2025-26 (Till Jan)	3,033.68	2,344.71	77.2%	NA

Table: MV revenue collection for the last seven (07) years

4.2. Arrear MV Tax & Amnesty Scheme

Over the years, the Government of India has observed that vehicle owners are not paying the Motor Vehicle Tax, Additional Tax, and Penalty on time. To address this and promote the Voluntary Vehicle-Fleet Modernization Program, the MoRTH, Government of India had advised State Governments to announce a one-time waiver of pending taxes.

Arrear Amnesty Scheme aims to reduce penalties on tax defaulters and incentivize owners of old vehicles (more than 15 years) to opt for scrapping, thus contributing to pollution reduction efforts.

For all Transport Vehicles except Agricultural Tractor, Tractor & Trailer combinations and Three wheelers Goods/ passenger vehicle				
Sl. No.	Period of non-payment of tax/ Addl. Tax	Quantum of Penalty to be Exempted	Quantum of Tax/ Addl. tax to be Exempted	Remarks
1	01.04.2020 to 31.03.2022	Full exemption	No exemption	As per the conditions mentioned in the scheme
2	01.04.2010 to 31.03.2020	Full exemption	No exemption	
3	01.04.1992 to 31.03.2010	Full exemption	50%	
4	31.03.1992 and before	Full exemption	Full exemption	
For Agricultural Tractor, Tractor & Trailer combinations				

S. No.	Period of non-payment of tax/ Addl. Tax	Quantum of Tax/ Addl. tax to be Exempted	Remarks
1	01.04.2017 to 31.03.2022	₹3,000/-	As per the conditions mentioned in the scheme
2	01.04.2010 to 31.03.2017	₹5,000/-	
3	01.04.1992 to 31.03.2010	₹7,000/-	
4	31.03.1992 and before	Full exemption	
For Three wheelers goods/ passenger vehicle			
Sl. No.	Period of non-payment of tax/ Addl. Tax	Quantum of Tax/ Addl. tax to be Exempted	Remarks
1	01.04.2017 to 31.03.2022	₹1,000/-	As per the conditions mentioned in the scheme
2	01.04.2010 to 31.03.2017	₹2,000/-	
3	01.04.1992 to 31.03.2010	₹3,000/-	
4	31.03.1992 and before	Full exemption	

Table: Exemption details

4.3. Licensing of Individuals

All processes relating to the issue of Learner’s License (LL) and Driving License (DL) have been made online. Applicants can book slots, pay fees and download LL online. The LL service has been made visit-less. Any person can appear for the LL test at any CSC or any location having security features stipulated by the Department, without going to the RTO office. The applicant can download the approved DL at his own convenience.

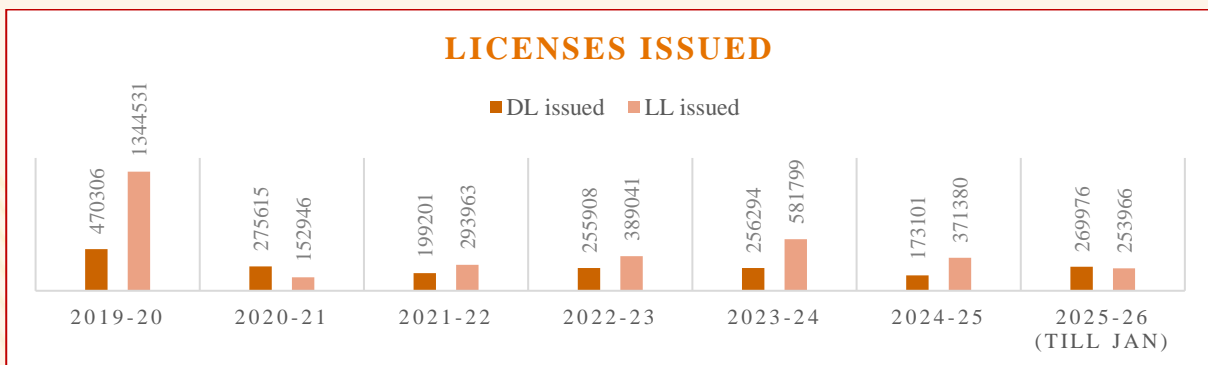


FIGURE 6: DL AND LL ISSUED DURING THE LAST SEVEN (07) YEARS

4.4. Registration for Vehicles

Every motor vehicle is required to be registered under the provisions of M.V. Act, 1988.

Year	Registered Vehicles Count
2019-20	8,35,148
2020-21	5,57,305
2021-22	5,28,898
2022-23	6,54,062 (32,330 EVs)
2023-24	7,79,551 (52,204 EVs)
2024-25	8,04,622 (65,255 EVs)
2025-2026 (Till Jan 2026)	7,62,302 (70,910 EVs)

Table: No. of vehicles registered in last seven (07) years

4.5. Issue of Fitness certificate

As per Section 56 of MV Act- 1988 each transport vehicle must obtain a certificate of fitness from a competent authority, otherwise its registration will not be valid. As per the orders of Hon'ble High Court, Orissa, the buses which are more than 10 years old are jointly inspected by the Deputy Commissioner Transport and concerned MVI before grant of fitness.

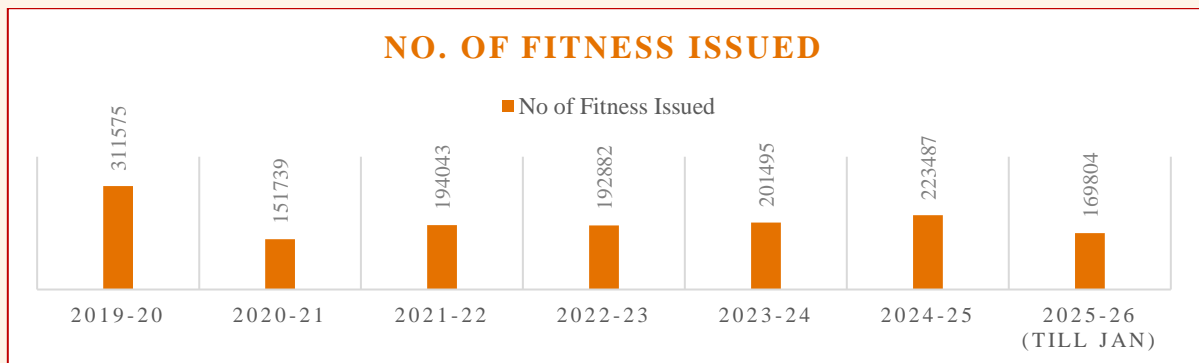


FIGURE 7: FITNESS ISSUED DURING THE LAST SEVEN (07) YEARS

4.6. Issuance of Permits to Transport Vehicles

Permits are crucial in preventing overcrowding on specific routes and ensuring the overall efficiency of transportation systems. To mitigate unhealthy competition among operators and maintain an equal time gap between stage carriages, STA has initiated steps to rationalize the timing of buses.

- The final rectified rationalization timetable for the Cuttack/Bhubaneswar–Balugaon–Keshpur–Berhampur/Aska/Polasara route was published on 23rd July 2025 and scheduled for

implementation on 1st August 2025. However, implementation is currently on hold due to a matter that is sub judice before the Hon’ble High Court.

- The rectified rationalization timetable for the Bhadrak–Chandbali route was published on 23 July 2025 and subsequently implemented on 29th July 2025.
- The draft rationalization timetable for the Sambalpur–Jharsuguda–Sundargarh route was issued on 17th July 2025, followed by the final publication on 22nd November 2025.
- The draft rationalization timetable for Puri Town Bus Services was published on 21st September 2025, with the final version released on 12th December 2025.
- The draft rationalization timing of Bhubaneswar/Cuttack-Athagarh-Badamba-Narsinghpur route is in progress.

Year	Permanent Permits (Nos.)	Temporary Permits (Nos.)
2019-20	83,248	54,712
2020-21	40,895	18,053
2021-22	45,937	18,078
2022-23	72,715	39,793
2023-24	73,023	43,958
2024-25	88,649	58,795
2025-26 (Till Jan 2026)	60,219	44,781

Table: No. of permits issued in the last seven (07) years

4.7. Road safety

4.7.1. Driving Electronic Enforcement to Save Human Lives (DEESHA) 2.0

In a landmark stride towards enhancing Road Safety and curbing road accidents, the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Odisha inaugurated DEESHA 2.0 project across 6 locations along with groundbreaking for implementation of DEESHA 2.0 across 7 locations on 03rd June 2025. Under the DEESHA 2.0, e-Challans are generated against violation of excessive speed. In FY 2024-25, the Hon'ble Commerce and Transport Minister inaugurated DEESHA 2.0 along the 63 km Bhubaneswar-Puri stretch of NH 316 during Ratha Yatra-2024. Inauguration at the following 06 stretches was done by Hon’ble Chief Minister on 3rd June 2025:

- Puri – Konark- NH 316 A (25 km)
- Konark – Pipili- SH-13(40Km)
- Cuttack – Paradeep-NH-55/ SH12 (83 Km)
- Girisola to Rameshwar -NH-16 (91 Km)



- Panikoili – Laxmananath-NH-16 (163 Km)
- Bolangir – Turkela- SH-42 (83 Km)

DEESHA Phase I and II are fully operational along 688 km across eight stretches, significantly enhancing automated enforcement coverage. Groundbreaking was done by Hon'ble Chief Minister at the following 09 stretches:

- Berhampur – Taptapani-(NH 326 /SH 17) – 52km
- Berhampur–Bhanjanagar-(NH59&157)-80km
- Sambalpur to Manguli- (NH 55) -257 km
- Daitari to Chandikhol-NH 200 / NH 720 -54 km
- Barbil to Panikoili- NH 20- 200km
- Pitiri to Pallahara- NH 149- 64km
- Sambalpur to Rourkela (Express Way) SH 10 -180 km
- Kunjanga to Bhutmundai –SH 12 - 20 km
- Sohela to Nuapada – SH 03-120 Km

Currently the work is under progress, and the sites will be commissioned by the end of the financial year.

4.7.2. Automated Driving Testing System (ADTS)

As part of its road-safety initiatives, the Government of Odisha has introduced Automated Driving Testing Systems (ADTS) to enhance transparency, efficiency, and accuracy in driving-license testing. In Phase I, 19 RTO locations were identified, with the system initially implemented at 8 sites. On 3 June 2025, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated ADTS at 11 additional locations—Sonepur, Chandikhol, Bhanjanagar, Rairangpur, Mayurbhanj, Deogarh, Talcher, Malkangiri, Nayagarh, Bolangir, and Nabarangpur—bringing all 19 Phase-I site to full operational status. Phase II has commenced with implementation underway at 19 more locations, marking a significant advancement toward a technology-driven and efficient driving-license testing ecosystem.



4.7.3. Automated Testing Station (ATS)

As per MoRTH guidelines, vehicle fitness testing will be mandatory through Automated Testing Stations (ATS) from 1 April 2025, and the State has already begun preparations to meet this requirement. ATS facilities use standardized mechanical systems to assess key vehicle parameters—such as electronic functions, steering, emissions, brakes, suspension, lighting, and structural integrity—in line with CMVR norms. The Inspection and Certification (I&C) Centre at Arilo, Cuttack has been upgraded into a fully operational ATS. Additionally, the groundbreaking ceremony for establishing ATS facilities at 21 Regional Transport Office (RTO) locations across the state was done by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 3rd June 2025, marking a significant milestone in modernizing vehicle inspection infrastructure.



4.7.4. Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facility (RVSF)

The Government of Odisha has introduced an RVSF Policy aligned with MoRTH guidelines to regulate the dismantling and scrapping of end-of-life vehicles, covering vehicle owners, collection centres, dismantling units, and recyclers. As part of this initiative, the second RVSF facility at Chadeidhara, Jajpur was inaugurated on 3 June 2025. Currently, two centres are operational at Khordha and Jajpur, and 2,456 vehicles have been scrapped during FY 2025-26 (Till Jan), marking significant progress toward sustainable vehicle management and modernization.



4.7.5. Zero Accident Day

The Zero Accident Day (ZAD) campaign, conducted from June 3 to June 28, 2025, in Bhubaneswar was driven by multi-departmental collaboration, involving the Transport, Police, Education, Health, and Urban Development departments, supported by volunteers, schools, colleges, women's self-help groups, and resident associations. Enforcement strategies



combined strict monitoring with positive reinforcement, such as distributing helmets and appreciation tokens. Local media and viral campaigns amplified the emotional appeal of the “Come Home Safe” message delivered by the Hon’ble Chief Minister. Inspired by the success of ZAD campaign in Bhubaneswar, similar campaign was launched in Keonjhar District from 13th September to 25th September 2025.

4.7.6. Zero Fatality Fortnight

Zero Fatality Fortnight was observed from 16th-30th November 2025, during which districts undertook a series of activities, including rigorous enforcement drives against traffic violations, rectification of blackspots, installation of retro-reflective signages, and awareness campaigns in schools and colleges. Additional initiatives included collaborative enforcement with Excise Departments, free tea campaigns for fatigued drivers,



sensitization of bus drivers, and public outreach through media, mobile vans, and community programs. As a result of strict enforcement and increased public awareness, road accidents decreased by 11% and fatalities dropped by 33.5% during this period as compared to the same period of 2024.

4.7.7. E-Detection System

E-Challans against vehicles moving without tax and fitness are generated automatically through e-Detection system at the Toll Gates of National Highways. In FY 2025-26 (till January), through e-detection system 3,95,933 vehicles were detected plying without permit, fitness and tax.

4.7.8. EV Charging Stations

The State has initiated efforts to establish approximately 100 Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations across Odisha, including locations in Bhubaneswar, all Regional Transport Offices (RTOs), truck terminals, and major highways, with the objective of developing an



accessible and convenient EV-charging network. Currently, 15 EV charging stations are operational in Bhubaneswar, and the installation of charging facilities at all RTO offices is underway.

4.7.9. Suvahak Suvidha

Odisha has witnessed a high number of fatalities, particularly involving stage and contract carriages on long-haul routes, largely due to driver fatigue, drowsiness, and drunken driving. To address this, the Government of Odisha has launched the “SuVahak Suvidha Scheme” aimed at enhancing public safety and reducing road accidents across all buses, including Stage Carriage, Contract Carriage, School Buses, and Private Service Vehicles (PSVs). The scheme will mandate the installation of certified Driver Fatigue Monitoring Systems (DFMS) and Alcohol Detection Devices. Real-time monitoring through intelligent sensors and a centralized dashboard for analytics will ensure effective oversight and improved safety. The kit will be subsidized by Government to promote adoption. The first kit has been handed over to the Private Bus Owner in the inauguration ceremony of “National Road Safety Month-2026” by the Hon’ble Minister, Commerce and Transport and Steel and Mines.

4.7.10. Truck Terminal

To reduce accidents and traffic congestion due to unauthorized parking of heavy vehicles along the highway, truck terminals are being developed across the state at 24 locations. All basic amenities such as parking facilities, eateries, restrooms, and healthcare services for the drivers will be provided at these Truck Terminals. MoU has been signed with NHLML for O & M of these Truck



Terminals. NHLML has issued the first Letter of Award (LoA) to M/s HPCL for the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of the Truck Terminal at Girisola. This marks a significant milestone in the development of logistics infrastructure in Odisha.

4.7.11. Ghat Warning System:

This innovative road-safety solution has been developed by the Transport Department, Government of Odisha, in collaboration with IIT Bhubaneswar. Designed specifically for ghat and hill roads, it addresses the high-risk conditions created by blind curves, sharp bends, fog, and low visibility. The system functions as an intelligent, preventive warning mechanism that alerts drivers about oncoming vehicles at vulnerable turns, thereby significantly reducing the likelihood of accidents. The pilot implementation has been successfully carried out at Kalinga Ghat.



4.7.12. Institute for Driving Training and Research (IDTR)



A residential training program has been established at IDTRs to strengthen road-safety awareness and improve the driving skills of Heavy Motor Vehicle (HMV) drivers, with wage compensation provided to participants undergoing refresher training. Currently, four IDTRs are operational at Chhatia, Palur, Keonjhar, and Bonai, offering residential training for HMV drivers. As of January 2026, more than 90,000 drivers have successfully completed fresher and refresher courses, and 6,900 drivers have secured employment. To further enhance driver skilling and meet the growing demand for trained professionals, three additional IDTRs will be established at Angul, Sambalpur, Koraput and 3 RDTC will be established at Bhubaneswar, Kalahandi and Bargarh.

4.7.13. AMA SuVahak:

To empower women and make them employable, the State Government under the SuVahak Scheme is providing free driving training and vehicle operation training at the Institute of Driving Training and Research (IDTR). With the government acting as guarantor, women SuVahaks are now being given the opportunity to become car owners through financial assistance. The scheme was launched by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha and car keys were handed over to 6 Atma Nirbhar Mahila SuVahaks during the State level function of "National Road Safety Month-2026".

4.7.14. One-Time Settlement (OTS) Scheme

The One-Time Settlement (OTS) Scheme has been launched by the Department on 10th October 2025 under which a limited-period opportunity is available to vehicle owners to clear pending e challans issued up to July 31, 2025, at reduced penalty rates for 26 different violations. This scheme is aimed at efficient recovery of outstanding dues and promotion of safer driving habits. The scheme valid for six months from notification, eases the financial burden on citizens while helping the government address a massive backlog of unpaid challans. Under this initiative, 3,88,841 challans amounting to ₹80,64,92,332.00 have already been settled.

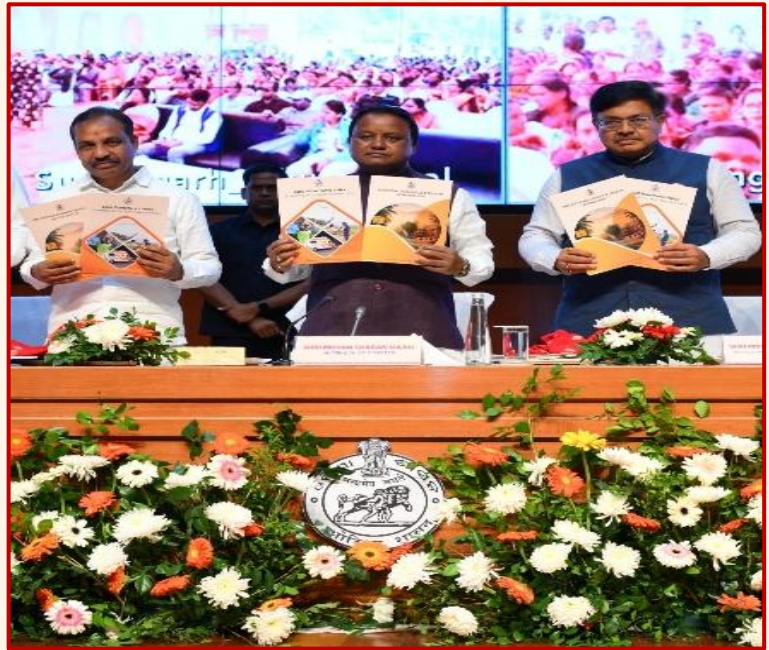
4.7.15. Odisha Motor Transport Drivers & Workers' Welfare Board

The Government of Odisha has formed the Odisha Motor Transport Drivers and Workers' Welfare Board with an objective to enhance the welfare of unorganized transport drivers and workers. Member of the board can get claim in case of death, grievous injury, permanent disability, etc. Hon'ble Minister, Commerce & Transport, is the Chairperson of the board. From April 2025 to December 2025, ₹ 3.37 Cr compensation were given to 211 claim applications.

4.7.16. Safe School Zone Ranking System:



The Government of Odisha has introduced a structured **Star Rating System for Schools and Colleges on Road Safety**, inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on **12 January 2026** during National Road Safety Month, to enhance safety around educational institutions. The system evaluates governance, driver and vehicle compliance, school-zone infrastructure, and road-safety awareness, assigning ratings from Five-Star to “Need Improvement.” Top-performing institutions in each district will receive the **Mukhya Mantri Sadak Surakhya Samman** with incentives, while others will be supported with corrective guidance. This initiative aims to create safer commuting environments, reduce accident risks, strengthen compliance with road-safety norms, and foster coordinated responsibility among education authorities, enforcement agencies, and local bodies to protect young lives.



4.7.17. National Road Safety Month 2026:



National Road Safety Month was observed across the State from 1st to 31st January 2026. In alignment with this year's theme, “Seekh se Suraksha, Technology se Parivartan”, various awareness and capacity-building activities are being undertaken with the objective of reducing road accidents.

At the outset, a State-level inauguration programme was organised at Bhubaneswar on 3rd January 2026, in the august presence of the Hon'ble Speaker, Odisha Legislative Assembly; Hon'ble Minister, Commerce & Transport and Steel & Mines Department; Hon'ble Minister, Law Department and Hon'ble Minister, Fisheries & Animal Resources Development. During the programme, the Hon'ble Speaker, Odisha Legislative Assembly inaugurated the Road Safety Dashboard, distributed SuVahak Suvidha Kits to bus owners, and felicitated Road Safety Champions and Good Samaritans.



A walkathon involving school children, NCC cadets, Scouts and Guides, HMV drivers, and members of bus and auto associations was organised near Master Canteen to promote road safety awareness. Additionally, a free eye-check-up camp for HMV drivers was conducted, during which free spectacles were distributed to emphasise the importance of clear vision for safe driving.

As part of the observance of National Road Safety Month, a State-level programme was held on 12th January 2026, wherein the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha inaugurated several road safety initiatives. During this event, the Star Rating System for Schools and Colleges and the District Good



Governance Index were announced. To enhance safety on ghat roads, the Ghat Warning System was also inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. Furthermore, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Commissionerate Police and IIT Kharagpur for the development of a Comprehensive Traffic Management plan for the Twin Cities of Cuttack and Bhubaneswar.





An activity plan was circulated among District Administrations and Regional Transport Offices for conducting awareness activities throughout the month, i.e., from 1st to 31st January 2026, in line with the theme of NRSM 2026. Based on this plan, various activities such as health camps, flash mobs, cultural programmes, rallies, walkathons, and awareness kiosks were organised across the State. During National Road Safety

Month, special enforcement drives were conducted in coordination with Police.

During the observance of National Road Safety Month, defensive driving sessions were conducted for gig-economy workers. Additionally, capacity-building and training programmes were organised for Highway Patrolling Teams, along with specialised training programmes for road engineers on safe road design and compliance with Indian Roads Congress (IRC) standards.

Recognising the importance of inculcating road safety awareness among youth, several programmes such as quizzes, competitions, and awareness sessions were conducted in schools and colleges. To ensure wider dissemination of road safety message, these activities were extensively publicised through mainstream and social media platforms as well as uploaded on the MY Bharat Portal.



Odisha State Road Transport Corporation (OSRTC)

Chapter 5

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5. Odisha State Road Transport Corporation (OSRTC)

5.1. About the Corporation

- The aim and objective of the Corporation is to provide safe and assured public transport facilities across the state and beyond.
- The Corporation started functioning with share capital contribution from the State Government and the Central Govt. in the ratio of 2:1. However, the Central Government stopped share capital contribution from 1990-91.
- OSRTC is the only State Transport Undertaking (STU) of Odisha, that provides transport services to the people of inaccessible and Left-Wing Extremism (LWE) areas of the State.
- It offers concessional travel fare various groups of the society such as the Persons with Disabilities (PwD), students and women among others as per the directives of the Government. OSRTC also provides transport facilities to police personnel based on requirement.

5.2. Mukhyamantri Bus Seva (MBS)

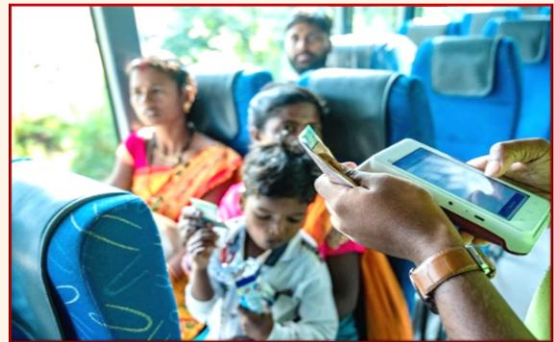
- The Government of Odisha has launched the "Mukhyamantri Bus Seva (MBS)" Scheme in view of reorientation, repurposing of the Public Transportation across Odisha and beyond by offering a seamless, affordable and inclusive bus services through Intra-District, Inter-District as well as Inter-State connectivity. The Scheme is designed to transform public transportation in the State by connecting all Gram Panchayats, thereby advancing accessibility, safety and service efficiency. This initiative aims to bridge the rural-urban divide, ensuring equitable access to markets, education and healthcare, with a special focus on women's safety. By fostering public-private partnerships and prioritizing sustainable practices, MBS not only boosts tourism and economic growth but also builds a more inclusive and interconnected



community fabric. This initiative is set to create 37,000+ jobs, contributing to the State's economic growth.



- The Scheme focuses on enhancing operational efficiency & service coverage and promoting an inclusive, accessible & sustainable Public Transport system in and around the State. Further, it ensures equitable mobility, especially for underserved rural and tribal areas.
- MBS buses connects the Gram Panchayats (GP) with respective Block Headquarters (BHQ) as well as untapped areas where there is no public transport service with integrated public transport system through assured bus services. Out of 6,788 Gram Panchayats in Odisha, 5,861 have been successfully connected as of date.
- Under MBS Scheme, a total of 1,422 nos. of buses have been delivered & operationalized for rural connectivity. As of 31st January 2026, it has achieved total ridership of above 16 Crores with highest daily ridership of above 3.71 lakhs. The Average female ridership has been around 53%, while the student ridership has been around 24% throughout this period.
- **Free Travel for Students upto Class XII:** MBS significantly enhances education accessibility, connecting 62,291 educational institutions and aiding especially rural and female students, with transport aligned to academic schedules and the bus timings of MBS being synchronized with the timings of schools and colleges. Further, the provision of free bus travel for students upto Class XII in MBS Buses has been introduced recently by the Govt. of Odisha which ensures that education remains uninterrupted by transportation constraints.



- **Women Empowerment:** The unique feature of MBS Scheme is its focus on community participation and women's empowerment. In every district, women-led Self-Help Groups



(SHGs) are providing revenue collection services, taking on roles in fare collection & management, Passenger management. This empowerment transcends beyond providing employment; it instils confidence and fosters leadership qualities among women, contributing to societal change. As of today, a total of about 300 SHG women conductors have been engaged in bus operation under MBS.

- **Boost in Tourism:** Both domestic and international tourists can now easily access Odisha's rich cultural and natural heritage. Due to the huge service coverage across the State by the MBS, the tourism sector in the State is likely to benefit significantly. By including popular tourist attractions in its network, MBS will make it easier for visitors to explore the region. This improved connectivity is likely to attract more tourists, which will not only benefit regional tourism but also support the local communities by creating more livelihood opportunities.
- **A Beacon of Socio-Economic Growth:** Mukhyamantri Bus Seva (MBS) scheme is more than just a transport scheme; it is a vision for a connected, inclusive and prosperous Odisha. By enhancing connectivity, it not only breaks down barriers that have kept rural communities isolated but also unlocks a myriad of opportunities. This initiative represents a significant step towards achieving the state's socio-economic development goals, ensuring that every citizen, irrespective of their location, has access to essential services and opportunities. MBS stands as a testament to Odisha's commitment to building a more connected and inclusive future for all its people.
- To further strengthen the MBS Scheme by providing a more integrated and coordinated bus transport system for the people, especially connecting larger number of schools, colleges, hospitals, markets and essential service centers, the rationalization and reorientation of Bus Services under MBS has been undertaken. On 12th January 2026, Hon'ble Chief Minister launched reoriented MBS bus routes that will significantly enhance the overall operational efficiency



5.3. “Shri Jagannath Express” Premium Bus Services

- OSRTC has onboarded 121 nos. of 15M high-end super premium multi-axle buses to facilitate safe & comfortable long journeys for the people of Odisha. In line with the effort of Govt. of Odisha towards strengthening inter-state connectivity to boost pilgrimage & tourism, OSRTC has been operating these buses both for intra-state & inter-state services including pilgrimage/ tourism connectivity.



- On 12th January 2025, 19 nos. of special Jagannath Express Buses were inaugurated by Hon'ble CM for Maha Kumbh Mela 2025, connecting Prayagraj, Varanasi and Ayodhya from



Berhampur, Puri, Bhubaneswar, Balasore, Sambalpur, Bhawanipatna, Bargarh and Keonjhar, with 50% fare concession for women.

- Total 94 nos. of services were offered between January-February of 2025, resulting in total beneficiaries of over 4000.





- 7 nos. of Inter-State Pilgrimage routes with 12 high-end super premium buses (Puri to Ujjain, Puri to Hyderabad, Bhawanipatna to Hyderabad, Nabarangpur to Hyderabad, Puri to Bhilai, Puri to Ayodhya, Bhubaneswar to Visakhapatnam) were inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 3rd June 2025.
- Also, during this period, 16 nos. of various major Inter-State routes have been operationalized with 34 nos. of New Buses. Those routes are Jharsuguda to Gaya, Jeypore to Rajahmundry, Nabarangpur to Vijayawada, Bhawanipatna to Vishakhapatnam, Bhanjanagar to Simhachalam via Vishakhapatnam, Puri to Kolkata, Puri to Asansol, Rourkela to Bokaro, Berhampur to Mayapur, Rayagada to Karimnagar, Berhampur to Raipur, Bhawanipatna to Raipur, Puri to Vrindavan, Sambalpur to Visakhapatnam, Khariar Road to Vishakhapatnam, and Puri to Bengaluru via Tirupati.





5.4. Strengthening OSRTC Bus Fleet

- OSRTC has been taking significant steps for replacement of its older vehicles with modern BS-VI environmentally friendly buses to reduce carbon emission as well as to ensure enhanced passenger safety & comfort. These new buses are equipped with features such as



live vehicle tracking system & Integrated CCTV systems for continuous onboard monitoring, panic buttons for immediate assistance during any incident, Fire Detection and Suppression Systems (FDSS) to prevent and manage onboard fire risks.

- In this regard, OSRTC has augmented 100 new BS VI buses in its existing fleet, which shall ensure lower emission as well as enhanced safety & passenger comfort. On 12th January 2026, these 100 new buses were flagged off by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.



- OSRTC is also taking necessary steps in introducing electric long-range buses to promote green mobility complying with the mandate of the EV policy of Govt. of Odisha as well as the vision of Vikshit Odisha. The tender for procuring 100 new Electric Buses has been initiated by OSRTC.

5.5. Initiatives towards Road Safety

- In line with mandate of the Government towards strengthening road safety, defensive driving training was imparted to more than 2,500 drivers and also first aid and quick response training was given to more than 3,500 conductors under OSRTC.





- In view of road & passenger safety, OSRTC has taken significant steps to instal Advanced Driver Assistance System (ADAS) that utilizes sensors & cameras to monitor and provide alerts regarding vehicle functions as well as drivers behavior. It helps with continuous monitoring and tracking driver’s behavior, Forward Collision Warning System, Lane Departure Warning, Headway Monitoring & Warning etc. which can be key elements in preventing casualties. Initially in the first phase of deployment, about 1,000 buses under MBS Scheme have been installed with ADAS.



(ADAS Dashboard & Hardware Installation in few of the MBS Buses)

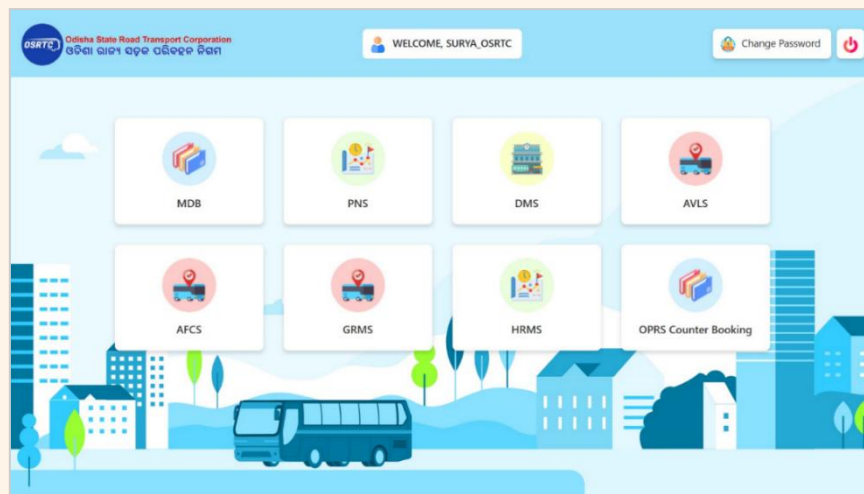
5.6. ITMS & ICCC

- QR codes were installed across all the ticket booking counters of OSRTC to promote cashless payment through UPI. Also, for better outreach, the API of OSRTC ticket booking facility



has been shared for integration with the State Government portal.

- On 3rd June 2025, Hon'ble CM inaugurated the Integrated Transport Management System (ITMS) as well as Integrated Command & Control Centre (ICCC) of OSRTC, that had been implemented to enhance the passenger experience and make travel more user-friendly as well as to manage entire operation of OSRTC centrally & more efficiently.
- More than 12 modules have been rolled out under the robust ITMS for effective operation monitoring & management, such as Automatic Fare Collection System (AFCS), Automatic Vehicle Location System (AVLS), Depot Management System (DMS), Manpower Management System (MMS), Grievance Management System (GRMS), Fuel Utilization Management System (FUMS), Web portal & Mobile Application etc.



OSRTC ITMS Master Dashboard

- Dedicated mobile applications (both Android & IOS based) have been made live to facilitate advanced online ticketing booking, real-time bus tracking, route & scheduling details,

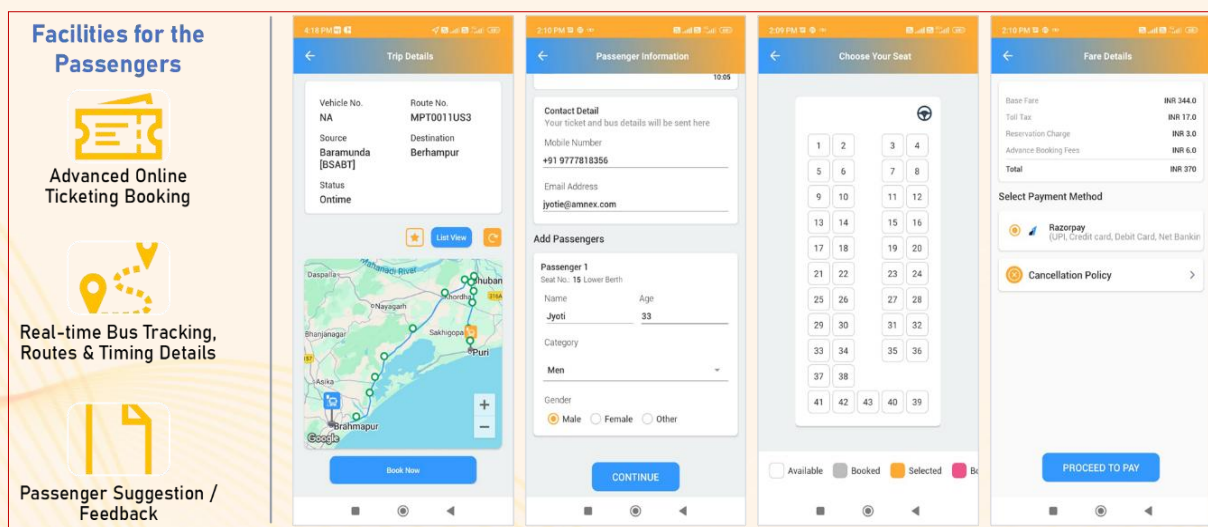


FIGURE 8: (OSRTC MOBILE APPLICATION)

passenger feedback management as well as to streamline & automate the fare collection process, fare revenue management, cashless transactions.

- In addition to this, Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) has also been developed & operationalized. ICCC enables comprehensive monitoring & management of the entire fleet of OSRTC at one place through collection of real-time geo-spatial data. Apart from this, OSRTC also operates a 24X7 Grievance Redressal Cell for addressing & resolving issues & challenges faced by passengers.



INTEGRATED COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTRE AT BHUBANESWAR

5.7. Cashless Ticketing through Smart Transit Card

- OSRTC has taken significant initiatives for promoting digital ticketing system & cashless transaction to ensure fast, convenient & hassle-free ticketing experience for the passengers. As a part of this vision, OSRTC has implemented Closed-loop Transit Smart Card mechanism for OSRTC buses to enable a secure, cashless and commuter-friendly fare collection system.
- On 12th January 2026, Hon'ble Chief Minister launched the Closed-loop Transit Smart Card system in OSRTC, a major step towards digital and transparent governance. This cashless system will simplify fare collection, improve financial accountability and enhance commuter convenience.
- It has advanced features such as contactless (NFC/ RFID) smart chip, secure value storage, encrypted card keys and transaction data compatibility with ETM/ POS devices etc.
- In the first phase, 1000 nos. of such Smart Cards have been issued across all 23 Depots of OSRTC.



5.8. Atal Bus Stand (ABS)

- Government of Odisha introduced the “Atal Bus Stand (ABS)” Scheme with the goal of creating modern, high-quality public transport infrastructure across the state. Driven by the commitment of the Government for sustainable development, OSRTC aims to enhance the transportation ecosystem by establishing infrastructure that is reliable, sustainable, resilient and safe for public use.



Basta Bus Stand, Balasore

Dhamra Bus Stand, Bhadrak

Basudevpur Bus Stand, Bhadrak

- Under ABS Scheme, it has been planned for construction and development of 318 nos. of new Bus Stand by OSRTC with modern state of the art amenities and facilities along with operation and management (O&M) provision and also to provide O&M facilities for 09 nos. of existing Bus Stand under OSRTC.
 - ✚ As of today, 70 nos. of new Atal Bus Stands have been constructed and made operational.
 - ✚ Apart from this, construction of 95 nos. of ABS projects is under progress while the tender for 23 nos. of ABS projects has been floated.
 - ✚ Detailed Project Report (DPR) of another 69 nos. of ABS projects have been prepared and are under process of tender.
 - ✚ The process of land identification & preparation of DPR for further 61 nos. of ABS projects are undergoing.
 - ✚ Further, 7 nos. of existing Bus Stands of OSRTC have been provided with O&M facilities under ABS while 2 more existing Bus Stands are under process to be taken up for O&M under ABS.



Rengali Bus Stand, Sambalpur



Reamal Bus Stand, Deogarh



Saintala Bus Stand, Balangir



Aradi Bus Stand, Bhadrak



Inauguration of 14 nos. of New Bus Stands developed under ABS Scheme by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 12th January 2026.

- All the operationalized bus stands are being well-maintained by dedicated FMS agencies, strictly adhering to the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). The FMS agencies have been selected through transparent tender process by the District Administration.

Rail Coordination Directorate

Chapter 6

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6. Rail Coordination Directorate

6.1. Ongoing Railway Projects

The Railway Section of Transport Department is directly dealing with Land Acquisition for 15 Railway projects as below:

#	Name of the projects
1.	Angul-Duburi-Sukinda Road NBG Rail Link Project (Commissioned)
2.	Haridaspur-Paradeep NBG Rail Link Project (Commissioned)
3.	Khurda Road-Balangir NBG Rail Link Project (Partly commissioned)
4.	Talcher-Bimlagarh NBG Rail Link Project
5.	Daitari-Bansapani Rail Link Project (Commissioned)
6.	Talcher-Sambalpur Doubling
7.	Sambalpur-Titlagarh Doubling
8.	Lanjigarh Road-Junagarh NBG Rail Link Project (Commissioned)
9.	Cuttack-Paradeep Doubling (Commissioned)
10.	Jeypore-Nabarangpur NBG Rail Link Project
11.	Jeypore-Malkangiri NBG Rail Link Project
12.	Bhadrak-Nirgundi 3rd line
13.	Salegaon-Budhapank-Jarapada 3rd & 4th line
14.	Koraput Singapore Road Doubling Project
15.	Establishment of Electro Loco POH at Narla in Kalahandi District

Table: List of ongoing railway projects

6.2. Ongoing Railway Projects with State's Financial Participation

The Government of Odisha is involved in the following three (03) Railway projects on cost sharing basis.

- **Khurda Road - Balangir (289 KM) New BG Rail Link Project:** Government of Odisha is contributing 50% of the construction cost and all land free between 112-289 Km for the stretch between Dasapalla-Bolangir as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) executed between the State Government and the Ministry of Railways. An amount of ₹583.17 crore has



been released to ECoR towards the enhanced construction cost of the project during FY2024-25.

- **Jeypore - Malkangiri (130 KM):** Similarly, the State Government will bear 25% share of the entire project cost of Jeypore- Malkangiri Railway project (130KM). Necessary steps have been initiated for land acquisition.
- **Jeypore - Nabarangpur (38 KM):** The State Government will provide free land and bear 50% of construction cost of Nabarangpur–Jeypore Railway projects (38 KM). A total of ₹55 crore has been sanctioned for land acquisition during FY 2024-25 and in June 2025.

6.3. Recently sanctioned new line projects

- The Ministry of Railways, Government of India, in August 2024, has sanctioned eight (08) new railway projects in Odisha, reflecting a significant investment in infrastructure to enhance connectivity and foster regional development. These projects are as follows:
 - Gunupur – Theruvali New Line (73.62 km)
 - Junagarh – Nabarangpur New Line (116.21 km)
 - Badampahar – Keonjhar (82.06 km)
 - Bangiriposhi – Gorumahisani (85.60 km)
 - Malkangiri – Pandurangapuram (via Bhadranchalam) (173.61 km)
 - Buramara (Mayurbhanj) – Chakulia (Jharkhand) (59.96 km)
 - Bargarh Road – Nawapada Road New Line (136 km)
 - Sardega (Sundargarh) – Bhalumuda (Chhattisgarh) New Double Line (37 km)
- The Ministry of Railways, Government of India, in April 2025, has sanctioned 2 new railway projects in Odisha. The projects are result of PM-Gati Shakti National Master Plan for multi-modal connectivity which have been possible through integrated planning and will provide seamless connectivity for movement of people, goods and services. These projects are:
 - Sambalpur – Jarapda 3rd and 4th Line
 - Jharsuguda – Sason 3rd and 4th Line



Directorate of Aviation

Chapter 7

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7. Directorate of Aviation

7.1. Odisha Boosts Global Ties with First Flight and Cargo Launch to Abu Dhabi

In a landmark stride towards enhancing global and regional connectivity, Odisha has launched its first direct international flight from Bhubaneswar to Abu Dhabi, flagged off by Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Mohan Charan Majhi at the Biju Patnaik International Airport on 12th June 2025..



Operated by IndiGo Airlines under the New Destination Policy, this strategic route is expected to catalyse tourism, trade, and cultural exchange with the Middle East. On the same occasion, Hon'ble Chief Minister also handed over boarding passes for the inaugural flight to Visakhapatnam—another key addition under the policy aimed at strengthening regional air networks.



Further marking a milestone in Odisha's aviation journey, the state dispatched its first international air cargo consignment to Abu Dhabi, featuring 1.2 metric tonnes of Amrapali mangoes cultivated by farmers in Balangir.



These landmark developments, facilitated under the state's flagship B-MAAN (Building and Management of Aviation Assets and Network) initiative, signal Odisha's emergence as a dynamic hub for both passenger and cargo connectivity—anchored in infrastructure, innovation, and inclusive growth.

7.2. Shree Jagannath International Airport (SJIA)

The Steering Committee on Greenfield Airports in its 39th meeting has recommended the in-principal approval for development of SJIA, Puri to the MoCA. All other statutory clearances are underway.

7.3. Establishment of an Anchor MRO Facility at BPIA, Bhubaneswar:

To strengthen aviation infrastructure and promote technical capability development, a landmark step was taken with the handover of land to M/s Air Works India (Engineering) Pvt. Ltd. for setting up an anchor Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facility at the Biju Patnaik International Airport, Bhubaneswar. This facility is envisioned to become the largest MRO hub in Eastern India, reducing dependency on other states for aircraft repair and maintenance. It is expected to generate 100 direct highly skilled jobs in aviation engineering, maintenance, and technical operations. Additionally, it will create over 600 indirect employment opportunities through support services, logistics, and allied operations.

7.4. Launch of B-MAAN:

Odisha has unveiled B-MAAN (Building and Management of Aviation Assets and Network), an umbrella scheme designed to provide holistic and integrated development for the state's aviation sector. The scheme carries a substantial budget outlay of ₹4,182 crore for five years (2025–2030). It focuses on infrastructure development, airport modernization, air connectivity, aviation skilling, and promotion of regional and international operations. B-MAAN aims to ensure equitable aviation access across the state, including underserved and remote regions.

7.5. Development of Heliports:

To support Disaster Management and enhance Tourism in districts having no Aviation Infrastructure, Odisha has issued a Letter of Award to M/s Pawan Hans Ltd. (PHL) for development of 15 Heliports across the state. This will promote Heli Tourism in the state and also support in emergency rescue operations during the time of any calamities.



7.6. Establishment of Flight Training Organization at Mayurbhanj District:

To strengthen aviation skilling and pilot availability, Odisha has issued a Letter of Award to M/s Alchemist Aviation Pvt. Ltd. for establishing an FTO at Dandbose Airstrip, Rairangpur, Mayurbhanj District. The institution aims to train and graduate 50 licensed pilots every year, addressing the growing demand for skilled pilots in the Indian aviation sector. This will stimulate the development of local aviation talent and create a strong pipeline of trained human resources.

7.7. Establishment of Odisha's First UAV (Drone) Training & Testing Centre at Rangeilunda Airstrip, Berhampur:

Recognizing the importance of drone technology in industries such as mining, agriculture, disaster management, and logistics, the state issued a Letter of Award to M/s BonV Aero Pvt. Ltd. to establish a UAV training and testing centre at Rangeilunda Airstrip, Berhampur. This will be the first dedicated UAV facility in Odisha, enabling high-quality training, certification, and drone operations testing. The organization aims to train 100+ UAV pilots annually, promoting industry-ready drone professionals.

7.8. Odisha Showcases Futuristic Aviation Vision; Emphasis on Women's Leadership and Skill-Based Growth at the Wings India 2026:

Highlighting the state's growing role in India's aviation growth, the Government of Odisha made a compelling presence at Asia's largest Civil Aviation Event, 'Wings India 2026', held in Hyderabad during 28th – 31st January 2026, through a dedicated pavilion featuring the theme 'Odisha Takes Flight'. At the Odisha stall, visitors had an experience of how the state is building a futuristic, inclusive, and investment-friendly aviation ecosystem through progressive policies, expansion of regional and international connectivity, targeted skill development, and long-term infrastructure planning.

This pavilion highlighted Odisha's 'Aviation for All' vision. It showcased the opportunities in airport development, aviation training, the drone ecosystem, MRO (Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul) potential, and human resource development. These efforts align with the state's long-term roadmap under 'Viksit Odisha 2036' and 'Viksit Bharat 2047'.





Further, to strengthen the state's participation, Principal Secretary of the Commerce and Transport Department, joined as a panellist in the 'Women in Aviation' Roundtable Session. During this session, Principal Secretary reaffirmed Odisha's commitment to gender-inclusive growth and leadership within the aviation sector.

The above initiatives collectively represent a major leap in the development of Odisha's aviation sector. The State is progressing toward building a robust ecosystem comprising enhanced connectivity, modern infrastructure, skilled manpower, and advanced aviation services. These achievements are expected to significantly contribute to economic growth, job creation, regional development, and Odisha's emergence as a prominent aviation hub.



Women Empowerment in Transport Domain

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At State- Level Independence Day Parade



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