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## Odisha CM Launches 'Samikshya' Portal | Odisha | 03 Feb 2026

### Why in News?

Odisha Chief Minister **Mohan Charan Majhi** has launched the '**Samikshya**' portal, a **real-time digital platform**.

### Key Points

- **Objective:** To monitor the implementation of development projects funded by **State Finance Commission (SFC) and Central Finance Commission (CFC)** grants across local bodies.
  - **Aim:** The portal aims to **enhance transparency, accountability and timely execution of development works** by providing updated data on project status.
- **Coverage: Projects** such as **roads, drinking water supply, sanitation, street lighting, parks and other public utilities** in both **rural and urban local bodies**.
  - **Public access:** The portal is **accessible to citizens, elected representatives and officials**, enabling **public tracking of development works** and fostering participatory governance.
- **SFC Report:** It also marked the **submission of the 6<sup>th</sup> State Finance Commission (SFC) report** to the Chief Minister.
  - Focuses on **strengthening the financial base of local bodies** through predictable and formula-based devolution.
- **Governance Impact:** Samikshya is expected to **improve fund utilisation, reduce delays and cost overruns**, and strengthen **local governance and service delivery**.
- **Digital Governance Step:** The initiative aligns with Odisha's broader push towards **digital transformation and transparent administration**.

Read More: [Finance Commission](#), [State Finance Commission](#), [Local governance](#)

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## New Flowering Plant *Hoya nagaensis* Discovered in Nagaland | National Current Affairs | 03 Feb 2026

### Why in News?

Researchers from **Nagaland University** have discovered a **new species of flowering plant** in the high-altitude **of Nagaland**.

### Key Points

- **Scientific name:** *Hoya nagaensis*
  - Documented during systematic **botanical surveys** in under-explored forests.
- **Discovery:** Kavünhou Community Reserved Forest, Phek district, Nagaland.

- The discovery underscores the importance of **community-protected forests** in preserving **rare and endemic species**, as these forests remain largely untouched and biologically rich.
- **IUCN Status:** Critically Endangered.
- **Biodiversity Hotspot:** Nagaland's high-altitude forests are part of the **Eastern Himalayan biodiversity hotspot**.
- **Research Significance:** The discovery contributes **valuable data to India's botanical records and global plant science**, encouraging further ecological and conservation studies in the region.

Read More: [IUCN](#), [Shifting cultivation](#), [Biodiversity Hotspot](#)

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## SBI unveils CHAKRA Centre for financing sunrise sectors | National Current Affairs | 03 Feb 2026

### Why in News?

The State Bank of India (SBI) has launched a dedicated **Centre of Excellence (CoE)** named '**CHAKRA**' to support financing of **sunrise sectors** and marks a strategic push by the country's largest lender to channel capital into next-generation industries.

### Key Points:

- **Aim:** This initiative aims to catalyse capital expenditure of over **₹100 lakh crore** by **2030** in critical future-ready industries.
- **Vision:** It will support **project appraisal, evidence-based policy engagement, white papers and industry roundtables** to inform investors and policymakers.
- **Eight Focused "Sunrise" Sectors:** The CoE specifically targets sectors essential for the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision:
  - **Green Energy:** Renewable Energy, Green Hydrogen & Ammonia, and Decarbonisation.
  - **Technology & Infrastructure:** Semiconductors, Data Centre Infrastructure, and Smart Infrastructure.
  - **Future Mobility:** Electric Mobility (E-mobility) and Advanced Cell Chemistry (ACC)/Battery Storage.
- **Risk Management:** Unlike a typical think tank, CHAKRA is a "hands-on execution platform" designed to build specific risk models for emerging technologies to avoid misaligned or premature investments.
- **Global Partnerships:** SBI has signed MoUs with **21 domestic and global financial institutions**, including Japanese banks **MUFG** and **SMBC**, to enable joint project appraisal and co-financing.

Read More: [Sunrise sectors](#), [Advanced Cell Chemistry \(ACC\)](#), [State Bank of India \(SBI\)](#), [Viksit Bharat 2047](#)

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## India's First Mega Shipbuilding Cluster in Tamil Nadu | National Current Affairs | 03 Feb 2026

## Why in News?

In a landmark move to position India as a global maritime hub, the **National Shipbuilding & Heavy Industries Park, Tamil Nadu (NSHIP, TN)** has been established as the country's first **Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV)** dedicated to developing a mega shipbuilding cluster.

### Key Points:

- **Joint Venture:** The SPV is a **50:50 partnership** between the **V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority (VOCPA)**—a major port under the Union Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways—and the **State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu (SIPCOT)**.
- **Strategic Location:** The cluster will be developed at **Thoothukudi (Tuticorin)**, leveraging its strategic proximity to international shipping lanes.
- **Project Specifications:** The greenfield cluster will span approximately **2,000 acres**, featuring a **2 km waterfront**.
  - **1,000 acres** are earmarked specifically for shipyards.
  - **1,000 acres** will host ancillary industries, marine equipment manufacturing, and common social infrastructure.
- **Capacity Goal:** The cluster is designed to house shipyards with a total capacity of roughly **1.2 million Gross Tonnage (GT)** per annum.
- **Economic multiplier:** The project is expected to generate employment for over **55,000 people** and attract massive global investments.
- **Global Competitiveness:** Helps India aim for higher share in global shipbuilding by developing a **plug-and-play industrial hub**.

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