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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik today inaugurated an interactive and dynamic website for SCB Medical College and Hospital and the portal for SCB Alumni Association (SCBIANS). Expressing his delight that SCB MCH would now have a world class digital presence through its website and a formal alumni association, Hon'ble Chief Minister said that Government has initiated the process of transformation under 5-T initiative to make it a world class institute with an eco-system that will attract everyone.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister further said that SCB is one of the oldest medical institutions in the country, even older than many medical institutions in the world, with a glorious history of serving humanity for over 76 years. He also said that during the current COVID-19 crisis it has helped build institutional capacity for the entire State. It has served millions over the last 76 years and an astounding 17 million in the last decade.
- Hon'ble Minister, Health and Family Welfare Sri Naba Kisore Das, Chief Secretary Sri Asit Tripathy, Chief Advisor to Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri R. Balkrishnan, Development Commissioner Sri Suresh Chandra Mohapatra, Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department Sri Paradepta Kumar Mohapatra were present while Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister (5-T) Sri V.K. Pandian coordinated the programme.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister on International Volunteer Day, said that as the world faced one of the biggest health challenges due to COVID-19, millions of volunteers came forward to help the frontline warriors and vulnerable. He saluted to these volunteers who strengthened our social cohesion during this pandemic.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed happiness that State Government's strategic intervention for mitigation and management of COVID-19 has been lauded by NITI Aayog. In a recent report, the national think tank has mentioned Odisha's

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achievements such as 'Mo Jeevan' and 'Mo Pratibha' in the list of 'Best COVID Practices', he said.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister congratulated Yashoda Pandey from Nuapada on winning the prestigious V-Award 2020 by United Nation Volunteers (UNV), India for her efforts to prevent child marriages in the district. Her work is an inspiration for all and it will make more volunteers to do transformational work in society, Hon'ble Chief Minister said.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed happiness that in a stellar achievement, Odisha emerged as a leading State in India's fight against malaria in WHO's World Malaria Report 2020. The State witnessed 40.35% decrease in cases in 2019 compared to 2018 with DAMaN initiative playing a key role in controlling the disease, he said.
- From 4th December to 5th December morning, 7 people arrested, 602 vehicles seized and fine of Rs. 27,25,675/- has been collected by the Odisha Police in the state for violation of different regulations and guidelines related to COVID-19.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 4th December, 61,02,651 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 3,20,803.
- 3,14,665 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1765.
- No of active cases are 4,320.
- 4,320 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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