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PRESS RELEASE

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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik paid rich tributes to Kantakabi Laxmikanta Mohapatra, eminent freedom fighter, writer and poet. He said that impeccable creative contributions along with immortal writing like 'Bande Utkal Janani' shall make Laxmikant remembered for ever.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister discussed with Hon'ble Union Minister, Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs Shri Pralhad Joshi and Hon'ble Union Minister, Petroleum, Natural Gas and Steel Shri Dharmendra Pradhan and senior officials over video conference on the issues that have emerged from the recently conducted auction of mines, further mineral reforms and other issues related to Mineral sector in the State.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister emphasized on further Mineral reforms to ensure uninterrupted supply of ore to industry and safeguarding the employment and State revenues. He said that Odisha has been one of the first State to successfully conduct auction of mineral blocks in accordance with the orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court. However, there have been some glitches in commencement in mining operations leading to disruptions in production and dispatch leading to shortage of minerals for end user industries and price rise, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister emphasized that such disruptions and uncertainties in production and dispatch are undesirable, especially during these times. He said that shortages of ore and resultant high price has posed a challenge for the Sponge Iron plants, Small and Medium size Steel plants which has affected the revenues of the State and the employment of the people dependent on the sector.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister requested the Union Government for an early decision on the issues discussed as the revenues of the State and employment of the people at large are involved.

"WEAR MASK, STAY SAFE"

- Hon'ble Chief Minister presided over the State Cabinet Meeting held today. Some of the measure decisions in the Cabinet are highlighted below:
- Government of Odisha have decided for construction 100 seated new Government Medical College and Teaching Hospital at Phulabani and 650 bedded Teaching Hospital for new Government medical College at Koraput on turnkey basis in order to improve the medical education and to cater the needs of common people and creation of qualified doctors.
 - Government of Odisha have taken decision for execution of Rural Pipe Water Supply Project to provide safe drinking water in Bargarh district out of 'Basudha' funding. By execution of the project 7,37,368 people of 515 villages in 138 GPs of 7 Blocks of the district will be provided with safe drinking water.
 - State Government have resolved to move the Union Government reiterating its earlier stand requesting to implement the recommendations of the M.S. Swaminathan Committee regarding Minimum Support Price (MSP) of all crops, for doubling the farmers' income in the interest of farmer.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 8th December, 62,50,593 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 3,22,299.
- 3,16,447 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1789.
- No of active cases are 3,487.
- 3,487 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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