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Bhubaneswar 12/12/2020,

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik addressed today the 93rd Annual general meeting of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) on virtual platform that had a special session with the theme 'Aspiring Odisha for Inspiring India'. Highlighting Odisha's industrial ecosystem and growth in the last two decades, Hon'ble Chief Minister said that Odisha is set to achieve its cherished goal of becoming a world-class industrial destination.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister appreciated FICCI's partnership in multi-dimensional progress spanning across investment promotion, policy advocacy, and promoting entrepreneurship, especially among women and start-ups. He said that with over 90 years of history, FICCI has been doing a remarkable job in industrial development of India. Proclaiming that Odisha is fast emerging as the 'Manufacturing Hub of Eastern India', he said that his Government has always endeavoured for a holistic business environment for the investors in Odisha.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister while emphasising the effective governance mechanism of the state said that Odisha is implementing path breaking technological reforms to reduce physical interface for availing Government services. The transformational initiatives under '5T' charter and 'MO SARKAR' have played a major role in creating a conducive business environment in the State by inculcating professionalism and behavioural change in the State Government agencies, he added.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister said that Odisha was ranked number 1 in terms of attracting investments during April-September 2019, and is poised to continue this leadership position. He expressed happiness over the encouraging investor sentiment towards Odisha and informed that even during these difficult COVID pandemic times, Odisha has been able to attract new investments of over Rs.1 Lakh Crore across multiple sectors. He further said that in the recent past, new industrial projects were launched in diverse sectors ranging from Healthcare,

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renewable energy, Downstream to Steel & Aluminium, IT and Food processing. Hon'ble Chief Minister appreciating FICCI's role in the success of the second edition of Make in Odisha Conclave, asked for similar support for the third edition.

- Dr. Sangeeta Reddy, President FICCI, Industry Leaders Mr Harsh Pati Singhania, MD, JK Paper Limited and Mr Sandip Somany, MD, HSIL praised Hon'ble Chief Minister for his visionary leadership and shared their experiences about robust industrial facilitation in Odisha and the support from the State Government for the investments in Odisha.
- Chief Secretary, Development Commissioner, Agriculture Production Commissioner, Principal Secretary, Industries, CMD, IDCO, MD, IPICOL along with other officers of State Government attended.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister on Universal Health Coverage Day, said that inclusive, affordable and quality healthcare in every part of Odisha is sustained priority to realise the vision of "Sustha Odisha Sukhi Odisha". He restated the commitment to build a safer and healthier future.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister congratulated Electronics and Information Technology (E&IT) Department, Odisha on receiving prestigious 'Award of Excellence' for 'Mo Sarkar' and 5-T initiative at Elets Online Knowledge Exchange Summit. This will encourage more applications of tech in governance functions for improving service delivery, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister congratulated Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) on Bhubaneswar becoming the first city to launch 24/7 Safai Mitra helpline. People can now call on the toll free number '14420' for more information on safe cleaning of septic tanks/sewers and registering complaint for hazardous cleaning, he said.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister commended the humanitarian effort of the team of Odisha Police Special Operation Group and Border Security Force (BSF), India personnel which traversed the hostile terrain, risking their lives in face of gun fire to rescue an injured Maoist in the Totaguda forest of Malkangiri.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that to ease the registration and renewal of Ultrasound facilities for Pre Conception and Pre Natal Diagnosis, State Government has launched a Website (<http://pndtodisha.gov.in>). This will help people in submission of application, payment of fees and tracking the status of the application, he said.

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- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that two numbers of 108 Boat Ambulance Service have been launched to facilitate quality health service to the people of Swabhiman Anchal of Malkangiri. 15,000 people of 37 villages shall be benefited by this Boat Ambulance Service, equipped with modern instruments.
- From 11th December to 12th December morning, 1 case has been registered, 7 people arrested, 584 vehicles seized and fine of Rs. 18,67,500/- 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 11th December, 63,45,705 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 3,23,364.
- 3,18,278 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1802.
- No of active cases are 3,231.
- 3,231 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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