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PRESS RELEASE

Bhubaneswar 14/12/2020,

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik chaired over the State Cabinet Meeting held today that took two measure decisions relating to Law and Works Department.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that in a historic move, Odisha Cabinet approved Shri Lingaraj Temple Ordinance in line with Sri Jagannath Temple Act. The 11th century shrine is presently governed by Odisha Hindu Religious Endowment Act and Lingaraj Temple Act will help in better execution of rituals and management.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister also said that as per Lingaraj Temple Act, a Managing Committee of 15 members will be formed and empowered to manage affairs of the temple including *seva-puja* and *nitis*. The Committee will administer the temple and its properties including temples outside the premises and Mathas, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister further said that an administrator will be appointed to manage day-to-day affairs while necessary provision will be made for budget, audit and inspection. The legislation will also help in protection, management of temple properties and eviction of unauthorised occupants, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister on the National Energy Conservation Day, called upon all to take pledge to use energy judiciously in everyday life, ensure zero wastage and spread awareness about the importance of energy conservation for a healthy environment and sustainable future.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister paid humble tributes to Pandit Nilamani Bidyaratna, one of the pioneers of separate statehood movement of Odisha, eminent writer on his birth anniversary. He will be remembered for his timeless creations for the development of Odia language and literature and contribution in the field of social reform, Hon'ble Chief Minister added.

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- Government of Odisha have decided for construction of 650 bedded Teaching Hospital for new Government Medical College at Puri. The Government have decided for construction of 100 seated and 500 bedded new Government Medical College and Teaching Hospital at Jajpur.
- From 11th December to 12th December morning, 2 cases have been registered, 31 people arrested, 608 vehicles seized and fine of Rs. 20,34,850 /- 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 13th December, 64,09,675 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 3,24,089.
- 3,19,069 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1811.
- No of active cases are 3,156.
- 3,156 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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