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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik said that State Government has put Mahanadi Riverine Port project on fast track to further boost industrialization in Kendrapada district. A high-level team led by Chief Secretary Sri Asit Tripathy and Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister (5-T) Sri V.K. Pandian have visited the proposed site.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the proposed 54 MTPA project will be located at Akhadasali village under Mahakalapada Block and will play a key role in the economic progress of the region. With an investment of more than ₹ 4000 Core, the project will generate employment opportunities for around 6000 persons, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the Riverine Port will be developed by Paradip Port for which the formal MoU with Odisha Government is under finalisation. The State will provide all necessary support for the Project and 300 hectares of land has also been identified for this purpose, he said.
- Chief Secretary Sri Asit Tripathy reviewed today, the implementation of projects under Odisha Mineral Bearing Areas Development Corporation (OMBADC) through various departments and directed the concerned Administrative Departments to ensure quality monitoring of the projects through third party supervision.
- Chief Secretary also asked the departments to undertake micro level monitoring and management through independent technical professionals. He further advised to procure furniture, class room equipments and general materials necessary for modernization of educational and technical institutions from local micro, small and medium enterprises promoted under Make in Odisha initiative.
- Sri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Secretary, Skill Development and Technical Education said that projects for modernization of Government ITIs and Engineering schools along with skill development of tribal youths have been taken up under

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OMBADC funding”. The specific activities include placement linked training programme for 1200 tribal youths estimated around Rs.8.80 Crore , construction of 4 hostels and 2 skill development centers estimated around Rs.8.05 Crore and pre-recruitment training camps in 4 OMBADC districts estimated around Rs.0.97 Crore. So far, 243 youths have been completed the training and out of them 132 have been placed in different sectors, he said.

- Development Commissioner Sri Suresh Chandra Mohapatra, Principal Secretary School & Mass Education Sri Satyabrta Sahu, CEO Smt. Uma Nanduri along with senior officers from concerned departments participated in the discussions.
- From 20th December to 21st December morning, 17 people arrested, 523 vehicles seized and fine of Rs. 19,51,800/- 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 20th December, 66,35,980 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 3,26,596.
- 3,21,647 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1839.
- No of active cases are 3,057.
- 3,057 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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