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PRESS RELEASE

Bhubaneswar 24/12/2020,

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik today, announced a new World Class Hockey Stadium in Rourkela City which would be the biggest stadium for Hockey in India with a sitting capacity of 20 thousand. He said that the stadium is going to redefine the sports landscape in the region.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that as announced earlier, Odisha will once again be proud host of the prestigious Men's Hockey World Cup in 2023 and the tournament will be organised both in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister while describing Sundargarh district as our powerhouse of hockey talent said that many great hockey players of the district have represented the country at the International level. He also said that popularity of hockey can be seen across the district and support of the people of the district to hockey players is unparalleled anywhere in the world.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the stadium along with the allied facilities will be developed as a benchmark for other Hockey stadiums around the world. He further said that the stadium, spreading over 15 acres of land, with all the modern amenities will be constructed in the Biju Patnaik University of Technology campus, Rourkela.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister through a Video Conference today, distributed Land Pattas under 1st Town Planning Scheme of the State, to the villagers of Sahajpur, Nargoda, Sijuput and Paikrapur, adjacent to Bhubaneswar Town and said that Odisha will be the role model in Urban development.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that citizen and community participation in urban development is an important requirement. He further said that as Bhubaneswar, one of the attractive towns of the country is witnessing gradual increase in area and population, town planning scheme is being implemented to bring holistic development of Bhubaneswar. Hon'ble Chief Minister thanked the concerned villagers for their cooperation.

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- Hon'ble Minister, Housing and Urban Development Sri Pratap Jena, Chief Secretary Sri Asit Tripathy, Development Commissioner Sri Suresh Chandra Mohapatra, Principal Secretary, Finance, Sri Ashok Kumar Meena, Principal Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Sri G. Mathivathanan, Principal Secretary, Revenue Sri Bishnupada Sethi, Secretary, Works Sri Kishan Kumar and Senior officers attended the programme. Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister (5-T) Sri V.K. Pandian coordinated the programme.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister on the occasion of National Consumer Day, called upon to restate pledge to make consumers aware of their rights and responsibilities about the quality, quantity, standard and price of goods or services; strengthen regulations to protect vulnerable consumers from unfair trade practices.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister urged people to come forward voluntarily for Covid testing if any preliminary symptom develops. He called upon to adhere to the Covid protocol for some more days to make our State Covid-free.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that with intensive surveillance, awareness drives, effective mitigation measures on ground and DAMaN initiative by State Government helped Malkangiri district record significant dip in vector borne diseases and the district is now on its way to become malaria free.
- Covid Appropriate Behaviour Campaign jointly organised by Odia Language, Literature and Culture Department, Information and Public Relations Department and UNICEF started today for extensive Covid awareness generation. The week long campaign shall be carried on in 7 districts, i.e. Balasore, Jajpur, Kendrapara, Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur, Ganjam and Khurda along with Bhubaneswar Minicipal Corporation, through a 'Sachetanata Ratha' and 10 Folk Art Groups shall participate in the campaign.
- Hon'ble Minister, Information and Public Relations, Water Resources, Sri Raghunandan Das, Advisor to Culture Department Sri Janmejaya Lenka, Principal Secretary, Odia Language, Literature and Culture Department Sri Bisnupada Sethi, Secretary, Information and Public Relations Department Sri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Director, I&PR Sri Krupasindhu Mishra, Director, Culture Sri Ranjan Kumar Das and State Representative of UNICEF Dr. Meena Som were present in the flag off programme.
- From 23rd December to 24th December morning, 1 case has been registered while 8 people arrested, 455 vehicles seized and fine of Rs. 17,84,425/- has been collected by the Odisha Police in the state for violation of different regulations and guidelines related to COVID-19.

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Health Update

- Up to midnight of 23rd December, 67,37,322 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 3,27,542.
- 3,22,648 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1850.
- No of active cases are 2,991.
- 2,991 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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