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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik said that State Cabinet has decided to provide reservation to Government School and College students in Medical and Engineering admission. It will provide confidence to meritorious students from Government schools and help fulfill their dreams to become doctors and engineers, he said.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that it is observed over the last few years, the number of students from Government schools and colleges in medical and engineering courses has been coming down. This is not due to lack of merit but a deeper divide in access to coaching. The decision will correct this imbalance, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that a high-level committee comprising educationists, eminent persons led by a retired High Court judge will be set up to finalise decision on the matter. The committee will submit its report within three months so that the recommendations will be implemented from next education year, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that marking the centenary year of Mahatma Gandhi's visit to Odisha, State Cabinet decided to observe it in grand way and conduct different programmes from 23rd March for a year to spread the immortal ideals of ahimsa icon among youth and people of Odisha.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that to keep memories of great personalities of Odisha alive and make future generation learn about their contribution to build a great Odisha, State Government will introduce topics about them in school syllabus of Class 7th, 8th and 9th, which will be selected by a special process.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister further said that the birth places of legendary sons of Odisha will be converted to model villages to inspire our future generations. Their birth and death anniversaries will be observed with honour and respect as humble tribute to these great sons of the state, he added.

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- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that carrying forward the uncompromising fight against corruption, Odisha Cabinet has made it mandatory for all Government servants starting from the entry level to the Chief Secretary and public representatives starting from Sarpanchs to the Chief Minister to submit their property details.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister further said that all Government servants and public representatives must submit the property list and ensure its availability in the public domain. A copy of the Property Statement will be sent to the Lokayukta every year, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister congratulated Odisha Tourism and District Administration, Puri as coveted Blue Flags have been hoisted at Puri's Golden Beach after receiving the certification from FEE, Denmark. The prestigious eco-label will further boost tourism and add to the charm of World Heritage City.
- Hockey players and people of Sundargarh district expressed their gratitude to Hon'ble Chief Minister for State Government's initiative to build India's largest hockey stadium in Rourkela. The stadium will host hockey's greatest and finest event during Hockey World Cup (HWC) 2023.
- From 28th December to 29th December morning, 20 people arrested, 650 vehicles seized and fine of Rs. 19,25,700/- 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 28th December, 68,82,551 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 3,29,001.
- 3,24,392 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1868.
- No of active cases are 2,688.
- 2,688 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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