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PRESS RELEASE

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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik said that it is a moment of great joy that Covishield vaccine has reached Odisha in a special flight. Odisha is fully prepared with an elaborate system for seamless vaccination programme to save precious lives, with focus on frontline health workers including Anganwadi workers, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister directed to waive Matric examination fees of the students, appearing High School Certificate Exam this year to be conducted by Board of Secondary Education, in the greater interest of the students. State Government will bear Rs. 27 Crore on this account and more than 6 Lakh students will be benefited, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister presided over a high level meeting today, on the implementation of two ambitious plan i.e. development of Chandrabhaga and Talasari Beach. He said that State Government has given priority on tourism development in order to attract more domestic and foreign tourists.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister directed to develop one Kilometre area at Chandrabhaga on Puri-Konark beach and to include facilities like water-sports, recreation, cycle track, pavement, wooden track by the beach, space for children's activity centre, podium to enjoy sunrise and adventure sports etc. in the master plan to be prepared for the purpose. He further said to prepare waste management system, landscaping and solar lighting along with ensuring participation of local people.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister further directed to develop an area of 2.4 Kilometre at Talsari beach and to encourage construction of Standard and Budget Hotels there. Besides, there shall be pavilion, kiosk, sitting islands, solar photo voltaic panels, amphitheatres, restaurants and Art and Craft plaza to attract the tourists, he added.
- Hon'ble MLA, Bhogarai Sri Ananta Das, Chairperson, OTDC, Chief Secretary, Development Commissioner, Addl. Chief Secretary, Forest and Environment

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Department, Principal Secretary, Tourism Department, Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister (5-T) along with Collectors of Puri and Balasore were present in the meeting.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister paid humble tributes to the great spiritual guru and patriot, Swami Vivekananda on his Birth Anniversary, celebrated as National Youth Day. Saying that the humane gesture of young blood donors during COVID-19 is praiseworthy Hon'ble Chief Minister appealed the youth to voluntarily donate blood to save precious lives.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that to further enhance air connectivity into Odisha, State Government has agreed to provide financial support for Air Asia's direct flight operation between Bhubaneswar and Pune for three months. Apart from improving connectivity, it will give boost to tourism and investor footfall, he added.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 11th January, 72,29,948 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 3,32,331.
- 3,28,271 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1894.
- No of active cases are 2,113.
- 2,113 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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