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PRESS RELEASE

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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik said that marking a successful beginning of the COVID-19 vaccination drive in Odisha, 85% of intended beneficiaries were covered by the State Government on Day 1. As many as 13,980 people were immunized, as against a target of 16,405, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister at the start of National Road Safety Month, said that careless driving and unsafe use of roads are major reasons for accidents which put our life at risk and life of others as well. He urged everyone to follow road safety rules in true spirit and spread awareness to protect precious lives.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that Odisha has achieved remarkable success in Kharif paddy procurement due to online registration, P-pas and advance token system implemented by the State Government. Till now 35,06,183 MT paddy has been procured by the Food Supply and Consumer Welfare Department which is 22% more than last year, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed grief over sad demise of labour leader Lalita Nayak. Mentioning that he will be remembered for his contribution in the field of welfare of people and blood donation, Hon'ble Chief Minister condoled the bereaved family and wished the soul rest in peace.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that in spite of COVID-19, economy of Odisha is recovering swiftly due to efficient policies adopted by State Government. In December, 2020 record GST worth Rs. 765.26 Crore has been collected in the State which is Rs.35 Crore more than last year's collection, he added.

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Health Update

- Up to midnight of 17th January, 74,02,538 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 3,33,444.
- 3,29,546 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1901.
- No of active cases are 1,944.
- 1,944 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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