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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik paid humble tributes to the great son of Odisha and eminent freedom fighter Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on his Birth Anniversary. His strong self-esteem, extraordinary ideals and dedication to country will remain inspirational forever, Hon'ble Chief Minister said.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister paid humble tributes to eminent freedom fighter Veer Surendra Sai on his Birth Anniversary. His valour and sacrifice in the struggle against Britishers at Sambalpur for the interest of tribal and common people will be remembered forever, Hon'ble Chief Minister said.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister laid foundation stone of Cuttack Netaji Bus Terminal today, on the occasion of 125th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The state-of-art terminal will help decongest the heritage city and will emerge as a model for others, Hon'ble Chief Minister said.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister said that built on 11,000 square meter area, the bus terminal will have 180 bus bays and parking space for 275 cars. With all necessary facilities for the passengers and a sophisticated design, the terminal will also add to elegance of the Silver City, he added.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister paying tributes to the great patriot, said that Netaji was born and brought up in Cuttack and learnt his lessons of selfless service and struggle on this soil. Hon'ble Chief Minister said that Odisha will celebrate his 125th anniversary with much fanfare throughout the year to give him a fitting tribute.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that with adequate arrangements by the State Government, Odisha has emerged as the best performing state in COVID-19 Vaccination coverage with 83% of the targeted beneficiaries receiving the first dose so far.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurating the State Export Award Ceremony-2021, said that Odisha Government strives to create a conducive atmosphere for export

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through greater ease of doing business, implementation of 5-T mechanism, infrastructure support and facilities for quality standardisation.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister while citing that Odisha is among top 5 states in NITI Aayog's Export Preparedness Index 2020 said that efforts to promote exports are paying off to boost export turnover consistently. Hon'ble Chief Minister congratulated exporting community for registering 55% increase in export value over last year.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that many local MSMEs products have potential to compete in global market and asserted that time is not far off when products made by Women SHGs will be sold in Europe and US. He also congratulated awardees and asserted that together we can make Odisha an export hub of the country.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated the Annual National Conference of the Indian Academy of Forensic Medicine, 2021 today and said that the scientific deliberations on issues in Forensic Medicine will throw new lights on emerging techniques, advanced knowledge and newer tools. It will go a long way in enriching their knowledge in the field, he added. He also said that sophisticated knowledge in Forensic Science is crucial to dispensation of Justice.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister praised the commendable initiative by Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation, Bhubaneswar to support the marginalized transgender community by providing means of livelihood. Employing them in management of parking areas will help them lead a dignified life, he said.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 22nd January, 75,25,703 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 3,34,150.
- 3,30,757 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1904.
- No of active cases are 1,436.
- 1,436 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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