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PRESS RELEASE

Bhubaneswar 15/02/2021,

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik today through Video Conference, reviewed the activities of Western Odisha Development Council and directed to double the annual financial grant to the Council given by the State Government. With this, Government's grant to WODC will be Rs. 200 Cr. in 2021-22 Financial Year. Hon'ble Chief Minister also emphasised on creation of more job opportunities for the Youths.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister further directed to open Council's office in 10 districts coming under it along with Athmallick Subdivision in order to speed up development programmes in Western Odisha.
- Chief Secretary Sri Suresh Chandra Mohapatra, Chairman, WODC Sri Asit Tripathy, Development Commissioner Sri Pradeep Kumar Jena, APC Sri R.K. Sharma, Principal Secretary, Finance Department Sri A.K. Meena and Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister (5-T) Sri V.K. Pandian were present in the review meeting.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister paid humble tributes to eminent writer Ramakrushna Nanda on his Birth Anniversary. Saying that Odia literature has been enriched by his immortal creations such as 'Jhumuka', 'Tulasidas', 'Biswa Parichaya' and 'Ahe Dayamaya Biswa Bihari', Hon'ble Chief Minister said that he will be remembered for ever for his contribution as a litterateur, ideal teacher and social reformer.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed grief over the sad demise of illustrious son of Odisha, Major General (Retd) Basant Kumar Mahapatra. Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the war veteran participated in many major battles the country has fought and will always be remembered for his bravery, contribution to education and philanthropic activities.

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Health Update

- Up to midnight of 14th February, 80,43,817 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 3,36,262.
- 3,33,554 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1911.
- No of active cases are 744.
- 744 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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