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PRESS RELEASE

Bhubaneswar 21/02/2021,

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik addressing the Odisha Assembly on the motion of thanks on Hon'ble Governor of Odisha's speech said that our Government, with great foresight and disaster preparedness, has taken several proactive steps to tackle the unprecedented COVID19 crisis over the last year.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the State Government ensured swift recovery of the economy with necessary interventions. Odisha has emerged as a leading investment destination with over ₹ 1.2 Lakh Crores investment last year and initiated programmes like heritage development and transformation of public services, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that we are firmly and determinedly on a path to New and Empowered Odisha which will satisfy the aspirations of the people and provide them opportunities to dream big and realise their potential.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister on the occasion of International Mother Language Day, said that Mother Language has a greater role for preservation and propagation of our culture and heritage. He called upon to strengthen our effort in making mother language immortal, remembering the great persons who have given immense contribution to enrich our Odia language.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed happiness that Odisha has emerged as top 3 leading states in COVID-19 vaccination with 82% vaccination coverage until 20th February. Hon'ble Chief Minister thanked all the frontline Covid warriors to have come forward to spread the awareness and importance of vaccination.
- Keeping in view, detection of some cases with new variants of COVID19 virus, a spike in number of new covid-19 cases has been observed in Maharashtra and some other States, Government in Revenue and Disaster Management Department has issued new Guidelines/ safety protocols. All Collectors, Municipal Commissioners and Superintendents of Police are directed to ensure strict enforcement of the COVID-19 safety protocols by all in public places

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including workplaces to avoid any chance of resurgence of the disease in our State. Copy of the Letter is enclosed.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 20th February, 81,67,772 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 3,36,636.
- 3,33,880 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1914.
- No of active cases are 616.
- 616 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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