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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik said that Peoples Budget Odisha gives thrust on transformation of healthcare, agriculture, education, livelihood, infrastructure as well as industries with a vision to realise New Odisha-Empowered Odisha,. Odisha Budget 2021 also focuses on programmes to safeguard the vulnerable people, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that ₹8,266 Cr has been allocated for Deptt. of Water Resources in Odisha Budget 2021 to further boost irrigation potential in Odisha. The major outlay is for mega lift irrigation projects, construction of in-stream storage structures, flood control & drainage work, he added.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister further said that prioritising farmer welfare & empowerment, Peoples Budget Odisha has made allocation of ₹17,469 Cr for agriculture and allied activities, including ₹1800 Cr for KALIA for Odisha, ₹106 Cr for Millets Odisha and ₹1415 Cr for Fisheries & Animal Resources Development Department.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed happiness that Odisha has become the second state in the country to adopt complete E-budgeting by building digital infrastructure, actively promoting adoption and usage of budget documents in electronic form & presentation of budget by Finance Minister Shri Niranjan Pujari through iPad.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister further said that Odisha Budget 2021 is also available in National E-Vidhan Application while a dedicated Odisha Budget App is available in App stores. The model Green Budget sets a bench mark in the country which reduced paper trail of 1.5 Crore pages, saving 2000 large trees, he added.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister again said that Odisha Government sought opinions from different sections of society through multiple channels, making citizens as participants in the preparation of Peoples Budget of Odisha. Odisha Budget

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2021 carried forward the legacy which started in 2017, empowering them to be part of the process, he said.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister further said that reaffirming commitment to ensure Universal Health Care, Peoples Budget Odisha allocated ₹9,164 Cr for public health care and proposed ₹3,500 Cr to transform SCB Medical College & Hospital into AIIMS Plus Institute to provide world-class healthcare facilities in Odisha.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister also said that to strengthen educational ecosystem in Odisha, a total of ₹24,370 Cr has been allocated in Odisha Budget 2021. Some of the major allocations will ensure transformation in universities, colleges and development of Adarsha Vidyalayas in the State, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister while saying ₹465 Cr and ₹425 Cr allotted to promote MSME sector to develop industries sector respectively, hoped that Odisha Budget 2021 aims to further boost the industrial growth in Odisha. He said that the budgetary allocation will further accelerate industrial development in the State.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed happiness that Odisha Budget 2021 has earmarked ₹542Cr for transforming Puri into a World Heritage City under ABADHA scheme while ₹400Cr will be spent on transformation and periphery development of Ekamra Kshetra and Samaleswari Temple under 5-T framework.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister reiterated that Odisha carried forward the pioneering initiative of Nutrition Budget through allocation for nutrition specific schemes and nutrition sensitive schemes with multi-sectoral approach to help improvement in nutrition outcomes among vulnerable.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister also said that incorporating children rights and needs in policies and interventions, Odisha Budget 2021 has allocated funds for child specific and child sensitive schemes through Child Budgeting. It helps in investing in schemes targeting children who are future of the state, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed grief over the demise of Debananda Gupta, eminent Gandhian Freedom Fighter. Hon'ble Chief Minister condoled the bereaved family and wished the soul rest in peace.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed grief over the sacrifice of Odia soldier Sasanka Sekhar Samal in Ladakh. Hon'ble Chief Minister condoled the bereaved family and wished the soul of brave soldier rest in peace.

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Health Update

- Up to midnight of 21st February, 81,89,910 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 3,36,705.
- 3,34,107 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1914.
- No of active cases are 631.
- 631 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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