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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik said that Lord Sri Jagannath is the highest identity of Odia people. Our history, culture, tradition and faith, everything is centred on Mahaprabhu. Describing Lord Jagannath as the symbol of Odia self-esteem, Hon'ble Chief Minister felt himself grateful presenting 'Srimandir Parikrama Plan' for the people of Odisha in the Assembly.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the plan has been prepared under the leadership of Gajapati Maharaja. Describing the plan as that of 4.5 Crore Odias, Hon'ble Chief Minister thanked Gajapati Maharaja for this great deed and every individual who have extended cooperation in finalising this plan.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister stating that it is the historical moment and a rare chance for every Odia said that Lord has given us the opportunity for development of Srikhetra. We all Odias are part of this unique moment, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that Lord Jagannath has lead the battle against Kanchi for self-respect of Odias and was seated on the Chariot of sand leaving Nadighosa to save the prestige of His devotees. We will be extremely fortunate if we have a little contribution for the development of Srikhetra, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister reviewing credit linkages to farmers, Mission Shakti SHGs & MSMEs, expressed satisfaction over the progress in credit disbursement to priority sectors in the last two months and appreciated the efforts of banks and district administrations in this direction.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that SHGs under Mission Shakti have received credit worth ₹ 3,745 crores this year which is ₹ 500 crores more than the target. Terming credit support to SHGs as one of the top priorities of the Odisha Government, Hon'ble Chief Minister stressed upon increasing the average size of loans for the SHGs.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that farmers are the backbone of the state while MSME are the backbone of our economy. He expressed happiness over the

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credit flow to farmers in most of the districts and credit flow to the MSMEs which will touch ₹20,457 Cr by March.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister encouraging all districts and banks to achieve annual credit targets, reiterated that the Ministry of Finance, Government of India will be apprised about the good performance of banks and Odisha Government will award the well performing banks at the end of this fiscal, for credit flow to famers and MSMEs.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister paid humble tributes to eminent freedom fighter and one among the Panchasakhas, Acharya Harihara Das on his Birth Anniversary. He will be remembered for ever for his efforts towards social reform along with making the people self-reliant and for his classic creations to enrich Odia literature, Hon'ble Chief Minister said.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the success of Mamata Mallick of Ineitullapur of Kendrapara district through Self Help Groups is an example for others. Her efforts in being self-employed along with creating awareness and inspiring others is highly praiseworthy, Hon'ble Chief Minister said.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 26th February, 83,00,449 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 3,37,104.
- 3,34,463 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1915.
- No of active cases are 673.
- 673 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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