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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik said that giving major boost to Invest In Odisha, State Government has signed an MoU with Arcelor Mittal-Nippon Steel, India for a 12 million ton integrated steel plant in Kendrapara district with an investment of ₹50,000 Cr.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister stated that, Kendrapara was the Karmabhumi of Biju Babu and he loved the place and its people from the core of his heart. He said that Kendrapara provides ideal prospects for an Integrated Steel Complex and the State Government will provide all the required support and facilitation for the setting up of this mega project. He also stated that Odisha has successfully emerged as the most attractive investment destination in the country today because of its forward looking industrial policy, facilitation mechanism and robust infrastructure growth.
- Shri L N Mittal, Chairman of the Mittal Group mentioned that he is amazed as the speed of work by the Government of Odisha, which in his opinion is the best he has experienced in his world-wide business experience. He reiterated that AM/NS is committed to partner with Government of Odisha in the industrial growth journey of the state.
- The MoU was signed by Shri Hemant Sharma, Principal Secretary, Industries and Shri Dilip Oommen, Chief Executive Officer, Arcelor Mittal -Nippon Steel India. Sri Prafulla Mallik, Hon'ble Minister Steel and Mines and Works, Sri Atanu Sabyasachi Naik, Hon'ble MLA, Mahakalpara, Chief Secretary, Development Commissioner, Principal Advisor to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Transformation and Initiatives (5T) and senior officers of the State Government were present.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister on National Safety Day, called upon to build a strong culture of safety regimens and scientific accident prevention by spreading awareness to protect ourselves from harm's way. Hon'ble Chief Minister urged

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all to follow protocols for health and safety in homes, offices, workplaces and roads to protect precious lives.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister reviewed the situation following the forest fire in Similipal National Park and asked officials to take preventive measures to control it. Similipal is an invaluable treasure not for the country but for the entire world, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister has been appraised by Officials that the forest fire is under control and there is no loss of lives or any damage to the big trees. An SOP has been issued to deal with the situation and senior officials are present on the spot to monitor the forest fire and give daily updates, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the story of a WSHG boosting household incomes through decentralised milling centre in Kanjariguda, Koraput has been beautifully depicted through Madhubani paintings, aptly reflecting the transformation of lives of 80 lakh women through Mission Shakti.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed happiness that in a significant achievement, Bhubaneswar has been ranked 2nd in Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, India's Ease of Living Index 2020 among 62 cities in India having less than 1 million population. The capital city was assessed on parameters like quality of life, economic-ability, sustainability and resilience, he said.

## **Health Update**

- Up to midnight of 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 84,05,042 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 3,37,529.
- 3,34,767 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1917.
- No of active cases are 792.
- 792 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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