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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik today, on the occasion of 105th Birth Anniversary of Legendary Leader Biju Pattanik, observed as Panchayatiraj and Lok Seba Divas, inaugurated more than 3000 'Mo Seba Kendra' and 'Odisha One Portal' through virtual mode.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that to provide public services to citizens at their door steps under 5-T framework, Odisha launched 'Mo Seba Kendra' initiative and people can now visit the nearby 'Mo Seba Kendra' for payment of electricity and water bills, receiving necessary certificates, payment of taxes, etc.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister further said that State Government is planning to set up more than 7000 'Mo Seba Kendras' across the State with at least one in each GP and at least one for 25,000 population in urban areas. This initiative will enable citizens to avail public services without visiting Government Offices frequently, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister also said that State Government has developed 'Odisha One', a unified digital service delivery platform to ensure swift delivery of online services at these facilities. More than 100 services of various departments have been integrated into this platform and around 400 services will be added in future, he added.
- Hon'ble Minister, Sports and Youth Services, Electronics and IT Sri Tusharkanti Behera, Hon'ble MPs and Hon'ble MLAs, Advisor, Electronics and IT Department Sri Anubhab Pattanaik, Chief Secretary Sri Suresh Chandra Mohapatra, Secretary, Electronics and IT Department Sri Manoj Mishra were present on the occasion while Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister (5-T) Sri V.K. Pandian moderated.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister paid humble tributes to the visionary leader, great statesman, freedom fighter and the architect of modern Odisha, Biju Babu on his Birth Anniversary. He always dreamt of an empowered and prosperous Odisha and will continue to be a guiding force for all of us, Hon'ble Chief Minister said.

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- Hon'ble Chief Minister on the occasion of Panchayati Raj and Lok Seva Divas, said that people are the real owners in a democracy. Mentioning that Bijubabu was a pioneer in strengthening the Panchayati Raj system by decentralizing power for the betterment of the people, Hon'ble Chief Minister called upon to be determined to build a new Odisha in memory of his contributions.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated World Skill Centre (WSC), a Premier Advanced Skill Training Institute at Bhubaneswar today and said that Odisha has made rapid strides in skill development in the last 5 years. We have created new avenues for our youth to compete with their counterparts anywhere. Our aim is to meet their aspirations, to make them globally employable, he added.
 - Hon'ble chief Minister further said that Government is intensely investing in the future of youth by creating infrastructure and mechanism for making them future ready. He hoped that World Skill Centre (WSC) will significantly accelerate this endeavour by providing advance skill training to our youth and prepare them for competing at Global level.
 - Sri Subrato Bagchi, Chairman, Odisha Skill Development Authority highlighted the achievement of 'Skilled-in-Odisha' during last 5 years and emphasised the need to expand skill development efforts to the next level, reaching every village.
 - Sri Premananda Nayak, Hon'ble Minister, Skill Development & Technical Education, Sri Suresh Chandra Mohapatra, Chief Secretary, Mr. Kenichi Yokoyama, DG, Asian Development Bank, Mr Bruce Poh, CEO, ITEES and industry leaders were also present during the event.
 - Shri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Commissioner cum Secretary, SD & TE, while welcoming the dignitaries highlighted the role of the WSC in the skill ecosystem of India. He said World Skill Centre will act as the Centre for Industry Partnership and landing point for industries in Odisha for their employment needs.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed happiness that Odisha has emerged as top performer in Accessibility Index for land records in a report published by National Council of Applied Economic Research with a top score of 86.54. Odisha excelled in ensuring ease of access, comprehensive information, design and navigation and help/FAQ in website of Revenue & Disaster Management Department, he added.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister further said that Odisha is also ranked 3rd in Land Record and Services Index for ensuring Digitised Textual Records and Extend of Digitisation of Spatial Records. The Indexes are prepared by NCAER after evaluating land record websites of 31 States and Union Territories, he added.

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- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that Ambassador of France to India, Mr. Emmanuel Lenain along with other French officials visited Kala Bhoomi at Bhubaneswar which showcases Odisha's fine ensemble of art, craft and heritage. The delegation highly appreciated the beauty and diversity of art and craft of Odisha, he added.
- Rich tributes were paid to Odisha's legendary personality Biju Pattnaik on his Birth Anniversary today, in a meeting organised by Information & Public Relations Department. Sri Raghunandan Das, Hon'ble Minister, Information & Public Relations, Water Resources, Sri Ashok Chandra Panda, Hon'ble Minister, Science and Technology, Public Enterprises, SSEPD, Dr. Lenin Mohanty, Editor, 'Utkal Prasanga' and 'Odisha Review', Prof. Surjya Narayan Mishra, Educationist, Sri Krupasindhu Mishra, Director and Sri Niranjan Sethi, Director (Technical) spoke on the occasion. A Photo Exhibition pertaining the life and works of the legendary leader was also inaugurated in Jayadev Bhawan.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 4th March, 84,27,174 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 3,37,620.
- 3,34,838 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1917.
- No of active cases are 812.
- 812 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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