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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik expressed that it is a proud moment for all of us to come together and discuss commemoration of 75 years of India's independence. He congratulated Government of India and Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji for taking this initiative.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that with the passage of time, the youth need to be reminded of the sacrifices of our forefathers in a context they can identify with, one of the ways in which this can be done is to highlight the events of our freedom struggle and develop the places linked to it.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister further said that we need to highlight significant event led by lesser known leaders as well as capture the Pan-Indian nature of the movement. Many events that happened outside the boundaries of India need to be captured, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister also said that our greatest tribute to the founding father of our nation will be to carry forward in letter and spirit the values and ethos of our Independence movement as enshrined in the Constitution of India.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister again said that the ideals of freedom, justice and equality which defined the freedom struggle need to be reiterated in today's circumstances. All efforts should be made to ensure every Indian, residing anywhere in the world, should be touched as part of the commemoration ceremonies, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that through technology and social media, this is quite possible. Quoting Gandhiji "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others", Hon'ble Chief Minister said that service oriented activities can be part of the programme to encourage community service, especially for the youth.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed grief over the loss of lives in the tragic fire accident in Kolkata. Saying that his thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved

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families in the hour of grief, Hon'ble Chief Minister prayed for the speedy recovery of those who are hospitalised.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister congratulated Goutam Das, Odisha Topper in IIT-JEE Main Exam and all other successful candidates. Hon'ble Chief Minister wished them bright future and hoped more success in coming days.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 8th March, 85,12,232 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 3,37,860.
- 3,35,168 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1917.
- No of active cases are 722.
- 722 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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