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PRESS RELEASE

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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik addressing the business community at 'Business Eminence Awards' organised by Dharitri Live and Orissa POST Live, congratulated the award winning entrepreneurs and termed their success despite the pandemic as an inspiration.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that MSMEs are the most job intensive sector after agriculture and hence require adequate support. Hon'ble Chief Minister cited the increased allocation to the sector and special Covid package of ₹289Cr for MSMEs by the Government and restated his commitment to support the local industries.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister wishing all a happy Pakhala Dibas, said that it is always a pleasure to relish Odia cuisine, especially my favourite Pakhala which I have a special liking for. Hon'ble Chief Minister remembered fondly the appreciation of guests from outside the state and country whenever we served them Pakhala.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that latest edition of India Today has featured Odisha's Pani Panchayat for institutionalizing equitable supply of water and helping resolve critical water-related issues at ground level. Involving farmers and locals, these institutions are efficient in overseeing fair water distribution, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister appreciated District Magistrate, Gajapati for providing timely support to Coastal Corporation in setting up their unit in the district. Prompt action by the administration and identification of necessary land has attracted this vital investment to Odisha, he added .

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Health Update

- Up to midnight of 19th March, 87,62,607 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 3,38,719.
- 3,35,994 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1918.
- No of active cases are 754.
- 754 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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