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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik today rolled out the Mo College Campaign, launched the web portal on virtual platform and called upon the Odia alumni across the globe to be a collaborative force in rebuilding their own Institutions in their motherland. He said that the State Government has been taking steps to enhance the structure and functioning of higher education.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister welcoming the Odia diaspora round the globe and Alumni members of different colleges who were connected through live streams, said that, this campaign is an emotionally invested platform reconnecting the Odia Alumni, and added that there's nothing more rewarding than going back to the treasured memories of our college days. He further said that the campaign is not limited only to the alumni. Non- alumni philanthropists, charitable organizations, group of persons and institutions can also be part of this initiative, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the Mission strives for a healthy learning atmosphere and underlined that it is grounded on the principles of nation-building, promoting creativity, skill development and nurturing team work, thereby making the Colleges and Universities an innovative and exciting place to study. He further said that we all should realize the joy of giving back to our respective Alma Maters, where we enjoyed the most vibrant period of our youth, and shaped our future.
- Hon'ble Minister, Higher Education Dr. Arun Kumar Sahu, Chairperson of the Mo College Campaign Sri Akash Das Nayak, Chief Secretary Sri Suresh Chandra Mohapatra, Secretary, Higher Education Sri Saswat Mishra were present in the programme.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister on World Poetry Day said that poetry plays an important role in the preservation of language and culture, as well as in the manifestation of the creativity of the human mind. Hon'ble Chief Minister offered respect to all the poets who have made the world a better place and called upon the poets to be determined to enrich our literature.

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- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed deep grief at the passing away of renowned Odissi dancer and wife of late Guru Kelucharan Mahapatra, Smt Laxmipriya Mahapatra. Remembering her contribution to promotion of Odissi, Government announced state funeral for late Smt Mahapatra, Hon'ble Chief Minister said.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed his deep concern over hospitalization of Hon'ble Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla ji after being tested positive for COVID-19. Hon'ble Chief Minister wished him a speedy recovery and prayed for his long life.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that despite hardships, Basanti Singh of Sundargarh has been making agriculture profitable to hundreds of marginal farmers in the district through her farmer producer organisation.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 20th March, 87,88,844 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 3,38,817.
- 3,36,066 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1919.
- No of active cases are 779.
- 779 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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