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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik directed the Collectors to hand over unused Government properties in different districts, blocks and panchayats of the state to the Mission Shakti Mahasanghs working at the district, block and panchayat levels of the respective districts within two months.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that there are many unused Government properties like Government buildings, Shops, ponds etc. in our Panchayats, Blocks and districts. Mentioning that Mission Shakti members can utilize these for the social and economic development if handed over to them, Hon'ble Chief Minister said that Common people will be benefited and Mothers of Mission Shakti can utilize these in financial activities.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that empowerment of women has always been the priority of State Government. Mission Shakti has become the torch bearer of transformation today. This initiative will be beneficial in strengthening the quiet movement of mothers, Hon'ble Chief Minister added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister addressing the first meeting of State Sagarmala Committee, said that in addition to Odisha's strategic advantage of long coastline, the Sagarmala project can further enable the state to emerge as a major logistics destination.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the Port-led development through industrialisation and connectivity is a major focus of Sagarmala projects and added that the State Government will prioritise coastal community development as an integrated part of this initiative.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister highlighting Odisha's rich cultural heritage of maritime trade, said that the State can become India's gateway to South East Asian countries. Reviewing port development work, Hon'ble Chief Minister said that State Government has been facilitating development of ports including Paradip Port, along the coastline.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister adding that the soon-to-be-functional State Maritime Board will act as a catalyst for overall development of maritime sector, urged

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for close coordination with various Departments, resolution of issues for timely completion of projects under Sagarmala and to prioritise the projects.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that a special court is being organized through online mode by the State Government to expedite the pension-related cases of retired officials and employees. While such an innovative approach has been taken in view of the Covid pandemic, the final decision on all applications will be made by 30th June, Hon'ble Chief Minister added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister felicitated National record holder and Odisha's Cycling sensation, Swasti Singh for her outstanding achievements and extended ₹2 lakh as incentive for her achievements. Recently, she won 2 gold medals at 25th National Road Cycling Championship.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 7th April, 92,75,631 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 3,45,526.
- 3,38,662 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1923.
- No of active cases are 4888.
- 4888 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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