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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik said that we had taken strict measures during the first wave of Covid. We could save many precious lives for the cooperation of general public and limitless dedication of Covid warriors. We had to resort to frequent lockdowns and shutdowns. People faced many problems due to lockdown, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister further said that now the second wave of Covid has started and it is spreading in a big way. Lockdowns, shutdowns and night curfews have been imposed in many States. But we can stop Corona infection without even lockdown if we adhere to the Covid protocols and wear mask properly, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister called upon all to start a mask drive unitedly for coming 14 days and appealed all to certainly cover the nose and mouth with mask. He also appealed the mothers to ensure wearing of masks when anybody from family goes outside.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that Covid cannot enter our home if mothers remain vigilant. Assuring that Government shall watch outside, Hon'ble Chief Minister appealed the mothers to watch households, so that we can avoid lockdown situations. Hon'ble Chief Minister called upon all to fight Covid without lockdown, wearing mask with strong determination.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the resurgence of second wave of COVID-19 in the country has once again emerged as a major challenge for all of us. Mentioning that our watchfulness and awareness is the best way to prevent it, Hon'ble Chief Minister called upon to wear masks regularly and strictly adhere to Covid rules to avoid situations like lockdowns in the state.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister welcomed the graduate engineers who joined Department of Water Resources and exhorted them to keep themselves abreast of new technologies in field of water resources. Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed confidence that new recruits will work hard with dedication and sincerity towards State's development.

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- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that Odisha has huge potential in irrigation and hydro power sector. Hon'ble Chief Minister added that the newly recruited engineers are joining the department in this exciting era of transformation and will have a prominent role to play in coming years.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said Odisha is making huge investments in irrigation sector adding that 10 major, 50 medium and 2500+ minor dam projects are currently operational. Hon'ble Chief Minister asserted that Odisha will continue to invest in water resources development for agriculture prosperity and farmer welfare.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 7th April, 93,04,712 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 3,46,808.
- 3,38,890 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1924.
- No of active cases are 5941.
- 5941 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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