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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik directed to suspend the 10th and 12th Board Exams keeping in view the health-safety of students in the current Corona situation. Similarly, the students of 9th and 11th Class will be promoted to 10th and 12th Classes respectively without Exams, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that all schools and hostels in the state will remain closed from 19th April Monday. Hon'ble Chief Minister also said that the decision on the exam will be taken after the improvement of the Covid-19 situation and the students will be given appropriate time for the Exam.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the directives issued by CBSE on 14/04/21 will be implemented in all English Medium Schools affiliated to CBSE and Odisha Adarsh Vidyalaya. Hon'ble Chief Minister directed that all English Medium Schools and hostels run by them will remain closed from 19/04/2021.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister described the signing of two MoUs for two state-of-the-art cancer care centres in Bhubaneswar as a historic moment in the healthcare development in the State.
- The first MoU was signed for Bagchi-Sri Shankar Cancer Centre and Research Institute by Odisha Government, Smt. Susmita Bagchi and Shri Shankar Cancer Foundation. The Centre will provide global standard cancer treatment facilities to people of Odisha and eastern region of the country.
- The second MoU was inked for Bagchi-Karunashraya Palliative Care Centre by the State Government, Smt Susmita Bagchi and Karunashraya Hospice Trust. The Centre will provide high quality palliative care, peace and dignity to patients in their last few days.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister congratulated Smt Susmita Bagchi, Shri Subroto Bagchi for their generous contribution of ₹340 Cr for oncology centres and said Government will extend all support to make these centres operational by January 2024. Hon'ble Chief Minister hoped that this act will inspire many to experience joy of giving.

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- Hon'ble Chief Minister underlining the significance of service to society, quoted Rabindranath Tagore “I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy.”
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister thanked Sri Shankara Cancer Hospital and Research Institute for partnering to set up a 500-bed Cancer Care and Research Centre and Bangalore Hospice Trust for the Palliative Care Centre. State Government will extend all support to make these centres operational by January 2024, he said.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister said that we are grateful to Mrs & Mr Bagchi for voluntarily joining hands to transform Odisha through Mo School Odisha and Skilled in Odisha. Their compassion and commitment is further reflected in their generous contribution. Hopefully it will inspire many more to experience the joy of giving, Hon'ble Chief Minister added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the mask is the most important thing for our safety in the present Covid situation. "This will keep us and our families safe from COVID-19. Do not neglect to wear a mask. Let's fight Covid without Lockdown", Hon'ble Chief Minister added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that to promote water-based recreation in river Mahanadi, Odisha Tourism has upgraded existing infrastructure at the Silver City Boat Club, Cuttack to provide people of the City and surrounding areas with world-class boating, water sports and other associated facilities.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the infrastructure has been revamped with an investment of ₹2 Cr by Odisha Tourism through OTDC(Odisha Tourism Development Corporation). The new boat club includes a floating Jetty, booking counter and complex for lifeguards, toilet complex, a restaurant and bar, adequate parking space, a park with children's play area, he added.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister said that OTDC will operate, manage the boat club, where operators will be allowed to use common infra, and facilities on a user fee model. Water Sports Simplex India and Amravati Boating Club will start operations at the Club in April and other operators will start operations later, he added.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister congratulated Odisha Tourism and OTDC for bringing a new wave of water-based recreation. Hon'ble Chief Minister said that Silver City Boat Club will find its place in travel literature of water sports enthusiasts, nature lovers and other tourists visiting Odisha.
- Chief Secretary Sri Suresh Chandra Mohapatra today briefed the public regarding different measures taken by the State Government, keeping in view the 2nd wave of Covid in the State as well as other States of the country.

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- From tomorrow onwards, Night Curfew will be clamped from 6PM to 5AM in all the urban areas of 10 districts: Malkangiri, Koraput, Nabarangapur, Kalahandi, Bargarh, Jharsuguda, Sundargarh, Nuapara, Sambalpur and Balangir adjacent to Chhattisgarh Border. In addition, weekend Shutdown will be imposed in all the above areas on Sundays and Saturdays. Night Curfew from 9PM to 5AM will be imposed in all other urban areas of the State including Bhubaneswar and Cuttack. Emergency services such as health service, power supply and water supply will remain as usual. There will be no restriction on goods transportation.
- Maximum 50 and 20 persons will be permitted to take part in marriage function and cremation respectively. There will be no religious, social, cultural, political and academic congregation. Cinema Halls will be permitted to have shows with 50 percent viewers.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 14th April, 94,96,291 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 3,58,342.
- 3,41,733 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1935.
- No of active cases are 14,621.
- 14,621 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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