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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik said that once again Corona infection has become a crisis before us. A little negligence can be dangerous to society as a whole. Hon'ble Chief Minister called upon all to fight against COVID-19 without Lockdown by wearing mask regularly.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister urged the Center to make vaccines available in the open market for better accessibility to further strengthen the fight against COVID-19. Hon'ble Chief Minister also suggested rationalisation in vaccine distribution with focus on metropolitan cities.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that Mrs. Srimayee Mishra, BJD leader and Chairperson, Odisha Tourism Development Corporation (OTDC) has set an example by coming forward for body and organ donation on her birthday. Her commitment to save lives of people will inspire all to go for noble work like organ donation, Hon'ble Chief Minister added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister congratulated India's weightlifting star Saikhom Mirabai Chanu on setting a new world record in clean and jerk, bettering her own national record while winning a bronze medal at the Asian Weightlifting Championships in Tashkent. Hon'ble Chief Minister wished her all the best for future.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister congratulated Odisha's star sprinter Srabani Nanda on finishing 3rd in women's 200m event of Velocity Fest-9 in Kingston, Jamaica. Hon'ble Chief Minister wished her best.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister congratulated Odisha's Jhilli Dalabehera on bagging gold medal in the 45kg women category at the Senior Asian Weightlifting Championship in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Hon'ble Chief Minister wished her all the best for future.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed grief over the demise of Bibekananda Meher, Ex-MLA of Patnagarh. Mentioning that his deeds as people's representative will be remembered for ever, Hon'ble Chief Minister condoled the bereaved family and wished the soul peaceful rest.

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Health Update

- Up to midnight of 17th April, 95,99,877 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 3,68,258.
- 3,44,825 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1944.
- No of active cases are 21,436.
- 21,436 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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