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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik spoke to Hon'ble Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi over phone and discussed COVID-19 situation in the country. Hon'ble Chief Minister said it is a war-like situation and Odisha will extend all cooperation at the national level including ramping up oxygen production to assist other states in this emergency.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that obeying the Weekly shutdowns is very essential to prevent Covid infection. "Wear masks regularly and keep yourself away from crowded places without leaving the house if there is no emergency. We can easily avoid situations like Lockdown if we remain aware", Hon'ble Chief Minister added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister on the occasion of Earth Day said that Mother Earth gives us everything we need. Keeping it cleaner and greener will help lives to thrive and protect us from diseases, including the zoonotic diseases like COVID19, he said. Hon'ble Chief Minister called upon to take pledge to keep our planet healthy and green for a better future for mankind.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed grief over the tragic loss of lives due to leak in medical oxygen tanker in Nashik, Maharashtra. Hon'ble Chief Minister condoled the bereaved families in the hour of grief and prayed for the speedy recovery of those who are hospitalised.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed grief over the passing away of CPI (M) General Secretary Sitaram Yechury's son Ashish Yechury in COVID-19. Hon'ble Chief Minister condoled the family during this hour of grief and wished the bereaved family to have courage to overcome the irreparable loss.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed concern to know that Hon'ble MLA and senior Congress Leader Sri Narasingh Mishra has been detected Covid positive. Hon'ble Chief Minister wished him speedy recovery and good health.

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- Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated Lemon Tree Premier Hotel in Bhubaneswar in a major boost to hospitality sector. Welcoming the premium brand to Odisha, Hon'ble Chief Minister said that it will boost investors' confidence and lead to opening of many such properties in the State.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister mentioned State Government is actively promoting tourism-related infrastructure development and its various support systems. He added Odisha is fast emerging as major tourism, convention, cultural and sports destination to tap the huge potential for different types of tourism.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed grief over the demise of Rabi Sankar Pattnaik, Jaydev Awardee and eminent Film Editor. The imprints left in Odia films by his unique editing style will always make him memorable. Hon'ble Chief Minister condoled the bereaved family and wished the soul peaceful rest.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 21st April, 97,51,932 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 3,88,479.
- 3,51,386 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1965.
- No of active cases are 35,075.
- 35,075 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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