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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik said that Odisha is lending a helping hand to states struggling with the second wave of Covid-19 pandemic. The quick response with supply of medical oxygen and its seamless execution is helping save lives across the nation, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that to ensure safety of patients and healthcare workers in Covid Hospitals, State Government has instructed Odisha Fire Services, Home Guards and Civil Defence to review all the Covid Hospitals in the state and deploy fire personnel there as a precautionary measure.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that continuing the drive against hoarding and black marketing of Covid essentials, the joint flying squad deployed by State Government has raided various pharmaceutical firms across the State. This initiative has helped streamline the supply of necessary medicines, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister on the occasion of World Malaria Day said that with strategic intervention for combating malaria under DAMaN initiative, Odisha has emerged as role model for the world in malaria eradication. Hon'ble Chief Minister called upon to take pledge to further intensify our efforts to eliminate the disease completely.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed concern to know that Hon'ble MP Sri Jual Oram has been detected Covid positive. Hon'ble Chief Minister wished him speedy recovery and good health.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed concern to know that Sri Sudam Marndi, Hon'ble Minister, Revenue and Disaster Management has been detected Covid positive. Hon'ble Chief Minister wished him speedy recovery and good health.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that to preserve the environment and biodiversity in the State, State Government is working towards transforming Nandanban at Birnarsinghpur in Boudh district into an ecological park. As part of this plan, a

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forest nursery will be prepared and separate sites will be earmarked for animals, he added.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that State Government has decided to include Mission Shakti in the rainwater harvesting project, launched under the Urban Wage-Based Employment Program. The program aims to build 5,000 rainwater harvesting projects in each ward of the city in two months of coming monsoon, he added.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 24th April, 98,78,252 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 4,07,457.
- 3,59,467 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1988.
- No of active cases are 45,949.
- 45,949 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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