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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik said that today, the whole of India is going through a difficult situation. It would not be an exaggeration to call it a wartime situation. Today, India has highest Covid infection cases in the World. Millions of people are infected every day. It is very sad that thousands of people are dying every day, Hon'ble Chief Minister added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the situation has become miserable in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh and other states. In these States, pressure is mounting on entire medical system like medicine, Oxygen and beds. Unfortunately, there is no place for cremation in the cemetery, Hon'ble Chief Minister stated.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister said that seeing all this, the tears in the eyes cannot be stopped. "Such a terrible situation, such a difficult situation has never happened in the history of India. A few days back, I discussed with the Hon'ble Prime Minister and the Chief Ministers of some states about the situation and extended a helping hand during the time of grief", he said.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the situation is very shocking. "Infection in all border districts of our state has also a profound effect. Last year, we all faced Covid together. We could save a lot of precious lives with cooperation of all, be it cyclone or Covid management", Hon'ble Chief Minister added.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister said that situation of this year is more dangerous than the last year. Mentioning that Government has arranged beds, from Oxygen to medicine and ambulance, Hon'ble Chief Minister said that if we don't remain alert and aware of our responsibility, the Government alone cannot arrest the situation.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister appealed all to understand the gravity of the situation. There is tragic story of a family behind each infection and each death. Somebody has lost its parents and someone his brother and sister, a newly married wife has lost her husband, he added.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister said that somewhere an earning son goes away before his old parents and some where small children become orphans, some where the entire family is being finished. Hon'ble Chief Minister appealed all with folded

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hands to strictly adhere Covid guidelines and advised all not to go outside if there is no emergency.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister mentioned that providing vaccination is the responsibility of the Government. This vaccination programme will benefit around 2 crore people and around ₹2,000 crores will be spent for this purpose. Hon'ble Chief Minister appealed everyone to share the responsibility and follow Covid rules.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister announced free vaccination for all adults in the State with a firm commitment to save every precious life. State Government has ordered vaccines for everyone above 18 years and vaccination will be conducted free of cost, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that amid huge requirement of life saving oxygen during second wave of COVID-19, Odisha has stepped up Oxygen supply and in last two and half days has sent 870MT of medical oxygen to states including Delhi, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that many states are facing a severe wave of the pandemic and Odisha is providing lifesaving medical oxygen to six states. In this difficult time, Hon'ble Chief Minister urged everyone to strictly follow COVID-19 protocols, wear masks and maintain social distancing.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister paid humble tributes to Maharaja Krushnachandra Gajapati Narayan Dev, a pioneer of separate Statehood movement for Odisha on his Birth Anniversary. His incomparable contribution for development of Odisha and welfare of society through education and literature will be remembered for ever, Hon'ble Chief Minister said.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed grief over the demise of Ex-MP Sugrib Singh. Hon'ble Chief Minister condoled the bereaved family and wished the soul a peaceful rest.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 25th April, 99,17,894 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 4,14,056.
- 3,62,931 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1997.
- No of active cases are 49,075.
- 49,075 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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