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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik reviewed on the smooth management of famous Ratha Jatra. Hon'ble Chief Minister thanked everyone for the smooth celebration of last year's Ratha Jatra and hoped, this year's Ratha Jatra will be celebrated decently with the cooperation of the people of Puri and the Servitors.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister emphasized on the timely completion of the rituals of Mahaprabhu adhering to Covid protocols. Hon'ble Chief Minister said that though the second wave of Covid is coming down, the danger is not yet over. He prayed for the blessings of Mahaprabhu, so that this year's Ratha Jatra will be observed smoothly.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister spoke to Olympic bound players from Odisha and encouraged them ahead of Tokyo Olympics. Hon'ble Chief Minister announced cash reward of ₹6 Cr for Gold medalist, ₹4 Cr for Silver medalist, ₹2.5 Cr for Bronze medalist and ₹15 lakh for each participant from Odisha.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister greeting Birendra Lakra, Amit Rohidas, Dutee Chand, Deep Grace Ekka, Namita Toppo and Pramod Bhagat, said they have become role models for the youth of Odisha. Hon'ble Chief Minister said that Olympic is the highest dream for a player and they have brought glory for their families and all of us.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed confidence that they will win medals through hard work, determination and discipline. The players also said that they will give their best performance to bring glory for the country and the state.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister congratulated Electronics and IT Department, Odisha on being awarded Digital Empowered State of the Year at Apac News Network Digital Empowerment Meet for successful implementation of Odisha One and Mo Seva Kendra to ensure facilitation of all government services through digital platforms.

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- Hon'ble Chief Minister paid humble tributes to the famous traditional singer Banikantha Nimai Harichandan on his Birth Anniversary. Mentioning that he was an expert in singing Odissi Chandas, Champu, Hymns, Janan, Hon'ble Chief Minister said that his contribution to Odissi music is always memorable.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 8th July, 1,44,14,368 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 9,35,136.
- 9,03,178 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 4,476.
- No of active cases are 27,429.

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