

Editor's Note



Our Nation and we the people of India will celebrate the 72nd Republic Day on 26th of January 2021. Though as a country we had achieved independence from the British Rule on 15th of August 1947, on this auspicious day on 26th January, the Constitution of India came into effect. India was ruled by Britishers for over 200 years. We gained Independence from the Rule of British Raj after a prolonged Freedom Struggle. The Constitution of India which was adopted by the Constituent Assembly on 26th November 1949 came into effect on 26th January 1950. This completed India's transition towards becoming an Independent Republic with the democratic governance setup.

On the auspicious occasion of Republic Day, I extend my good wishes to every Indian. On this august occasion, I also pay my sincere obeisance to the great freedom fighters like Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Nehru, Netajee Subhas Bose, Moulana Azad, Dr. Ambedkar, Veer Surendra Sai, Buxi Jagabandhu, Utkalmani Pandit Gopabandhu Das, Utkal Gourav Madhusudan Das, Gopabandhu Choudhury, Nabakrushna Choudhury, Saheed Laxman Naik, Ramadevi, Malati Choudhury, Parbati Giri, Dr. Harekrushna Mahtab and Biju Patnaik.

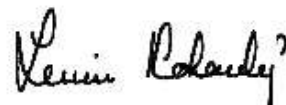
I pay my tribute to the martyrs who have laid down their lives for the unity and security of the country. Likewise I also pay my homage to the COVID warriors who have become martyrs while discharging their duties.

Under the dynamic leadership of our popular Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik, Odisha has undergone a rapid transformation. There has been a poverty reduction of around 25% and now our State has emerged into a surplus rice producing State from a tragic food scarcity situation. The State's Gross Domestic Product has almost doubled from Rs.2.13 trillion to Rs.4.16 trillion with a compound annual growth rate of 10.3% which is higher than the

national average. Odisha has now emerged as the most favoured investment destination attracting a record 18% of the total investment in the country. Under the leadership of our Chief Minister we have received national and international appreciation for our disaster response mechanism. To place a recent example, even before the Central Government could act, our Chief Minister declared COVID-19 a disaster under National Disaster Management Act. Odisha is far ahead than other States in the country in its response to the fast spreading SARS CoV-2 virus.

Whether by establishing new medical colleges, constructing 45 lakh pucca houses for the poor, establishing Mission Shakti Self Help Groups, providing Re.1/- rice per kg. to BPL families, implementing Kalia scheme for landless farmers and share croppers and initiating uncompromising fight against corruption and zero tolerance policy against crime, our Chief Minister has shown the path of transformational and inclusive politics that defy majoritarianism and polarization. The emphasis in Odisha is always on consensual governance. It is felt that every single citizen has a stake in the governance. The State Government accords top priority on citizen centric governance with emphasis on 5 Ts – Team Work, Technology, Transparency, Timeliness and Transformation. In Odisha, it is proven that good governance is good politics, good economics and good sociology at one go.

It is time we join hands, work as a team and make the dreams of the framers of our Constitution a reality. Led by Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik Odisha shows the way.....



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