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**Bhubaneswar 01/09/2020,**

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik expressed his best wishes to all the students appearing JEE Main 2020 during this challenging time. He wished them all to be successful and come through with flying colours.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed happiness that Odisha set a new milestone in COVID-19 recoveries with 4053 COVID-19 patients recuperating in a single day. The State has achieved the feat with its relentless endeavour to knockdown the pandemic and hard work of healthcare professionals & Covid Warriors, he added.
- In pursuance of the revised guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India to re-open more activities in areas outside Containment Zones and to extend the lockdown in Containment Zones up to 30.9.2020 for containment of COVID-19, the State Government has issued following guidelines which shall come into force in the State from 01.09.2020 to 30.09.2020:
  - Lockdown shall be enforced within the Containment Zones till 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.
  - Local Authorities i.e., District Collector/ Municipal Commissioner shall demarcate containment zones in accordance with the guidelines of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India/Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Odisha looking into the situation.
  - Religious places / places of worship for public shall continue to remain closed till 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 throughout the State.
  - Schools, Colleges, Universities, other Educational/ Training/ Coaching Institutions, Anganwadi Centers etc. shall remain closed for the purpose of teaching till end of Puja vacations in the month of October 2020. However, conduct of examinations, evaluation and other administrative activities shall be permitted.
  - Open air theatres and similar places will be permitted to open with effect from 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2020.
  - Shops and Commercial establishments shall be opened but they shall ensure physical distancing and use of mask and all other COVID-19 protocols.

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- All Departments of State Government and Sub-ordinate Offices in Bhubaneswar and Cuttack shall function with 50% strength of employees (All staff including Group-A officers) during the month of September, 2020 and ensure that the office work does not suffer. All State Government offices throughout the State will remain closed on Saturdays. General Administration and Public Grievance Department has issued an order to this effect. (The order of GA & PG Department is annexed herewith)
- As per direction of Hon'ble Chief Minister, persons who have successfully completed institutional quarantine are being given incentive of Rs.2000/- each. A sum of Rs. 129,94,26,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.
- From 31<sup>st</sup> August to 1<sup>st</sup> September morning, 6 no of cases have been registered by the Police in the state for violation of regulations and guidelines related to COVID-19. Out of which 5 cases are for violation of Lock Down and 1 case is related to violation of Home Quarantine. 20 persons have been arrested.

### **Health Update**

- Up to midnight of 31<sup>st</sup> August, 18,39,854 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 1,06,561.
- 80,770 persons have already recovered/ discharged. (Today's Recovery-3484)
- No. of Death case 503.
- No of active cases are 25,235.
- 28,719 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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