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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik extended his best wishes and compliments to the people of Odisha on the auspicious occasion of Suna Vesha of Lord Shree Jagannath today. He hoped that infinite blessings of the Trinity will inspire us to fight against COVID-19 and bring happiness and prosperity in our life.
- Auspicious ritual 'Suna Vesha' of the Jeus has been observed today at holy shrine Puri, strictly adhering COVID-19 guidelines. Elaborate arrangements have been made by Shree Jagannath Temple Administration and Puri District Administration for the purpose. Devotees have got heavenly view of such ritual through live telecast by Doordarshan. Information & Public Relations Department, in collaboration with Doordarshan has facilitated live telecast as well as provision of common feed for other channels.
- In a high level meeting, under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, Health & Family Welfare held at Lok Seba Bhawan, it is decided to begin application of modern Plasma Therapy for treatment of COVID-19 patients. A technical committee will be constituted for successful implementation of the initiative. The committee will submit guidelines, awareness generation and information on the patients to be benefited by such treatment. At the beginning, this facility will be started in 4 major Health Institutions of the State such as SCB Medical College, Aswini Hospital at Cuttack, SUM and KIIMS Hospital at Bhubaneswar with establishment of Plasma Bank.
- Chief Secretary Sri Asit Tripathy chaired a high level review meeting held at Lok Seba Bhawan today, on the progress of advanced and disaster resilient power supply system in twin city of Bhubaneswar & Cuttack through underground cabling system. The new system would meet electrical load demand upto 1300 MW and ensure 24X7 uninterrupted quality power supply. The cost of the project has been estimated around Rs.1600 Crore and target is set to complete the entire project by December, 2020.
- Tribal Development Cooperative Corporation (TDCCOL), as the nodal agency of the Government for procurement of minor forest produces at minimum

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support price has procured 13,300 MT of worth Rs. 28.10 Crore so far which far exceeds the total value of procurement in last 6 years taken together. More than 32,000 primary tribal collectors, mostly in 13 pre-dominantly Tribal Districts have been benefited. Procurement of minor forest produces such as Sal Seed, Seeded Tamarind, Char Seed and Hill Brooms etc. is being undertaken.

- Various programmes will be launched by Fisheries & Animal Resources Development Department to support farmers under State Plan that include migrant labourers and individual farms to mitigate the effect of COVID-19 in shape of income generation, ensuring household food security to improve the economic status of rural poor. Under these programmes, 656 farmers will be provided 40% subsidy for layer farming. 1002 Women SHGs will be supported for establishment of Layer Unit in Deep Litter System with 50% subsidy and 1535 farmers including migrant labourers and individual members of Women SHGs will be provided 40% subsidy for broiler poultry farming.
- From 1st July morning to 2nd July morning, 13 no of cases have been registered by the Police in the state for violation of different regulations and guidelines related to COVID-19 out of which 9 cases are for violation of lock down, 3 cases for violation of Home Quarantine and 1 case are related to other issues. 19 persons have been arrested so far.

### **Health Update**

- Up to midnight of 1st July, 2,74,672 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 7,545.
- 5502 persons have already recovered/ discharged. (Recovered today-149)
- No. of Death case 27.
- No of active cases are 2,008.
- 2,157 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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