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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik today, through a Video Conference, reviewed Covid situation in the State and emphasised upon creation of livelihood opportunities in different economic sectors such as agriculture, industries and infrastructure. He also directed to strengthen the Covid Management Strategies in Cuttack and Khurdha Districts, keeping in view the increase of Covid positive cases.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister also directed the Observers to visit flood affected areas and provide relief package immediately to eligible beneficiaries. At the same time, he also directed to give special attention on treatment of Covid patients through arrangement of more ICU beds in Covid Hospitals to facilitate treatment critical Covid patients. He further directed for adherence of Covid protocols among Government employees in Cuttack and Bhubaneswar in view of spike in Covid cases.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister directed Health & Family Welfare and Information & Public Relations Department to undertake a joint awareness drive on Covid protocols to make people more cautious in such a difficult time.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed satisfaction that around 20 Lakh Covid tests have been completed in the State. Odisha has 42,404 testing per million which is more than the national average while recovery rate and fatality rate are 76.78% and 0.46% respectively. Chief Secretary, Chief Advisor, CMO, Development Commissioner, Additional Chief Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Additional Chief Secretary & Special Relief Commissioner, Agriculture Production Commissioner, Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister (5T) and Senior Officers attended the meeting.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister appreciated the gesture of 100 Covid Warriors from Odisha Police who have come forward to donate plasma and save precious lives. This will inspire other eligible plasma donors and boost confidence of people who are fighting the COVID-19 battle, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed happiness that an agreement has been signed between District Administration, District Mineral Fund, Sundargarh, Jayaprakash Hospital, Rourkela and Shanti Memorial Hospital to further strengthen treatment of Covid patients in the district.

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- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed happiness that Nabarangapur and Kandhamal have emerged as top districts in NITI Aayog Delta Ranking. Ayog has appreciated the districts for continued adoption of sustainable agriculture practices and efficient management of water resources, he added. Hon'ble Chief Minister further said that development of agriculture and farmer empowerment are sustained priorities of the State Government.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister conveyed best wishes to OTDC on its 41st Foundation Day. He said that the role of OTDC in tourism and hospitality sector is praiseworthy and Odisha Tourism has ensured all provisions for guests during post Covid situation.
- Chief Secretary Sri Asit Tripathy directed to Department of Tourism to start River Cruising in the State while presiding over a high level meeting today. Saying that River Cruising itself is compatible with COVID-19 restrictions, he directed Tourism Department to coordinate with Inland Waterways Authority regarding statutory requirements for development of 3 principal river cruise circuits such as Mahanadi, Chilika Lake and Dangamala Reserve Forest.
- As per direction of Hon'ble Chief Minister to provide immediate assistance to affected people in recent flood in the State, concerned district administrations are carrying on their effort in this direction. Rice, cash and polythene are being given to the flood affected people.
- Considering volume of rush of Bus owners and their representatives to State Transport Authority (STA) daily to get special permits to public service vehicles (Stage/contract carriages) for inter-state operation, the stakeholders are advised to get special permit at the RTO counters. The RTOs will issue the special permit in the same day as far as possible. This delegation will continue till the online issue of such permit is developed in VAHAN Application i.e.31/12/2020. An order has been issued by State Transport Authority in this regard.
- 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. 130,95,25,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 2nd September, 19,50,591 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 1,13,411.
- 87,351 persons have already recovered/ discharged. (Today's Recovery-3278)
- No. of Death case 522.
- No of active cases are 25,485.
- 28,763 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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