Bhubaneswar 04/08/2020,

Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik said that people of Odisha are fighting Covid pandemic for almost 5 months in the best possible manner. This would not have been possible without the commitment and dedication of thousands of Covid Warriors who are working round the clock. He further said that these warriors have sacrificed hugely to keep the rest of us safe and some have also sacrificed their lives in this deadly fight.

In order to commemorate their supreme sacrifice and dedication for which we are going to achieve the recovery figure of 25,000, Hon'ble Chief Minister appealed to 4.5 crore sisters and brothers of Odisha to join a silent prayer at 6 PM on 5th August. This will be followed by an oath taking that will remind all of us to act responsibly and strictly follow the Covid guidelines to keep ourselves and our families safe.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik congratulated all the successful candidates from Odisha who have cleared Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) Examination-2019. Wishing them bright careers, Hon'ble Chief Minister said that they shall work with dedication to take welfare initiatives to grassroots, bringing visible changes in people’s lives.

Hon'ble Chief Minister congratulated 9 boys from Mayurbhanj District for their success in High School Certificate Examination who were erstwhile rescued as child labour by District Administration. Saying their sincerity and commitment as the source of inspiration for others, Hon'ble Chief Minister wished their bright future.

Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed happiness as Odisha has recorded its highest 1119 recoveries in a single day i.e. on 3rd August 2020. He commended the hard work and dedication of health professionals and Covid warriors who are working tirelessly to save lives, leading to record recoveries.

Hon'ble Chief Minister congratulated the Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment Department as Odisha has emerged as best performing State in the country in implementing successfully Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana by registering 51 Lakh policies under the scheme as on 31st July 2020. He further said that
agriculture is a sustained priority for Odisha to boost farm income and empower the farmers.

- 'Mo Bus', public transport bus service started its operation today in 8 routes of Bhubaneswar. Passengers can avail bus service from 7AM to 7PM in all the above routes through 60 non A/C Buses. COVID-19 guideline shall be strictly followed by the passengers along with the employees during the movement of buses.

- 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. 115,41,59,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

- As of now, 6770 Covid Care Homes are operational in 6,798 Gram Panchayats of the State. In all these Centres, total no. of 67,491 beds have been arranged to provide COVID-19 health services.

- As of now, 1490 number of Cluster level TMCs have been completed with 71,834 beds in the State.

- From 3rd August morning to 4th August morning, 11 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 these 10 cases are for violation of lock down and 1 case is related to other issues. 42 persons have been arrested so far.

**Health Update**

- Odisha achieves another record with the discharge of 1409 Covid-19 patients today.
- Up to midnight of 3rd August, 5,70,590 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 37,681.
- 24,482 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 216.
- No of active cases are 12,940.
- 14,349 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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