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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Pattnaik said today, on the occasion of National Handloom Day that Odisha has a treasure trove of exquisite handloom honed over generations by dexterous artists and craftsmen. Let us celebrate the rich legacy and craftsmanship of Utkala, the land of excellence in art, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed immense pleasure on recognition accorded by Inter-governmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO to Venkatraypur in Ganjam district and Nolia Sahi in Jagatsinghpur district as Tsunami ready communities. With this, Odisha has added another feather to its cap in disaster preparedness, being the first state to achieve this feat, he added. He further said that the communities were recognised by ensuring strong end-to-end early warning and mitigation system with focus on community awareness and preparedness, minimizing loss of life and properties by following best practices.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister congratulated Odisha born IAS officer Girish Chandra Murmu for being appointed as Comptroller and Auditor General of India. He wished him best for his new responsibility.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister has approved rationalisation of 905 posts in Odisha Police for strengthening of the Police Stations for better crime control and efficient delivery of citizen centric services. This rationalisation has also helped in creation of 6 new Police Stations in various districts of the State by bifurcation of existing Police Stations. It will also help strengthening of 220 Police Stations and 6 Outposts in 21 Police districts of the State.
- Chief Secretary Sri Asit Tripathy, in a high level meeting held on digital mode from Lok Seba Bhawan today reviewed online systems for delivery of public services developed by different departments. The public services prioritized under 5T framework of the departments of Finance, Odia Language & Culture, Sports & Youth Services and Science & Technology have been made online well before the timeline set by Government i.e. 2nd October, 2020. Chief Secretary Sri Tripathy directed all departments to make use of the "bulk disbursement platform" of Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS) for benefit transfer under various schemes.

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- Strengthening the fight against COVID-19 pandemic further, an ICU has started functioning at the Dedicated Covid Healthcare Centre (DCHC) in Puri with the support of in-house team and specialists from SCB Medical College & Hospital, Cuttack.
- 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. 118,49,82,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.
- As of now, 6798 Covid Care Homes are operational in 6,798 Gram Panchayats of the State. In all these Centres, total no. of 67,888 beds have been arranged to provide COVID-19 health services.
- As of now, 1502 number of Cluster level TMCs have been completed with 72,498 beds in the State.
- From 6th August morning to 7th August morning, 6 nos. of cases have been registered by the Police in the state for violation of different regulations and guidelines related to COVID-19. All these cases are for violation of lock down. 6 persons have been arrested so far.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 6th August, 6,16,646 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 42,550.
- 28,697 persons have already recovered/ discharged. (Today's recovery-1810)
- No. of Death case 247.
- No of active cases are 13,561.
- 15,371 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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