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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik today on the occasion of International Literacy Day, said that COVID-19 pandemic has posed a huge challenge to education and pedagogy across the world. He reiterated commitment to ensure inclusive and quality education for all and promote lifelong learning to create an empowered society.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed satisfaction that Odisha has crossed one Lakh recoveries which is a momentous occasion in our fight against COVID-19. He praised thousands of health workers and Covid Warriors who have sacrificed hugely and worked with unflinching dedication to save precious lives.
- Hon'ble Minister, Water Resources, Information & Public Relations visited today flood affected areas of Tritol Block in Jagatsinghpur district. He discussed on development of bridge on river Paika at Krishnanandapur and interacted with affected people in Sankheswar village. Hon'ble MP, Jagatsinghpur, Ex-MLA, Tritol and Senior Officers of Water Resources Department were present during the visit.
- Chief Secretary Sri Asit Tripathy today paid a surprise visit to Rourkela to take stock of the Covid-19 management in Sundargarh District & Rourkela city. Sri Tripathy visited Covid hospitals in the city and interacted with patients and hospital staff. He said that positivity rate in Sundargarh district and Rourkela is one percent and 8 percent respectively. He further said that 20 more post graduate doctors have been deployed at Rourkela to enhance Covid treatment facilities. He directed to undertake a week long awareness drive in Rourkela Municipal Corporation areas. Additional Chief Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department and DMET accompanied him.
- There has been a significant 13% growth in farmers' registration for the procurement of Kharif paddy under Price Support System for the Kharif Marketing season 2020-21. So far 14,02,205 farmers have registered their name through online for upcoming Kharif paddy procurement in comparison to 12,35,908 in previous year.

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- 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. 132,40,10,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 7th September, 21,84,841 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 1,31,382.
- 1,02,185 persons have already recovered/ discharged. (Today's Recovery- 2787)
- No. of Death case 569.
- No of active cases are 28,575.
- 31,362 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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