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- COVID-19 Empowered Group of Ministers' Committee Meeting, through Video Conferencing was held today, under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, Finance & Excise. As of now, more than 6000 Covid test are being done daily, through 19 Government and 7 Private Laboratories in the State and it was emphasized upon to increase the Covid testing capacity and the number in coming days.
- It was decided to intensify sensitization programmes in order to enhance immunity of people. Hon'ble Minister, Revenue & Disaster Management, Hon'ble Minister Health & Family Welfare, Hon'ble Minister Women & Child Development, Additional Chief Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department and senior officers attended the meeting.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik congratulated 15 Skilled in Odisha Trainees of Malkangiri ITI, being selected for placement in a Nagpur based Engineering Company. Wishing them best in life, Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed happiness over State's skilling mission for making our students job ready and catering to industry's requirement of skilled work force.
- Considering the present COVID-19 scenario and to discourage unwanted movements, State Council for Technical Education and Vocational Training shall conduct Semester Summer Exams online, using Android based smart phones. The students who do not have any facility of Laptop/Desk Top/Android Mobile phone or having internet connectivity problem may only avail the option of visiting nearby designated centre of their district to appear the Exam. Principals of all Polytechnics have been informed in this regard.
- In view of the current situation arising from COVID-19 pandemic, the application portal for online application for various courses like B.Pharm/MBA/MCA/M.Tech/M.Tech (Part time)/M.Arch/M. Plan/M.Pharm/Int. MBA, LE-Tech (Dip), LE-Tech (BSc), LE-Pharm and B. Tech (Special OJEE) are reopened and the last dates for filling up the forms and for payment of fees are fixed on 25/07/2020 and 31/07/2020 respectively.
- As per direction of Hon'ble Chief Minister, persons who have successfully completed institutional quarantine are being given incentive of Rs.2000/- each.

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A sum of Rs. 72,32,96,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chif Minister's Relief Fund.

- As of now, 5666 Covid Care Homes are operational in 6,798 Gram Panchayats of the State. In all these Centres, total no. of 53,687 beds have been arranged to provide COVID-19 health services in rural areas.
- From 8th July morning to 9th July morning, 14 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 11 cases are for violation of lock down, 1 case for rumour mongering and 2 cases are related to other issues. 47 persons have been arrested so far.

Health Update

- Scaling new heights in the war against COVID-19, Odisha achieved a record 401 recoveries of Covid patients in a day.
- Up to midnight of 8th July, 3,14,987 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 11,201.
- 7407 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 52.
- No of active cases are 3727.
- 4,128 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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