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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik, through a Video Conference today interacted with the Sarpanchs of Ganjam district regarding the Covid management in the district and appreciated their leadership in managing the Covid Care Homes, Covid Care Centres, activities like testing and survey and taking strong measures like imposing shut downs and lock downs as per necessity to combat COVID-19.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister, while reposing deep faith on the Sarpanchs for their meaningful exercise of powers of Collector conferred on them by extending cooperation in containment activities for which decline in Covid positive cases, increase in recovery rate and decrease in fatality numbers have become possible. Hon'ble Chief Minister thanked the Sarpanchs for their hard work and sincerity and wished this shall pave the way for the entire country in fighting the pandemic.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed happiness over the recovery of an octogenarian Sri Adi Narayan Jena of Golanthara village in Ganjam district. Sri Jena expressed his deep gratitude to the Hon'ble Chief Minister for facilitating proper treatment of patients like him.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister today offered tribute to former President of India and Bharat Ratna V. V. Giri on his birth anniversary. Late Giri was a dedicated freedom fighter, able statesman, a great parliamentarian and a staunch supporter of labour rights, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister today paid tribute to Padmashree Pandit Raghunath Panigrahi, eminent classical singer on his birth anniversary. Hon'ble Chief Minister said that Pandit Panigrahi will be remembered always as a classical singer with extraordinary style, choreographer and celebrated Odissi vocalist.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister congratulated Housing & Urban Development Department as Odisha retained top position in the implementation of Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) scheme of Government of India. He said that building durable urban infrastructure and

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amenities is a priority of Odisha in order to make cities economically vibrant, sustainable, cleaner, smarter and liveable. The state which earlier ranked third, moved to second position in 2018 and is maintaining the first place since 2019.

- Chief Secretary Sri Asit Tripathy chaired a high level meeting held today in Lokseba Bhawan to take a district wise review on the progress in implementation of rural housing and labour engagement programmes. He directed the Department of Panchayatiraj and Drinking Water to complete 7 Lakh units of rural housing during the current financial year. He also directed to enhance the man-days to 15 Lakh per day by end of the current month in order to provide wage based engagement to the labour force.
- Smt. Susmita Bagchi, Chairperson, 'Mo School' and Sri Subrato Bagchi, Chairman, Odisha Skill Development Authority donated 7.5 Crore to Chief Minister's Relief Fund today. This donation shall be utilized as assistance to helpless older women of Puri district affected by COVID-19. Hon'ble Chief Minister thanked Smt. and Sri Bagchi for such humanitarian gesture. Chief Secretary Sri Asit Tripathy received the Cheque through a Video Conference on behalf of Hon'ble Chief Minister. Development Commissioner-cum Addl. Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary, Home and Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister (5T) were present in the programme.
- Under COVID-19 situation, the State Government has given prime importance to procure pulses and oil-seeds from farmers under Price Support System. In the current season, pulses and oil-seeds worth Rs. 60,23,92,346/- have been procured which is more than Rs. 10 Crore in comparison to last year's procurement. It includes 6995.382 MT of green gram, 2011.335 MT of groundnut and 121.079 MT of Sunflower seeds.
- 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. 119,86,06,000/- 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 72,505 beds in the State.
- From 9th August to 10th August morning, 7 no 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 related to violation of Lock Down. 23 persons have been arrested.

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Health Update

- Up to midnight of 9th August, 6,69,266 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 47,455.
- 31,784 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 286.
- No of active cases are 15,334.
- 15,334 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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