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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik expressed happiness that an Emergency Response Centre for Chemical Accidents has been established in Paradip to boost emergency preparedness in Odisha. It will be equipped with necessary equipment to mitigate chemical accidents and execute treatment related measures, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister saluted to the martyrdom of Debashish Sethy of Angul and Sudhir Kumar Tudu of Mayurbhanj who laid down their lives fighting against left wing extremists. Expressing heartfelt condolences to the families of the martyred jawans, Hon'ble Chief Minister said that Odisha will remember the sacrifice of its brave sons.
- As per orders passed by the Hon'ble High Court, Special Relief Commissioner has issued guidelines for observance of Durga Puja, Laxmi Puja, Kali Puja and other similar Puja during September, October and November of 2020. The order issued by SRC is enclosed herewith and the important points are highlighted below.
 - For conducting Puja in Puja Pandals/Mandaps, the organizers shall apply to and obtain necessary permission from the District Magistrate or any other officer authorised by him/her. For the area under Commissionerate of Police of Cuttack and Bhubaneswar, such permission shall be given by the Commissioner of Police of Cuttack and Bhubaneswar or any other officer authorised by him/her.
 - Pujas shall be conducted in indoor-like condition only for observance of rituals without participation, pomp and grandeur.
 - The size of idol shall be less than 4 feet.
 - There shall be no use of public address system.
 - At any given point of time, there shall not be more than 7 persons including organisers (Kartas) and priests and support staff present in the Puja Pandal/Mandap.
 - There shall be no immersion procession. The idols will be immersed in artificial pond(s) created by the local administration for the purpose.
 - There shall be no musical or any other entertainment programme.

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- Intensifying fight against COVID-19, 1.5 Lakh tests have been conducted so far in Bhubaneswar, including 1,05,990 tests in Government-run facilities. The testing numbers include 66,891 RT-PCR, 38,478 Rapid Antigen and 621 True-NAT tests.
- 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. 133,03,23,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.
- From 9th September to 10th September morning, 01 case has been registered by the Police in the state for violation of different regulations and guidelines related to COVID-19.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 9th September, 22,73,592 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 1,39,121.
- 1,08,001 persons have already recovered/ discharged. (Today's Recovery- 2706)
- No. of Death case 591.
- No of active cases are 30,476.
- 33,182 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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