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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik conveyed his best wishes to all on the auspicious occasion of Janmastami. He hoped that the present difficult situation shall go away and lives of people shall be endowed with happiness and prosperity by immense grace of Lord Sri Krishna.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister congratulated OAS Officer Dr. Sweta Kumar Dash on winning prestigious People's Choice Award at the Quarantine Image Film Festival 2020 in Argentina for his short film "Mask'. He appreciated Sri Dash for his effort to create awareness about using masks to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- In view of COVID-19 pandemic, State Government has discouraged large gatherings in the Independence Day celebration throughout the State. Only one/two police contingent shall participate in the ceremony for offering compliments to the Chief Guest during the celebration. There will be no parade/marchpast and also no participation by the general public. Only limited number of guests (around 50 to 75) may be invited to the celebration, using e-invites, including 15 to 20 Covid warriors (doctors, health workers, sanitation workers). It is imperative that social distancing norms, wearing masks etc. are to be followed strictly by those attending the function. The venue must be well sanitised. Guidelines have been issued by the Home Department to all the Collectors and SPs in this effect. Similar guideline/procedure shall be followed for the celebration at Block and Panchayat levels.
- As per direction of Hon'ble Chief Minister, steps have been taken to strengthen the activities of School & Mass Education Department. A Senior Officer either in the rank of Additional Director or Joint Director is assigned as the Nodal Officer for each district to monitor the activities of the Department and coordinate among other officers.
- 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. 120,77,08,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

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- From 10th August to 11th August morning, 12 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 9 cases are related to violation of Lock Down and 3 cases are related to other issues. 11 persons have been arrested.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 10th August, 6,92,301 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 48,796.
- 33,020 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 296.
- No of active cases are 15,427.
- 15,427 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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