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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik today, through video conference inaugurated a Rail Over Bridge at Berhampur and laid the foundation stone for a Cooperative Ginning mill at Digapahandi. Hon'ble Chief Minister said that as an important higher education, health and commercial hub of Southern Odisha, Berhampur deserves special focus of the Government and a lot of initiatives are being worked out to transform Berhampur into a modern city.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the new Rail Over Bridge constructed at a cost of Rs 27 Crore shall fulfil the aspirations of the people for a hassle free communication and shall benefit more than 40 thousand people. Similarly, the Cooperative Ginning Mill of Digapahandi shall be setup in PPP mode with total investment of Rs. 2.10 Crore with capacity to produce 50 quintal lint cotton per day and shall provide jobs to 100 skilled and un-skilled workers besides helping cotton growers of nearby 6 Blocks.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister hailed the cooperation of the people of Ganjam in containing the spread of COVID-19 and appreciated the dedicated service of doctors, paramedics and the hard work of District Administration along with Panchayatiraj Representatives in this mission.
- Hon'ble Minister, Forest & Environment, Parliamentary Affairs, Hon'ble Minister, Works, Hon'ble MP, Berhampur, Chief Secretary, Development Commissioner-cum-Addl. Chief Secretary, Agriculture Production Commissioner, Principal Secretary, Agriculture and Cooperation, Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister (5 T) and Secretary, Works were present on the occasion.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed happiness that Odisha is declared as LEADER in State Start up ranking by Department of Industrial Promotion and Internal Trade, Government of India. Odisha has also been appreciated for building 'a robust system to promote the development of incubator', 'Odisha youth innovation fund to support grass root innovations' and 'a State strat up policy and a bio-technology policy'. Hon'ble Chief Minister further said that Odisha has cemented State's position as "Leader", "Institutional Leader" and 'Regulatory Change Champion' in the ranking-2019 due to sustained effort to transform Odisha into one of the top Start up hubs in the country.

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- Hon'ble Chief Minister thanked Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India for endorsing Odisha's 'Garima' Yojana for core sanitation workers. This initiative will ensure a life of dignity for these everyday heroes and get them their rightful place in the society, he added. He further said that it is a humble tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on his 150th Birth Anniversary who fought throughout his life for the rights, equality and social dignity of these underprivileged people.
- 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. 133,37,85,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 11th September, 23,74,620 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 1,46,894.
- 1,15,279 persons have already recovered/ discharged. (Today's Recovery-3217)
- No. of Death case 616.
- No of active cases are 30,946.
- 34,163 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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