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PRESS RELEASE

Bhubaneswar 13/08/2020,

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik today, through a Video Conference, presented Suraj Award for Organ donation and felicitated the family members of cadaveric donors. Hon'ble Chief Minister had announced the Institution of Suraj Award in November-2019, honouring the highest humanitarian gesture of the parents to donate the Kidney, Liver, Heart and the Eyes of their son, Suraj of Bhanjanagar, Ganjam who died of a road accident in Surat. He appreciated the brave decision and dedication of the family of Suraj that has inspired others to donate organs. He described Suraj as a sun that is illuminating other's life.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister gave away cash award of 5 Lakh each to the recipients P. Priyankarani Patra (Digapahandi, Ganjam), Rajalaxmi Das (Delang, Puri) and Suchitra Das (Bhubaneswar, Khordha). Appreciating the dedication and sacrifice of the Donors, Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the families of the Donors have shown incomparable human gesture to save the life of others which is the greatest virtue. They have become immortal by donating their Organ, though they have left their mortal body, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed happiness over conduct of 40,711 Covid Test in last 24 hours in the State and described it as a major boost to Odisha's fight against Covid-19. These included 7,077 RT-PCR tests, 33,439 antigen tests and 195 TrueNAT tests.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister thanked ICICI Bank for providing mobility support to 30 physically challenged beneficiaries of Bhubaneswar during COVID-19 restriction and donating a vehicle to Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation for mobile swab sample collection across the Capital City, that shall strengthen Odisha's fight against COVID-19. The bank also joined hands with Odisha Government to distribute masks and sanitisers in more than 150 blocks and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and to install 100 contactless sanitiser dispensers in different Government offices in Bhubaneswar.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister congratulated 3 Officers of Odisha Police namely Jugal Kishore Das, Santoshi Barik & B. Shankar Saraf on being nominated to receive Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in Investigation. He appreciated

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the officers' dedication & professionalism which are key to better public service delivery.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister shall unfurl the Tri-colour in the State level Independence Day celebration to be held at Exhibition Ground at 9AM on 15th August. Keeping in view the Covid restriction, general public is not allowed to the ground and direct telecast of the programme will be made available on TV Channels coordinated by I&PR Department. ODRAF, OSAP, Special Security Battalion and State Brass Band shall participate in the Parade. Final rehearsal of the Parade was conducted today.
- Dr. Sanghamitra Pati, Director, Regional Medical Research Centre (RMRC), Bhubaneswar while briefing on the COVID-19 situation and status of testing in the State said that as much as 31% or One-third population of Berhampur has developed antibodies to COVID-19. A Sero-survey undertaken by 5 teams in various places of Ganjam District along with Berhampur Municipal Corporation indicates the decline rate of COVID-19. She also informed that Sero-survey shall be conducted in Gajapati district and Rourkela Municipal Corporation area very soon.
- 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. 122,28,53,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.
- From 12th August to 13th 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. Out of which 6 cases are related to violation of Lock Down and 1 case is related to other issues. 27 persons have been arrested.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 12th August, 7,65,065 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 52,653.
- 37,900 persons have already recovered/ discharged. (Today's recovery-1422)
- No. of Death case 314.
- No of active cases are 14,386.
- 15,808 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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