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PRESS RELEASE

Bhubaneswar 15/08/2020,

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik conveyed best wishes and greetings to all on the occasion of Independence Day. He called upon all to work hard with commitment to make the dream of building a developed Odisha and advanced India a reality.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister today, unfurled the National flag on the occasion of 74th State level Independence Day Celebration at Unit-III Exhibition Ground, Bhubaneswar. In his address, he offered humble tributes to the great freedom fighters and the soldiers who were martyred protecting the sovereignty and integrity of our country.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed his gratitude towards Covid Warriors for their selfless service and commended them for ensuring low fatality and high recovery rate in the State with their hard work. He also reiterated his belief that Odisha will overcome this situation soon with its courage and resilience.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that Odisha is among a very few States in the country in making provisions of treatment, food, accommodation, medicine for Covid patients free of cost, giving paramount importance on the life of its people. He assured that not a single Covid patient will be deprived of any facility in the State in our fight against COVID-19.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister highlighted that Odisha has become the number one State in the country in terms of investment with proposals worth around Rs. 12,000 Crore received in COVID-19 period. The State has attracted 18% of the total investment made during this period in the country.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister further said that Odisha has achieved 7.61% growth in agriculture sector during 2019-20 in comparison to that of 2.86% in the country.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed happiness over the fact that Odisha has topped the nation for 4th consecutive time in building roads under PMGSY. Continuing

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its thrust for connectivity and infrastructure development, Odisha has completed around 5298.43 Kilometers of roads in 2019-20 to connect 256 habitations in the State, he added.

- Women and Child Development Department and Mission Shakti, under Integrated Child Development Programme started an innovative initiative to ensure nutrition requirement of children in Sundargarh District. In the pilot project, Millet Laddu and spirulina-added Groundnut Chiki were distributed in Hemgiri and Lephripara Blocks respectively.
- From 14th August to 15th August morning, 9 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. 13 persons have been arrested.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 14th August, 8,55,713 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 57,126.
- 39,205 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 333.
- No of active cases are 17,535.
- 17,535 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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