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**Bhubaneswar 17/09/2020,**

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik conveyed best wishes to all on the auspicious occasion of Mahalaya. He hoped that Maa Durga shall bless all with happiness, peace and prosperity.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed warm birthday wishes to Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Hon'ble Chief Minister wished him to be blessed with good health and long life.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister congratulated entire Plasma Therapy team for treating more than 1000 COVID-19 patients with the advanced medical procedure. He also thanked all plasma donors for coming forward to strengthen Odisha's fight against COVID-19 and helping save precious lives.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed satisfaction that Odisha has touched a new peak in COVID-19 recoveries with 4121 patients recuperating in a single day. He praised the healthcare professionals & Covid Warriors who are working dedicatedly and running extra mile to save precious lives.
- The Central Team, after visiting the flood affected areas of the State appreciated the efforts of the Government and also agreed to the suggestion to consider supporting the State not only in response as per SDRF norm but also include Mitigation measures like strengthening of embankments, construction of new embankments, disaster resilient housing support against damaged houses and other resilient infrastructure. They also appreciated state's approach to Disaster Management and new approach of seeking assistance from Central Government on mitigation measures.
- About 2.25lakh Hectare of agriculture and crop land have suffered more than 33% damage. Similarly about 1,20,000 houses have suffered damages to various degrees. Besides embankments, roads, public infrastructure have also been damaged. The response support as requested would be about 1100 Crore and mitigation measures are being worked out and will be indicated in the Final Memorandum.

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- The Central Team had discussion with Chief Secretary, Development Commissioner, Agriculture Production Commissioner, Special Relief Commissioner and Secretaries of Water Resources, Agriculture, Panchayatiraj, Fisheries, ADG Law & Order & Crime Branch along with Senior 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. 133,98,56,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.
- From 16th September to 17th September morning, 03 cases have 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 16<sup>th</sup> September, 26,19,601 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 1,67,161.
- 1,33,466 persons have already recovered/ discharged. (Today's recovery-3607)
- No. of Death case 669.
- No of active cases are 32,973.
- 36,580 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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