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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik today, on the occasion of World Humanitarian Day, offered his humble tributes to millions of Covid Warriors and frontline workers who are working round the clock, often risking their own lives to save the life of others. Hon'ble Chief Minister saluted these brave humanitarians for keeping the spirit of humanity alive.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister today, paid humble tributes to former President of India Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma on his Birth Anniversary. Late Dr. Sharma will always be remembered for his immense contribution to nation building as President of India, Vice President and Union Minister, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister directed to open 'Niramaya' centre for 24 hours every day in order to provide service to the patients at SCB Medical College, Cuttack, being one of the important health institutions to provide health services in the State. Besides, Outdoor Ticketing Process has been simplified and blood donation has been made free of cost for treatment relating to blood transfusion.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister appreciated Odisha Mining Corporation (OMC) for further contribution of Rs.250 Crore to Chief Minister's Relief Fund in order to strengthen Odisha's fight against COVID-19. He also praised the effort of Odisha Mining Corporation and State PSUs to set up standalone Hospitals to intensify Odisha's fight against the pandemic.
- 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. 124,98,93,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.
- From 18th August to 19th 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 11 cases are related to violation of Lock Down and 1 case is related to rumour mongering. 24 persons have been arrested.

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Health Update

- Up to midnight of 18th August, 10,62,469 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 67,122.
- 45,314 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 372.
- No of active cases are 21,383.
- 21,383 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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