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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik today, discussed with Sri Sajjan Jindal of JSW over Video Conference regarding 13.2 MTPA Steel Plant Project at Jatadhar which is being fast paced to begin at the earliest. He assured allocation of land, water and power for the project. He further stressed on maximum value addition of State resources within the State for accelerating job creation and revenue generation.
  - Mr. Jindal said that his company shall also establish a 100 bedded hospital and school at Koida in Sundargarh district in PPP mode with an objective to develop mining areas for the benefit of the local people. He further said JSW is tying up with IIM, Sambalpur to create a centre for Development Studies for Odisha. He added that JSW has plans to invest over One Lakh Crore Rupees in Odisha in next 10 years. Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary, Steel & Mines, Principal Secretary, Industries, CMD, IPICOL and Secretary to Chief Minister (5T) participated in the discussion.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed happiness that Odisha has strengthened its fight against COVID-19 further with the functioning of newly constructed 100 bedded ICU Complex at IDH, Puri. It will provide intensive care to COVID-19 patients in the region, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that achieving yet another milestone in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic, Odisha registered a record 2129 recoveries on 23<sup>rd</sup> August. He commended the efforts and sacrifices of our Covid warriors who have made it possible.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister congratulated makers of 'Abhilash' on bagging Best Social Message Film Award at Bengal Lock Down Online Film Festival. He said that the film is based on Odish's COVID-19 management in Hinjilikatu of Ganjam District, portraying how administration and the communities joined hands to fight the pandemic.
- Visually impaired teachers are allowed to take online classes of under Graduate and Post-Graduate students of all the colleges, from their residence till the resumption of normalcy in COVID-19 pandemic. Guideline has been issued by Higher Education Department to this effort.

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- Odisha University of Agriculture & Technology shall prioritise on developed farming, utilisation of advanced technology and high quality research for agriculture development to ensure food security. This has been highlighted in 59<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day Programme of the University held on virtual mode today. Hon'ble Minister, Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment, Fisheries & ARD, Higher Education and Vice-Chancellor of the University along with other dignitaries attended the function.
- 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. 127,08,43,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.
- From 23rd August to 24th August morning, 10 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.

### **Health Update**

- With the recovery of another 2519 Covid patients today, Odisha maintains record recovery numbers for two days in a row.
- Up to midnight of 23rd August, 13,63,620 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 81,479.
- 56,924 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 419.
- No of active cases are 24,082.
- 26,601 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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