PRESS RELEASE

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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik and Hon'ble Union Minister, Petroleum & Natural Gas, Steel Sri Dharmendra Pradhan, through a Video Conference today, inaugurated the Product Application and Development Centre at Paradeep Refinery of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the Centre can play the role of a catalyst in developing polymer based industry in Odisha and hoped that it could emerge as one of the Centres of excellence in the field of polymer application.

- Hon'ble Governor of Odisha Prof. Ganeshi Lal lauded the overarching and integrated strategy of COVID-19 management in Odisha during a briefing. He appreciated the exemplary measures like operationalisation of Temporary health Centres in Gram Panchayat level, special power to Sarpanchs, arrangement for migrant workers, procurement of COVID-19 equipments and massive awareness drive for containing the spread of infection. Besides, he also praised Government's smooth management of Amphan Cyclone situation and recently completed Car Festival of Lord Jagannath at Puri. Additional Chief Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Sri P. K. Mohapatra and Senior Officers of H&FW Department were present in the briefing.

- In a high level meeting held under the Chairmanship of Sri Asit Tripathy, Chief Secretary, it has been decided to start work on building of Disaster Resilient Power Infrastructure in coastal districts of the State. 9 districts namely Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapada, Bhadrak, Balasore, Puri, Cuttack, Khurda, Ganjam and Gajapati will be covered in 2 phases with an estimate of around Rs. 19,000 Crore. Chief Secretary directed the concerned Departments and Power Distribution Companies to expedite the implementation on emergency basis. Sri S.C. Mohapatra, Development Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary, Sri P.K. Jena, Additional Chief Secretary and SRC, Sri N.B. Dhal, Principal Secretary, Energy, Sri A. K. Meena, Principal Secretary, Finance and Dr. Sourav Garg, Principal Secretary, Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment participated in the meeting.
As part of 5T initiative, Labour Department today introduced a portal, Labour Case Management System for online filing and tracking of cases by workers themselves in courts of Labour Officials under key labour Acts such as Minimum Wages Act, Employees Compensation Act, and Payment of Gratuity Act. Aggrieved workers can now easily file their cases, track the progress of their cases and even get SMS alerts at each stage of the case. The officers too will be able to monitor the cases better.

With an increase in no. of COVID-19 infection among Health Care Workers in current times, Health & Family Welfare Department of Government of Odisha has framed guideline for all private hospitals as a measure for infection prevention and control practice. All hospitals should follow the advisory for managing Health Care Workers working in COVID-19 and Non-COVID-19 areas of the hospital.

All hospitals shall establish a dedicated fever clinic and reserve an isolated area for management of suspected/confirmed cases of COVID-19. Detail order has been issued by Directorate of Medical Education and Training, Odisha in this regard.

Odia brothers and sisters are returning to Odisha every day. 1257 Odia people have returned to Odisha today. So far 5,77,144 Odias have returned to Odisha.

From 24th June morning to 25th June morning, 3 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 2 cases are for violation of lock down and 1 case related to other issues.

**Health Update**

- Up to midnight of 24th June, 2,39,815 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 5962.
- 4291 persons have already recovered/discharged.
- No. of Death case 17.
- No of active cases are 1647.
- 1815 people are under Hospital Isolation.

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