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## PRESS RELEASE

**Bhubaneswar 28/08/2020,**

Sri Asit Tripathy, Chief Secretary and Sri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Information & Public Relations Department, Skill Development & Technical Education Department briefed the Press about the steps taken by Government of Odisha on JEE Main and NEET Exam.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik expressed happiness that Odisha secured 2 Tech Sabha Awards for its technology application. He said that Odisha, now driven by 5T initiative, has been continuously introducing technology in bringing transformation in the lives of people of the State.
  - State got the awards in ILMS and State Covid Dash Board under excellence in analytics enterprising application and big data application respectively. Integrated Legal Monitoring System (ILMS) has been rolled out in 12 different departments to take on critical challenge of case pendency. Similarly, Covid Dash Board facilitated optimized augmentation for handling upsurge in incidence, guaranteeing essential supplies or any emergency needs for citizens and assistance to vulnerable population. It also served as a knowledge hub for researchers from across the globe.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister congratulated the Plasma Therapy team of MKCG Medical College & Hospital, Berhampur for collecting more than 100 units of plasma. He appreciated the entire team for ensuring that people have access to this advanced medical treatment in the region.
- Chief Secretary Sri Asit Tripathy said that keeping in view the JEE Main Exam from 1st to 6th September and NEET Exam on 13th September, the State Government has taken extensive steps for smooth management of the said examinations.
  - Around 37,000 students will appear in 26 Centres located at 7 towns of Odisha. State Government has decided to impose no restriction on movement of the students, even during the Covid situation.
- Sri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Information & Public Relations Department, Skill Development & Technical Education Department

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said that the students will be provided free transportation and accommodation for the purpose if required. The ITIs selected for every district as Nodal Centre will be in touch with the District Administrations and the Regional Transport Officers will facilitate it. The examinees shall communicate with Nodal Centres about their travel and accommodation planning.

**(The Nodal Officers and their Contact Numbers are annexed here with)**

- The Engineering College Hostels located at different places shall provide accommodations to the examinees free of cost.
- The Collectors and SPs of all the districts have been directed to provide transportation facilities to the examinees, maintaining law & order situation and to implement required protocol in the Centres.
- Continuing its focus on women empowerment, Fisheries & Animal Resource Development Department will provide selected Women Self Help Groups (WSHG) 50% subsidy to rear 200 layer birds in deep litter system. WSHGs will be selected by Block Level Committee involving Mission Shakti.
- Second round of serological survey undertaken by Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation started today and it shall continue for 2 days. While five teams shall collect samples simultaneously from various locations across the city, a target of 1,500 randomly selected samples shall be collected in these two days from 25 wards. RMRC, Bhubaneswar is giving technical support for this survey.
- Keeping in view of the restrictions imposed by the State Government due to unprecedented Covid situation, the OCS-19 Main Written examination scheduled to be conducted in the month of September, 2020 has been deferred and shall be conducted tentatively in the month of November, 2020 subject to the then instructions and guidelines of the Government. The exact date and time of examination shall be notified later.
- 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. 129,02,63,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.
- From 27th August to 28th August 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. All the 3 cases are related to violation of Lock Down. 30 persons have been arrested.

**Health Update**

- Up to midnight of 27th August, 16, 12,097 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 94,668.
- 67,826 persons have already recovered/ discharged. (Today's recovery-2503)
- No. of Death case 456.

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- No of active cases are 26,333.
- 28,836 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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