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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik paid rich tributes to hockey wizard Major Dhyana Chand on National Sports Day. The hockey legend mesmerised millions of sports lovers with his inimitable skills & brought sporting glory for the nation. His golden legacy continues to inspire sportspersons from across the world, Hon'ble Chief Minister added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik today through Video Conference, presented 'Biju Pattnaik Sports Award' and 'Biju Pattanayk Bravery Award' on the occasion of National Sports Day. He congratulated the award winners and spoke about the initiatives of the State for making Odisha a Global Centre of Sports.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister further said that the World is going through a great crisis due to the Covid pandemic. The importance of sports and fitness has once again been highlighted by this pandemic. We wish to further promote sports to enhance the physical and mental health of our citizens in the State. More than the medals, sports and fitness activities should become a way of life in our society, he added.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister remembered legendary leader Biju Babu as a great sports person who promoted sports all along his life and said that our focus is on the development of sports infrastructure and coaching facilities at grass root level. We are going to host yet another edition of Hockey World Cup in 2023, he said.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister commended the Odisha Fire Service, Home Guards and Civil Defence personnel of Bari Fire Station, Jajpur for the swift response to rescue marooned families including a new born baby. The successful operation saved six people stranded in flood water at Sankarakul in Bari block.
- As per direction of Hon'ble Chief Minister, 7 Senior Officers are deployed to oversee flood management activities in districts namely Kendrapada, Cuttack, Balasore, Badhrak, Jajpur, Jagatsinghpur and Puri.
- Keeping in view the smooth conduct of JEE Main 2020 from 1st to 6th September and NEET on 13th September there shall be no lock down or shut down from 30th August to 7th September and 12th September to 14th September

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in the cities namely Angul, Balasore, Berhampur, Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Dhenkanal, Rourkela and Sambalpur to facilitate free movement to the candidates and their escorts, examination personnel and staff, representatives of service providers. Special Relief Commissioner has issued an order to this effect.

- Special Relief Commission-cum-ACS and Principal Secretary, Water Resources, in a joint review meeting discussed on present flood situation of the State and post flood restoration activities with the senior officers of the Department today.
- Hon'ble Minister, Water Resources, Information & Public Relations visited the flood affected areas of Jagatsinghpur district today and directed the Department officers to expedite necessary action with immediate effect. Hon'ble MLA, Paradeep, Collector, Jagatsinghpur and senior officers were present during the visit.
- 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. 129,34,79,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.
- From 28th August to 29th August morning, 6 no of cases have been registered by the Police in the state for violation of regulations and guidelines related to COVID-19. Out of which 5 cases are for violation of Lock Down and 1 case is related to other issues. 14 persons have been arrested.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 28th August, 16,70,910 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 97,920.
- 67,826 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 470.
- No of active cases are 29,571.
- 29,571 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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