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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has expressed deep grief on the demise of former President Pranab Mukherjee. Pranab Da was a prolific reader, powerful orator, scholar and had an unparalleled experience in governance. He will always be remembered for his exceptional ability to forge consensus on national issue, he added.
- On account of sad demise of Sri Pranab Mukharjee, Former President of India on 31.08.2020, it has been decided that, as a mark of respect to the departed dignitary seven days State Mourning will be observed throughout State from 31.08.2020 to 06.09.2020 both days inclusive. During the period of State Mourning the National Flag will be flown at half mast on all buildings throughout the State where it is flown regularly and there will be no official entertainment. Home Department, Government of Odisha has issued direction in this regard.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister undertook an aerial survey of flood affected areas of the State and said that the flood has waterlogged many districts, marooned many villages, agricultural crops, damaged houses, disrupted roads and other infrastructure.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister, in a high level meeting reviewed flood situation, relief and restoration works undertaken in the State. He announced a package of immediate assistance for flood affected people as follows:-
 - Cooked/ Dry food shall be provided to all the people who have been evacuated for the period they are housed in shelters. 50 Kg. of rice and Rs.500/- will be provided to all families in the villages which have been severely affected/ inundated / marooned due to the current flood.
 - One polythene sheet shall be provided to each deserving household whose house has been damaged. House Damage Assistance shall be given as per SDRF norms. Collectors will take steps for assessment of house damage within 15 days and disburse the assistance in next 7 days. Assistance for clothing and utensils shall be provided as per SDRF Norms.

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- Cattle feed assistance shall be given to dairy farmers as per SDRF Norms and free animal check up camps in affected areas shall be arranged. User Fees for vaccination and treatment of animals in flood affected areas shall be exempted. For all other affected districts, assistance shall be distributed as per SDRF norms.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik conveyed today his best wishes to all on the occasion of Local Self Government Day. He said that State Government is committed to build Odisha a healthy, safe and clean State.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister today addressed State level Local Self Government Day at Lok Seva Bhawan through Video Conference and urged upon all Urban Local Bodies to work dedicatedly to meet the growing aspirations of the people living in urban areas, especially during this challenging pandemic days. He also appreciated the efforts made by the ULBs in the management of solid and liquid waste. He further commended the sanitation warriors for their continuous and dedicated efforts during the pandemic.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that woman empowerment is one of the success mantras of our Government. Describing the Mission Shakti member as the warp and weft of the fabric of sanitary solution in the State, Hon'ble Chief Minister appreciated their critical role. He handed over the operation and maintenance of 4 Septage Treatment Plants to Mission Shakti Groups of Rourkela, Angul, Balasore and Dhenkanal.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister dedicated 100 functional Micro Composite Centres and 50 functional Material Recovery Facilities in various Urban Local Bodies of the State. He also laid foundation stone for establishment of 51 Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant to ensure larger coverage of this facility across all cities and towns.
- As part of the 5T mandate, Hon'ble Chief Minister launched Mobile App “AMA SAHAR” and ‘SWACHHA SAHAR ODISHA” web app to provide Citizen Centric Services. He also released a handbook on sanitation related subjects.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister felicitated all the best performing ULBs of the State in recent Swachha Sarbekhyan-2020 namely Berhampur Municipal Corporation, Paradeep Municipality, Joda Municipality, Kotpad NAC, Barbil Municipality, Dhenkanal Municipality, Rajgangpur Municipality, Byasanagar Municipality and Choudwar Municipality.
- Hon'ble Minister Panchayatiraj & Drinking Water, Housing & Urban Development, Law, Chief Secretary, Development Commissioner-cum-Addl. Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department, Principal Secretary, Finance, Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister (5T) and Senior Officers attended the programme.

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- Hon'ble Chief Minister commended the brave personnel of Odisha Fire Service, Home Guards and Civil Defence who are risking their own lives to save others during Odisha Floods. He appreciated the Rasulpur Fire Station team for their courageous night time operation to rescue a boy, swept away by flood water.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister while expressing happiness over the recovery 104 critical Covid patients by Plasma Therapy, appreciated the sincerity and dedication of Doctors and Health Personnel for this remarkable success. At the same time he also gave heartfelt thanks to all the Plasma Donors.
- On the direction of Hon'ble Chief Minister, necessary arrangements of transportation and accommodation of the students appearing JEE Main and NEET Exam has been made by different District Administrations of the State. Skill Development and Technical Education Department has made elaborate arrangement for the students in the Hostels of various Government Engineering Colleges, Polytechnics and ITIs.
- State Government will provide assistance under Madhubabu Pension Scheme for 4 months i.e. September, October, November and December in advance in September. Around 48 Lakh beneficiaries under the Scheme will be provided the assistance.
- Virtual Training programme for Covid Care Centre Doctors regarding Case Management and referral was organised at SCB Medical College & Hospital, Cuttack.
- 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. 129,72,28,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.
- From 30th August to 31st August morning, 7 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 2 cases are related to other issues. 19 persons have been arrested.

Health Update

- Odisha has achieved a record single day discharge of 4053 Covid patients today.
- Up to midnight of 30th August, 17, 89,433 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 1, 03,536.
- 77,286 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 492.
- No of active cases are 25,705.
- 29,758 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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