PRESS RELEASE

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- Hon’ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik, today, on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day, conveyed his warm greetings to all the Journalists and media persons. While commending their commitment to inform and enlighten us during this COVID-19 pandemic, he emphasised upon the greater role of the journalists in disseminating right information to face this unprecedented crisis.

- Hon’ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik thanked Sri Vijayan Pinarayi, Hon’ble Chief Minister, Kerala for taking care of stranded people of Odisha during COVID-19 lock down period and for extending cooperation to ensure their safe return. Hon’ble Chief Minister also thanked Railway Ministry for cooperation in Operation Shubha Yatra, for the return of stranded Odias by train.

- Hon’ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik has commended Ganjam District Administration and District Police Administration for smooth handling of Odia passengers coming from Kerala at Jagannathpur Railway Station. Hon’ble Chief Minister thanked Department of Health & Family Welfare, Housing & Urban Development Department, Commerce & Transport Department, Women & Child Development Department and others for meticulous planning and clockwork precision in completing 1st leg of operation.

- In view of return of stranded Odia people from different States, Chief Secretary Sri Asit Tripathy has stated that violation of Standard protocol/advisory relating to registration, social distancing, stamping, health screening, maintaining seating capacity in a bus, following prescribed route of return and compulsory quarantine will be viewed seriously and stringent action will be taken against the violator.

- While appreciating the efforts of everyone connected with the return journey of stranded people from the starting point to the end point, Chief Secretary
emphasised upon the quarantine of the returnees as per the guideline and sought the cooperation of everyone to contain further spread of COVID-19.

- Odisha Government has appointed Principal Secretary, Home Department Sri Sanjeev Chopra as the State Nodal Officer for coordinating train movement with various States for the return of stranded people of Odisha.
- 8332 nos of Temporary Medical Centres have been completed in 6798 Gram Panchayats of the State. In all these Centres, total number of 2,56,820 beds have been readied to provide COVID-19 health services in rural areas.
- Today, 3,37,820 destitute and helpless persons have been provided with food in 5326 Gram Panchayats. Similarly, in 114 ULBs 39,858 persons have been provided with food.
- From 2nd May morning to 3rd May morning, 24 no of cases have been registered by the Police in the state for violation of different regulations and guidelines related to COVID-19 of which 20 no. of cases for violation of lock down, 1 case for violation of Home Quarantine, 1 case for rumour mongering and 2 case related to other issues. 50 persons have been arrested by police for different violations.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 2nd May, 38,658 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 162.
- 56 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1.
- No of active cases are 105.
- 202 persons are in hospital isolation.

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