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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik, today, in his message on the occasion of World Ocean Day, said that ocean are lungs of our planet as they generate most of the Oxygen and play a critical role in regulating climate. They are major source of water, vital for our survival, major source of food and medicine. He called upon to take a pledge to prevent the oceans from plastic pollution.
- Chief Secretary Sri Asit Tripathy reviewed the progress of IEC activities relating to COVID-19 today in Lokseba Bhawan Conference Hall. Sri Pradeep Jena, Special Relief Commissioner, Smt. Anu Garg, Principal Secretary, W&CD and Mission Shakti, Sri D. K. Singh, Principal Secretary, Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water and Sri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Information & Public Relations Department, Smt. Rasmita Panda, CEO, Skill Development Authority participated in the deliberations. Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Information & Public Relations Department outlined the issues and presented the themes for the campaign.
- Chief Secretary Sri Tripathy emphasised to intensify the IEC Activities with active involvement of the community. The campaign will focus on inevitable need of social distancing, mask wearing and hand hygiene. Ward level COVID Committees should be constituted in urban and rural areas within a week for the purpose. The target is to keep people aware and alert for checking possible spread of pandemic. It was decided to make use of the social media in addition to television, radio, print media, miking and postering.
- As lock down is extended to 30th June, 2020, all religious places/places of worship for public, all shopping malls in the State shall continue to remain closed till 30th June. All cinema halls, gymnasiums, swimming pools, Entertainment parks, theatres, bars, auditoriums, assembly halls and similar places will continue to remain closed till 30th June. Restaurants and Hotels shall be permitted for home delivery of food by aggregators such as Zomato, Swiggy etc. Order has been issued by Special Relief Commissioner in this regard.

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- 16,808 Temporary Medical Centres/Camps have been readied in 6798 Gram Panchayats of the State. In all these Centres, total no. of 7,61,704 beds have been arranged to provide COVID-19 health services in rural areas.
- From 7th June morning to 8th June morning, 26 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 all cases are for violation of lock down. 55 persons have been arrested by police for different violations.

### **Health Update**

- Up to midnight of 7th June, 1,79,415 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 2994.
- 1993 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 9.
- No of active cases are 990.
- 1399 persons are in hospital isolation.

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