PRESS RELEASE

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Sri Subroto Bagchi, Chief Spokesperson of Govt. of Odisha on COVID-19 and Sri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Information & Public Relations Department briefed the Press about steps taken by Government of Odisha for prevention of COVID-19.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik earlier announced that incentive of Rs. 2000/- per quarantinee would be paid to all the migrants returning to Odisha after successful completion of the quarantine period. As per this announcement, incentives have been paid to 1,10,080 persons so far. An amount of Rs.19.03 Crore has been spent for this purpose. The incentive is being given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

- In a high level meeting presided over by Sri Asit Tripathy, Chief Secretary, it has been decided to further develop the existing Urban Haats at Puri, Bhubaneswar and Konark in order to strengthen the economic condition of the weavers and artisans engaged in textile, handloom & handicraft sector. These Haats will be opened throughout the year, so as to enable the weavers and artisans to sale their products directly to the domestic and foreign customers. Sri Suresh Chandra Mohapatra, Development Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary, Sri Hemant Sharma, Principal Secretary, Industries & MSME, Sri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, IDCO and Smt. Subha Sharma, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Textiles, Handlooms & Handicrafts took part in the discussion.

- The night curfew on 12th June, 2020 (Friday) will be effected from 10.00PM instead of 7.00PM in order to enable people to do their pre-festival shopping.

- On the eve of Raja Festival Government has appealed the people of Odisha to remain cautious and to follow COVID guideline meticulously. Shop keepers have been requested to wear mask and not to allow customers without mask to enter into their shop. Priority should be given to digital payment instead of cash transaction. Gloves must be used by the salesmen in textile shops. Social distancing should be maintained as per the protocol.

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Urban and police authorities shall keep vigilance on shops and markets. Any violation of COVID-19 protocol may warrant action as deemed proper.

- Considering the upcoming Raja Mahotsav and COVID-19 situation, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation has appealed the people not to visit crowded shops and do shopping before Friday evening. All should adhere to the norms of social distancing and wear mask. Any violation may invite imposition of fine.

- Odisha has become the first State to get ISO Certification for tribal hostels. In the first phase 156 hostels of Keonjhar and 90 hostels of Sambalpur were taken up for infrastructure assessment. Out of these 44 hostels have been accorded ISO 9001:2015 Certification.

- Odia brothers and sisters are returning to Odisha every day since 3rd May. 6248 Odia people have returned to Odisha today. So far 5,22,148 Odias have returned to Odisha.

- From 10th June morning to 11th June morning, 16 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 14 no. of cases for violation of lock down, 1 case for violation of Home Quarantine and 1 case related to other issues. 64 persons have been arrested by police for different violations.

**Health Update**

- Up to midnight of 10th June, 1,88,743 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 3386.
- 2354 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 9.
- No of active cases are 1020.
- 1418 persons are in hospital isolation.

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