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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik, today, on the occasion of World Telecommunication Day, has said that telecommunication has brought the world closer, shortening distances between dear ones, societies, ensuring uninterrupted health care and essential supplies during this COVID-19 pandemic. Hon'ble Chief Minister has called upon people to pledge to use technology for the welfare of society and defeat the pandemic.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik has directed officials to prepare plan to relocate people living in vulnerable areas to safer places along with early restoration of affected road communication, drinking water, electricity, infrastructure and an uninterrupted power supply to hospitals, keeping in view possible cyclone Amphan.
- As preparedness measure for possible cyclone, 567 cyclone shelters & 7000 pucca buildings have been identified to accommodate about 11 lakh people. Besides 3 NDRF, 12 ODRAF, 355 Fire Service Units have been deployed to deal with cyclonic situation. Fishermen have been advised not to venture into the sea.
- 5083 COVID-19 samples were tested in different centres including Regional Medical Research Centre (RMRC), Bhubaneswar, AIIMS, Bhubaneswar, SCB, Cuttack, MKCG, Berhampur, VIMSAR, Burla, ILS, Bhubaneswar and IGH, Rourkela etc, yesterday. Cumulative number of samples tested so far is 91,223.
- Indian Institute of Science Education & Research (IISER), Berhampur has been accorded necessary approval by AIIMS, Bhubaneswar for conducting COVID-19 testing.
- Odia brothers and sisters are returning to Odisha every day since 3rd May. 17,820 Odia people have returned to Odisha today. So far 1,51,065 Odias have returned to Odisha. Returnees are coming by train/bus and other vehicles.
- 15,613 Temporary Medical Centres/Camps have been readied in 6798 Gram Panchayats of the State. In all these Centres, total no. of 6,80,113 beds have been arranged to provide COVID-19 health services in rural areas.

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- Today, 3,29,064 destitute and helpless persons have been provided with food in 4700 Gram Panchayats. Similarly, in 114 ULBs 28,620 persons have been provided with food.
- From 16th May morning to 17th May morning, 15 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 10 no. of cases for violation of lock down, 4 cases for violation of Home Quarantine and 1 case for rumour mongering . 47 persons have been arrested by police for different violations.

### **Health Update**

- Up to midnight of 16th May, 91,223 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 828.
- 220 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 4.
- No of active cases are 604.
- 759 persons are in hospital isolation.

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