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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik expressed deep grief over death of two Odia soldiers namely Chandrakanta Pradhan and Nanduram Soren at Galwan Valley clash in Ladakh. Hailing their supreme sacrifice for the motherland, Hon'ble Chief Minister announced ex-gratia of Rs.25 Lakh each from Chief Minister's Relief Fund to the next kin of the martyrs.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik, during the interaction with Hon'ble Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi through a Video Conference, urged to facilitate return of Odia people stranded in Gulf Countries.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister, during the interaction, suggested that National level Entrance Examinations like NEET, JEE and CLAT should be conducted after completion of +2 Exams in Odisha.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that June is the toughest month for Odisha in COVID-19 battle and urged Government of India to continue restrictions on Train and Air travel to Odisha.
- Odia brothers and sisters are returning to Odisha every day since 3rd May. 4625 Odia people have returned to Odisha today. So far 5,61,068 Odias have returned to Odisha.
- 16,820 Temporary Medical Centres/Camps have been readied in 6798 Gram Panchayats of the State. In all these Centres, total no. of 7,67,135 beds have been arranged to provide COVID-19 health services in rural areas.
- From 17th June morning to 18th June morning, 5 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 3 cases are for violation of lock down, 1 case for violation of Home Quarantine and 1 case for rumour mongering. 40 persons have been arrested by police for different violations.

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## **Health Update**

- Up to midnight of 17th June, 2,12,224 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 4,512.
- 3,144 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 11.
- No of active cases are 1,354.
- 1678 persons are in hospital isolation.

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