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- Hon'ble Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi, today, after aerial survey of the cyclone affected areas of the State, along with Hon'ble Governor Prof. Dr. Ganeshi Lal and Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik, appreciated the efforts of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Odisha as well as the team work which saved life and property of the people. The preparedness helped the State to combat the cyclone situation, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik made an aerial survey of the cyclone affected districts of the State yesterday afternoon. Cyclone Amphan has affected 89 blocks of the state and 44 lakh people. Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed his deep concern over the extensive damages, especially damage to the standing crops in those districts due to cyclone.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister ordered for immediate restoration of damaged infrastructure and early return of normalcy in those districts. He further ordered for road clearance, restoration of connectivity and power supply, mobilizing man power and materials on war footing.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister further ordered for assessment of crop damage within next 3 days and to complete the house damage survey in a week.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik, today, spoke to West Bengal Chief Minister Ms Mamata Banerjee over telephone. During the discussion, Hon'ble Chief Minister enquired about the intensity of damage caused due to Amphan. While expressing his deep concern over the loss of so many lives and the trail of destruction, he conveyed Odisha's absolute solidarity with the people of West Bengal at this hour of crisis. He also assured all possible support to West Bengal in terms of men and materials to overcome this critical situation.
- Bhima Bhoi Medical College and Hospital, Balangir, one of the youngest government medical colleges of the country started COVID-19 RTPCR testing three days ago. The number will multiply in the coming days.
- Under Atmanirbhar Bharat Economic measures, rice and chana will be distributed to the stranded migrant workers without having a Ration Card, both who belong to the State as well other States, free of cost. Under this,

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5 kg of rice per person per month and 1 kg chana per household per month will be distributed for 2 months (May & June-2020).

- Odia brothers and sisters are returning to Odisha every day since 3rd May. 9474 Odia people have returned to Odisha today. So far 2,23,847 Odias have returned to Odisha. Returnees are coming by train/bus and other vehicles.
- From 21st May morning to 22nd May morning, 3 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. 18 persons have been arrested by police for different violations.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 21th May, 1,13,446 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 1189.
- 436 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 7.
- No. of active cases is 746.
- 942 persons are in hospital isolation.

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