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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik thanked Hon'ble President of India Sri Ram Nath Kovind for his concern and support for the people of Odisha in the aftermath of Cyclone Amphan. He also thanked Hon'ble Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi for his visit to the affected areas of Odisha and announcing ₹500 Crore advance for rehabilitation. While thanking Hon'ble President and Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Chief Minister said that we will work together to ensure care of affected and distressed people and restoration of normalcy at the earliest.
- Odisha is committed to facilitate safe return of every guest worker to his/her home State and continues to ensure that no migrant worker walks on the soil of Odisha. All will be provided transportation to be dropped at inter-State Borders, nearest to their destination.
- A high level interactive meeting between Centre and State Government, under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Union Minister, Natural Gas and Petroleum, Steel Sri Dharmendra Pradhan, was held over a Video Conference today.
- While reviewing different issues Hon'ble Union Minister Sri Pradhan said that Odisha has taken remarkable initiatives for making the State an investment destination. The successful management of cyclone has opened new avenues for investment. State is now ready for next higher level of industrial development in post COVID-19 scenario.
- Chief Secretary Sri Asit Tripathy, Principal Secretary, Industry, MSME, and Handloom, Textiles & Handicrafts Sri Hemant Sharma, Secretary, Skill Development & Technical Education and CMD, IDCO Sri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Secretary to Chief Minister (5T) Sri V. K. Pandian, MD, IPICOL, Dr. Nitin B. Jawale along with other senior officers participated in the discussion. Different issues relating to next higher level of industrialization, both in MSME and large investment sectors in Odisha had been emphasised.
- The proposals for facilitating FDI in focus sectors, participation of Odisha in all industry promotion initiatives and inclusion of Odisha Economic Corridor under Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust (NICDIT) had also been deliberated in the meeting.

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- A High level Training Programme was held at SCB Medical College & Hospital, Cuttack on mechanical ventilation for treatment of COVID-19 under the guidance of experts from AIIMS, Bhubaneswar.
- Odia brothers and sisters are returning to Odisha every day since 3rd May. 13,851 Odia people have returned to Odisha today. So far 2,37,698 Odias have returned to Odisha. Returnees are coming by train/bus and other vehicles.
- From 22nd May morning to 23rd May morning, 10 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 7 cases are for violation of lock down and 3 cases are for rumour mongering. 19 persons have been arrested by police for different violations.

### **Health Update**

- Up to midnight of 21th May, 1,18,446 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 1269.
- 497 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 7.
- No. of active cases is 765.
- 1005 persons are in hospital isolation.

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