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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik today, through a video conference reviewed the Covid management in the State. Describing complacency as an enemy during the pandemic, he advised to adopt maximum precaution against Covid. He further expressed satisfaction over ramping up of testing and decline of positivity as well as fatality rate. He also directed District Covid Observers to strictly adhere area specific strategies in Hotspot districts to fight the pandemic.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister directed for closure of educational institutions till Puja vacation keeping in view the concern of students and guardians during the pandemic situation.
 - Emphasizing upon restoration of rural economy, Hon'ble Chief Minister directed to provide more credit facilities in MSME, agriculture, fisheries and animal resources. He also directed to provide subsidised loans for small business activities to be undertaken by Women Self Help Groups.
 - Dr. Arun Kumar Sahoo, Hon'ble Minister, Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment, Fisheries & ARD, Higher Education Smt. Pramila Mallick, Government Chief Whip, Sri Debi Prasad Mishra, Hon'ble MLA, Sri Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak, Hon'ble MLA, Sri Asit Tripathy, Chief Secretary, Sri Abhay, DG, Police, Sri P. K. Mohapatra, Additional Chief Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Sri P.K. Jena, Special Relief Commissioner & ACS, Sri Sanjeev Chopra, Principal Secretary, Home, Sri. V. K. Pandian, Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister (5T) and Senior Officers participated in the meeting.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister emphasizing upon revival of rural economy, approved a special assistance package of Rs. 200 Crore for the poor and extremely poor families in the State affected due to Covid pandemic. The special package shall help development of livelihood activities of rural poor, very poor and the migrants.
- Members of the Women Self Help Groups can revive their family enterprises through this package. It will also benefit rural, nano and micro enterprises; skilled and semi-skilled migrant returnees and producer and enterpriser groups engaged in agricultural and non-agricultural sector.

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- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed pleasure that Odisha has earned a rank among top 5 States in NITI Ayog's export preparedness and competitiveness report. He said that our focus on basics and continued drive to excel have led to such success. He further said that Odisha has excelled in many parameters like export promotions policy, infrastructure and trade support.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister offered humble tributes to Bharat Ratna Mother Teresa on her birth anniversary. The icon of compassion dedicated her entire life for the service of sick, dying and destitute and her unfailing commitment to serve the poorest of poor continues to inspire us, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed happiness over construction of a record number of 1.14 lakh pucca houses in rural areas of the State in last 5 months under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, defying all odds amid the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Keeping in view, the disruption in education activities during COVID-19, School & Mass Education Department will revise the syllabus upto 12th recommended by a Committee. The Committee was constituted with subject experts from State Council of Education and Training, Board of Secondary Education and Council of Higher Secondary Education for necessary revision in the syllabus for the current educational season.
- As per direction of Hon'ble Chief Minister, persons who have successfully completed institutional quarantine are being given incentive of Rs.2000/- each. A sum of Rs. 128,38,33,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.
- From 25th August to 26th August 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 1 case is for violation of Lock Down and 4 cases are related to other issues. 24 persons have been arrested.

Health Update

- State has achieved the highest ever recovery in a day with the discharge of 3343 Covid patients today.
- Up to midnight of 25th August, 14, 85,167 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 87,602.
- 62,813 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 441.
- No of active cases are 24,295.
- 27,638 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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