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- As per the direction of Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik, live telecast of auspicious Bahuda Jatra and other related rituals such as Suna Vesha, Adhara Pana and Niladri Bije will be undertaken by Doordarshan. This live telecast will also be available in Youtube Channel (Youtube/IPR Odisha) of Information & Public Relations Department to enable the general public and the devotees view the divine rituals.
- 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. 58,66,42,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.
- 'Sabuja Odisha', an initiative to increase green cover through extensive plantation will begin this year. This has been decided in a high level meeting under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary Sri Asit Tripathy held in Lok Seba Bhawan today. Chief Secretary has emphasized upon more employment generation through plantation and proper maintenance of seedlings.
 - Plantation will be undertaken in an area of 1,30,264 Hectares this year. Last year, around 68,358 Hectares of land was covered. Forest & Environment Department has raised 13.11 Crore seedlings of different kind through 5222 nurseries so far. Around 1.30 Lakh Hectare of land has been identified in 2660 locations for plantation and information on the geographical locations of the plantation is uploaded on the Website.
 - District level Committee will be formed under the chairmanship of Collector for successful implementation of the programme. Sri Suresh Chandra Mohapatra, Development Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary, Dr. Mona Sharma, Additional Chief Secretary, Forest & Environment, Sri Deoranjana Kumar Singh, Principal Secretary, Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water, Dr. Sourav Garg, Principal Secretary, Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment, Sri G. Mathivathanan, Principal Secretary, Housing & Urban Development, Sri Bhaskarjyoti Sharma, Commissioner, SSEPD and senior officers were present in the meeting.

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- MAMATA, a flagship programme aimed to reduce maternal and infant mortality by improving health and nutrition status of pregnant and lactating women and their infants, has set a milestone by covering 43 Lakh beneficiaries and providing Rs. 2006 Crore through DBT mode in their Bank Accounts by the end of June. The beneficiaries receive Rs. 5000/- each in 2 installments under the scheme which was started in 2011.
- Industrial Development Corporation of Odisha (IDCO) will set up a dedicated Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) Park in each district for further growth of MSMEs in the State. Besides, 5 new Food parks will be established at strategic locations in the State. IDCO has 120 Industrial Estates across the State.
- In the recent past, several health care workers /staff in Private Hospitals/Nursing Homes have been detected positive who usually reside in slum areas. Frequent movement of hospital staff to slum areas poses risk of spread of the virus. To obviate this possible risk, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) has issued order for Private Health Institutions to take precautionary measures.
- All the Private Hospitals/Nursing Homes shall maintain an exclusive employees' database who are residing in slum areas of BMC. The employees of the slum areas need to be kept in shift for 14 days and the hospital authorities will arrange their accommodation within the hospital premises. After the 14 days shift the set of employees will be relieved from their duties after their COVID testing and negative report. This process will continue on rotation basis.
- Odia brothers and sisters are returning to Odisha every day. 990 Odia people have returned to Odisha today. So far 5,82,684 Odias have returned to Odisha.
- From 28th June morning to 29th June 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 related to other issues. 18 persons have been arrested so far.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 28th June, 2,60,428 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 6,859.
- 4946 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 23.
- No of active cases are 1883.
- 2086 persons are in Hospital Isolation.

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