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- On the direction of Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik, State Government has arranged safe return of migrant labourers of other States stranded in Odisha. The migrants, willing to go back to their home State may call 18003456703 / District Control Rooms and register in the State Covid Portal *covid19.odisha.gov.in* for the purpose. Labour and Employees State Insurance Department has requested the migrants for such registration.
- To increase efficiency in disaster management, in a high level meeting held under the chairmanship of Sri Suresh Chandra Mohapatra, Development Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary, it has been decided for preparation of an Action Plan to increase efficiency of fire safety agencies and to procure Hi-tech equipments.
- Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation organised an awareness-cum-training programme for Covid-19 Sachetak Volunteers at Unit-IX Boys High School, Bhubaneswar. The Sachetak Volunteers will further spread COVID-19 awareness among citizens in their wards and distribute them items in the health kit (Masks and sanitizers) given by BMC.
- In a Webcon on 'Unlocking Economic Stimulus and Finance Facilitation for MSMEs', organised jointly by MSME Department, Finance Department and Indian Chambers of Commerce, State Government has fixed a target to extend lending upto Rs. 38,000 Crores for distressed MSMEs due to COVID-19 situation. State Government has also formed an inter-ministerial committee to find out ways to help the distressed MSME Sector.
- A Webinar session was conducted in collaboration with Odisha State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (OSCPCR) for the frontline workers such as village level child protection committees, Anganwadi Workers, CDPOs, Lady Supervisors and teachers on "Tackling COVID-19's Hidden Crisis: Ending Violence Against Children" in which more than 450 members participated. Safety of children with their physical, mental and psychological development during COVID-19 situation was emphasised upon in the programme.

- Odia brothers and sisters are returning to Odisha every day since 3rd May. 6,900 Odia people have returned to Odisha today. So far 5,67,968 Odias have returned to Odisha.
- ➤ 16,821 Temporary Medical Centres/Camps have been readied in 6,798 Gram Panchayats of the State. In all these Centres, total no. of 7,67 673 beds have been arranged to provide COVID-19 health services in rural areas.
- From 18th June morning to 19th June morning, 9 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 2 cases related to other issues. 25 persons have been arrested by police for different violations.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 18th June, 2,16,607 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 4,677.
- > 3,297 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 11.
- No of active cases are 1,366.
- > 1,519 persons are in hospital isolation.

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