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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik, reviewing the progress of Puri Heritage Corridor Project and Ekamra Khetra project has directed to resume the said work from 29th May which was stopped due to COVID-19 lockdown. Hon'ble Chief Minister advised to resume the work maintaining Social Distancing and following Government guidelines.
- Land acquisition will be completed in 3 months for Sri Setu, Jaganaath Ballav Tourist Centre, Mahodadhi Market and Musa River project. Draft designs have been prepared for Sri Jagannath Heritage Corridor, Bada-Danda Development, Administrative Building and Jagannath Cultural Centre.
- Land acquisition work will be completed for Ekamra Kshetra Yojana soon. Design plan for the development of the area between Lingaraj Temple & Bindu Sagar is going on and the work will resume shortly. An MoU will be signed with Indian Chemical Institute for cleaning Bindu Sagar soon.
- In view of COVID-19 situation, Examinations of 2nd and 4th Semester of +3 and 2nd Semester of PG under all the Universities and Autonomous Colleges will not be conducted. The students will be promoted to next semester through alternative evaluation system. Decision in this regard has been taken in Vice-Chancellors' meet. However, 6th Semester (Final) Examination of +3 and 4th Semester of PG will be held as per schedule.
- The Housing & Urban Development Department has waived off user charges till 31st August, 2020 for use of Public/Community/Hybrid toilets, considering COVID-19 pandemic situation to create better and user friendly sanitation access.
- During the Lock Down period, advance PDS ration for the month of April, May and June has been distributed among 92,96,323 Ration Card Holders. As announced by Hon'ble Chief Minister, 922 crore 68 lakh 52 thousand rupees has been distributed so far to 92 lakh 26 thousand 852 PDS Ration Card Holders @ Rs. 1000/- each as cash relief in COVID-19 situation. Similarly, 3,18,107 new individual beneficiaries of 1,18,571 families have

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been included under State Food Security Scheme. Further inclusion of eligible beneficiaries is in progress.

- Under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana 84,76,676 NFSA Card Holders have been provided with 5 Kg rice per head for 3 months and 1 Kg Dal for Card for 3 months free of cost. Similarly, the State Government has also provided additional rice of 5 Kg per head for 3 months and 1 Kg Dal for Card for 3 months free of cost to 91,502 Card Holders under State Food Security Scheme.
- Odia brothers and sisters are returning to Odisha every day since 3rd May. 14,507 Odia people have returned to Odisha today. So far 3,36,388 Odias have returned to Odisha. Returnees are coming by train/bus and other vehicles.
- 16,632 Temporary Medical Centres/Camps have been readied in 6798 Gram Panchayats of the State. In all these Centres, total no. of 7,31,814 beds have been arranged to provide COVID-19 health services in rural areas.
- From 26th May morning to 27th May morning, 6 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 5 cases are for violation of lock down and 1 case for Home Quarantine. 28 persons have been arrested by police for different violations.

### **Health Update**

- Up to midnight of 26th May, 1,36,274 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 1593.
- 812 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 7.
- No. of active cases is 774.
- 1092 persons are in hospital isolation.

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