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PRESS RELEASE

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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik said that our fight with COVID-19 shall continue, not with the infected people. Our behaviour with infected people in fighting COVID-19 shall ensure the victory of humanity. Hon'ble Chief Minister called upon to support these people so that they can fight with courage against the pandemic.
- Smt. Salini Pandit, Mission Director, National Health Mission, Odisha briefed the Press that more than 50,000 Covid testing are done daily in the State. Covid recovery rate is 78% while fatality rate is 0.4%. 70% people are undergoing Home Isolation.
 - Asymptomatic and persons with mild symptoms are advised to go for 10 days Home isolation and 7 days Home Quarantine. A person should prefer Home isolation if he/she has separate room, toilet and someone to attend. Active surveillance shall continue on behalf of the Government. Dr. C.B.K. Mohanty, DMET and Dr. Amarendranath Mohanty, Director, State Institute of Health & Family Welfare also briefed the Press.
 - Press Briefing will be done for one week highlighting pros and cons of Home Isolation. Specialized doctors will give their views. Persons interested to ask question may contact dedicated mobile number -9937564066 between 3PM to 3.30PM, which will be answered by the experts during the Press briefing.
- During Kharif 2019-20, 23.07 Lakh quintal of paddy amounting to Rs. 419 Crore has been procured by 199 WSHGs in 11 districts accruing commission worth Rs.7.2 Crore. During Rabi 2019-20, 113 WSHGs have been engaged in paddy procurement in 112 GPs under 78 blocks of 8 districts. 17.58 Lakh quintal of paddy amounting to Rs.319 Crore has procured generating commission worth Rs.5.49 Crore. Currently, 223 SHGs are undertaking online registration of farmers for paddy procurement during Kharif 2020-21. Till date 312 WSHGs from 11 districts have been involved in paddy procurement in the State. They have cumulatively procured 43.12 Lakh quintal of paddy amounting to Rs. 781.26 Crore earning net commission of Rs. 13.46 Crore. The unique

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livelihood convergence model adopted by Mission Shakti has provided WSHGs with business worth Rs.1010.14 Crore during the financial year 2019-20.

- 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. 134,03,32,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.
- From 17th September to 18th September morning, 01 case has been registered by the Police in the state for violation of different regulations and guidelines related to COVID-19.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 17th September, 26,67,747 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 1,71,341.
- 1,37,567 persons have already recovered/ discharged. (Today's recovery-4101)
- No. of Death case 682.
- No of active cases are 33,039.
- 37,140 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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