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PRESS RELEASE

Bhubaneswar 19/09/2020,

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik today, on the occasion of Official foundation day of Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya Sangathan (OAVS), congratulated all the students, teachers and management for completing another successful year in its journey, ensuring quality education to underprivileged children. He hoped that the mission shall continue to empower every child with power of education.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that when we stand up for people infected by COVID-19 and display empathy, it assures them that they are not alone in this fight. Let the virus not smother our humanity, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister paid rich tributes to late Sarada Prasanna Nayak, eminent Lyricist, Producer and Music Director on his 11th day of last rites. He further announced that award given by Odisha Sangeet Natak Academy in the genre of lyric shall be named as 'Sarada Prasanna Nayak Puraskar' and the prize money shall be enhanced to Rs. 2.5 Lakh.
- Chief Secretary Sri Asit Tripathy, presiding over a high level meeting, held in Lok Seba Bhawan today, directed to develop technical institutions like ITIs and Polytechnics in Odisha Mineral Bearing Area Development Corporation (OMBADC) area for expanding avenues of employment. He further directed to start the New Age trades and to scale internal resource generating activities with modern workshops and labs of these institutions. He directed to develop these institutions to Centre of Excellences (CoEs). It was decided to run the new skill classes in collaboration with industry partners as per their manpower requirement.
- Sri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Skill Development & Technical Education said “There is hundred percent campus placement of the pass outs from Barbil ITI and Jajpur Polytechnics. Modernization of the ITI, Barbil, Odisha School of Mining Engineering, Keonjhar, ITI, Rourkela, UGIE, Rourkela with furnishing of IT labs, life skill classes, workshops, modern class

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rooms, residential facilities etc have been completed”. He added, Government of India recognized ITI Barbil as a model ITI in the country. The employability of students from other ITIs were also very high in last years.

- Secretary Sri Singh appraised that presently, industry collaborative CoEs are being run in ITI, Cuttack, Pattamundai and Balasore. The leading industrial houses like Maruti Suzuki, IPSC and HSIL and Schneider Electric are in collaborative partnership with these ITIs. He also said that eleven ITIs of Odisha are placed in top 100 National Ranking. Director, Technical Education Sri Reghu G., Chief Executive Officer Odisha Skill Development Authority Smt. Rashmita Panda, Additional Secretary Sri Sudarshan Panda, Joint Secretary Sri Ajaya Nayak along with Senior Officers participated in the deliberation.
- Prof. Dr. Jayanta Panda, Specialist, SCB Medical College, Dr. Pranjyan Rout, Specialist, CARE Hospital and Dr. Amarendranath Mohanty, Director, SIH&FW, during Press Briefing today, answered the queries of people from different areas of the State regarding Home isolation.
- Home Isolation has become more useful for the asymptomatic and persons with mild symptoms who are identified as Covid positive. But persons with comorbidities are advised to avail treatment in hospitals. Use of mask, gloves and sanitizer along with relevant precaution measures must be maintained by the patients and the attendant during Home isolation.
- While 80% people without symptoms are tested Covid positive, they can undergo Home Isolation adhering to health guidelines. If more symptoms develop or illness increases, the patients are advised to come to hospital after consultation with doctors. Persons recuperated from Covid should take healthy food, multi-vitamins and practice breathing exercise for 15-20 days to increase their immunity.
- 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. 134,08,74,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.
- From 18th September to 19th September morning, 07 cases have been registered by the Police in the state for violation of different regulations and guidelines related to COVID-19.

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Health Update

- Up to midnight of 18th September, 27,15,822 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 1,75,550.
- 1,41,657 persons have already recovered/ discharged. (Today's recovery- 4090)
- No. of Death case 691.
- No of active cases are 33,149.
- 37,239 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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