Bhubaneswar 04/07/2020,

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik extended his best wishes to all on the occasion of 'Neeladri Bije' and 'Rasagola Divas' today. He said that Lord Shree Jagannath is returning to 'Ratna Bedi' today. Completing 9 days of HIS divine Lila, Lord will enter the temple along with HIS brother and sister in this ritual known as 'Neeladri Bije'. HE will pacify the anger of Goddess Mahalaxmi by offering her Rasagolas. Describing this ritual as unique part of our great heritage, Hon'ble Chief Minister has prayed the Trinity and wished everybody's welfare through the sacred blessings of Mahaprabhu.

- Heavenly view of 'Neeladri Bije' is available through live telecast by Doordarshan. Information & Public Relations Department, in collaboration with Doordarshan has facilitated live telecast as well as provision of common feed for other channels.

- With guidance of Hon'ble Chief Minister, in a significant achievement, Super Specialty Department of Pulmonary Medicine at SCB Medical College, Cuttack has received permission from Medical Council of India (MCI) to start Doctorate of Medicine (DM), Pulmonary Medicine. SCB is the first State Medical College in Eastern India to achieve this feat.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister congratulated Paradip Port Authority for becoming the No.1 major port for cargo handling in the country. Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the port, established by dedicated effort of former Chief Minister Biju Patnaik, has enriched the glorious maritime heritage of Odisha.

- Keeping in view the COVID-19 situation as well as the guidelines issued relating to social, religious and cultural gatherings, an order has been issued by the State Relief Commissioner, where in 'Bol Bom Devotees' or 'Kaudias' have been restricted from carrying holy water to Shiva temple during the Odia month of Shravan (July-August, 2020).

- Keeping in view the increase in number of COVID-19 positive patients, Cuttack Municipal Corporation has issued order to shutdown the entire jurisdiction of CMC area till 08/07/2020 midnight with immediate effect. However, essential shops are allowed to open from 5AM to 6PM with proper maintenance of social distance.
distancing and wearing of masks. Essential Medicine shops are allowed to open at regular hours. Online delivery of all essential items is allowed and emergency services like electricity and water supply will function as usual.

- State Government has launched 'Balaram Yojana' to provide easy crop loan to the landless farmers. Rs. 1,040 Crore has been allocated for the credit flow and 7 Lakh landless farmers will be benefited in next 2 year under the new scheme.

- Odisha Government will provide monthly pension to the members of Transgender Community under the Social Welfare Scheme 'Madhu Babu Pension Yojana'. The Scheme will support the transgender and further integrate them into the social mainstream.

- State Government has appointed 2 IAS Officers Ms. Parul Patawari and Sri Vishal Singh as Special ADM of Chhatrapur and Bhanjanagar Sub-division respectively for management of COVID-19. Besides, 6 OAS Officers have been deputed to Ganjam for the purpose.

- Odia brothers and sisters are returning to Odisha every day. 1174 Odia people have returned to Odisha today. So far 5,89,272 Odias have returned to Odisha.

- From 3rd July morning to 4th July morning, 12 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 11 cases are for violation of lock down and 1 case is related to other issues. 17 persons have been arrested so far.

**Health Update**

- Up to midnight of 3rd July, 2, 87,090 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 8,601 .
- 5,934 persons have already recovered/ discharged. (Recovered today-229)
- No. of Death case 34.
- No of active cases are 2,624.
- 2,853 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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