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PRESS RELEASE

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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik conveyed heartfelt greetings and best wishes to the people of the State on the auspicious occasion of Nagarjuna Besha of Shree Jeus. Wishing the celestial warrior- costumes of the Lord shall bestow infinite patience and energy on all, Hon'ble Chief Minister prayed for welfare and all-round development for everybody.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister wrote to Hon'ble Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari to urgently intervene for early completion of 4-lane bridge over Kanupur Spill Channel of Rimuli-Roxy-Rajamunda Section of NH 215 adding that further delay would lead to cost escalation and loss of benefit intended for.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister also wrote that State Government is taking all steps for the early completion of Kanupur Irrigation Project which will create irrigation potential of 29,578 Hectares in the tribal dominated Kendujhar district and the bridge remains a major bottleneck in the completion of the balance components.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed happiness that NITI Aayog has highlighted Odisha's overall Covid Management in its report (<https://bit.ly/2V7Ivke>). Hon'ble Chief Minister said that Odisha became one of the first states to set up Dedicated Covid Hospitals in each district before April, preparing early for the pandemic with collaboration of private sector.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister further said that the report also highlights advance payment of four months' salary for doctors, nurses, paramedical staff to boost their morale and ₹50 lakh compensation for health workers in case of unfortunate death in the line of duty strengthening Odisha's fight against the pandemic.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister congratulated Electronics and Information Technology Department, Odisha on winning the prestigious G Cloud and Data Centre Award 2020 in cloud infrastructure and adoption category. State Government is committed to adopt frontier technologies to deliver citizen centric governance under 5T framework, he said.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that as part of its effort to eradicate malnutrition in Malkangiri, State Government will provide rice laced with Vitamin-C content to

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the PDS beneficiaries in the district. This initiative will especially benefit the malnourished children in the region, he added.

- As per the declaration of Hon'ble Chief Minister, a notification has been released by Information & Public Relations Department regarding the mega package for welfare of Journalists of the State. Benefits like accidental insurance along with financial assistance after death, interest subvention on housing and vehicle loan are included in this package.
- From 26th November to 27th November morning, 11 cases have been registered, 14 people arrested, 391 vehicles seized and fine of Rs. 13,43,650/- has been collected by the Odisha Police in the state for violation of different regulations and guidelines related to COVID-19.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 26th November, 57,77,570 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 3,17,239.
- 3,08,839 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1718.
- No of active cases are 6,629.
- 6,629 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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