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PRESS RELEASE

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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik today through a Video Conference, launched 15 online services of Fisheries and Animal Resources Development Department under 5-T initiative and called upon the farmers and youth of the State to come forward and contribute to State's economic growth as agri-entrepreneurs. Besides, in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister, agreements with many entrepreneurs for taking of Cage Culture in Hirakud Reservoir were also signed.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that State Government provides financial assistance upto Rs. 50 Lakh for various commercial agri-enterprises, including Cage Culture fisheries. He further said that Cage Culture can increase the annual fish production of the State by over 1.24 Lakh Tons, achieving self sufficiency in meeting the demand, will promote entrepreneurship and create job opportunities.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed happiness that the growth in fisheries and livestock sectors during 2019-20 was over 19 percent, which is much higher than other primary sectors. He also said that Government has launched a special Covid package to the tune of Rs. 173 Crore to boost the allied sectors which will directly benefit over 44,000 farmers.
- Hon'ble Minister, Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment, Fisheries and ARD Sri Arun Kumar Sahoo, Chief Secretary Sri Asit Tripathy, Development Commissioner Sri Suresh Chandra Mohapatra, Agriculture Production Commissioner Sr. R. K. Sharma, Principal Secretary, Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment Department Sri Saurbh Garg, Principal Secretary, Water Resources Department, Smt. Anu Garg, Secretary, Fisheries and ARD Sri R. Raghuprasad and Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister(5-T) Sri V.K. Pandian along with senior officers were present.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister paid rich tributes to Ramadevi Choudhury, eminent freedom fighter and Gandhian woman-leader on her Birth Anniversary. She had

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strengthened civil disobedience movement and Salt Satyagraha in Odisha. She will be remembered for her contribution for the development of backward classes and in the field of social reform, education and health services, he said.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister paid warm tributes to eminent freedom fighter, first president of India, Bharat Ratna Dr. Rajendra Prasad on his Birth Anniversary. The Gandhian leader's leadership in framing the constitution and his invaluable contribution to nation building will always be remembered, he said.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister paid humble tributes to revolutionary freedom fighter Shaheed Khudiram Bose on his Birth Anniversary. Saying that we will never forget his supreme sacrifice for the freedom of our country, Hon'ble Chief Minister stated that his fearless spirit, sacrifice and love for motherland will continue to inspire generations.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister on International Day of Persons with Disabilities, honoured the unbeatable spirit of all differently abled. He restated State Government's commitment to promote the rights of people with disabilities in all spheres of society so that they can realise their true potential.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed grief over the passing away of Padma Shri Dharampal Gulati ji, popularly known as MDH Dadaji. Saying that he was a shining beacon of India's entrepreneurial journey who turned MDH Spices into an iconic brand, Hon'ble Chief Minister hoped that he will always be remembered for his philanthropic work.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed happiness that State has crossed 6 million COVID-19 test milestone and for the first time in over 4.5 months, active cases have fallen below 5000. He saluted to the spirit, discipline and determination of people of Odisha, who have set an example for all in the fight against Covid.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed happiness that Odisha has been ranked as the Most Improved State in Health and Cleanliness, 2nd most improved state in Infrastructure among big states in India Today's State of the States ranking. He appreciated all those who are working to strengthen Sustainable Development Goals for inclusive growth.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister announced a unified number '112' to better redress people's grievance in a major revamp in emergency service delivery by Odisha Police. All the assistance numbers: 100, 101, 102, 108, 141 will be consolidated into a single number, he said.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister also approved 1098 posts in Police Department to provide efficient services through 112. He said that four DSPs, 151 Sub-Inspectors, 203 Assistant Sub-Inspectors and 740 Constables assigned for the

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same and 198 Call Taker Executives and 236 vehicles will be deployed to serve people better.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister hoped that the consolidation of different numbers into a single emergency helpline number will help Odisha Police to deliver better services to the public with greater efficiency, strengthening people's faith in the system further.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that while contributing immensely for the safety of people at the time of COVID-19, Mission Shakti SHG women members have created an example for their entrepreneurial skill. They have become self reliable and created employment generation for others with a business of Rs.70 Lakh in last 8 months by preparing masks, he added.
- From 2nd December to 3rd December morning, 1 case has been registered, 8 people arrested, 585 vehicles seized and fine of Rs. 25,29,740/- 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 2nd December, 60,19,855 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 3,20,017.
- 3,13,394 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1755.
- No of active cases are 4,815.
- 4,815 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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