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PRESS RELEASE

Bhubaneswar 12/02/2021,

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik today through Video Conference, disbursed KALIA assistance to the tune of Rs. 1272 Cr. to 53 Lakh farmers of the State @Rs.2000/- and reiterated his hope that the income of the farmer will be enhanced. "I want that farmers of my State must get fair price for their produce and leave life with dignity", he said.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister while describing agriculture as main force of our economy said that development in agriculture sector has been possible due the courage and hard work of our farmers. Hon'ble Chief Minister offered his respect for the dedication and labour of the farmers in this regard. He further said that State Government has taken various steps to strengthen the marketing infrastructure for agricultural produce.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister also hoped that farmers of the State shall avail various agri-related facilities provided by the Government and help to carry forward the development of the State. Hon'ble Chief Minister also discussed with some farmers present in different districts regarding 'KALIA assistance'. The farmers expressed their gratitude to Hon'ble Chief Minister, saying that they have been benefited through KALIA scheme.
- Hon'ble Minister , Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment Sri Arun Kumar Sahoo, Chief Secretary Sri Suresh Chandra Mohapatra, APC Sri R.K. Sharma, Principal Secretary, Agriculture Sri Saurabh Garg along with the Principal Secretaries and Secretaries of different Departments were present in the programme while Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister (5-T) Sri V.K. Pandian moderated.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister insisted that Central Government should immediately withdraw the National Monuments Authority Draft Bylaws on Ananta Basudev and Brahmeswar Temple of Ekamra Kshetra. It would have been appropriate for the Central agencies to take the State into confidence on sensitive religious issues, he said.

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- Hon'ble Chief Minister appealed to all the MPs from Odisha to take up this sensitive matter with the Union Government and Hon'ble Union Minister Sri Prahlad Singh Patel, as it involves the sentiments of lakhs of devotees of Odisha, lives and livelihood of sebayats, linked to the smooth conduct of Nitis of Lord Lingaraj.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 11th February, 79,79,312 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 3,36,042.
- 3,33,280 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1910.
- No of active cases are 799.
- 799 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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