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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik conveyed heartfelt compliments and best wishes to all on the occasion of Maha Bishuba Sankranti and Odia New Year. "May this difficult time quickly pass away and the lives of all be filled with happiness and prosperity by the immense grace of Lord Shri Jagannath", Hon'ble Chief Minister prayed.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister, on the auspicious occasion of Maha Bishuba Sankranti and Odia New Year today, dedicated 47 new Advanced Life Support Ambulances to the people of Odisha on virtual mode. Dedicating the new ambulances, Hon'ble Chief Minister has expressed hope that these ambulances will meet the increasing demand for transportation of patients with advanced life support system. He expressed confidence that with the cooperation of people, we can beat the second wave as we have done last year.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister paid humble tributes to the architect of Indian Constitution, Bharat Ratna Dr. B. R. Ambedkar on his birth anniversary. He will always be remembered for championing Social Justice and relentless efforts to empower the underprivileged, marginalised and downtrodden, Hon'ble Chief Minister said.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister offered tributes to the famous litterateur Brajnath Badjena. His immortal creations, such as 'Samar Tarang' and 'Chatura Binod', which enriched the Odia literature of the Reeti Era, are always a source of inspiration, Hon'ble Chief Minister said.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed grief over the demise of Badri Narayan Mohapatra, renowned film, radio and stage actor and director. Mentioning that the imprints he left on films like 'Samarpana', 'Palataka' and 'Janmadata' etc. are always memorable, Hon'ble Chief Minister condoled the bereaved family and wished the soul to rest in peace.

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- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed grief over the death of Ajit Mangaraj, contesting in Pipili Bye-Election as Congress candidate. Hon'ble Chief Minister condoled the bereaved family and wished the departed soul a peaceful rest.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister appreciated the efforts of OTDC for promotion of art and culture of Odisha on the occasion of the Odia New Year and the Maha Bishuba Sankranti. He called upon people to be determined in building a prosperous Odisha, remembering the glorious history, art, culture and tradition of Odisha.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that we all have been greatly affected by the Lockdown like situations in the past in containing Covid infection. Mentioning that this time we will not allow to create such situation, Hon'ble Chief Minister appealed to use masks regularly to combat COVID-19 without lockdown.
- State level Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B. R. Ambedkar was observed today by Information and Public Relations Department in virtual mode. In a programme held at Conference Hall of Loksampark Bhawan, Sri Ranendra Pratap Swain, Hon'ble Minister, Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare, Cooperation while analysing the life and works of Dr. Ambedkar emphasised upon the realization of social justice and equality to carry forward the legacy of the great man. Among others Dr. Lenin Mohanty, Editor, 'Utkal Prasanga' and 'Odisha Review', Sri Krupasindhu Mishra, Director, I&PR Department and Sri Barada Prasanna Das, eminent Writer and Speaker offered their humble tributes to the great soul on the occasion of his 130th Birth Anniversary.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 13th April, 94,61,720 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 3,55,353.
- 3,41,123 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1933.
- No of active cases are 12,244.
- 12,244 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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