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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik said that Odisha Cabinet approved a proposal to float a global tender to procure vaccines for the people of Odisha. This will help Odisha cover vulnerable population thereby saving lives and restoring the livelihoods of people, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister further said that strengthening Odisha's preparedness to fight 2nd wave of COVID-19, State Cabinet has given approvals to amendments in IPR 2015 to incentivise production of medical oxygen in the state and offer benefits to those manufacturing medical oxygen and its containers.
- Cabinet highlighted that vaccination is the key to protect citizens from future waves of COVID-19 infections and save precious lives. It cited the example of Israel which has successfully vaccinated a majority of its population and bring near normalcy in the country.
- Odisha Cabinet also urged Government of India to exempt vaccines from all tax liabilities to reduce burden on states' finances and facilitate Odisha's drive towards universal vaccination; requested for suitable sharing of various cess and surcharges at this juncture to augment states' resources.
- Odisha Cabinet reiterated its determination to fight the virus with all available resources and provide medical support to COVID-19 patients. State Cabinet also appealed the people to follow COVID-19 behaviour and maintain social distancing to fight the pandemic.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister sanctioned Rs. 20 Crore to set up one RT-PCR Test Centre each in 16 District Head Quarters namely Bhadrak, Boudh, Dhenkanal, Gajapati, Khordha, Jagatsinghpur, Jajpur, Kendrapara, Nabarangapur, Malkangiri, Nuapada, Subarnapur, Kandhamal, Sundargarh, Ragada and Bargarh. A Micro-biologist and 3 Laboratory Technicians will be deployed in each centre for the purpose, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation has set up three more such vaccination centres at different places in the state capital following the popularity of the first drive-in vaccination centre. This initiative will expedite the vaccination process and help save precious lives, he added.

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- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that Sri Anshuman Dwivedi, SDPO, Malkangiri has set a unique example of humanitarian work by extending cooperation to the family members of Sudhir Ranjan of Balasore district, transporting his dead body. Sri Anshuman's dedicated spirit to serve in such a difficult time is inspirational for everybody, Hon'ble Chief Minister said.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 10th May, 1,06,12,456 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 5,54,666.
- 4,57,569 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 2215.
- No of active cases are 94,829.

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