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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik thanked Hon'ble Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi for announcing ₹500 Cr assistance for rehabilitation measures in Cyclone Yaas affected areas. Hon'ble Chief Minister also appreciated steps taken to build disaster resilient power infrastructure and said that we will work on long term mitigation.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister thanked Hon'ble Prime Minister of India for immediately initiating steps to build disaster resilient power infrastructure in coastal states, honouring the request of Odisha. Disaster resilient power infrastructure will immensely benefit Odisha which is frequently hit by cyclones, he said.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that Odisha has set an example in disaster management with timely decision-making, robust evacuation mechanism and a compassionate approach. 'All lives are precious' mantra of the State continues to save innumerable lives in the face of natural disasters, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that State Government has revamped COVID-19 helpdesk service on WhatsApp with additional features making it easier for people to get updated information on COVID-19 vaccination, availability of beds, and oxygen support etc. People can also download their vaccination report through WhatsApp, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister sought advice of top health experts of the country in the first Covid Advisory Committee meeting of the State to tackle the future waves of COVID-19 pandemic and strengthening the healthcare system.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed grief over the demise of Basanta Das, Senior Journalist, Columnist and Writer. Hon'ble Chief Minister condoled the bereaved family members and wished the soul a peaceful rest.

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- Hon'ble Chief Minister commended the dedication of Kalandi Behera, inspector in charge of the Marshaghai police station, who joined duty of evacuating vulnerable people to safety in the wake of Cyclone Yaas hours after cremating his mother.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed happiness that 85 year old Chatrugun Singh of Koraput and 83 year old Binenta Singh of Balangir returned home after recouping from Covid at the Covid Care Center. Efforts of doctors and health workers in providing better health care in the State are saving the lives of COVID-19 infected persons, he said.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 28th May, 1,16,45,402 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 7,47,143.
- 6,58,646 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 2686.
- No of active cases are 85,758.

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