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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik announced special Covid assistance for the labourers, engaged under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. Assistance upto Rs. 4500/- will be provided to the labourers as additional wages in this package of Rs. 352 Crore, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the labourers, engaged under MNREGA, will be paid a daily allowance of Rs. 50/- besides the scheduled wage, from 1st April to 30th June in the financial year 2021-22. The money has been sent directly to the bank account, which will benefit 32 Lakh workers in the state, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister hoped that the amount will help alleviate the financial hardship of the families of the labourers, as their livelihoods have been affected due to Lockdown and Shutdown. In addition, he also directed the District Administrations to ensure employment by creating more man-days at the district level.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the 'e-Lecturer' system has been introduced by the Department of Higher Education to facilitate undergraduate students in their study during Covid. Currently, 11 topics of the first and second Semesters are available in <http://vtputkal.odisha.gov.in>, while other semester topics will be covered in phased manner, he added.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 9th July, 1,44,90,021 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 9,37,470.
- 9,06,519 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 4,534.
- No of active cases are 26,364.

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