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Smt. Anu Garg, Covid Observer, Bhubaneswar and Principal Secretary, Water Resources and Sri Prem Chandra Chaudhary, Commissioner, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation briefed the Press about the steps taken by Government of Odisha for prevention of COVID-19.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik extended warm greetings to the Muslim brothers and sisters on the auspicious occasion of Eid Uj Zuha. He appealed to adhere COVID-19 guidelines during the celebration and wished happiness and prosperity of all. May the Eid strengthen the spirit of peace, brotherhood & compassion in society, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik today through a Video Conference, inaugurated 2 more Covid Hospitals with ICU facility at Amit Hospital, Kanishi and in the Paediatric Ward of MKCG Hospital, Berhampur. He said that these hospitals with 150 bed strength and 24 ICU beds each with ventilators will provide critical care for patients from the district within the district itself and will definitely strengthen our hands in the fight against Covid in Ganjam district.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister further said that more than 85% of rural Ganjam is in Green Zone and the recovery rate in Ganjam district is much higher than the National Average. Government will leave no stone unturned in fighting the pandemic and saving lives of our people.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik launched the Odisha Agni-Shama Seva online portal of Odisha Fire Services, Home Guards & Civil Defence under 5T for easing access to citizen-centric services. Upon online registration, fire safety certificates can be availed for high-rise buildings, multiplexes, shopping malls & clinical establishments. As many as eight services can be availed by citizens through this portal in a hassle-free manner. Hon'ble Chief Minister asked the Fire Service Department to include all other services by 2nd October this year.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that efficiency and transparency in public services delivery are priority objectives under 5T initiative. He wished the Odisha Fire

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Services to continue to adopt technological innovations in the interest of public service and bring about transformational changes in the public delivery system.

- Plasma donation is going to be a people-centric movement in the State for treatment of severe Covid patients. As per the guideline of Health & Family Welfare Department, a person between 18-60 years of age & above 55 kg, whose prior diagnosis of COVID-19 has been done & has recovered from Corona virus with at least one negative lab test before 28 days can donate plasma.
- Covid Observer, Bhubaneswar Smt. Anu Garg said that discussion has been made with market/trader associations regarding implementation of Covid protocols at market places. She also appealed the citizens to follow the Covid protocols in the market places while doing marketing. Online shopping should be preferred to direct purchase.
 - Treatment facility and testing have increased in BMC area. Besides KIIMS and SUM Hospital, Covid Hospitals at Nilachal and Aditya-Ashwini have become operational. Additional 5 Covid Care Centres and 4 Covid Care Homes have been readied.
 - Psycho-social counselling for vulnerable people has been intensified which is available through Helpline Number-1929.
- BMC Commissioner Sri Prem Chandra Chaudhary highlighted the measures taken for containment of Covid-19 in BMC area. Further, he said that due to active involvement of Slum Committees and Sachetak Volunteers, the spreading of COVID-19 has been contained. He appealed the citizens to avoid crowding market places, window shopping, sending elderly people to public places and to maintain social distance along with other protocols.
 - SOP has been issued for the Market associations and Traders for market management. Miking and enforcement activities are going on to create awareness and regulate violation of Covid protocols.
 - Sachetak App is functional to ensure protection of elderly and co-morbid persons and to provide real time updates, medical consultation and care giver facility.
- As per direction of Hon'ble Chief Minister, persons who have successfully completed institutional quarantine are being given incentive of Rs.2000/- each. A sum of Rs. 112,80,14,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.
- As of now, 6703 Covid Care Homes are operational in 6,798 Gram Panchayats of the State. In all these Centres, total no. of 66,973 beds have been arranged to provide COVID-19 health services.

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- As of now, 1465 number of Cluster level TMCs have been completed with 70,819 beds in the State.
- From 31st July morning to 1st August morning, 10 no of cases have been registered by the Police in the state for violation of different regulations and guidelines related to COVID-19. Out of these 7 cases are for violation of lock down and 3 cases are for other related issues. 20 persons have been arrested so far.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 31st July, 5,28,708 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 33,479.
- 21,273 persons have already recovered/ discharged. (Recovered today-756)
- No. of Death case 187.
- No of active cases are 11,981.
- 12,737 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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