



COVID-19 PR No-116

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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik, in a high level meeting held today through Video Conferencing, reviewed COVID-19 management in the State. In order to make such management more accountable, he directed to include it in 'Mo Sarkar' programme. Chief Secretary, Chief Advisor of CMO, DG, Police, Development Commissioner, Principal Secretaries and Secretaries of different Departments, Secretary to Chief Minister (5T) were present in the meeting.
- He further directed to take feedback from the patients admitted at Covid Care Centres and Covid Warriors through regular communication.
  - Hon'ble Chief Minister suggested to provide health updates of the patients to their families. He also emphasised on training of Covid Warriors on how to protect themselves from COVID-19, since they are always at the risk of infection.
  - Hon'ble Chief Minister added that the online entry facility should be ensured for monitoring Covid Care Homes established at different locations of the State as well as streamlining Ambulance Service in different exclusive Covid Hospitals.
  - In compliance to the 9 Point Advisory of Hon'ble Chief Minister, given in the last meeting held on 29th June, it was reported that 47,613 number of Covid Care Committees have been formed in Gram Panchayat level while the training for the members has been completed. Similarly, 5,480 nos of Covid Home with capacity of 49,218 beds have been readied. Besides, 1105 Temporary Health Centre Clusters with 37,998 beds have also been arranged for containment of COVID-19.
  - 2035 Covid Care Committees have been formed in 114 urban areas and Covid Homes with 5956 beds have been made operational. 818 Temporary Medical Centres with capacity of 58,988 beds are functioning in urban areas.

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- As of now, COVID-19 testing facilities are available in 19 laboratories in the State and it is planned to start testing in Puri, Angul, Jajpur, Jharsuguda, Kalahandi and Keonjhar in coming days. Serological Test has already been started in Puri, Bhubaneswar and Ganjam. Additional kits have been procured for Antigen Test in Ganjam.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister directed the DG, Police to adopt zero tolerance principle against violation of COVID-19 protocols like wearing of masks and social distancing. It was also emphasised on making the Government offices zero infection zone and extensive awareness drive.
- In a high level monitoring committee meeting held under the Chairmanship of Sri Asit Tripathy, Chief Secretary in Lok Seba Bhawan, it was finalised to transfer Rs. 23,848 Crore to Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and Urban Local Bodies as per recommendations of 5th State Finance Commission. The funds would be utilized for the projects like drinking water, water harvesting structures, sanitation, solid waste management, running of projects through solar power, construction of primary school buildings, maintenance of health sub-centers, Anganwadis, livestock centers, roads, culverts, creation of water bodies in urban areas, establishment of water quality testing labs, critical gap in drainage net work, drainage of storm water and maintenance of other community assets for which no specific maintenance grant is available.
- The citizens living in the urban areas in the Municipal Corporations, Municipalities & NACs can now avail the benefit of rebate in the payment of holding tax/property tax till 31st August 2020. The normal period of rebate which is up to May is now extended up to 31st August 2020.
- Marking another achievement of Mission Shakti in the field of women empowerment, Maa Khudurukuni Women SHG obtained license from Odisha State Seeds Corporation (OSSC) for running business of seeds and successfully managing the allotted Seed Sale Centres during COVID-19 pandemic. Members of the group have sold 161 quintals of different paddy varieties to 108 local farmers and have earned an income of Rs. 50,000/- in this season.
- 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. 69,70,30,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.
- From 6th July morning to 7th July morning, 9 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 which 6 cases are for violation of lock down, 2 cases for Home Quarantine and 1 case is related to other issues. 30 persons have been arrested so far.

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## **Health Update**

- Up to midnight of 6th July, 3,02,780 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 10,097.
- 6,703 persons have already recovered/ discharged. (Recovered today-217 )
- No. of Death case 42.
- No of active cases are 3,340.
- 3,557 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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