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PRESS RELEASE

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Sri Prem Chandra Chaudhary, Commissioner, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation and Sri Sanat Kumar Mohanty, Collector, Khurda briefed the Press about the steps taken by Government of Odisha for prevention of COVID-19.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik appreciated the dedication and hard work of healthcare professionals and Covid Warriors who are leaving no stone unturned to save precious lives in their fight against COVID-19. With 1810 recoveries in a single day i.e. on 7th August 2020, Odisha scaled a new high in COVID-19 recoveries, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister grieved over the tragic loss of so many lives after the crash landing of Air India flight in Kozhikode Airport. Hon'ble Chief Minister prayed for the bereaved families who have lost their dear ones and also wished recovery of those who are injured.
- To strengthen containment measure against COVID-19, State Government has issued a notification for private health institutions for treatment of Covid positive cases. Interested private hospitals having 30 beds or more shall designate minimum of 10% of all beds to be reserved for the Covid patients. These hospitals must provide all possible treatment as per the guidelines issued by the Government. They shall regularly share all information to the Government regarding availability of facility, patient information, line of treatment, availability of beds and price charged etc. They shall charge reasonable fees from patients and refrain from collecting exorbitant fees, failing which strict action shall be taken against the Hospital.
- The meeting of Land Allotment Committee (LAC), IDCO held under the Chairmanship of Sri Sanjay Kumar Singh, CMD, IDCO today through Video Conference, cleared 76 Proposals to allot lands for various projects in the State proposed by different Departments. This clearance will bring an investment of Rs. 2,373 Crore, creating an employment of 4063 nos in the State. Senior Officers participated in the meeting.

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- BMC Commissioner Sri Prem Chandra Chaudhary highlighted the measures taken for containment of Covid-19 in BMC area. He said that 2,360 Covid patients out of 3,573 are cured with a recovery rate of 63.16%. 24 Shifting teams are working rigorously to shift active cases to Covid facilities. All the cases are shifted on the same day or within 24 hours.
- Number of testing has increased from 1,400 to 1,800 per day. During last seven days 17,634 tests have been completed. Testing are being conducted through Mobile Testing Vans. 13 testing teams with vehicles are working in Bhubaneswar.
 - In Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation jurisdiction 3 Covid Care Homes with 920 beds; 3 Covid Care Centres with 600 beds and 28 ICU beds; 3 dedicated Covid Hospital facilities at KIIMS, SUM Hospital and Aditya-Aswini Hospital with 1075 beds, 175 ICU beds and 110 Ventilators are available for treatment of asymptomatic, mild, serious and more critical Covid patients. Besides, a dedicated Covid Health Centre with 60 beds at Patia is functional. Similarly, Covid facilities in 3 Health Institutions near Bhubaneswar with 806 beds, 15 ICU and 5 Ventilators are also additionally kept ready to provide treatment. Covid Care Homes are established with community involvement.
 - A total number of 1,737 Sachetak volunteers and 348 Mentors are working in BMC area who are engaged in screening of returnees, awareness programmes, stickering of Home Quarantine, reporting of symptomatic cases and testing coordination, testing of all primary contacts of positive cases, sanitization of neighbours of positive cases and supply of essential commodities to vulnerable citizens and in containment zones. BMC has released Rs. 1 Lakh for each Ward for strengthening of Covid related activities.
 - Regular orientation meeting with Market association, awareness among shop owners, miking among market visitors/customers to follow Covid protocols are being organised. Enforcement of social distancing and safety measures in markets is also carried on.
- Sri Sanat Kumar Mohanty, Collector, Khurdha said that a total of 1,701 Covid patients have been identified in Khurdha district. Out of this, 901 patients are active while 784 patients are recovered and discharged. More Covid patients are identified in Tangi, Banpur, Bolagada and Begunia Blocks. Out of 17,405 returnees to the district, 470 have been identified Covid positive.
- Out of 1358 villages of Khurdha district, there is no Covid positive case in 80% of villages. 2 Lakh 71 thousand families have been covered in the survey in 2nd phase and 3rd phase survey is going on.

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- Covid Care Centres with adequate number of beds are operational in Jamujhari, Jatani and Pranath College to fight COVID-19. Bed capacity will increase in these facilities, if required.
- 250 ANMs with Doctors along with 22 Mobile Teams are engaged in the district.
- 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. 118,92,74,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.
- As of now, 6798 Covid Care Homes are operational in 6,798 Gram Panchayats of the State. In all these Centres, total no. of 67,888 beds have been arranged to provide COVID-19 health services.
- As of now, 1502 number of Cluster level TMCs have been completed with 72,505 beds in the State.
- From 7th August to 8th 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 9 cases are for violation of lock down and 1 case is for other related issues. 21 persons have been arrested so far.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 7th August, 6,34,090 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 44,193.
- 30,241 persons have already recovered/ discharged. (Recovered today-1544)
- No. of Death case 259.
- No of active cases are 13,645.
- 15,189 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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