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Bhubaneswar 09/08/2020,

Smt. Ananya Das, Commissioner, Cuttack Municipal Corporation and Shri Bhabani Shankar Chayani, Collector, Cuttack briefed the Press about steps taken by Government of Odisha for prevention of COVID-19.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik offered solemn tributes to the indomitable spirit of our freedom fighters on the historic day of Quit India Movement. On this day, the clarion call of Quit India turned into a mass movement, freeing India from the clutches of Britishers, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister paid tributes to Swabhaba Kabi Gangadhar Meher, one of the acclaimed personalities in the movement for separate statehood of Odisha on his birth anniversary today. He said that Gangadhar Meher will be remembered for his reformist activities and his contributions to Odia language and literature through his immortal literary works.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister paid tributes to Smt. Sarala Devi, eminent freedom fighter and first Women Legislator of Odisha on her birth anniversary today. She will be remembered for ever for her contributions in the field of education, women development and Odia language and literature.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister appreciated the Women Self Help Groups of Malkangiri who are helping both farmers & consumers amid COVID-19 by delivering fruits & vegetables at doorsteps of the buyers. Apart from helping the consumers, these SHGs also provide a market for the local farmers.
- Odisha Fire Service personnel conducted fire audit of 38 Covid Hospitals, 119 DCHCs & CCCs of the State in last 48 hours. Wherever necessary, the concerned authorities have been advised to take required safety measures.
- Smt. Ananya Das, Commissioner, CMC while analyzing Covid update of CMC area, said that CMC has declared Behera Sahi, Telugu Sahi and Jalua Sahi as containment zones and special focus is given on Malgodown. Total 1894 persons have been screened, 963 samples collected and 403 positive cases have been identified from these containment zones.

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- Steps have been taken to decongest Malgodown area. Separate timings for essential and non-essential shops, wholesale and retail shops have been scheduled. Mid week shut down is implemented on every Wednesday. Further restrictions may be imposed, if necessary.
 - From 25th to 30th July, 641 positive cases have been found out of which 298 are from containment zones, 211 from Home Quarantine (Contacts+ Returnees), 45 from Institutional Quarantine and 87 from local contacts. Intensive tracing, testing and isolation are going on.
 - 7 Covid Care Centres at DRIEMS, Tangi (500 beds), OAT (230 beds), OSHB, Bidyadharpur (140 beds), BOSE Hostel (140 beds), L&T, Gopalpur (75 beds), Barabati Stadium (75 beds) and JNIS (75 beds) are operational with total bed strength of 1235. 12 UPHCs and 239 ASHAs are engaged and extensive focus is given on slums and high breakout areas.
- Shri Bhabani Shankar Chayani, Collector, Cuttack while highlighting on Covid situation in Cuttack district said that a total number of 44,596 samples were tested through RT-PCR, Tru-NAT and Rapid Antigen testing, out of which 2910 positive have been identified. As of today, number of positive stands at 1364 and 1546 in rural and urban areas respectively. 989 persons are under treatment and recovery rate stands at 63.03%. More positive cases are identified from Narsinghpur, Badamba and Athgarh Block.
- 138 Units of Plasma have been collected from 69 donors at SCB Medical College, Cuttack and 104 Units have been used for treatment of serious Covid patients. Sensitization is going on to intensify Plasma Donation.
- 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. 119,10,99,000/- 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 8th August to 9th August morning, 6 no of cases have been registered by the Police in the state for violation of different regulations and guidelines related to COVID-19. All these cases are related to violation of Lock Down. 19 persons have been arrested.

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Health Update

- Up to midnight of 8th August, 6,50,183 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 45,927.
- 30,242 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 272.
- No of active cases are 15,364.
- 15,364 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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