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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik today, through a Video Conference reviewed Covid management in the State. He congratulated the doctors and health professionals for their sincere efforts in leading the State to achieve the recovery of more than one Lakh Covid positive patients.

  - Hon'ble Chief Minister emphasized upon strengthening of health infrastructure, awareness drive and strict adherence of Covid Protocol, keeping in view the spike of positive cases in Khordha and Cuttack Districts. He directed to make arrangement of more ICU beds and additional Ambulance Services in both the cities and hoped that situation shall improve in the coming week.

  - Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed concern over incidence of violation of Covid Protocol and directed the Police, Health Department and Municipal Authorities to take necessary measures for ensuring the adherence of Covid guideline.

  - Hon'ble Chief Minister, citing the progress achieved in the Covid situation in Ganjam, Sundargarh, Gajapati and Koraput Districts, advised the Collectors of Jajpur, Baragarh, Khordha and Cuttack Districts along with the Municipal Administration of Cuttack-Bhubaneswar to follow Berhampur model in Covid containment measures. Chief Secretary, Development Commissioner-cum- Additional Chief Secretary, SRC-cum- Additional Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, DG, Police, Principal Secretary, Home participated while Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister (5T) coordinated the meeting.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed happiness that in a significant progress in the battle against COVID-19 pandemic, Odisha is among three leading states reporting lowest Case Fatality Rate. State's CFR of 0.43% is also much below the national average of 1.70%, he added.

- Hon'ble Governor Prof. Ganeshi Lal administered oath to Sri Bikram Senapati and Sri Dillip Kumar Bishoi as State Information Commissioners today. Among others the State Chief Information Commissioner Sri Sunil Kumar Mishra, State Information Commissioner Sri Balakrushna Mohapatra, Principal Secretary, Revenue & Disaster management, Odia Language, Literature and Culture

"STAY HOME, STAY SAFE"
Sri Bishnupada Sethi, Secretary to Hon'ble Governor Dr. Pramod Kumar Meherda along with other distinguished guests, senior officers of Governor's Secretariate and I&PR Department were present in the programme.

- Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation has operationalised helpline no. 1929 for dissemination of various information on COVID-19 to provide services for general public. The helpline shall work 24X7 now instead of two shifts worked out previously. Smt. Anu Garg, Covid Observer, Bhubaneswar and Principal Secretary, Water Resources, WCD & Mission Shakti, visited the call centre and reviewed Covid Management in Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation areas. She said that additional 100 Ayush Doctors shall be appointed for active surveillance in BMC areas.

- 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. 132,72,92,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

**Health Update**

- Up to midnight of 8th September, 22,26,436 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 1,35,130.
- 1,05,295 persons have already recovered/ discharged. (Today's Recovery- 3110)
- No. of Death case 580.
- No of active cases are 29,202.
- 32,312 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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