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

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik today, on the occasion of World Population Day, said that healthy population with right education and skill is a driving force for a prosperous nation. Hon'ble Chief Minister reiterated pledge to nurture our human resource with investment on education, training and healthcare, with special focus on vulnerable to build a powerful nation.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik today spoke to MLA, Nilagiri and MLA, Salipur over telephone who are undergoing treatment for Covid and enquired about their health condition. Hon'ble Chief Minister wished their speedy recovery.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister also spoke to Covid warriors undergoing treatment in various Covid Care Centres and enquired about their wellness. Highly appreciating their noble work, he assured them all support.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister also spoke to Covid patients undergoing treatment in various Covid Hospitals in the State. He enquired about their condition and the facilities available there. Hon'ble Chief Minister not only has been speaking to Covid Warriors and patients but also recently asked senior officers to be in regular contact with Covid Warriors and patients and collect feedback as part of 'Mo Sarkar'.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister appreciated the dedication and commitment of health professionals and Covid Warriors whose relentless work ensured record number of recoveries in last three days. Odisha has recorded its highest 565 recoveries in a single day i.e. 10th July, 2020.
- Smt. Anu Garg, Covid Observer, Bhubaneswar said that Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation has taken different measures for containment of COVID-19. So far 640 Covid positives have been identified out of which 317

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are active and 314 persons have recovered. Ward Committees and Sachetak Committees have been formed. Around 1000 Covid testing is being undertaken every day. Hospitalisation, contact tracing, quarantine and sanitization are given priorities in the areas, where COVID-19 patients are found. A new module has been added on Sachetak App to assist senior citizens.

- 14 day long active surveillance, quarantine for nearby 50-100 households, immediate testing of persons with symptom and declaration of containment zone are imposed where the contact tracing of the Covid patients is not possible. Infection is mostly spreading due to people coming to Bhubaneswar from various hotspot districts and in some health institutions. Smt. Garg appealed people to take all possible precautionary measures to protect themselves as well as to contain the spread of COVID-19.
- Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation is focusing on hospitals, industrial houses and slum pockets on priority. Infection has been controlled in slum areas such as Subhas Nagar and Laxmi Bazar along with Blue Wheel Hospital through active surveillance and containment measures. 14 days institutional quarantine for people coming to slums of Bhubaneswar from the districts such as Ganjam, Cuttack, Balasore, Gajpati and Jajpur has been made mandatory. Various Communities, Residential Welfare Associations, Puja Committees and voluntary organisations are actively cooperating in such operations.
- While analysing the Covid situation in BMC area, Sri Prem Chandra Chaudhary, Commissioner, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation appealed General public to strictly follow COVID-19 protocols, to avoid crowding, to take help of tele-medicine facilities and 104 help line, to order goods and services online and to maintain self restrain.
- As a major containment measure against COVID-19, Mobile Swab Collection Service has been started in Ganjam District. State Government has geared up its effort to intensify the swab collection drive by reaching out the house of people.
- To boost the treatment capacity for the COVID-19 patients, Odisha Government is taking expeditious steps to develop SCB Medical College & Hospital, Cuttack as a hub for Plasma Therapy. This will help the critical patients and aid in their recovery from Corona Virus. Due to surge in COVID-19 cases, SCB Medical College & Hospital, Cuttack has issued a special advisory to deal with patients at Casualty and OPDs while strictly adhering to the standard operating procedure. Group-D staff will conduct thermal screening of all patients.
- From 10th July morning to 11th July morning, 14 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 12 cases are for violation of lock down, 1 case for violation of 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 10th July, 3,27,288 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 12,526.
- 8,360 persons have already recovered/ discharged. (Recovered today-388)
- No. of Death case 61.
- No of active cases are 4087.
- 4,475 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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