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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik appreciated that due to sincerity and dedicated effort of front line Covid Warriors more than 10,000 Covid patients have recovered as on 15th July 2020. He further added that this would not have been possible, but for the establishment of Covid Care Homes at grass root level, exclusive Covid Hospitals at district level and better treatment of the infected persons free of cost.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister, while congratulating Institute of Life Sciences (ILS), Bhubaneswar for reaching 50,000 Covid tests milestone and strengthening Odisha's fight against COVID-19, said that ILS has played an important role in ramping up the testing facility in Odisha.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik congratulated all the students of Odisha Adarsha Vidyalayas and their teachers for their remarkable success amidst COVID-19 global pandemic. With a pass percentage of 80.69%, the model schools of Odisha are continuously raising the standard of education in the state, he added.
- Odisha Government has fast-tracked development of necessary mechanism under 5T Framework of 'Mo Sarkar' Programme to ensure timely and easy online delivery of Public Services in a transparent manner.
- Government has fixed the price of each standard Q COVID-19 Ag Kit for private laboratories and point-of-care facilities in the private sector conducting Q COVID-19 test. The upper price cap has been fixed at Rs.450/- (Plus GST as applicable). Health and Family Welfare Department has issued notification to this effect.
- Odisha Government has launched an online portal to ease the admission process for differently-abled students amid COVID-19 crisis. 103 special schools across the State have been asked to implement the online admission system for academic session of 2020-21.

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- Bolstering the fight against Malnutrition in remote areas of Keonjhar District, Government is providing assistance to over 1800 tribal children in *creches* under Mamata Scheme where they are fed and taken care of while their parents work.
- Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) continues its sanitization activities in all wards of the Bhubaneswar city to ensure that citizens live in a hygienic environment during the COVID-19 pandemic. Priority is being given to the areas where positive cases are being detected.
- 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. 83,56,66,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.
- As of now, 6222 Covid Care Homes are operational in 6,798 Gram Panchayats of the State. In all these Centres, total no. of 62,076 beds have been arranged to provide COVID-19 health services.
- As of now, 1215 number of Cluster level TMC have been completed with 50,198 beds in the State. Similarly, 13,992 numbers of TMC have been completed with 6,36,069 beds.
- From 15th July morning to 16th July morning, 11 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 8 cases are for violation of lock down and 3 cases are related to other issues. 23 persons have been arrested so far.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 15th July, 3,61,920 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 15,392.
- 10,877 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
(Patients recovered today-401)
- No. of Death case 79.
- No of active cases are 4,412.
- 4,813 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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