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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 expressed happiness over the fact that Odisha has crossed 50,000 testing per day mark on 15th August, a major milestone in its fight against COVID-19. He commended the relentless efforts of health professionals and Covid Warriors who dedicated themselves towards the goal of 'test, trace, track' to help save lives.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister complemented the youths of 'Odisha Mo Paribar' for collection of 14,839 Units of Blood during weeklong 'Jiban Bindu' Programme commenced from Kranti Divas. He said that nothing is nobler than saving the life of people.
- Smt. Ananya Das, Commissioner, CMC while analyzing Covid update of CMC area said that CMC has given more importance on community engagement as an effective containment measure. Webinars are organised between CMC's senior officers, ward officers, representatives of Puja and Sahi Committees for discussion on various issues like social taboos relating Covid-19, Home Isolation monitoring, managing testing camps etc. in collaboration with SCB MHI, NIMHANS and UNDP. Webinars held with Covid positive persons in Covid Care Centres and Covid Hospitals also involved Swachha Sathis and Mahila Arogya Samitis.
  - From 8th to 14th August, 605 Covid positive cases have been found out of which 165 are from containment zones, 174 from Home Quarantine (Contacts+ Returnees), 127 from Institutional Quarantine and 139 from local contacts. Intensive tracing, testing and isolation are going on.
  - Mobile Sampling Units (MSUs) are being used for camp based collection at different locations. Priority is given to Slum areas and places with high population density, testing of ILI and SARI cases and vulnerable sections. Screening is also done to find fever clusters. Several locations like Imampada

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Basti, Kathajodi Bihar Basti, CDA Sector-9, Krushak Bazar Basti, Nua Nima Sahi, Dhoba Sahi basti etc have been covered.

- Testing in PHCs and CHCs are intensified. RT-PCR is being done in CHCs of CDA and Chauliaganj. Antigen testing is being done in 5 UPHCs at Jagatpur, Nayabazar, Bamphakuda, Bidanasi, Sandhapur while it shall be scaled in additional 5 PHCs this week.
  - 7 Covid Care Centres at DRIEMS, Tangi (500 beds), IDCO Complex (230 beds), OSHB, Bidyadharpur (196 beds), BOSE Hostel (41 beds), L&T, Gopalpur (107 beds), Barabati Stadium (75 beds) and JNIS (75 beds) are operational with total 1224 beds. 50.41% of beds in these Centres have been occupied as on today.
- Shri Bhabani Shankar Chayani, Collector, Cuttack while highlighting on Covid situation in Cuttack district said that a total number of 54,884 samples were tested through RT-PCR and Antigen testing, out of which 3,797 positive have been identified. As of today, number of positive stands at 1,518 and 2,229 in rural and urban areas respectively. 1,020 persons are under treatment and recovery rate stands at 72.16% in comparison to last week's 66.03%.
- 224 Units of Plasma have been collected from 112 donors at SCB Medical College, Cuttack and 179 Units have been used for treatment of serious Covid patients. Sensitization is going on to intensify Plasma Donation.
  - 1,33,728 samples from 18 Districts have been tested by SCB Medical College, Cuttack Laboratories.
- 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. 122,92,89,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.
- From 15th August to 16th 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. Out of which 4 cases are related to violation of Lock Down and 2 cases are related to other issues. 24 persons have been arrested.

### **Health Update**

- Up to midnight of 15th August, 9,08,508 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 60,050.
- 42,276 persons have already recovered/ discharged. (Today's Recovery-1550)
- No. of Death case 343.
- No of active cases are 17,378.
- 18,928 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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