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Dr. Saurav Garg, Covid Observer, Cuttack District and Principal Secretary, Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment Department and Smt. Ananya Das, Commissioner, Cuttack Municipal Corporation briefed the Press about steps taken by Government of Odisha for prevention of COVID-19.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik commended NDRF and Odisha Fire Service personnel for coming forward after recuperating from COVID-19 to donate plasma for the treatment of serious patients. He hopes that such gesture will inspire other Covid patients to donate blood after recovery and help to save precious lives.
- Plasma therapy facility, which was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister in last week, has brought a great relief to serious Covid patients in the state. Out of 6 critical patients who are now under plasma therapy, as many as 4 are responding very well and will soon be discharged. Other two patients are in stable condition. A total of 8 units of plasma have been collected from 4 donors so far.
- Dr. Saurav Garg, Covid Observer, Cuttack District highlighted on important steps taken in Cuttack district to contain COVID-19.
 - Covid Management Committees (CMC) at the Revenue Village level have been formed subsuming the earlier Ward Management Committees. These have the same membership structure as of the local Gaon Kalyan Samiti (GKS) and are headed by the Ward Members. The ASHA, Anganwadi Worker, SHG members, youth, representative of weaker sections are all members of Ward Management Committee.
 - A special grant @ Rs. 10,000/- has been released to all GKS by the Government for use by the Covid Management Committees (CMC). The district and block level training of trainers is complete and the village level training of the CMC members is currently underway. A similar amount has been placed with the Ward Level Covid Management Committees constituted in NACs and Municipalities. They will discharge the same function as CMCs in Rural areas.

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- The CMCs will take up intensive surveillance, ensuring adherence to home quarantine where necessary, awareness building on best practices and coordinating testing of all eligible cases as mandated by ICMR guidelines.
 - Symptomatic cases when detected during door to door survey or where information has been received otherwise, will be moved to Covid Care Homes (CCH) on a temporary basis for testing and isolation. Each GP has a designated Covid Care Home with 10-12 beds which will be used to accommodate these cases.
 - The Sarpanch and GP level nodal officer will be in charge of the same. Cuttack has a total of 373 such CCHs with a present bed capacity of 3490.
 - Cuttack district is only receiving around 100 returning migrants daily as opposed to nearly one thousand who were coming back earlier during the peak.
 - There are 66 Cluster TMCs (including 3 in ULBs, excluding Cuttack). Total bed capacity targeted is around 3000. Returnees will undergo their institutional quarantine in these TMCs before being released.
 - A total of 191 Covid Warriors in the District have been found positive, including CMC area. Out of those only 43 active cases are there as on date.
 - The strategy for the Lockdown Period is to further intensify door to door survey, identify and isolate SARI/ILI or similar cases over a period of 3-4 days in this week and test them all. The PRI members, BDOs, Tahsildars and IICs will play active role in facilitating the same.
 - Covid Monitors have been appointed in all Government offices to ensure physical separation, sanitization and adherence to Covid norms. ADM is the nodal in-charge for the district. BDOs have been specifically tasked to ensure that frontline Covid warriors receive adequate safety equipment and follow Covid protocol while discharging their duties.
- Smt. Ananya Das, Commissioner, CMC while analyzing Covid update of CMC area, said that in Government Hospitals OPD screening with physical distance and Antigen testing for IPD patients are being undertaken. Positive cases are shifted to Covid Hospitals or Covid Health Centres. Temporary OPDs are being set up to decentralize OPD from the main departments. She further added that door to door active surveillance by ASHAs and HWFs will be taken to saturation level during the Lock Down period.
 - Massive COVID-19 awareness activities are undertaken regularly by Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation. Today, vendors at Sundarpada Haat (Ward No-67) were Scanned by thermal scanner and Sachetak volunteers sensitized the people to follow 'Mo Sapatha Nua Abhyasa' such as mask wearing, social distancing, hand hygiene to fight against COVID-19.
 - As per direction of Hon'ble Chief Minister, persons who have successfully completed institutional quarantine are being given incentive of Rs.2000/- each.

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A sum of Rs. 90,52,90,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

- As of now, 6492 Covid Care Homes are operational in 6,798 Gram Panchayats of the State. In all these Centres, total no. of 64,858 beds have been arranged to provide COVID-19 health services.
- As of now, 1337 number of Cluster level TMCs have been completed with 59,754 beds in the State.
- From 18th July morning to 19th July morning, 16 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 14 cases are for violation of lock down and 2 cases are related to other issues. 48 persons have been arrested so far.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 18th July, 3,86,102 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 17,437.
- 12,452 persons have already recovered/ discharged. (Recovered today-515)
- No. of Death case 91.
- No of active cases are 4,866.
- 5,381 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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