



PRESS RELEASE

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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik, while reviewing COVID-19 situation of Ganjam District through Video Conference made some important announcement today.
 - An amount of Rs. 25 Crore has been sanctioned from Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) for COVID-19 containment measures in the district.
 - Plasma Therapy shall be started at Tata Covid Hospital, Sitalapalli from 21st July. A Covid Hospital with 100 bed and 16 ICU bed capacity shall be established in Amit Hospital at Berhampur. An MoU has been signed between Ganjam District Administration and Aswini Hospital to this effect.
 - In order to strengthen Covid Containment measures in Ganjam District 2 IAS officers 25 OAS officers, 105 ORS officers, 30 MBBS Doctors, 100 Ayush Doctors, 27 Laboratory Technicians along with 3 DSPs and 10 platoones Police personnel have been deployed.
 - 100 additional ambulances shall be kept in service to strengthen COVID-19 health care facilities.
 - Special focus on mental health of people shall be ensured to people through counselling by professionals.
 - ASHAs and Anganwadi Workers engaged in house to house surveillance shall be provided incentive of Rs. 1000/- per month from July to October for their service during pandemic situation.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister appreciated Odisha Police personnel who have resumed duty after recovering from COVID-19. Praising their commitment, Hon'ble Chief Minister said that Odisha will remain grateful to Covid Warriors for their dedication and sacrifice during this fight against the invisible enemy.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed happiness over the appreciation made on the role of Women Self Help Groups (WSHGs) of Odisha in a report of National Disaster Management Authority. NDMA has highlighted the role of 7 million WSHG members who are working at the grass root level in COVID-19 management to contain the pandemic.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister appealed all those who have recovered from COVID-19 to donate plasma and help to save precious lives. Saying that the result from

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initial phases of Plasma Therapy is encouraging, Hon'ble Chief Minister hoped that it will help in expediting the recovery of critical COVID-19 patients.

- Chief Secretary Sri Asit Tripathy, in a high level meeting held today, reviewed the preparedness and infrastructural logistics for online training in different state level training imparting institutes. Keeping in view the restrictions on public movement and norms of 'social distancing' for ongoing fight against the pandemic, Government has decided that the Candidates selected in Odisha Civil Service Examination of 2018 will be provided online training through Microsoft Team on OSWAS platform. Sri Sanjeev Chopra, Principal Secretary, General Administration & Public Grievance and Home, Sri Ashok Kumar Meena, Principal Secretary, Finance, Sri Bishnupada Sethi, Principal Secretary Revenue & Disaster Management, Smt Ranjana Chopra, Principal Secretary and Director of Gopabandhu Academy of Administration, Sri Manoj Mishra, Secretary, IT, Sri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Secretary, Skill Development & Technical Education and CMD, IDCO, Sri Vir Vikram Yadav, Secretary, Cooperation along with senior officers participated in the meeting.
- Telemedicine services started today at 41 Health Institutions including 7 Government Medical Colleges and 30 District Headquarter Hospitals. Patients can avail health services through direct consultation with the Doctors during COVID-19 extraordinary situation. Telemedicine services shall be available during the operating hours of the OPD i.e. from 8AM to 5PM at all the DHHs and Medical Colleges at Baripada, Koraput, Balasore and Balangir. Similarly, the service shall be available round the clock at SCB (Cuttack), MKCG (Berhampur), VIMSAR (Burla), AHPGIC (Acharya Harihar Post Graduate Institute of Cancer, Cuttack) and SVPPGIP (Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel Post Graduate Institute of Paediatrics, Cuttack).
- Government has approved incentive of Rs. 1000/-, Rs.500/-, Rs. 200/- per day for the Doctors, Paramedics (Staff Nurse/Pharmacist/Radiographer/laboratory Technician) and Class-IV employees respectively engaged in COVID Health facilities such as dedicated Covid Hospitals/Covid health Centres/Covid Care Centres in the State for treatment and care of COVID-19 positive patients. These categories of employees are entitled to avail the incentive for those days in which they are in active line of duty. The expenditure for the same will be met out of CMRF. Health & Family Welfare Department has issued an order to this effect.
- Government has made a provision of Rs.7500/- for handling and disposal of each Covid positive dead body. Health & Family Welfare Department has issued an order to this effect.
- Odisha Police decided to accord special appreciation for recovered Police Corona Warriors. All Heads of Police establishment are intimated to make recommendation in this regard. Entry will be made in the service book of concerned Police personnel about conferring of this special appreciation by DGP.

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- COVID-19 State level online training on Infection Prevention Control (IPL) for all Covid and Non-Covid Hospitals/Corporate Hospitals/Nursing Homes/Dispensaries/ Clinics/Ayush Stream was conducted today.
- 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. 94,29,35,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.
- As of now, 6511 Covid Care Homes are operational in 6,798 Gram Panchayats of the State. In all these Centres, total no. of 65,019 beds have been arranged to provide COVID-19 health services.
- As of now, 1341 number of Cluster level TMCs have been completed with 61,594 beds in the State.
- From 19th July morning to 20th July morning, 18 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 15 cases are for violation of lock down and 3 cases are related to other issues. 55 persons have been arrested so far.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 19th July, 3,93,602 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 18,110.
- 12,910 persons have already recovered/ discharged. (Recovered today-457)
- No. of Death case 97.
- No of active cases are 5,075.
- 5,532 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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