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PRESS RELEASE

Bhubaneswar 22/08/2020,

Sri Prem Chandra Chaudhary, Commissioner, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation and Sri Sanat Kumar Mohanty, Collector, Khurda briefed the Press about the steps taken by Government of Odisha for prevention of COVID-19.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik conveyed best wishes to the people of Odisha on the auspicious occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi. He hoped that the difficult situation of Covid pandemic shall go away soon and lives of people shall be endowed with happiness and prosperity by the grace of Sri Ganesh, Lord of Wisdom.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister congratulated ace sprinter from Odisha, Dutee Chand on being recommended to receive prestigious Arjun Award. Odisha is proud of her achievement, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister congratulated ITI, Berhampur for developing 3 innovations namely UVC Robo Warrior, Mobile Swab Collection Kiosk, Smart UVC Sole Disinfection System to step up the State's fight against COVID-19. With this noteworthy achievement, the ITI joins the prestigious patent club with reputed IITs and NITs, he added.
- SCB Medical College & Hospital, Cuttack and AIIMS, Bhubaneswar organised Webinar on neurological manifestation, home isolation and clinical case presentation for all COVID and Non COVID hospitals, corporate hospitals, ESI hospitals, nursing homes, dispensaries, clinics and AYUSH stream.
- Weekend Shutdown imposed in Rourkela Municipal Corporation area is cancelled for 23rd August, 2020 (Sunday) to allow the citizens to celebrate the auspicious "Nuakhai" following the Covid-19 guidelines. Special Relief Commissioner has issued order in this regard.
- BMC Commissioner Sri Prem Chandra Chaudhary while analysing the Covid situation in BMC area said that out of 1,01,542 testing done so far, 6720 cases were found Covid positive while 4061 have recovered and discharged. He also said that 2618 persons are active as of now and 675 persons are in Home

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Isolation. The positivity rate in BMC area is 6.29% and the recovery rate is 61.80%. Every day 8-9 camps are functioning for testing.

- Sri Sanat Kumar Mohanty, Collector, Khurdha said that out of total testing in rural areas, 3436 positive cases were identified, 1423 cases are active so far. Out of total positive cases tested in the district including BMC, 35% cases are from rural areas. Maximum positive cases are found from Banpur, Tangi, Balugaon and Bolagarh Blocks.
 - 237 Covid Warriors were tested positive out of them 99 persons have recovered and 137 persons are under treatment who are screened regularly.
 - 530 persons are under Home Isolation in rural areas. 290 doctors, 100 health workers, staff nurse, Lab technician and paramedics constituting 22 medical teams are engaged for strengthening the containment measures.
 - 74% of rural areas in the district are free from Covid infection. A control room (Telephone:06755-223178) is operational at District Headquarters Hospital. Containment measures are being intensified through strengthening of health infrastructure, ramping up testing, isolation of symptomatic persons. Besides, a Whatsapp Group has been developed for Doctors and who are associated with health care measures in the district.
- 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. 126,66,64,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.
- From 21th August to 22th 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 for violation of Lock Down, 1 case for violation of Home Quarantine and 1 case is related to other issues. 24 persons have been arrested.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 21th August, 12,33,805 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 75,537.
- 52,276 persons have already recovered/ discharged. (Today's recovery-1773)
- No. of Death case 399.
- No of active cases are 22,809.
- 24,582 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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