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Sri Pradipta Kumar Mohapatra, Additional Chief Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department briefed the Press about steps taken by Government of Odisha for prevention of COVID-19.

- During last few days, it is found that Covid positive cases are increasing in the State. But general public need not panic. It is because of intensified house to house survey and testing of symptomatic people.
- Health infrastructure is stable in the State. There is adequate stock of medicine and logistics in the State for coming 4 months to combat COVID-19.
- The recovery rate of COVID-19 positive cases is encouraging and the mortality rate in the State is low in comparison to national average.
- The fight against Covid can be strengthened if early detection of positive cases can be done and necessary treatment begins timely. Therefore, it is appealed that the persons with symptom should voluntarily come forward for testing. This will help to contain COVID-19 in a better way.
- Covid treatment through Plasma Therapy has yielded significant result. Keeping this in view, Plasma Banks shall be opened soon at MKCG Medical College, Berhampur and Capital Hospital, Bhubaneswar to collect and preserve more Plasma Units. People recovered from COVID-19 are requested to come forward to donate Plasma in order to save precious lives.
- People are requested to adhere to COVID-19 protocols including proper wearing of mask, maintenance of social distance and frequent hand washing. Spitting at public places is strictly prohibited.
- 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. 101,34,70,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.
- As of now, 6580 Covid Care Homes are operational in 6,798 Gram Panchayats of the State. In all these Centres, total no. of 65,965 beds have been arranged to provide COVID-19 health services.
- As of now, 1408 number of Cluster level TMCs have been completed with 66,198 beds in the State.

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- From 22nd July morning to 23rd July morning, 26 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 24 cases are for violation of lock down, 1 case for violation of Home Quarantine and 1 case is related to other issues. 60 persons have been arrested so far.

### **Health Update**

- Up to midnight of 22nd July, 4,21,931 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 21,099.
- 14,392 persons have already recovered/ discharged. (Recovered today-643)
- No. of Death case 114.
- No of active cases are 6,661.
- 7,204 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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