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**Bhubaneswar 28/07/2020,**

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik through a Video Conference, inaugurated the Second Plasma Bank of the State at Capital Hospital, Bhubaneswar and launched a Web Portal for Plasma donors. He said that Plasma Banks will come up at IGH, Rourkela, VIMSAR, Burla and MKCG Hospital, Berhampur shortly.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that preliminary result of Plasma Therapy for Covid patients in Odisha has been very encouraging. He hoped that Plasma donation with the participation of more and more people will become a community driven people's movement.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister highly praised the sincere and dedicated service of the Doctors and Paramedics in the fight against Covid. He urged all to work unitedly in order to encourage and to strengthen their willpower in this difficult situation.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister hoped that people interested to donate Plasma can register themselves by logging in the Web Portal (<https://covid19.odisha.gov.in>). The Database will include their consent along with eligibility. Hon'ble Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Chief Secretary, ACS, Health and other senior officers were present in the programme.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik, today, on the occasion of World Hepatitis Day, said that millions of people are unaware about their living with preventable and treatable Hepatitis. He called upon people to pledge to raise awareness and further scale up access to treatment so that global goal of Hepatitis free future shall be realised.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister, today, on the occasion of World Nature Conservation Day, said that sustainable management of our natural resources and bounties on Mother Earth is deeply linked to human health and better future. "Let us learn to live in harmony with nature and keep it healthy for future generations" he added.
- Chief Secretary Sri Asit Tripathy, through a Video Conferencing today, with Collectors and CDMOs reviewed COVID-19 situation in the State. District wise status of surveillance, quantum of testing, availability of Covid Care Centres, Covid Health Facilities, medicines and test kits was reviewed.

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- Chief Secretary asked the Collectors to enhance per day sample collection at least to 500. The hotspot districts have been asked to scale up sample collection upto 1000 per day for early detection and treatment. It was emphasised to utilise Antigen test kits and to upload the test results in ICMR portal on daily basis.
  - Chief Secretary advised the Collectors to encourage Plasma collection drive and to provide necessary food and accommodation facilities to the Plasma donors in their respective districts.
- Odisha's fight against COVID-19 is strengthened further with a 150 bed dedicated Covid Hospital with 30 ICU and 21 HDU beds becoming functional in Bhubaneswar today. Bhubaneswar municipal Corporation (BMC) has signed an agreement with Aditya Aswini Hospital to operate the Hospital.
  - 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. 107,97,78,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.
  - As of now, 6626 Covid Care Homes are operational in 6,798 Gram Panchayats of the State. In all these Centres, total no. of 66,708 beds have been arranged to provide COVID-19 health services.
  - As of now, 1433 number of Cluster level TMCs have been completed with 69,522 beds in the State.
  - From 27th July morning to 28th July morning, 20 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 these 18 cases are for violation of lock down, 1 case for violation of Home Quarantine and 1 case is for other related issues. 21 persons have been arrested so far.

### **Health Update**

- Up to midnight of 27th July, 4,76,560 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 28,107.
- 18,061 persons have already recovered/ discharged. (Recovered today-687)
- No. of Death case 154.
- No of active cases are 9,857.
- 10,544 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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