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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik, inaugurating a workshop today for the Legislators on COVID-19, said that saving the lives of people is our priority. He said that funds will never be a constraint when it involves protecting our people in such an extraordinary situation.

- While expressing happiness over the recovery of 3 Hon'ble Members who were affected by COVID-19, Hon'ble Chief Minister appealed all Hon'ble Members to take personal care of themselves and also to provide inspiring leadership in their respective constituency. He also advised them to take care of the Covid Warriors in their areas, encourage Plasma donation and educate people at large to follow social distancing, wear mask and practice hand washing.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed his deep sense of gratitude to all Covid Warriors who have been on the frontline fighting the invisible enemy. It is because of their hard work, dedication and sacrifice more than 18000 people have been cured and Odisha has saved more people than most of the States of the country.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik today on International Tiger Day, called upon the people to take pledge to redouble our effort to nurture a hospitable ecosystem and safe habitat for the majestic species to flourish.

- Preparatory meeting under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary Sri Asit Tripathy was held today at Lokseba Bhawan on the celebration of State level Independence Day 2020. It is decided to observe the programme on 15th August in the Exhibition Ground, Unit-III with the presence of limited people and Covid Warriors, strictly adhering Covid protocols. State honour shall be offered by the Police personnel. Principal Secretary, Home, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Information & Public Relations Department and Director General of Police along with senior officials participated in the meeting.

- Virtual Training on COVID-19 management for all Covid hospitals on Drugs, Plasma Therapy, Cardiac Comorbidities, IPC and Dead body disposal was conducted by experts from SCB Medical College & Hospital, Cuttack where around 168 Doctors took part & gained vital knowledge.

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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. 109,75,73,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

As of now, 6641 Covid Care Homes are operational in 6,798 Gram Panchayats of the State. In all these Centres, total no. of 66,803 beds have been arranged to provide COVID-19 health services.

As of now, 1450 number of Cluster level TMCs have been completed with 69,747 beds in the State.

From 28th July morning to 29th July morning, 7 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 6 cases are for violation of lock down and 1 case is for other related issues. 21 persons have been arrested so far.

**Health Update**
- Up to midnight of 28th July, 4,87,310 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 29,175.
- 18,938 persons have already recovered/ discharged. (Recovered today-878)
- No. of Death case 159.
- No of active cases are 10,041.
- 10,920 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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