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**Bhubaneswar 23/08/2020,**

Smt. Ananya Das, Commissioner, Cuttack Municipal Corporation and Shri Bhabani Shankar Chayani, Collector, Cuttack briefed the Press about steps taken by Government of Odisha for prevention of COVID-19.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik conveyed his best wishes to all on the auspicious occasion of Nuakhai. Praying Maa Samaleswaree for happiness and prosperity of all, Hon'ble Chief Minister also requested to observe the festival following the Covid guidelines.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that Forest & Environment Department is planning to utilise ₹ 602 crores through MGNREGA in a bid to generate employment & increase green cover across Odisha. Plantation, soil conservation, digging of trench, forest road & other works shall be carried out with this fund, he said.
- In a meeting of Land Allotment Committee of IDCO held under the chairmanship of Sri Sanjay Kumar Singh, CMD through video conference, allotment of land to various industrial units were discussed and approved.
- Smt. Ananya Das, Commissioner, CMC while analyzing Covid update of CMC area said that CMC has given more importance on High risk areas like Health Care Institutions and Trade Centres such as Malgodown and Chhatra Bazar area. Regular checks of OPD/IPD and isolation facilities of private healthcare institutions by joint enforcement teams are undertaken. 3-step protocol is set in SCB , Sishu Bhawan and AHRCC for segregating patients with symptoms, antigen testing of in-patient admission cases. Timings for essential, non-essential shops, wholesale and retail shops are being staggered. Regular testing is continued.
  - Intensive Active Surveillance for screening ILI SARI cases, regular testing camps in coordination with Slum Committees/ Puja Committees/ Sahi Committees, shifting of positive cases to Covid Care Centres are continuing in densely populated slums and sahi areas.
  - Special focus has been given on vulnerable population such as pregnant women, persons above 65 years of age and children below 5 years.
  - As on 22nd August, 3104 Covid positive cases have been found out of which 1860 patients have recovered and 1227 patients are active.

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- In between 8th to 21st August 26,748 samples are tested and 1560 samples are found positive. The positivity rate stands at 5.97%.
  - Testing centres are functioning from 10AM to 5PM daily at CDA UCHC, Chauliaganj UCHC, Bamphakuda UPHC, Odiabazar UPHC Nayabazar UPHC, Brajarambha UPHC, Jagatpur UPHC, CRR I Bidyadharpur UPHC, Sandhapur UPHC and Thorisahi Girls High School. Besides, testing facility is available at SCB Medical College and City Hospital. 4 nos of Mobile Sampling Units (MSUs) are also engaged for RT-PCR and Antigen test.
- Shri Bhabani Shankar Chayani, Collector, Cuttack while highlighting on Covid situation in Cuttack district said that a total number of 69,217 samples were tested through RT-PCR and Antigen testing, out of which 5,174 positive have been identified. As of today, number of positive stands at 1,957 and 3,217 in rural and urban areas respectively. 1,734 persons are under treatment and recovery rate stands at 65.77%.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister allocated a sum of Rs 15 Crore from CMRF for strengthening of health infrastructure in the district. Besides, Rs 6 Crore 84 Lakh 93 thousands has been provided for health care facilities at Acharya Harihar Regional Cancer Centre and Covid Care Homes including GIMSAR, Athagarh etc.
  - 336 Units of Plasma have been collected from 168 donors at SCB Medical College, Cuttack and 287 Units are used for treatment of serious Covid patients. Sensitization is going on to intensify Plasma Donation.
  - 1,44,728 samples from 21 Districts have been tested in SCB Medical College, Cuttack Laboratories.
- 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. 126,85,45,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.
- From 22nd August to 23rd August morning, 8 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 7 cases are related to violation of Lock Down and 1 case is related to other issues. 15 persons have been arrested.

### **Health Update**

- Up to midnight of 22nd August, 13,02,711 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 78,530.
- 52,276 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 409.
- No of active cases are 25,792.
- 25,792 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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