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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik extended his warm wishes to His Holiness Sri Dalai Lama on His birth day and hoped that He will be blessed with good health and long life, spreading love, compassion and peace in the world.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister congratulated Regional Medical Research Centre (RMRC) for reaching 1 Lakh test milestone, strengthening Odisha's fight against COVID-19. Conducting 1 Lakh test within 3.5 months, the Regional Centre ranks among the top 3 laboratories of the country in terms of number of tests.
- Chief Secretary Sri Asit Tripathy, presiding over a high level meeting held today in Lok Seba Bhawan, directed Green Energy Development Corporation Ltd. (GEDCOL) to bring out a detail work plan for production of commercial solar power in the State. He directed to adopt latest technology for reducing the cost of production per unit of solar power. As of now, around 474 MW Solar Power Plant have already been installed through GEDCOL and OREDA. Target has been set to enhance solar power production capacity to 1500MW by 2022. Sri A. K. Meena, Principal Secretary, Finance, Sri Nikunja Bihari Dhal, Principal Secretary, Energy, Sri Bishnupada Sethi, Principal Secretary and Chairman, GEDCOL and other senior officers were present in the meeting.
- Keeping in view the spike of Covid positive cases, restriction on movement of people to Puri district has been imposed. Beyond the period of the weekend shut down, persons coming from other districts/States are not allowed to enter Puri district without the prior permission of Tahasildar/IIC detailed at the Naka Points such as Pipili Toll Gate (Pipili PS), Dibyasinghpur Chhak (Gadisagada PS), Charichhaka (Nimapada PS), Sikharaghat Chhaka (Kakatpur PS) and Paikarapur Chhaka (Krushna Prasad PS). The persons carrying essential commodities, medicines and with emergent nature of work may be allowed to enter and their health condition will be screened. An order has been issued by Collector, Puri to this effect.

- Awareness programme on COVID-19 was organized today, by Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation in Guru Kelucharan Park, at Gadakana. Commissioner, BMC and senior officers participated in the programme and emphasised on strict adherence of COVID-19 protocol and role and responsibility of citizens.
- 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. 68,55,88,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.
- From 5th July morning to 6th July morning, 21 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 18 cases are for violation of lock down and 3 cases are related to other issues. 31 persons have been arrested so far.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 5th July, 2,97,234 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 9,526.
- ➤ 6,486 persons have already recovered/discharged. (Recovered today-262)
- No. of Death case 38.
- No of active cases are 2992.
- ➤ 3254 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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