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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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Sri Asit Trapathy, Chief Secretary briefed the Press about steps taken by Government of Odisha for prevention of COVID-19.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik expressed happiness as Odisha is taking special care of the pregnant women and newborn children amid the COVID-19 crisis. Doctors have saved life of an icteric neonatal by giving phototherapy in the maternity ward of a Covid Hospital in Malkangiri.
- Odisha's fight against COVID-19 is strengthened further as Collector Khurda has signed an MoU with Institute of Medical Science and SUM Hospital(IMS & SUM Hospital) to operationalise 500 bed Covid Care Centre and 300 bed Covid Care Centre at Jamujhari (Khurda) and Khudupur (Jatni) respectively. The Centres will be used for treatment of mild Covid positive and asymptomatic Covid patients.
- Anganwadi Workers, as Covid Warriors have been rendering services in the villages tirelessly since the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic. They are engaged in door to door survey, contact tracing and counselling at Temporary Health Centres.
- Sri Asit Tripathy, Chief Secretary has said that in order to intensify and strengthen Covid management along with optimum use of all treatment facilities prepared by the Government, new guideline is being prepared in the matters of Covid Care and Home Isolation. Sri Tripathy said that keeping in view the request of many Organisations/Institutions and Corporate Houses for allowing Institutional Isolation of their members/personnel in their own facilities for mild and asymptomatic positive cases, Government has allowed them for such facilities, with strict adherence of guidelines issued by Health & Family Welfare Department. Besides, Home Isolation and Home Care are allowed for mild and asymptomatic patients in view of their psychological and physical well-being.
- All COVID-19 positive cases, who are asymptomatic/have mild symptoms in Urban areas, District/Sub-division/Block Headquarter towns are allowed Home Isolation. They have to follow all protocols laid out by Health & Family Welfare Department.

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- The following organisations/institutions are advised to create Covid Care Home and Covid Care Centre to accommodate COVID-19 positive persons belonging to their establishments.
  - i. All Municipal Corporations
  - ii. Bhubaneswar and Jharsuguda Airports
  - iii. East Coast Railways at their different centres
  - iv. Paradeep, Dhamra and Gopalpur Ports
  - v. Central and State PSUs operating in Odisha, with their own Township/Colonies with adequate facilities
  - vi. Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) set ups in Odisha
  - vii. Odisha Police, Odisha Fire Services, Directorate of Prisons
  - viii. Central Institutes, Universities and Deemed Universities-both in Government and Private Sector
  - ix. Religious bodies/places such as Temples, Mosques, Churches, Gurudwars etc.
  - x. Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs)
  - xi. Any other interested NGOs, CSOs and Corporate-both in Government and Private Sector.
  
- Above Organisations will be allowed to set up the facilities of Covid Care Homes and Covid Care Centres as per the guideline of Health & Family Welfare Department.
- The COVID-19 Isolation facilities created by State Government will be primarily used for housing those COVID-19 suspect/positive cases who do not have the infrastructure for Home Isolation and otherwise not accommodated in the CCCs/CCHs indicated above.
- Any person who is under home isolation and develops severe/serious symptom/faces deterioration in health shall follow protocols of Department of Health & Family Welfare Department.
- 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. 76,74,46,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chif Minister's Relief Fund.
- As of now, 6081 Covid Care Homes are operational in 6,798 Gram Panchayats of the State. In all these Centres, total no. of 60,974 beds have been arranged to provide COVID-19 health services in rural areas.
- From 12th July morning to 13th July morning, 40 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 39 cases are for violation of lock down and 1 case for rumour mongering.

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## **Health Update**

- Up to midnight of 12th July, 3,41,537 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 13,737.
- 9,255 persons have already recovered/ discharged. (Recovered today-505)
- No. of Death case 70.
- No of active cases are 4,391.
- 4,896 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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