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PRESS RELEASE

Bhubaneswar 15/07/2020,

➢ Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik today inaugurated the Covid Plasma Bank for treatment of serious Covid patients at SCB Medical College, Cuttack. With this, Odisha joins a select club of very few states who have introduced Convalescent Plasma Therapy for the treatment of serious Covid patients. Odisha is the third state besides Delhi and Maharastra to start this procedure. He announced that Plasma Therapy will be made available free of cost to the people of Odisha.

➢ Hon'ble Chief Minister congratulated the four brave donors who volunteered to contribute their invaluable Plasma today and appealed all the eligible Covid survivors to come forward to donate their Plasma which will go a long way in helping the treatment of serious Covid patients.

➢ SCB Medical College will be the nodal agency for Plasma Therapy in the State. SUM Hospital and KIMS Hospital in Bhubaneswar and Aswini Hospital in Cuttack will provide Plasma Therapy treatment.

➢ Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik in his message today, on the occasion of 'World Youth Skills Day' said that our focused attention transformed 'Skilled in Odisha' into one iconic brand and our youth are winning global accolades by showcasing their skill. He appealed people to take pledge in order to continue the momentum and take 'Skilled in Odisha' to newer heights with skill vision for Odisha soon.

➢ Odisha Government has brought out notification for temporary engagement of 7000 trained manpower (ANMs) for Covid Care Homes covering 6798 Gram Panchayats in the State. Registered Staff Nurses/Pharmacists will be engaged in case of non availability of ANMs.

➢ Giving importance to the safety of Healthcare Professionals and Covid Warriors, the Committee on Capacity Building and Training decided to conduct refresher training for all Healthcare professionals and Covid Warriors in all types of institutional set ups. Special focus will be given to prevent Healthcare

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Associated Infections (HAIs) at COVID and Non-COVID health facilities. In order to ensure Infection Prevention and Control, guidelines and checklist has already been communicated to all and also available on the website of Health and Family Welfare Department.

➢ Keeping in view COVID-19 extraordinary situation, all the services and programmes of Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disability Department (SSEPD) are made available online. This includes application for the services, processing and disposal. Persons seeking pension, marriage incentives now need not visit Government Offices.

➢ As part of its awareness drive, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) organised a programme for senior citizens at Kailash Vihar (Ward No-7) today. The Sachetak Volunteers apprised senior citizens regarding the use of Sachetak App to address health issues by consulting doctors online, get home delivery details and Covid updates.

➢ Odish Skill Development Authority, on the occasion of World Youth Skills Day virtually signed 4 MoUs today, to enhance the skill competency and employability of our youth. The detail press release is annexed.

➢ 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. 80,24,81,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

➢ As of now, 6159 Covid Care Homes are operational in 6,798 Gram Panchayats of the State. In all these Centres, total no. of 61,856 beds have been arranged to provide COVID-19 health services.

➢ As of now, 1190 number of Cluster level TMC have been completed with 48,686 beds in the State.

➢ From 14th July morning to 15th July morning, 12 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 10 cases are for violation of lock down, 1 case for violation of Home Quarantine and 1 case is related to other issues. 23 persons have been arrested so far.

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Health Update

➢ With a record high of 612 COVID-19 patients recovering in a day, on 15th July 2020, Odisha reaches a milestone of over 10,000 recovered cases in the State.

➢ Up to midnight of 14th July, 3,53,824 samples have been tested.

➢ Number of Positive Cases stands 14,898.

➢ 10,476 persons have already recovered/ discharged.

➢ No. of Death case 77.

➢ No of active cases are 4,321.

➢ 4,933 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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