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- Odisha's fight against COVID-19 is strengthened further with the bilateral MoU signed between Collector, Jharsuguda and Mahanadi Coal Fields Ltd. to set up a dedicated COVID Care Centre in Jharsuguda. Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik hopes that the standalone, free of cost facility will treat patients in this region.
- In view of the reluctance of some Private Hospitals/Clinics in admitting patients from hotspot districts, Chief Secretary Sri Asit Tripathy has directed these private health institutions to immediately admit and provide treatment to the patients. Terming such act of reluctance unethical and illegal, Chief Secretary has said that action will be taken against the erring institutions as per law.
- Chief Secretary said that selfless service rendered by persons, either in government or private, succumbing to Covid-19 in line of duty under formal deployment by the State Authorities for COVID-19 management will be recognised appropriately. Their cremation will be done as accorded to martyrs.
- Dr. Sourav Garg, Covid Observer of Cuttack District and Principal Secretary, Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment reviewed the measures taken to combat spread of COVID-19 in the district and emphasised on extensive testing, tracing and treatment. He also directed to restrict the entry of more visitors and attendants in OPD and casualty of SCB Medical College & Hospital and Acharya Harihar Regional Cancer Centre. Collector, Cuttack, Commissioner, CMC and other senior officers attended the meeting.
- During COVID-19 situation, 6th round of surveillance is carried on by Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation with focus on the slum areas. Each person in the slum area is being surveyed repeatedly in a phased manner & tested if found with symptoms.
- Central Institute of Plastic Engineering & Technology: Institute of Plastic Technology (CIPET:IPT), Bhubaneswar has got accreditation from National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) for testing of Personal Protection Equipments (PPE) kits.

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- Keeping in view COVID-19 situation, Government has decided for closure of all Special Schools till 31st August 2020. Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disability (SSEPD) Department has issued a letter to this effect.
- 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. 88,29,76,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.
- As of now, 6503 Covid Care Homes are operational in 6,798 Gram Panchayats of the State. In all these Centres, total no. of 64,287 beds have been arranged to provide COVID-19 health services.
- As of now, 1325 number of Cluster level TMC have been completed with 59,554 beds in the State. Similarly, 13,992 numbers of TMC have been completed with 6,36,069 beds.
- From 17th July morning to 18th July morning, 23 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 21 cases are for violation of lock down, 1 case for violation of Home Quarantine and 1 case is related to other issue. 29 persons have been arrested so far.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 17th July, 3,77,893 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 16,701.
- 11,937 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
(Patients recovered today-607)
- No. of Death case 86.
- No of active cases are 4,652.
- 5,259 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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