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PRESS RELEASE

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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik has expressed happiness on the significant result yielded by Plasma Therapy. He felt happy over the recovery of a 48 year woman of Cuttack who was the first patient of Odisha treated with Plasma Therapy at Aswini Covid Hospital. This has created a ray of hope among Doctors and patients and has enhanced confidence and willpower, he added.
- Keeping in view the significant response of Plasma Therapy in COVID-19 treatment, Hon'ble Chief Minister has given responsibility of different districts to the Council of Ministers to encourage Plasma donation. They will visit their respective districts and ensure necessary arrangements for such donation by contacting various persons recuperated from Covid.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik appreciated Amita Behera, Anaganwadi Worker of Dumuniguda in Nabarangapur district for her noteworthy work in sensitizing people on COVID-19. Amita has provided mask to children at her own cost and is diligently engaged to reach out households in order to make people aware of COVID-19 guidelines such as social distancing and hand hygiene.
- In a High Power Meeting held today under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary Sri Asit Tripathy, it has been decided to take up sustainable livelihood and income generating activities in 12 territorial forest divisions on joint forest management (JFM) mode with direct participation of Vana Surakshya Samities (VSSs) and Self Help Groups (SHGs) under Odisha Forestry Sector Development Project (OFSDP) Phase-II. It is a resolute move for boosting economic activities in hill and forest tracks even against the adversity of the ongoing pandemic. Development Commissioner and Additional Chief Secretary Sri Suresh Chandra Mohapatra, Additional Chief Secretary, Forest and Environment Dr Mona Sharma, Principal Secretary, Finance Sri Ashok Kumar Meena, Principal Secretary, ST and SC Development Smt. Ranjana Chopra, Principal Secretary, Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water Sri Deo Ranjan Kumar Singh, Secretary, Skill Development and Technical Education Sri Sanjay Kumar Singh and senior officers of respective departments participated in the meeting.

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- Today in a Press Briefing, Sri Vijay Amrut Kulange, Collector & District Magistrate, Ganjam said that in view of extensive door to door surveillance and intensified screening, return of more than 4 Lakh migrants to the district, more number of positive cases are identified in the district. But people need not panic. This number will definitely reduce once all the symptomatic persons are screened and treated.
- Many Red Zones, previously declared due to more positive cases have now been declared Green zones. Most of the people of these areas have been identified as Covid negative. This has been possible due to institutional quarantine and successful TMC management in the district.
- Health infrastructure in Ganjam district to fight COVID-19 is stable. Tata Covid Hospital with 220 beds and Covid Care Centres with 4000 beds are in operation. There is provision of 250 beds with Oxygen Cylinder facility in Covid Care Centres. Additional 500 beds with such facilities will be available in coming 7 days. Necessary medicines are in stock. 24X7 Ambulance Service is made available.
- 200 Doctor Teams are engaged in Covid containment measures. MBBS and Ayush Doctors, Lab Technicians and Paramedics are working sincerely with dedication.
- Covid Management Monitoring has been decentralised. In addition to Corona positives, patients with Diabetics and Blood Pressure are also recovering after due testing and treatment.
- Plasma Therapy has been started at Tata Covid Hospital in the district. Three Covid patients under Plasma Therapy treatment are responding well. People recovered from Covid are requested to come forward to donate their Plasma voluntarily, Collector appealed.
- Covid management strategy of the State Government and dedicated service of the Doctors and Paramedics have been instrumental for recovery of more patients in the district. Covid Monitors, Covid Care Committees, Sarpanchs, Covid Warriors and officers are working sincerely and selflessly.
- Business Establishments and Industrial Houses in the district have been requested to set up Covid Care Homes to strengthen the fight against the pandemic. Necessary administrative support will be provided, he added.
- Persons with symptoms have been requested to come voluntarily for testing. Similarly, Administration has appealed general public to strictly adhere to Lock Down regulations, social distancing and to extend due respect to the people working tirelessly in this extraordinary situation. Collector Sri Kulange hoped that Ganjam shall win and Covid defeated.

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- State Government has revised the minimum wages with Variable Dearness Allowance (VDA) of the un-skilled, semi-skilled, skilled and highly skilled category of employees in all 89 scheduled employments @Rs. 303.40/-, Rs. 343.40/-, Rs. 393.40/- and 453.40/- respectively. The revised rate shall be made effective from 01/04/2020. Labour Commissioner, Odisha has issued notification to this effect.
- State Government has allowed the Council of Higher Secondary Education (CHSE), Odisha to take up the valuation work of the answer sheet of the Annual Higher Secondary Examination 2020 during the Lock Down period so that the result can be published at the earliest. The evaluation shall be carried on, following all Covid guideline.
- 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. 103,32,62,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.
- As of now, 6581 Covid Care Homes are operational in 6,798 Gram Panchayats of the State. In all these Centres, total no. of 66,046 beds have been arranged to provide COVID-19 health services.
- As of now, 1415 number of Cluster level TMCs have been completed with 67,762 beds in the State.
- From 23rd July morning to 24th July morning, 33 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 31 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.

Health Update

- Reaching another high in the fight against Covid, 808 patients have recovered and are being discharged.
- Up to midnight of 23rd July, 4,33,578 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 22,693.
- 15,200 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 120.
- No of active cases are 7,340.
- 8,148 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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