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Smt. Anu Garg, Covid Observer of Bhubaneswar and Principal Secretary, Women & Child Development and Mission Shakti and Sri Prem Chandra Chaudhary, Commissioner, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation briefed the Press about steps taken by Government of Odisha for prevention of COVID-19.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik, presiding over the State level Natural Calamity Committee Meeting, today, through Video Conference, emphasised upon advanced preparedness, fast rescue and restoration. He further said that our preparation to manage the calamities should be dynamic, holistic and participatory.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik said that Odisha has been affected by recurring calamities like flood, drought and cyclones. A number of disaster risk reduction measures and capacity building steps taken by the State have not only earned accolades but also supported our neighbouring States. He advised to follow experience based Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) in order to manage the calamities.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister thanked the people of Odisha for their whole hearted cooperation in containing COVID-19 situation and managing a number of calamities such as Fani, Bulbul and recent cyclone Amphan. We have learned from our past experiences and strengthened ourselves in subsequent preparedness, he said.
- Describing the period from June to October as crucial, Hon'ble Chief Minister directed all the Departments and functionaries to follow community level preparedness based on capacity building and experience in managing natural calamities.
- Keeping in view the possible flood and cyclone situation in future, steps have been taken to open Control Rooms in each district headquarters from 1st June to 30th November and to install 15 temporary VHF Centres in flood prone areas having no telecommunication facilities. 20 ODRAF Teams have been kept ready

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for emergency operations and 796 numbers of Shelter Centres out of 879 have been repaired. Hon'ble Minister, Revenue & Disaster Management, Leader of Opposition, Members of the Council Ministers, MPs, MLAs and Senior Officers participated in the meeting.

- Today, in a High level Meeting, Chief Secretary Sri Asit Tripathy reviewed the progress of establishment of a hospital for heart patients at Jharsuguda. The proposed hospital will come up on more than 5 Acres of land with an estimated cost of Rs. 75 Crore before March 2021. The hospital will be established with financial support from Mahanadi Coal Fields Ltd. (MCL) and partnership of Care Hospital.
- COVID-19 containment measures have been intensified by Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation:
 - Ward Sachetak Committees have been formed in every Ward involving volunteers, patrons, retired Senior Doctors, Paramedics, community leaders and intellectuals. Whatsapp group has been created for better communication among these people. They have been imparted training in 3/4 phases in order to take part in awareness drive.
 - Besides, Thermal Scanners & Health Kits have been provided to the Sachetak Committee members. A Senior Officer has been given responsibilities of 5 Wards. Specific strategy has been prepared for vulnerable people such as elders, pregnant women and persons with co-morbidities. Suspect cases are being identified through household survey by Residential Welfare Committees and Puja Committees.
 - A Sachetak App has been developed to give special focus on senior citizens. Around 6000 people have downloaded the App. A Sachetak has been attached to the family where older people live alone.
 - Active Surveillance has been intensified in slum pockets. Recovered persons are being taken to transit homes. Home quarantine is not allowed in slums. Persons returning from Hot Spot districts will not be allowed for Home Quarantine. They must undergo institutional quarantine. Slum Committees have been formed in each slum pockets.
- In order to contain COVID-19 infection, direct cooperation and involvement of public is essential. Government has appealed people to maintain social distancing and follow COVID-19 protocol strictly. Private Hospitals have been asked to follow the guidelines issued by Health & Family Welfare Department from time to time.

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- Development of the Nutri Gardens in the backyard of rural households is being taken up under MGNREGA in convergence of Odisha Livelihood Mission (OLM). 5 Lakh such projects will come up throughout the State to ensure nutrition security and wage employment during the rainy season.
- Odia brothers and sisters are returning to Odisha every day. 1780 Odia people have returned to Odisha today. So far 5,78,924 Odias have returned to Odisha.
- From 25th June morning to 26th June 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 9 cases are for violation of lock down and 3 cases for violation of Home Quarantine. 24 persons have been arrested so far.

Health Update

- Number of Positive Cases stands 6180.
- 4422 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 17.
- No of active cases are 1734.

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