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Dr. Sourabh Garg, Covid Observer of Cuttack District and Principal Secretary, Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment Department and Smt. Ananya Das, Commissioner, Cuttack Municipal Corporation briefed the Press about steps taken by Government of Odisha for prevention of COVID-19.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik reviewed in a high level meeting about the arrangement and preparedness for ensuing Bahuda Jatra and associated rituals like Suna Vesha, Adhara Pana and Niladri Bije etc. He said that whole world's attention is focused on us after the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court regarding Car Festival. Hon'ble Chief Minister impressed upon to perform all the rituals, adhering to COVID-19 protocol and Lock down Guideline.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister directed Sri Jagannath Temple Administration and District Administration to ensure that those who have been tested negative for COVID-19 should only be allowed to participate in the rituals related to Car Festival.
- As per direction of Hon'ble Chief Minister persons who have successfully completed institutional quarantine are given incentive of Rs.2000/- each. A sum of Rs. 56,51,94,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.
- Pursuant to the direction of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Cuttack Municipal Corporation has taken multiple measures to contain COVID-19 infection.
  - For smooth and effective monitoring of pandemic COVID-19, Ward Committees have been formed in CMC jurisdiction, with ward officers, representatives of Sahi Puja Committee and Senior Citizens. These committees impress upon the residents to follow best practices and keep informed the Administration of all suspect cases and new arrivals. Similarly, 5703 Ward Committees have been constituted at Gram Panchayat level in rural areas.
  - Mandatory registration of all people coming into their ward and subsequent transfer of information to CMC, COVID control room are being ensured.

"STAY HOME, STAY SAFE"

- The home quarantine cases are being visited by Health Workers/ ASHA/Anganwadi workers and they check its suitability regularly.
- In case of any problem or if home quarantine is denied, the Rapid Response Team of control room facilitates them to be in Institutional quarantine/Paid quarantine.
- People are encouraged to wear masks, maintain social distance and wash hands frequently.
- Out of 5101 migrants returned to Cuttack Municipal Corporation area, 3892, 949 and 260 persons have undergone Home Quarantine, Institutional Quarantine and Paid Quarantine respectively.
- Rigorous door-to-door survey has been conducted in multiple rounds to detect Influenza Like Illness (ILI) and Severe Acute Respiratory Infections (SARI) cases. Till now 481 ILI cases and 100 fever cases have been detected, screened and tested, where necessary.
- As of 26th June, 3180 people have been accommodated in Temporary Medical Centres (TMCs) in Cuttack city. Besides, 1836 people are undergoing Home Quarantine in rural Cuttack.
- 10 Rapid Response Teams have been formed and Mahila Arogya Samitis managed by SHGs are active in Public Health Facilities.
- Special attention has been given for vulnerable population. Police Administration is preparing a list of 10,000 senior citizens.
- Odia brothers and sisters are returning to Odisha every day. 722 Odia people have returned to Odisha today. So far 5,79,646 Odias have returned to Odisha.
- From 26th June morning to 27th June morning, 6 no of cases have been registered by the Police in the state for violation of different regulations and guidelines related to COVID-19. All the cases are for violation of lock down. 32 persons have been arrested by police for different violations.

## **Health Update**

- Up to midnight of 26th June, 2,49,902 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 6350.
- ➤ 4606 persons have already recovered/discharged.
- No. of Death case 18.
- No of active cases are 1,719.
- > 1,903 persons are in hospital isolation.

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