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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik today reviewed the Covid situation in the state and directed to ramp up beds with oxygen system. He also appealed to people for co operation and emphasized on strict observance of Covid appropriate behaviour
- Hon'ble Chief Minister further emphasized to ensure buffer stock to tackle higher demand of medicine in coming days, to further ramp up IEC campaign with active participation of the community, Mission Shakti Group and PRI members.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that enforcement activities have to be continued to be implemented strictly across the state.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister again said that the Collectors should be prepared for the return of the migrants. The protocols followed earlier should be reactivated by the Collectors immediately based on the existing database, he added.
- Chief Secretary Sri S. C. Mohapatra, Development Commissioner-cum-SRC Sri Pradeep Jena, Addl. Chief Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Sri P. K. Mohapatra along with the Collectors were present while Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister (5-T) Sri V.K. Pandian coordinated the review meeting.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that strengthening its preparedness against the 2nd wave of COVID-19, State Government has added 5,000 additional beds in the dedicated Covid hospitals taking the total to 11,808, including 2,018 beds in ICUs and 782 with ventilators.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister conveyed heartfelt greetings to all on the auspicious occasion of Ashokasthami and the chariot festival of Mahaprabhu Sri Lingaraj. "May the present difficult situation be passed away by the abundant grace of the Lord and lives of all be filled with happiness and prosperity", Hon'ble Chief Minister hoped.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister paid tributes to Gopinath Mohanty, eminent novelist and first Odia Jnanpith Award winner on his Birth Anniversary. Odia literature has

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flourished with his timeless literary works such as 'Matimatala', 'Paraja', 'Dadibudha', 'Amrutara Santana', 'Chhaialua'. He will be remembered forever for his invaluable achievements in the world of literature, Hon'ble Chief Minister said.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed his deep concern to know about the hospitalisation of former Prime Minister Shri Manmohan Singh after being tested positive for COVID-19. Hon'ble Chief Minister wished him speedy recovery and prayed for his good health.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed his deep concern to know that Congress Leader Rahul Gandhi tested positive for COVID19. Hon'ble Chief Minister wished him speedy recovery and prayed for his good health.
- After consultations with management committees of religious institutions like Temples/Mosques/Gurudwaras/Churchs etc. Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation has issued directives for religious places which will come into force from 21/04/2021. Copy of the order is enclosed.
 - No devotees shall be allowed inside any religious institution like Temples/Mosques/Gurudwaras/Churchs etc. until further order.
 - The usual religious rituals in Temples/Mosques/Gurudwaras/Churchs and other places of worship will be conducted with limited numbers of priests/staff.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 19th April, 96,68,401 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 3,77,464.
- 3,47,637 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1953.
- No of active cases are 27,821.
- 27,821 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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