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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik said that we are in the midst of a severe crisis in the country. Many States and metro cities are witnessing a huge strain on the healthcare system. We need to be extremely cautious and alert in ensuring all measures to manage the situation in Odisha, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that in spite of the increasing cases, so far we have been able to manage the Covid Care. However, the rising cases in some districts are a major cause of concern. The virus is now spreading in the form of double and triple mutant strains, which is making even young people suffer, Hon'ble Chief Minister added.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister further said that we should always be prepared for the worst case scenario and that's the principle by which we are able to handle natural disasters effectively. Each Collector and SP should apply their minds taking the field situation into consideration and make foolproof planning, he said.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister again said that the observers should have a close look at this. Whatever gaps are there, departments should take ownership to fill them. Chief Secretary would monitor this closely and brief me in the next meeting, he said.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed happiness that in some towns trader associations have volunteered to reduce market timings and undertake voluntary closing of shops. Saying this is a welcome step, Hon'ble Chief Minister appreciated this as it shows complete involvement of the community in COVID-19 management.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister directed the collectors to work towards these kinds of community owned initiatives. They are effective and sustainable. Resident associations, Merchant associations and various community based organisations should be made to partner in our efforts, Hon'ble Chief Minister added.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the oxygen supply logistics plan should be closely monitored to ensure sufficient and timely supply of oxygen to the patients. Hon'ble Chief Minister appealed to ensure that the critical medicines are available to the patients whenever required.

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- Hon'ble Chief Minister further said that the 2nd wave has made us realise that we need to be prepared for the crisis for long. Unless we observe the Covid appropriate protocols like wearing masks, washing hands, social distancing we cannot tide over this. Hon'ble Chief Minister advised to take care of our frontline warriors.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister sincerely appealed to people of Odisha to wear mask and ensure social distancing. Our Doctors and medical staff are working hard to save lives. Each one of us should behave responsibly so that we can effectively fight this war against COVID-19, he said.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister said that State Government is trying its best to provide health care support, but hoped that people will help in reducing the burden on the hospitals. One infection reduced means one bed saved, one ICU saved, above all one avoids the agony of facing a life and death situation, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister paid tributes to Utkal Gaurab Madhusudan Das, pioneer in the formation of a separate state of Odisha and architect of modern Odisha. He will be remembered forever for his invaluable contribution in the formation of an industrially prosperous state and in the field of Odia language, education and literature, Hon'ble Chief Minister said.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed grief to know about the passing away of legendary litterateur Manoj Das. Shri Das has left an indelible mark in the field of literature with his vast variety of immortal works and left a void which can never be filled, Hon'ble Chief Minister said.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the demise of the literary doyen is an irreparable loss to the world of Odia and English literature. Hon'ble Chief Minister condoled the bereaved family members, readers and followers.
- Today Dr. Smt. Sanghamitra Pati, Director, RMRC, Bhubaneswar and Dr. Amarendranath Mohanty, Director, State Institute of Health and Family Welfare answered various queries of people regarding Covid-19.
- The rate of infection is high during this 2nd wave of Covid-19, due to different variants of the virus. There should be no laxity in adhering the Covid protocol.
 - If anybody comes in contact with a Covid positive patient, he should test himself on that day if found with symptom. On the other hand, if he has no symptom, he should test within 3 to 5 days.
 - A person, waiting the test report, should remain in self-isolation, wear mask and obey Covid appropriate behaviour.
 - Persons vaccinated with both the doses, should adhere Covid Protocol including wearing the mask and keeping social distance.

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Health Update

- Up to midnight of 27th April, 99,97,140 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 4,28,515.
- 3,71,200 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 2017.
- No of active cases are 55,245.
- 55,245 persons are in Hospital isolation.

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