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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik reviewing the COVID-19 situation in the State, has suggested 7-point advice on Covid management. Hon'ble Chief Minister asked the officials to ensure fire safety and availability of medical oxygen at the District Hospitals through 24 hour monitoring.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister advised strengthening testing, tracing and containment in areas with higher caseload and take feedback from doctors working at ICUs. Hon'ble Chief Minister said, vaccination is key to save lives which should be executed seamlessly and advised strict action against private hospitals charging higher.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister also advised that helplines should be made more active at Covid hospitals and provide regular information to the patient's family. He also advised that help should be provided to indigent and poor people through Chief Minister's Relief Fund.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister on the occasion of International Nurses Day, said that Nurses are at the forefront in providing care to COVID-19 patients and saving innumerable lives. Hon'ble Chief Minister offered his gratitude to the frontline warriors who are working with dedication and determination to save lives and improve case recoveries.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that Odisha has so far sent more than 10,000 metric tons of oxygen to 11 states, standing in support of the oxygen deficit states during these challenging times, setting a milestone in the battle against second wave of COVID-19 pandemic.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister discussed with the doctors of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Bhubaneswar and SCB Medical College and Hospital, Cuttack on the health condition of Leader of Opposition Shri Pradipta Kumar Naik, undergoing treatment for COVID-19 infection. Doctors assured that they are making best possible effort for his speedy recovery.

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- AIIMS Director Ms Gitanjali Batmanabane thanked the State Government for all the support provided in the treatment of Shri Naik. Hon'ble Chief Minister appreciated efforts of doctors and requested them to provide best healthcare for Shri Naik and assured all support from the State Government.
- Prof. Dr. Sharada Prasanna Swain, Director, Utkarsha Manasika Swastha Pratisthan, Cuttack and Dr. Amarendranath Mohanty, Director, State Institute of Health and Family Welfare, Bhubaneswar today answered various queries on the mental health of patients, elderly people, children and persons with co-morbidities during Covid and Post-Covid situation. People suffering from anxiety, sleeplessness, mental debility, panic, depression and stress are advised to schedule their regular activities, walking, exercise etc. to keep up their mental health. They also appealed people to strictly adhere Covid appropriate behaviour.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 11th May, 1,06,61,647 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 5,65,648.
- 4,65,133 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 2232.
- No of active cases are 98,230.

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