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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik has directed officials to keep a close watch on private hospitals treating COVID-19 patients and ensure they charge as per rates fixed by the Government to prevent overcharging and unethical profiteering.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister on World Nursing Day, spoke to nurses from various hospitals in the state who are strongly fighting Covid in Odisha. There is no comparison to their dedication in serving patients, leaving behind their personal happiness and sorrow. This sacrifice and determination will continue to inspire for ages, Hon'ble Chief Minister said.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister sanctioned Rs. 2 Crore from Chief Minister's Relief Fund for Balangir district to fight 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of Covid pandemic.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister paid tributes to eminent litterateur Sachi Rautaray on his Birth Anniversary. His creations enriching the world of Odia language and Literature, gave him recognition as "people's poet". He is always remembered for his outstanding creative works such as 'Baji Raut', 'Pallisree', 'Mashanira Phoola', 'Chai', Hon'ble Chief Minister said.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister appreciated the humanitarian gesture of Bhanjanagar Sub-Collector Rajendra Minz who along with others, performed last rites of a 65-year-old succumbed to COVID-19 at Bhanjanagar Dedicated Covid Care Centre. Such humane gesture will inspire others, Hon'ble Chief Minister said.
- Sri Bishnupada Sethi, Principal Secretary, Information & Public Relations Department reviewed today the IEC activities and campaign for Covid appropriate behaviour undertaken by the Department and directed everybody to work sincerely in the line of 5-T and 'Mo Sarkar' initiative to deliver best public services and to ensure journalist welfare measure to be implemented in time bound manner.

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- Shri Yeshwant Kumar Jethwa, ADG (Law and Order), Shri Saumendra Kumar Priyadarshi, Commissioner of Police, Bhubaneswar-Cuttack, Dr. Umashankar Dash, DCP, Bhubaneswar and Shri Prateek Singh, DCP, Cuttack today briefed on Lockdown and Shutdown guidelines, vaccination drive and strengthening of enforcement activities against violators. State wise drive against hoarding and black marketing of Covid related materials is continued, they said.
- General public is requested to dial 24X7 Helpline 100 and 112 for any problem, senior citizens can contact 8093028100 for their grievances and communication can be made through 8144207100 for information regarding marriage and funeral. They also appealed people to strictly adhere to Covid related behaviour.

### **Health Update**

- Up to midnight of 12<sup>th</sup> May, 1,07,13,098 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 5,76,297.
- 4,73,680 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 2251.
- No of active cases are 1,00,313.

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