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- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik said that people of Odisha have given us opportunity for the 5th time to serve them. We are working hard to fulfill the promises we have made to the people and their aspirations. With the cooperation of the people of State, we will win the fight against COVID-19 and continue our good work for the transformation of Odisha, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that his council of ministers passed the above resolution. World has changed its perception about Odisha's ability to deal with disasters in the course of last two decades. There was a time when we evoked pity. Today, the Odisha model of disaster management draws global admiration, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that at centre of this transformation is deep conviction that 'Every life is precious'. Our preparedness is rooted on community involvement and Covid-19 has created a new reality for us. Unlike a cyclone that comes and goes, the pandemic has brought in two new dimensions of human crisis. One, is the inability to put a timeline as to when a crisis will move on. The second, is the way a crisis may assume new and unexpected forms. The time has come for us to create a massive knowledge infrastructure in the State that will make everyone a warrior, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that today we are taking a futuristic decision. We will train our people on how to deal with known emergencies and how to respond to situations where the outcome cannot be predicted. From now on, disaster and pandemic management as part of the curriculum in high school and colleges, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister also said that we will train every Government employee on the fundamental nature of different kinds of disaster and pandemic management. Government jobs and recruitment will have a mandatory syllabus on disaster and pandemic management, he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the role of our elected representatives changes significantly during times of distress. From ward members to Chief Minister, everyone will be trained on disaster and pandemic management, he added.

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- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that we will train members of our Mission Shakti groups, Vana Surakya Samitis, and other community based organizations and equip them with the knowledge required to manage disaster and pandemics.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister again said that the Council of Ministers has resolved to undertake systematic and detailed training programmes to make Odisha a leading state in disaster preparedness - ready to tackle any disaster whether it's biological or climatic. The objective is to have a 'Yodha in every home of Odisha', he added.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister said that a task force will be formed to carry forward this mission of building a disaster and pandemic resilient Odisha. This will be our biggest preparation for future emergencies, he added.
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- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that with robust preparedness, evacuation mechanism, Odisha has contained the damage of Cyclone Yaas. With focus on principle, 'every life is precious', Odisha has minimised the loss of lives during multiple cyclones the state has braved during last 21 years, he added.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed happiness that Odisha's disaster management model has received global acclaim again as United Nation Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) Chief Mami Mizutori lauded leadership of Odisha's Chief Minister towards creating a world-class mechanism and framework to mitigate natural disasters.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister said that living up to its commitment of ensuring Oxygen availability for all Covid affected, Odisha organised medical oxygen cylinders from abroad; the first lot sponsored through CSR of Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel, India arrived today at Biju Patnaik International Airport.
 - Hon'ble Chief Minister said that Odisha's blackbuck population has doubled in the last six years according to the latest population census report with improvement of habitats, protection given by the State Government officials in association with local communities.
 - Chief Secretary Sri Suresh Chandra Mohapatra today briefed on Covid containment measures in the State. He said that Lockdown period has been extended until 5AM of 17th June. Various restrictions and exemptions as per previous Order shall continue. There shall be complete shutdown on weekends starting from 6PM of Fridays till 5AM of Mondays as before.

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- Sri Mohapatra said that the shops will be opened from 7AM to 11AM in all the districts while in Nuapara, Gajapati and Sundargarh districts these will be opened upto 1PM, keeping in view of rapid decline in infection.
- He also said that number of testing has been increased to 70,000 per day. He further appealed people to strictly adhere to Covid protocols including use of mask, hand washing and maintaining of social distance.
- Sri P. K. Mohapatra, Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Family Welfare today briefed on Covid situation in the State and future strategy to combat it. He also stated that number of positive cases in the State is steadily declining. He further said that State has enough stock of drug, medical Oxygen with Cylinder, being monitored by a task force. He also stated on field deployment of Doctors, Nurses and health workers along with vaccination programmes in the State. He appealed people to strictly adhere Covid appropriate behaviour.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 29th May, 1,17,11,459 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 7,56,684.
- 6,58,646 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 2719.
- No of active cases are 95,266.

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