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Smt. Shalini Pandit, Mission Director, NHM, Odisha and Dr. Sanghamitra Pati, Director, RMRC, Bhubaneswar briefed the Press about steps taken by Government of Odisha for prevention of COVID-19.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik, today, in a message on the occasion of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, said that world is facing an unprecedented crisis due to COVID-19, leaving our elders more vulnerable than ever. "Let us all pledge to take extra care of our elders as we grapple with the pandemic and give them love and respect they deserve", he added.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed happiness over return of 217 Odia brothers and sisters through special flight from Sharjah (UAE) by Odia Pilot Captain Madhusmita Patnaik. He said that the enthusiasm and sincere effort of all working for the safe return of Odias during COVID-19 crisis is praiseworthy.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister said that Sarpanchs are doing dedicated service in their areas for containing the spread of COVID-19 and also providing all facilities to the migrants, adhering to Government guidelines. Their sincerity and dutifulness are the source of inspiration for others.
- Odisha has become a model State in managing COVID-19 situation in the country. Rate of Testing and recovery has increased and mortality rate has been least in the country.
- State Government is giving more importance on COVID-19 testing. Now testing is being conducted in 17 testing labs of 10 districts including Regional Medical Research Centre (RMRC), Bhubaneswar. Number of testing has crossed 2 Lakh as on today. Presently, importance has been given not to exclude any person, having symptom or coming in contact with COVID-19 positive cases from being tested.
- As per direction of Hon'ble Chief Minister, the ASHAs and Health Workers will trace the persons with COVID-19 symptoms, through door to door survey of every house in rural areas and slums of Urban areas, so that the persons having symptoms shall be tested as early as possible.

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- During COVID-19 crisis District Mental Health Programme (DMHP) team has visited more than 813 Temporary Medical Centres/Camps (TMCs) and counselled 39,123 migrants on anxiety, depression, panic disorder and substance abuse cases. 10 teams have been formed across 3 districts to provide tele-counselling on mental health.
- In order to ensure uninterrupted education during COVID-19 situation, Odisha has introduced an alternative learning and mentorship programme for around 6 Lakh ST and SC students with special Mentors for students without internet access.
- Odia brothers and sisters are returning to Odisha every day since 3rd May. 6405 Odia people have returned to Odisha today. So far 5,50,310 Odias have returned to Odisha.
- From 14th June morning to 15th June morning, 23 no of cases have been registered by the Police in the state for violation of different regulations and guidelines related to COVID-19 of which 21 no. of cases for violation of lock down and 2 cases related to other issues. 72 persons have been arrested by police for different violations.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 14th June, 2, 02,513 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 4,055.
- 2854 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 11.
- No of active cases are 1187.
- 1610 persons are in hospital isolation.

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