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Sri Subroto Bagchi, Chief Spokesperson of Govt. of Odisha on COVID-19, Sri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Information & Public Relations Department briefed the Press about steps taken by Government of Odisha for prevention of COVID-19.

- On the occasion of National Panchayati Raj Diwas, paying his tributes to Legendary Leader Biju Babu, Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik has said that Biju Babu was a staunch advocate of decentralization of power and empowerment of Panchayats to strengthen democracy at grassroots. Hon'ble Chief Minister has called upon all Gram Panchayats to be at the forefront in our war against COVID19 and protect our villages from Corona Virus.
- An exclusive COVID-19 Hospital has been operationalised at Bhawanipatna of Kalahandi District to strengthen Odisha's fight against COVID-19. The Hospital has 200 beds with 6 ICU beds. It has been financially supported by Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. With this, the number of COVID-19 Hospitals in the State has increased to 33 and total number of beds has increased to 5476.
- To empower Health Service Personnel to effectively handle COVID-19 situation, 105 Nurses of 11 districts are undergoing Critical Care ICU Training at SCB Medical College, Cuttack. The training will continue for 7 days.
- Today, an important meeting of Sree Jagannath Temple Managing Committee was held through Video Conferencing. After the meeting, Gajapati Maharaja Sri Dibyasingha Deb of Puri has said that keeping in view COVID-19 situation, decision regarding observance of world famous Ratha Yatra of Lord Jagannath will be taken on the basis of guidelines issued by Government of India and by Government of Odisha after the Lock Down period is over on May 3rd.

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- Tele-health Services has been launched in Puri during Lock Down. Public have been advised by Health & Family Welfare Department to contact Doctors over Phone without visiting Hospital for Medical consultation.
- As per the announcement of Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik, 15,39,618 registered construction workers of the State have been given financial assistance @ Rs. 1500/- during COVID-19 Lock Down. So far, around Rs. 231 Crore has been provided to registered construction workers.
- Government of Odisha has sanctioned Rs. 19 Crore to provide special financial assistance to Urban Street Vendors whose livelihood has been affected due to Lock Down. 65000 Street Vendors across the State will be benefited from the scheme. So far Rs.11,18,04,000/- has been disbursed as assistance to 37268 Street Vendors across 111 ULBs of the State. Both online and offline provision for assistance is also made.
- Food and accommodation along with health facilities have been provided through 2610 camps for around 87000 'Guest Workers'. These workers are from various states of the country. Any complaint received through Shramik Sahayata Call Centre-18003456703 is being addressed promptly.
- Today, 3,48,668 destitute and helpless persons have been provided with food in 5490 Gram Panchayats. Similarly, in 113 ULBs 46,127 persons have been provided with food.
- From 23rd April morning to 24th April morning, 66 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 60 no. of cases for violation of lock down, 2 cases for violation of Home Quarantine and 4 cases for other issues. 71 persons have been arrested by police for different violations.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 23rd April, 18458 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 94.
- 33 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1.
- No of active cases are 60.
- 170 persons are in hospital isolation.

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