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Sri Subroto Bagchi, Chief Spokesperson of Govt. of Odisha on COVID-19, Sri Deoranjana Kumar Singh, Principal Secretary, Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water Department and 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.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik has extended his warm greetings to all Muslim brothers and sisters on the occasion of Ramzan. In his message Hon'ble Chief Minister has said "May this holy month purify our thoughts and deeds and bless us with peace, prosperity and good health. May the Lord give us strength to defeat the COVID-19 pandemic."
- On the occasion of the World Malaria Day, Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik has said that due to intensive intervention and improved access to diagnosis and treatment Odisha has emerged as the role model for the World in Malaria eradication. Hon'ble Chief Minister has urged to reaffirm our pledge to intensify our efforts further to eliminate the killer sting completely.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik has congratulated the three Panchayats and Ganjam District Administration for bagging 3 National Awards on National Panchayati Raj Dibas. These awards have been given to Kainchapur GP of Ganjam Block for best Development Plan in the State, Badaborasingi GP of Belaguntha Block for best Child Friendly GP in Odisha and Podamari GP of Sanakhemundi Block for Nanaji Deshmukh Rashtriya Gourav Gram Sabha Puraskar. Hon'ble Chief Minister said that Odisha has given distinct emphasis on rural development through inclusive programme, empowering PRIs and efficient monitoring of rural welfare programmes.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik has expressed satisfaction over Government of India's praise to our State for excellence in Medical

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Surveillance, case management and proactive preparedness with medical infrastructure.

- An Inter Ministerial Meeting was held today to discuss measures to kick start Micro, Small, Medium and other Industries in the State. Representatives of different Industry Associations attended the meeting and put forth their suggestion before the Inter Ministerial Committee. All Industry Associations praised the efforts of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha for his proactive steps in combating COVID-19 in the State.
- State Government has issued order for opening of shops during the Lock Down period. Department of Revenue & Disaster Management has issued detail order in this regard. These shops will be managed with 50% staff. Wearing of masks and following social distancing will be mandatory. Collectors/Municipal Commissioner/ULB Authorities shall notify detail orders specifying the shops/type of shops to be opened.
- To facilitate the safe return of stranded Odia workers and other Odias in different States, registration has started in the portal: covid19.odisha.gov.in launched by Government of Odisha. The person himself, his relatives or nodal officers of the concerned area can register the names of the returnees in this portal.
- On account of lock down labourers stranded in Odisha who wish to travel within the State for work can do so in an organised manner so as to reach their place of work. Concerned District Collectors will issue pass for their movement. Detail guideline in this regard has been issued by Department of Revenue & Disaster Management.
- 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, 3,49,297 destitute and helpless persons have been provided with food in 5490 Gram Panchayats. Similarly, in 114 ULBs 42,562 persons have been provided with food.
- From 24th April morning to 25th April morning, 67 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 56 no. of cases for violation of lock down, 1 cases for violation of Home Quarantine and 10 cases for other issues. 128 persons have been arrested by police for different violations.

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## **Health Update**

- Up to midnight of 25th April, 20599 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.
- 150 persons are in hospital isolation.

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