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Sri Subroto Bagchi, Chief Spokesperson of Govt. of Odisha on COVID-19 briefed the Press about steps taken by Government of Odisha for prevention of COVID-19.

- On the auspicious occasion of 'Odisha Day' Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik has extended his best wishes to the people of the State. He has offered rich tributes to the great personalities who made the dream of separate Statehood for Odisha a reality and contributed to enrich Odia Language, Literature and Culture. Hon'ble Chief Minister also said that Odisha has created its own independent identity in the field of all round development. Similarly, Odisha has become a leading State in disaster management with the cooperation of people of the State. Hon'ble Chief Minister has hoped that we shall definitely win this battle against COVID-19.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik has expressed his heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all the members of Mission Shakti Self Help Groups for their selfless support during the COVID-19 outbreak.
- Nearly 400 SHGs are engaged in manufacturing of masks and they are producing 50,000 masks per day.
- Around 500 SHGs have set up dry ration, vegetable and fruit shops across the State with the help of the District Administration.
- The SHGs are entrusted with the responsibility of managing free kitchens in every Gram Panchayats.
- State is ensuring free and unrestricted movement of goods carrying vehicles during the lock down period. A State level committee is monitoring the matter relating to transportation and procurement of commodities, coordinating among Godown owners, wholesalers, retailers and transporters. They are advised to maintain social distance mandate. There is enough stock of Atta, Dal, edible oil, potato and onion etc.

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- Food and accommodation have been ensured through 336 camps for around 23,133 'Guest Workers' from outside the State stranded in Odisha. These workers are primarily from West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, Telengana, Rajasthan, MP and Uttar Pradesh. Any complaint received through Shramik Sahayata Call Centre-18003466703 is being addressed promptly.
- Today, 2,43,337 destitute and helpless persons have been provided with food in 4563 Gram Panchayats. Similarly, in 104 ULBs 18445 persons have been provided with food.
- About 29,141 no of persons have been given cooked food through 69 AHAAR Centres in the State.
- As announced by Hon'ble Chief Minister, Rs. 1000/- cash per ration card is being distributed to all eligible ration card holders under Food Security Cover.
- 6,833 nos of Temporary Medical Centres have been set up in 6,798 Gram Panchayats of the State with 149065 no of beds.
- In view of the economic impact caused due to lock down and expenditures incurred to control COVID-19, Government of Odisha in Finance Department has issued an order for deferment of 70% of the gross salary for the month of March onwards in respect of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Ministers, Hon'ble MLAs, Chairperson of All Corporations and elected representatives of all Local Bodies while deferment of 50% of gross salary, in respect of All India Services i.e. IAS, IPS and IFS.
- From the morning of 31st March to 1st April, 219 no of cases have been registered by the Police in the state for different violations of regulations and guidelines related to COVID-19. This include 197 no. of cases for violation of lock down, 9 cases for violation of 'Home Quarantine' and 13 cases for violation of other issues.
- Any rumour relating to COVID-19 is being dealt with severely. will not be tolerated and strong action will be taken against the rumour-mongers. For any fake news action shall be taken against persons concerned under IT Act and Epidemic Act.

### **Health Update**

- Up to 12 noon today, 610 samples have been tested. Number of Positive Cases stands at 4.

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- 55 contacts of first two cases are being traced. 112 contacts of third case have been identified and are in communication.
- 7 contacts of 4th case have been traced. The 4th positive had travelled from Dubai to Kolkata by Air (Flight-EK570) on 18th March. He travelled alone from Kolkata Airport to Howrah Station by Taxi. On that day, he came from Howrah by East Coast Express in Coach: S-11 and reached Bhadrak Railway station while came to his home by Hired Auto. He was in Home Quarantine. Although asymptomatic sample was collected for testing on 30th March and on 31st March the sample tested positive.
- 88 persons are under Hospital Isolation today in different hospitals.
- 15,045 persons have registered themselves through online and 104 Health Helpline. Out of these 4332 persons are from abroad and 10,713 persons from other States.

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