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Government of India has decided for phased reopening (unlock-1) from 1st June after the end of 4th phase Lock Down on 31st May. Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India has issued guidelines in this regard. Based on this declaration, Government of Odisha also announced restrictions and new guidelines regarding unlock in the State. Chief Secretary Sri Asit Tripathy and Director General of Police Sri Abhay, today, briefed the press regarding unlocking strategy in the State.

Earlier Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik had clearly stated that due to relaxation on inter-state flight and movement of train and buses, the month of June will be very crucial for the State as more numbers of people will return from outside which may enhance the spread of COVID-19. Keeping in view such scenario, Government of Odisha has prepared new guideline for the State (the copy of the Guideline issued by SRC is enclosed). The guideline includes the following points:-

- All the religious institutions will be closed till 30th June.
- Cinema Halls, Gymnasiums, Swimming pools, Entertainment Parks, Theatres, Shopping Malls, Auditoriums and Bars will be closed till 30th June.
- Celebrations, functions, congregations, meetings, sports events, any political and cultural functions are not allowed.
- Hotels will be allowed to operate upto 30% capacity. Restaurant service will be open only for in-house guests. Restaurants and Hotels are permitted for home delivery/ takeaways of food.
- All educational institutions, coaching centres and training institutes will be closed upto 31st July.

Government of Odisha has declared shut down on every Saturday and Sunday in 11 districts viz Ganjam, Puri, Khurda, Jagatsinghpur, Bhadrak, Cuttack, Jajpur, Balasore, Kendrapara, Nayagarh and Bolangir, keeping in view the detection of higher number of COVID-19 positive cases.

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All medical establishments including hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, including medicine stores and movement of Ambulance and all medical personnel are allowed.

All the shops, business establishments, market places and offices will be closed during shut down. Only essential and emergency services such as water supply, sanitation and electricity will be continued.

Electronics Media identified by Commissionerate /District Police will discharge their duty.

Rs. 500/- will be fined for not wearing mask for 1st two times and it will be Rs. 1000/- for 3rd time. Similarly, Rs.500/- will be fined for spitting in public places.

Night curfew will be imposed from 7PM to 5AM in the State.

Outdoor movement of persons above 65 years of age, persons with co-morbidities, pregnant women, children below the age of 10 years is prohibited, except for essential and health purposes till 31st August, 2020.

6th phase training programme on COVID Critical Care has been completed. 249 Doctors and 273 Nurses from 30 districts of the State participated in this 45 day long training programme.

COVID-19 testing has started at Balasore and Baripada Medical Colleges. The process will help in ramping up COVID-19 testing capacity in the State.

Health Update

Up to midnight of 31st May, 1,55,690 samples have been tested.

Number of Positive Cases - 2104.

1126 persons have already recovered/ discharged.

No. of Death case 7.

No. of active cases is 969.

1238 persons are in hospital isolation.

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