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Sri Subroto Bagchi, Chief Spokesperson of Govt. of Odisha on COVID-19, Sri Pradeep Kumar Jena, Addl. Chief Secretary & Special Relief Commissioner, Sri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Information & Public Relations Department and Sri Sanjeeb Panda, Transport Commissioner briefed the Press about steps taken by Government of Odisha for prevention of COVID-19.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik has said that Odisha is presently in a better position. Lakhs of people are working tirelessly in this fight to contain COVID-19. Many Odias are working beyond their call of duty with dedication and sacrifice to combat this unprecedented situation. Hon'ble Chief Minister has advised the people returning to Odisha to discharge their responsibility with similar dedication and sacrifice.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik advised the Odia people returning from other States to undergo quarantine and to strictly follow all the protocols/advisory issued by the Government for the safety of themselves and their family. In case of any violation, the Sarpanch shall bring the same it to the notice of Administration. Stringent action will be taken against the violators, he said.
- In view of number of requests received from people to allow them either to go outside the State or to come to Odisha for various reasons, Government of Odisha has issued guidelines to regulate their movement in the wake of Lock Down. Individuals to move outside Odisha for medical reasons or for essential activities will be allowed by Sub-collector/Tahasildar/DCP, Police Commissionerate, Bhubaneswar-Cuttack after due examination. In case the applicant is allowed to travel outside Odisha, a copy of the Inter-state Pass, so issued will be sent by e-mail to District Magistrate in the concerned State. A Form has been prescribed for the purpose which contains the information like Date of Issue, Name of the Vehicle's Owner, Mobile Number, Driver's name and Mobile No. Registration No., type and seating capacity of the vehicle and proposed time and date of departure.
- An applicant wishing to travel into Odisha will have to register himself/herself on the Government of Odisha Portal

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<http://covid19.odisha.gov.in> created for the purpose. She/he will apply to District Magistrate/Police Commissioner/Authorised Officer of the District where she/he is stranded who will issue the pass. A Copy of the pass so issued would be sent to the District Magistrate of the destination district of Odisha. The registration number on the Portal of Government of Odisha will be verified at the Border Check Point (BCP) while entering Odisha.

- After reaching the destination she/he would undergo a mandatory home quarantine for 14 days with companion/s, if any. They have to wear mask and observe social distancing guidelines scrupulously.
- In view of extension of Lock Down period until midnight of 17th May, 2020, Government has allowed plying of Buses on both Intra District and Inter District routes in Green Zones, ensuring strict social distancing. As per the Order issued by the Department of Revenue & Disaster Management the Buses will ply with passengers up to 50% of their seating capacity and will ply exclusively within Green Zone without passing through the territory of Red Zone or Orange Zone. The plying shall be subject to fulfilling all other statutory requirements such as valid route permit, registration certificate, fitness certificate, pollution control certificate and insurance papers etc.
- 9536 nos of Temporary Medical Centres have been completed in 6798 Gram Panchayats of the State. In all these Centres, total number of 3,30,772 beds have been readied to provide COVID-19 health services in rural areas.
- Today, 3,04,377 destitute and helpless persons have been provided with food in 4969 Gram Panchayats. Similarly, in 109 ULBs 33,890 persons have been provided with food.
- From 3rd May morning to 4th May morning, 24 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 22 no. of cases for violation of lock down, 1 case for rumour mongering and 1 case related to other issues. 66 persons have been arrested by police for different violations.

### **Health Update**

- Up to midnight of 3rd May, 41128 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 169.
- 60 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1.
- No of active cases are 108.
- 220 persons are in hospital isolation.

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