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Sri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, I&PR Department has briefed the Press today about steps taken to stem the spread of COVID-19 in the State.

- Through door to door surveillance in the containment zones and meticulously planned tracking of contacts of the positive cases, the findings have attentively established that the infection of COVID-19 was brought from outside the State, said the Chief Secretary Sri Asit Kumar Tripathy today.
- In various areas containment zones will be established as required, to be decided by Municipal/District Administration under Disaster Management Act 2005. People are requested to cooperate in the interest of public health.
- After the 'Shut Down' is over, people are requested not to rush to the market to pick grocery and other stuff to avoid crowding and creating more chances of infection. Social distancing must be maintained.
- Hon'ble Prime Minister has appealed to switch off Domestic lights voluntarily between 9PM to 9.09 PM on 5th April, 2020. To maintain the stability of our Grid System, electrical appliances like Fan, Refrigerator, TV, AC, PC, Lift etc. are to be kept in switch on condition. There is no need to switch off all the lights. Lights in essential services such as hospitals, police, Municipalities and Public utilities should remain switched on. Street lights will also remain switched on. Main switch is to be kept switched on.
- Today, 3,26,935 destitute and helpless persons have been provided with food in 5252 Gram Panchayats. Similarly, in 107 ULBs 25,205 persons have been provided with food.
- 6829 nos of temporary medical camp have been completed in 6798 Gram Panchayats in the State with 1,58,829 beds.
- From 4th April morning to 5th April morning to, 203 no of cases have been registered by the Police in the state for violations of different regulations

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and guidelines related to COVID-19 of which 185 no. of cases for violation of lock down, 3 cases for violation of 'Home Quarantine' and 15 for other issues. 250 persons have been arrested for different violations by the Police.

Health Update

- Up to 12 noon today, 1699 samples have been tested. Number of Positive Cases stands 23. Two persons have already been cured and discharged from Hospital. Active cases stand 19.
- Out of 2 recently tested positive cases, one is a 70 year old male from Kapilprasad who had a foreign travel history. Another, a 29 year old young man is from Bamikhal and has also travelled to other State.
- Among the 21 positive cases, 16 from Bhubaneswar, one each from Puri, Cuttack, Kalahandi and Jajpur and 3 from Bhadrak.
- 75 persons are under Hospital Isolation today in different hospitals.

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