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Sri Subroto Bagchi, Chief Spokesperson of Govt. of Odisha on COVID-19, Sri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Information & Public Relations Department, Smt, Shalini Pandit, State Director, NHM and Smt. Dr. Sanghamitra Pati, Director, RMRC, Bhubaneswar briefed the Press about steps taken by Government of Odisha for prevention of COVID-19.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik, today, in a Video Conference interacted with Dr. K. Srinath Reddy, an eminent Cardiologist, Advisor to Government of Odisha, Health & Family Welfare Department and President, Public Health Foundation of India on the topic 'Learning from COVID-what we learnt and how to win'. Hon'ble Members of the Cabinet, Chief Secretary, DG, Police, Senior Officers, Collectors and SPs participated in the conference.
- While appreciating the preparedness and steps taken by Government of Odisha to contain COVID-19, Dr. Reddy said that these steps are exemplary in South Asia. He further stated that as per the available information based on research so far, the preventive or definite treatment has not been invented. However, social distancing, hand sanitization and wearing of mask can act as shield to combat COVID-19. He also emphasised upon community safety and urged for special attention to be given for the elderly people.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister thanked Dr. Reddy for his enlightening suggestions and hoped the same will guide us in containing the spread of COVID-19.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik has expressed his satisfaction over launch of e-pass for people who are stranded in the State and need to travel to other States. Persons intending to go outside the State shall apply by logging into the portal <https://covid19.odisha.gov.in>. After online approval, the e-pass with passenger and vehicle detail will be sent to the applicant through SMS and e-mail.
- As per the instruction of Hon'ble Chief Minister, steps are being taken to ramp up the testing facility in the State. It is noteworthy that the State has

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been able to test 50514 samples till yesterday. The testing facility is further ramped up to 15,000 per day in coming days as per the target given by Hon'ble Chief Minister.

- As reported, in a number of cases the returnees have alighted from the Bus, enroute their destination districts which poses grave risk to public health and safety. It is therefore instructed that no Bus/Vehicle shall be allowed to board/ alight any returnee enroute from the Border Check Point (BCP) and in case of violation, the vehicle and the driver shall be detained for further investigation and action will be taken against them as per law. This has been intimated to the Collectors, Municipal Commissioners, Commissioner of Police, Bhubaneswar-Cuttack and SPs by Special Relief Commissioner.
- Some fresh COVID-19 positive cases have been reported in the districts of Ganjam, Jagatsinghpur and Mayurbhanj. Keeping this in view, Ganjam district is now declared as Red Zone and Jagatsinghpur and Mayurbhanj districts are declared as Orange Zone. All necessary stipulations by Government of India and State Government applicable for different Zones in districts/ Municipal Corporations are to be followed scrupulously. Health & Family Welfare Department has issued an Order in this regard.
- Odia brothers and sisters are returning Odisha every day since 3rd May. 4225 Odia people have returned to Odisha today. So far 39,765 Odias have returned to Odisha. Returnees are coming by train/bus and other vehicles.
- 12,461 Temporary Medical Centres/Camps have been readied in 6798 Gram Panchayats of the State. In all these Centres, around 5 lakh beds have been arranged to provide COVID-19 health services in rural areas.
- Today, 3,19,121 destitute and helpless persons have been provided with food in 4979 Gram Panchayats. Similarly, in 113 ULBs 33778 persons have been provided with food.
- From 6th May morning to 7th 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 23 no. of cases for violation of lock down and 1 case for violation of Home Quarantine. 54 persons have been arrested by police for different violations.

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Health Update

- Up to midnight of 6th May, 50514 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 209.
- 62 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 2.
- No of active cases are 145.
- 272 persons are in hospital isolation.

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