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Sri Subroto Bagchi, Chief Spokesperson of Govt. of Odisha on COVID-19, and Sri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Commissioner-cum-Secretary of Information & Public Relations Department, Dr. Sanghamitra Pati, Director, RMRC and Prof. Dr. C.B.K. Mohanty, DMET briefed the Press about steps taken by Government of Odisha for prevention of COVID-19.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik has commended Ganjam Administration for readying a 200 bed COVID Hospital with 15 ICU beds in Berhampur in record time with the support of Tata Steel. With this, 9 special COVID-19 Hospitals with 1797 bed capacity have become functional.
- State Government is taking steps to increase the COVID-19 testing capacity. MKCG MCH, Berhampur has been permitted by ICMR to conduct COVID-19 testing. It is the 2nd MCH in the State after SCB that will help in carrying out test in the southern part of the State.
- Modern equipment COBAS has been installed in RMRC and with this the testing capacity has increased to 1000 per day.
- Strengthening Odisha Government's effort in COVID-19 testing in the State, around 4000 testing Kits were airlifted from Mumbai via a special Cargo Plane last evening. The kits consist of tests, reagents and VTMS vital for the process.
- 17 Private Hospitals have been notified by Health & Family Welfare Department, Govt. of Odisha in Bhubaneswar as fever clinics and general public have been advised to visit only these hospitals for treatment of Flu like symptoms. They are-AMRI, Kalinga, Nilachal, Sun Shine, Sparsh, Blue Wheel, CARE, Aswini-Aditya, Maa Shakti, Bhubaneswar, Vivekananda, Usthi, Padma, Gastro Kidney Care Hospitals and BMRI Institute & Nursing Home and Panda Nursing Home. Separate arrangements have been made in these hospitals for treatment of Flu like symptoms. Besides treatment is available in

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Capital Hospital, RGH (Rourkela) and other District Headquarters Hospitals.

- In view of the economic fallout of COVID-19 Hon'ble Chief Minister has urged all Private Educational Institutions to consider reduction/deferment of school fees from April to June.
- Food and accommodation have been ensured through 2012 camps for around 70,000 'Guest Workers'. These workers are from various states of the country. Any complaint received through Shramik Sahayata Call Centre-18003456703 is being addressed promptly.
- Today, 3,31,859 destitute and helpless persons have been provided with food in 5385 Gram Panchayats. Similarly, in 114 ULBs 31,832 persons have been provided with food.
- From 9th April morning to 10th April morning, 213 no of cases have been registered by the Police in the state for violations of different regulations and guidelines related to COVID-19 of which 205 no. of cases for violation of lock down, 3 cases for rumour mongering and 5 for other issues.
- Till date 63 cases have been registered in the state for rumour mongering.

Health Update

- Up to 9 AM today, 3249 samples have been tested. Number of Positive Cases stands 48. Two persons have already been cured and discharged from Hospital.
- No. of Death case 1.
- No of active cases are 45.
- 113 persons are under Hospital Isolation today in different hospitals.

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