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Sri Subroto Bagchi, Chief Spokesperson of Govt. of Odisha on COVID-19, Sri D. K. Singh, Principal Secretary, Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water, Sri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Commissioner-cum-Secretary of Information & Public Relations Department and Smt. Shalini Pandit, Mission Director, NHM, Odisha briefed the Press about steps taken by Government of Odisha for prevention of COVID-19.

- In order to ramp up COVID-19 exclusive hospitals in the State, a tripartite MoU has been signed between Collector, Jagatsinghpur, CDMO, Jagatsinghpur and Paradeep Port Trust for setting up of a dedicated COVID-19 Health Care Centre to strengthen the fight against COVID-19. The facility will be operational from 13th April.
- 12 COVID-19 patients out of 50 positive cases have recovered. 2 had recovered earlier and 10 persons recovered yesterday.
- High throughput COBAS Machine has been commissioned at RMRC which substantially enhanced our testing capacity. MKCG (Berhampur), IGH (Rourkela) will undertake testing. So also ILS (Institute of Life Sciences) which has got the permission of the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India, the testing will commence next week.
- There is enough stock of sanitizer, triple layer surgical mask, N-95 mask and other protective gears for all health care personnel working in Government Hospitals.
- Capacity building of Medical Personnel for COVID-19 has been strengthened. 416 Faculties and staff of SCB and 72 of MKCG have been given critical care training for COVID-19. Around 1600 Medical Officers and Staff of Directorate of AYUSH have been trained in basic

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COVID-19 management. Zoom Training of medical fraternity of all COVID Hospitals is being carried on. 906 persons of 4 Dental Colleges including all Faculties, 3rd and final year students have been trained on basic COVID-19 management. As on 10th April, 1,17,279 ASHAs and AWWs have been given basic training.

- On the direction of Hon'ble Chief Minister, financial assistance @ Rs. 1500/- to all registered construction workers is being given. Door to door distribution is being carried on. Labour Commissioner of Odisha has clarified that no application for such assistance is required. Beneficiaries have been advised to complain to Police Station or to Administration against involvement of any broker/middleman in this regard.
- In a serious situation like COVID-19 infection, Panchaiyati Raj and Drinking Water Department took steps for massive sensitization and pro-active dissemination of awareness in rural areas involving elected representatives and functionaries in three tier Panchayati Raj System. During the drive from 19th to 21st March members of Gram Panchayats, Pandhayat Samitis and Zilla Parisadas were sensitized.
- To expedite special COVID-19 health facilities, 6939 temporary medical centres have been set up in 6798 GPs with provision of 1,62,142 beds.
- Rs. 5 lakh from GP Fund has been given to open COVID-19 special temporary medical centre in every Gram Panchayat. Similarly, Community Health Centre(CHC) and Primary health Centre(PHC) have been provided with Rs. 10 lakh and Rs. 5 lakh respectively for arrangement of basic facilities and sanitization.
- Social Security Assistance, ration along with special food security allowances to the eligible beneficiaries in every GP have been distributed.
- Free cooked food is being distributed in GPs and about 6944 Self Help Groups are actively involved in this arrangement adhering to the rules of Social Distancing and 35,08,096 persons have been provided cooked food till 10th April.

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- Food and accommodation along with health facilities have been ensured through 2532 camps for around 77,000 '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, 3,35,662 destitute and helpless persons have been provided with food in 5433 Gram Panchayats. Similarly, in 114 ULBs 33,645 persons have been provided with food.
- From 10th April morning to 11th April morning, 170 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 163 no. of cases for violation of lock down, 4 cases for rumour mongering and 3 for other issues. 100 persons have been arrested for different violations by the Police.
- Till date 67 cases have been registered in the state for rumour mongering.

Health Update

- Up to 9 AM today, 3547 samples have been tested. Number of Positive Cases stands 50. 12 persons have already tested negative and recovered.
- 2 positive cases(No 49 & 50) identified last night are close contacts of COVID-19 patient traced from Madhusudan Nagar, Unit-IV, Bhubaneswar earlier.
- No. of Death case 1.
- No of active cases are 37.
- 133 persons are under Hospital Isolation today in different hospitals.

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