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Sri Subroto Bagchi, Chief Spokesperson of Govt. of Odisha on COVID-19, Smt. Anu Garg, Principal Secretary, WCD, Mission Shakti, Smt. Yamini Sarangi, MD, Odisha State Medical Corporation Ltd. and Sri Premchandra Choudhary, Commissioner, BMC briefed the Press about steps taken by Government of Odisha for prevention of COVID-19.

- Strengthening State's fight against COVID-19, 17 COVID-19 Hospitals/Care Centres have become operational in Gajapati, Ganjam, Jajpur, Keonjhar, Khurda, Puri, Cuttack, Sundargarh, Bhadrak, Rayagada, Malkangiri, Dhenkanal, Boudh, Kendrapara, Balasore and Koraput district. The total bed capacity of these facilities is 2790. Further, a tripartite MoU between District Magistrate, Nabarangpur, NALCO and Christian Hospital has been signed to set up a 200 bedded Special COVID-19 Hospital in Nabarangapur.
- Adequate stock of essential medicines including Antibiotics, Analgesics, Anti-inflammatory etc is available for 5 months of consumption. Besides, orders have been placed for 4 more months of consumption. There is enough stock of three layer surgical mask, N-95 mask, Personal Protective Equipment and Hand Sanitizer. Similarly, important equipments like ICU Ventilators, Oxygen Concentrators and Nebulizers are available.
- 7020 no of temporary medical centres with 1,62,659 bed capacity have become functional in 6798 Gram Panchayats in the State.
- On the direction of Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik, all Ration Card Holders will be given 5 kg Rice and one kg Dal free of cost for 3 months from April to combat hunger in wake of COVID-19. This will be given in addition to monthly Quota supplied to beneficiaries covered under Food Security Schemes.
- Advance Ration for the month of April, May and June has been distributed among 51, 07,656 beneficiaries.

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- As directed by Hon'ble Chief Minister, Rs. 514,66,96,000/- has been distributed @ Rs. 1000/- among 51,46,696 PDS Card holder.
- Industrial Units/MSME Units ensuring workers to stay within the industrial premises/ estates and adhering to social distancing norms (including other Government instructions) as approved by Collectors will be opened during 2nd phase Lock Down period.
- Movement of all vehicles carrying essential commodities will be free from restriction during 2nd phase Lock Down Period. Similarly, vehicles belonging to Health Department along with the Institutions providing essential services will move without restriction.
- During 2nd Phase Lock Down Period, activities of Forest & Environment Department such as plantation/Nursery activities, Kendu leaf operations, collection of minor forest products, processing and marketing, creation and maintenance of water bodies for wild animals will continue.
- Production and Marketing by Self Help Groups and activities of Mission Shakti as decided by the Collectors will be carried on during 2nd Phase Lock Down Period.
- More than 72,000 AWWs have been engaged in door delivery of dry ration and eggs (weekly) to 41,27,050 beneficiaries.
- Specially trained AWWs have played important role in distribution of essential commodities, old age pension and awareness drive. Besides, they are preparing health database with coordination of ASHAs, persuading people for Home Quarantine. Hon'ble Chief Minister has appreciated and expressed his thanks for their hard work, cooperation and commitment.
- Food and accommodation along with health facilities have been ensured through 2553 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, 3,41,907 destitute and helpless persons have been provided with food in 5473 Gram Panchayats. Similarly, in 114 ULBs 37,011 persons have been provided with food.
- From 12th April morning to 13th April morning, 122 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 118 no. of cases for violation of lock down, 1 case for violation of Home Quarantine 1 cases for rumour

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mongering and 2 for other issues. 153 persons have been arrested for different violations by the Police.

Health Update

- Up to 9AM today, 4170 samples have been tested. Number of Positive Cases stands 55. 13 persons have already tested negative and recovered.
- One positive case(Case No-55) has come today and the case identified is a male (35 years) from the Containment Area of Bomikhal and is the neighbour of positive cases no-7, 8,22 and 39.
- No. of Death case 1.
- No of active cases are 41.
- 116 persons are under Hospital Isolation today in different hospitals.
- Restriction imposed on Sundarpada and Jadupur-Begunia area as containment zone has been lifted. However, health check up is completed and surveillance along with constant monitoring is carried on.

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