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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 and Smt. Shalini Pandit, Mission Director, NHM, Odisha briefed the Press about steps taken by Government of Odisha for prevention of COVID-19.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik has expressed his happiness over commencement of new testing facilities and thanked health professionals, Police and other Officers for their effort to contain the COVID-19 pandemic. Hon'ble Chief Minister also thanked people of Odisha for their wholehearted support.
- In yet another step to strengthen our testing facility, COVID-19 testing has commenced at Ispat General Hospital, Rourkela and Institute of Life Sciences, Bhubaneswar. As a result of increase in testing facility, 803 COVID-19 samples were tested yesterday which is so far highest.
- Today exclusive COVID-19 hospital with 200 bed capacity has become operational in Subarnapur District. Now, Odisha has 21 COVID-19 hospitals in 19 Districts, increasing the number of beds to 3620.
- With the rising COVID-19 positive cases in Bhubaneswar, 6 senior officers in the rank of Additional Chief Secretary and Principal Secretary have been assigned to monitor the 3 zones of Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation Area i.e. Northern, South-eastern and South-western zone to strengthen the fight against COVID-19. These officers will be in overall charge of intensive sampling, contact tracing, household survey in containment zones and supply of essential commodities.
- Food and accommodation along with health facilities have been provided 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.

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- 7034 nos. of temporary medical centres/camps have been completed in 6798 Gram Panchayats in the State with 1,63,528 beds.
- Today, 3,27,942 destitute and helpless persons have been provided with food in 5387 Gram Panchayats. Similarly, in 113 ULBs 33,816 persons have been provided with food.
- From 14th April morning to 15th April morning, 147 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 131 no. of cases for violation of lock down, 3 cases for 'Home Quarantine', 3 cases for rumour mongering and 10 cases have been registered for other related issues. 109 persons have been arrested by police for different violations.

Health Update

- Up to 9AM today, 5537 samples have been tested. Number of Positive Cases stands 60. 18 persons have already tested negative and recovered.
- No. of Death case 1.
- No of active cases are 41.
- 113 persons are under Hospital Isolation today in different hospitals.

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