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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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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, Prof. Dr. Ashok Mahapatra, Vice-chancellor, Sikshya 'O' Anusandhan University briefed the Press about steps taken by Government of Odisha for prevention of COVID-19.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik has appreciated the remarkable role of the Sarpanchs in the fight against COVID-19 and described them as COVID warriors. Keeping in view their dedicated services in smooth management of Temporary Health Camps/Centres, Quarantine Centres and other COVID facilities, Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the Sarpanchs also have been covered under Rs. 50 lakh financial assistance scheme as declared earlier for the welfare of their family.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik has said that persons engaged in the management of Temporary Medical Centres/Camps, Quarantine Centres and other COVID facilities either in Government or private level are COVID warriors and their families are also covered under Rs. 50 lakh assistance scheme as declared earlier for the welfare of their family.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik has expressed his happiness over the homecoming of 151 stranded Odias from Dubai in the first repatriation special flight to Odisha. The returnees were de-boarded in batches, screened at the Airport and their luggage sanitized. These have been guided to quarantine with advice for adherence to quarantine protocol as prescribed by Odisha Government.
- Development Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary Sri Suresh Chandra Mohapatra and Secretary to Chief Minister (5T) Sri V.K. Pandian visited the districts of Ganjam, Gajapati and Rayagada today. They reviewed management of exclusive COVID hospitals, containment measures, arrangements made for migrant workers, resumption of agriculture and livelihood activities and law & order situation in these districts.

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- State Government has made arrangement for transportation of migrant workers from our Border Check Points to our other Border points nearest to their State. Expenditure incurred on transportation and fooding are borne by Government of Odisha. As per direction of Hon'ble Chief Minister, the assistance is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.
- Odia brothers and sisters are returning to Odisha every day since 3rd May. 15,360 Odia people have returned to Odisha today. So far 1,15,390 Odias have returned to Odisha. Returnees are coming by train/bus and other vehicles.
- 14,795 Temporary Medical Centres/Camps have been readied in 6798 Gram Panchayats of the State. In all these Centres, total no. of 6,28,686 beds have been arranged to provide COVID-19 health services in rural areas.
- Today, 3,21,087 destitute and helpless persons have been provided with food in 4721 Gram Panchayats. Similarly, in 114 ULBs 31,250 persons have been provided with food.
- From 14th May morning to 15th May morning, 12 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 10 no. of cases for violation of lock down and 2 case for violation of Home Quarantine. 30 persons have been arrested by police for different violations.

### **Health Update**

- Up to midnight of 14th May, 81,919 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 672.
- 166 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 3.
- No of active cases are 503.
- 639 persons are in hospital isolation.
- During last 24 hours, 61 nos. of COVID-19 positive cases have been detected out of which 60 numbers are from various quarantine centers and one from contact tracing. This has only been possible because of strict adherence to quarantine protocol.

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