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Sri Subroto Bagchi, Chief Spokesperson of Govt. of Odisha on COVID-19, and Sri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Information & Public Relations Department briefed the Press about steps taken by Government of Odisha for prevention of COVID-19.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik dedicated 5 exclusive COVID-19 Hospitals in Anugul, Bargarh, Jagatsinghpur, Nabarangapur and Sundargarh today through a Video Conferencing in the presence of Sri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Union Minister, Steel & Petroleum, Sri Pralhad Joshi, Hon'ble Union Minister, Coal, Mines & Parliament Affairs. These hospitals with capacity of 825 beds have become operational with assistance of Mahanadi Coal Fields, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., Paradeep Port Trust, NALCO and Sundargarh District Mineral Fund. 30 COVID-19 Hospitals with 4976 beds capacity have become functional so far. Hon'ble Union Minister Sri Pradhan complimenting the efforts of State Government and PSUs stated that Odisha is leading State in operationalization of COVID-19 Hospitals.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik has complimented people of Odisha for their support and sacrifice in the efforts to control the spread of COVID-19. He has said that when the restrictions are lifted, Odisha in coordination with host States and Government of India will facilitate the return of all the brothers and sisters of Odisha stranded in other States. With the help of technology and human approach the objective of their safe return will be achieved through community based monitoring system involving Gram Panchyats and Urban Local Bodies.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik, in a significant move, delegated the powers of District Collector to the Sarpanches of the Gram Panchayats for their jurisdiction, under the provision of Section-51 of the Disaster Management Act-2005, the Epidemic Diseases Act 1897, read with Odisha COVID-19 regulations 2020. The Sarpanch has been given power to put

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necessary arrangement to check and ensure that any person arriving in their respective jurisdiction has been registered, put in Quarantine facility and given accommodation, food, water and incentive. Anyone found violating the instructions of the Sarpanch regarding Quarantine protocols and guidelines shall be penalised.

- Every Gram Panchayat will have a registration facility to facilitate the return of people. It is mandatory for people to register before return. Their relatives in the village can also register on their behalf. They will be placed in Panchayat Quarantine facilities for 14 days. Accommodation, food and treatment will be provided free of cost. Further, on successful completion of quarantine, Rs 2000/- will be given as incentive.
- Odisha's effective COVID-19 containment strategy has earned international praise. World Economic Forum has appreciated Odisha's proactive approach, use of IT, strict social distancing, functioning of Exclusive COVID hospital and focus on livelihood and welfare of the people in containing COVID-19.
- People living in different containment zones have extended whole hearted support, obeying all protocols and guidelines to make containment successful. People who have shown their dedication and commitment in cooperating with the Administration to contain COVID-19 in the containment zone are also warriors.
- Food and accommodation along with health facilities have been provided through 2583 camps for around 78,000 '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, 3,48,548 destitute and helpless persons have been provided with food in 5488 Gram Panchayats. Similarly, in 114 ULBs 40,923 persons have been provided with food.
- From 19th April morning to 20th April morning, 54 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 50 no. of cases for violation of lock down, 3 cases for rumour mongering and 1 case have been registered for other related issues. 57 persons have been arrested by police for different violations.
- Till date 80 cases have been registered in the state for rumour mongering.

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Health Update

- Up to midnight of 19th April, 10641 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 74.
- Out of the 13 new COVID-19 cases detected today, 1 from Sundargarh, 2 from Balasore, and 5 each from Jajpur and Bhadrak districts.
- 24 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 1.
- No of active cases are 49.
- 127 persons are in hospital isolation.

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