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- As per the direction of Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik, State Government facilitated the safe and hassle free return of more than 25,000 stranded migrant workers to their home states. During their stay due care was taken and at the time of return they were provided with food packets & water bottles. The buses used for their return were sanitized properly and due care was taken for their health.
- More than ten thousand Migrant Labourers passing through Odisha have also been safely transported to the border points nearest to their destination States. They were also provided with food, water and due medical care.
- Shramik Express special train from Sambalpur to Kanpur runs today. 1068 adult migrant workers and 50 children from Uttar Pradesh, stranded in Odisha, are going back to their home State with the help of Odisha Government. Collectors of 17 districts (Kalahandi, Sundargarh, Baragarh, Nawarangpur, Malkangiri, Nayagarh, Kandhamal, Sonapur, Balangir, Jharsuguda, Sambalpur, Boudh, Keonjhar and others) have mobilised all the workers by arranging 30 buses to Sambalpur. Collector, Sambalpur has arranged for accommodation for 1000 workers at Burla. They were also provided with meals, dry food packets, mask and soap by Sambalpur District Administration.
- Chief Secretary Sri Asit Tripathy discussed with Sri Rajiv Gauba, Cabinet Secretary, Government of India regarding State's preparedness, steps taken for evacuation, rescue, relief, contingent plan and restoration of facilities relating to cyclone Amphan. Additional Chief Secretary and SRC Sri Pradeep Kumar Jena and Principal Secretary Home Sri Sanjeev Chopra also participated in the discussion. Threadbare discussion was held on different issues with specific emphasis on storing of essential commodities and immediate restoration of power & road connectivity.
- Odia brothers and sisters are returning to Odisha every day since 3rd May. 11,295 Odia people have returned to Odisha today. So far 2,03,220 Odias have returned to Odisha. Returnees are coming by train/bus and other vehicles.

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- 15,867 Temporary Medical Centres/Camps have been readied in 6798 Gram Panchayats of the State. In all these Centres, total no. of 6,97,356 beds have been arranged to provide COVID-19 health services in rural areas.
- From 19th May morning to 20th 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, out of which 10 cases are for violation of lock down, 1 case for violation of 'Home Quarantine' and 1 case registered for other issues. 38 persons have been arrested by police for different violations.

### **Health Update**

- Up to midnight of 19th May, 1,05,914 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 1052.
- 343 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 6.
- No. of active cases is 703.
- 910 persons are in hospital isolation.

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