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Sri Subroto Bagchi, Chief Spokesperson of Govt. of Odisha on COVID-19 briefed the Press about steps taken by Government of Odisha in light of prevention of COVID-19.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik has expressed his heartfelt thanks to the doctors, paramedics and employees involved in Health Services in the present critical situation of COVID-19. Hon'ble Chief Minister has appreciated their dedication, sincerity and service in such an extraordinary situation. Praising the spirit of these people, Hon'ble Chief Minister has declared that the salary of these Doctors, Paramedics and Employees involved in health services for the month of April, May, June and July will be given in advance in April. He has also warned that stringent action will be taken against people who fail to cooperate with them or misbehave with them.
- The COVID-19 has created an extraordinary situation across the world. The State government has taken pro-active measures to contain the spread of the virus. Hon'ble Chief Minister has appealed for support from all sections of the society.
- Supply of essential commodities will continue smoothly without any obstacle. State Government has requested people not to panic in this regard.
- Odisha Mining Corporation (OMC) as a responsible public sector company, has contributed Rs 500 crores to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) for supporting the State government efforts to control COVID-19 situation. This is apart from the Rs 100 crores already contributed to CMRF in February 2020.
- Rs 44.50 crore has been released from Chief Minister's Relief Fund to 30 District Red Cross Societies for taking necessary steps for combating COVID-19 situation in the state. Ganjam and Malkangiri districts have been given Rs. 3 crore each while Balasore, Baragarh, Balangir, Cuttack, Kalahandi, Kendrapara, Keonjhar, Khurda, Nayagarh, Puri, Sambalpur districts have been given Rs. 2 crore each. Angul, Bhadrak, Boudh, Dhenkanal, Gajapati, Jagatsinghpur, Jajpur, Jharsuguda, Kandhamal, Koraput, Mayurbhanj, Nuapara, Nawarangapur, Rayagada, Subarnapur and Sundargarh districts have been given Rs. 1 crore each. Rs 50 lakh has been given to Deogarh district.
- Odisha State Medical Corporation has declared incentive for early delivery of medicines and medical equipments like 50% extra for delivery in 7 days, 25%

extra for delivery in 15 days and 10% extra for delivery in 30 days. Full cost of transportation along with full payment within 24 hours of delivery has been assured.

- During lock down period, the movement of vehicles carrying essential goods will be continued without any hindrance.
- Upon the request of Government IFFCO has been the first to respond to contribute essential medical equipment like portable ventilators, masks and sanitizers etc. The first lot has already reached.
- A total number of 78233 persons have come from other states to different districts of Odisha. A maximum 11,084 persons have come to Ganjam district while to Balasore 6442 persons have come. 4448 and 4306 persons have come to Kalahandi and Phulbani district respectively.
- Keeping in view the health condition of the persons returning from outside, the Sarpanchas of GPs have been instructed earlier to motivate these people how to go for self quarantine voluntarily for 14 days at their residence. Panchayat Samitis and District authorities have been instructed similarly.
- Veterinary Services have been included in the establishments providing essential services and will be excluded from the restrictions during lock down period.

Health Update

- As on 12 noon today, 133 samples were sent for COVID-19 examination and reports of 129 samples have been obtained. Reports of other 4 samples are pending. No new positive case has been found. Thus positive case stands at 2.
- Health condition of the 2 identified patients is asymptomatic and stable. They are taking normal diet supplied by respective hospitals.
- It is reported that 55 persons had come in contact with the COVID-19 patient. Communication has been made with 55 persons.
- 100 nos of monitoring teams are working for the purpose across the State, including 10 teams in Bhubaneswar.
- 4015 persons have been registered through 104 Helpline and portal.
- 36 persons are in Hospital Isolation.

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