



COVID-19 PR No-16

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PRESS RELEASE

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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.

- In view of COVID-19 situation and its impact on destitutes and helpless people, Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik has announced that 100 to 200 destitutes and helpless persons shall be provided cooked food in every Gram-Panchayat daily. Self Help Groups have been entrusted with the work and people will take cooked food to their house.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik has announced @Rs. 3000/- financial assistance to 65,000 registered street vendors in 114 urban areas of the State.
- The State Government has invited Expression of Interest(EoI) from Senior Professionals with long working experience in large corporate health care sectors, hospital infrastructure and management, international logistics and sourcing of equipments, accessories and materials and also exposure to working with Government, Public and Charitable Sectors. Such individuals will be engaged as Honourary Advisors to work with the Government. In this regard, interested persons are requested to contact OSD to Chief Secretary.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister has requested the Chief Ministers of other states to extend necessary assistance to stranded Odias in their state. He has also made similar request to the Odia organizations working these states. Odisha State Home Department has started Helpline No-0674-2392115 and Whatsapp No-9438915986 to facilitate stranded Odias to put forth their problems.
- For people of other states stranded in Odisha a Helpline is operational in the office of the Labour Commissioner, Odisha. The number is 18003456703. The Resident Commissioner, Odisha has

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been asked to share the same with Resident Commissioner of other States.

- Labour Department has already coordinated with 9000 workers from other states stranded in Odisha. They are from Bihar, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh etc. Food, shelter and in some cases health care have been provided. This has been circulated to the Resident Commissioner of other States.
- 104 COVID-19 Health Helpline would not be functional from 6AM to 7AM on 29th March, 2020 due to maintenance work and technical up-gradation that would be taken up to augment capacity of 104 Call Centers. General public is requested to cooperate.
- Cattle feed, poultry feed, fish feed and other livestock feeds are essential commodities and all retailers should continue to operate their shops and depots. Grocery shops have been permitted to sell all livestock feed.
- 324 no. of cases have been registered in the state for different violations of regulations and guidelines related to COVID-19 during last 24 hours. Out of these 308 cases relate to violation of lock down, 15 cases relate to violation of 'Home Quarantine' and one case on other issues related to COVID-19 have been registered.

Health Update

- Up to 12 noon today, 256 samples were sent for COVID-19 test and reports of 226 samples have been obtained. Number of Positive Cases is still 3.
- First two cases are currently asymptomatic. Third case has improved and is free from fever today. All are under normal Hospital Diet.
- 55 contacts of first two cases are being tracked. 112 contacts of third cases have been identified and are in communication.
- 56 persons are under Hospital Isolation today in different hospitals.
- 7080 peoples have registered themselves online and through 104. Out of these 4286 are from abroad and 2794 are from other states.

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