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Media persons have been informed about the Government concern and various measures to contain outbreak of COVID-19.

Spoke persons as well as the chairman, Odisha Skill Development Authority Sri Subrato Bagchi address the media. Sri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, I & P.R. Deptt., Smt. Anu Garg, Principal Secretary, WCD Deptt. also spoke.

- 162 countries affected by COVID-19 across the World. While 1,83,116 number of persons have been affected.
- In India, 126 number of positive cases have been detected and 3 death reported.
- Children below 9 years have neither been found affected nor casualty reported.
- Hand wash, Social distancing, home quarantine (for 14 days), sanitization are being urged.
- Sanitization of mobile phones has been emphasized.
- Self declaration (reporting has been mandatory in the State).
- In last 24 hours 1239 persons have registered their names that includes 554 number through call centers while rest through website.
- The State Government special thanks to Gajapati Maharaja, Puri and Maharani for their registration and voluntary home isolation after their returning from USA.
- Government of Odisha have taken a policy decision to substantially activate and more expansion of 104 Help Line that has received more than 10 thousand calls within last 24 hours and thus Dr. Krishan Kumar, Secretary, Works has been assigned to lead the initiative.
- Till date Health & Family Welfare Department, Govt. of Odisha has collected 32 samples out of which 31 samples has been found negative. One person with COVID-19 positive has been under treatment and confirmed stable. Persons coming in contact of the man have already been advised home-isolation.
- Isolation facilities have been organised in all Districts Head Quarters Hospitals as well as Medical College Hospitals. Till date 540 no of isolation beds have been ready.
- To expedite quarantine facilities in rural areas, Panchayats have been provided Rs 5 lakh each by the Panchayatiraj and Drinking Water Department, Govt of Odisha. Extensive special awareness meetings will be organised state wide on 19th, 20th and 21st March to enlighten 3-tier Panchayatiraj representatives.
- All the private hospitals and health facilities have been directed to open a COVID-19 Corner to substantially restrict their visitors and to adhere all the measures such as hand washing and sensitization.
- The Malls providing supply of essential commodities like food, grocery and medicine will remain open, but unnecessary frequent visit by the public to be avoided, it has been advised.
- All the Banks have been instructed to maintain social distancing, cleaning, sanitization of ATMs etc..
- About 5.75 lakh students who are inmates of ST& SC Department Residential School Hostels are being monitored in close interval and have been found safe.

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