



PRESS MEET

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Subrat Bagchi, spokes person of Govt. of Odisha on COVID-19 has informed regarding preparedness, awareness and utmost vigilance with monitoring on the issue in a press briefing held today in Geeta Govinda Sadan. Sri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, I & P.R. Department and Sri Manoj Mishra, Secretary, Department of Electronics and IT also spoke.

- So far, cumulatively 47 samples tested, found 46 negative and 1 positive.
- Yesterday 12 samples were tested and all were negative.
- The condition of the positive case is stable.
- Contacts of the positive case have been traced and advised home isolation.
- Currently 18 people have been kept in quarantine in different hospitals.
- All district headquarters hospitals and Medical College hospitals have isolation facilities available. Currently 540 isolation beds are in readiness across the State in Government and private hospitals.
- Quarantine facilities have been identified upto the Block level, across the State.
- Yesterday, 104 Health Helpline received 13,627 calls.
- So far, about 2,131 registrations have been made, of persons with travel history abroad.
- Advisory to all religious institutions for social distancing and other resources has been issued.
- Immediately to restrict the entry of pilgrims while continuing with the rituals.
- The pilgrims, priests, Sevayats and other security personnel involved to be protected. Agencies/Boards/Trusts/Governing institutions are advised to take care of this.

- Necessary guidelines have been issued by Labour Commissioner for workers and labourers to protect themselves. Rest sheds, crèches will be monitored and disinfected regularly.
- Aadhar centres have been closed.
- OSDMA volunteers will inspect the ATM counters to cross check the sanitary operations under taken by Bank Authorities and any violation will be viewed seriously.
- DL/LL tests under all RTO Offices have been suspended till 31st March as per orders by Transport Commissioner.
- So far 6323 buildings have been indentified in Panchayats to facilitate for temporary medical camp if need arises. Similarly 261 buildings have been identified in Urban local bodies. All these buildings are in 97 ULBs out of total 6797 GPS in State.
- Those have any symptom of infection along with the health workers only need mask.
- There is no need of unnecessary hoarding of essential commodity because Govt. is taking care of the availability of such things.

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