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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 for prevention of COVID-19.

- In order to contain community infection and to aggressively trace the contacts of 5th and 6th COVID-19 positive patients and to intensify testing, Government of Odisha has ordered for total Shut Down for next 48 hours (from 8PM of 03/04/2020 to 8PM of 05/04/2020) in the jurisdiction of Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation and Cuttack Municipal Corporation and Bhadrak Municipal area. More stringent restrictions have been imposed. All the passes issued for the Lock Down period have been suspended. Chief Secretary and Director General, Police of the State have informed through a Press briefing today and general public has been requested to extend similar cooperation during Shut Down period.
- The Shut Down order will be executed in Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation area and the Gram Panchayats/villages namely- Basuaghai, Shisupal, Lingipur, Ranasinghpur, Tamando, Malipada, Andharua, Kalarahanga, Raghunathpur, Barimunda, Daruthenga/Chandaka, Dhauli, Janla, Sijua, Balakati (Pratap Sasan), Baliana, Jagannathpur and Pradhan Sahi of Jatni Block. Besides, entire area under Cuttack Municipal Corporation and Bhadrak Municipality have been included in the Shut Down Order.
- All shops including those dealing in grocery, vegetable, fruit, milk etc, all business centres and other establishments will remain closed. Only Health, Police and some limited emergency services will be available in the Shut Down period. The Medicine Stores identified by Municipal Authorities/ Drug Controller will remain open. Special pass shall be issued by the Police Authorities to facilitate people involved in emergency services exempted under the Shut Down. Persons violating the Shut Down regulations will be taken into 14 days compulsory Government quarantine and will be prosecuted under Disaster Management Act-2005 and IPC.

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- National Highway passing through Cuttack-Bhubaneswar-Bhadrak will remain open. Movement of Goods vehicles, loaded or unloaded will be free from restriction.
- Food and accommodation have been ensured through 407 camps for around 27,000 'Guest Workers' from outside the State stranded in Odisha. These workers are primarily from West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, Telengana, Rajasthan, MP and Uttar Pradesh. Any complaint received through Shramik Sahayata Call Centre-18003456703 is being addressed promptly.
- Today, 3,02,302 destitute and helpless persons have been provided with food in 5217 Gram Panchayats. 6404 no of SHGs are engaged in preparing food. Similarly, in 105 ULBs 22,293 persons have been provided with food.
- 500 MBBS students have been given COVID-19 online training as approved by Government of India.
- From the morning of 2nd April to the morning of 3rd April, 263 no of cases have been registered by the Police in the state for different violations of regulations and guidelines related to COVID-19. This include 254 no. of cases for violation of lock down, 3 cases for violation of 'Home Quarantine' and 6 for other issues.

### **Health Update**

- Up to 12 noon today, 1113 samples have been tested. Number of Positive Cases stands at 6. Two persons being cured have been discharged from Hospital.
- 124 contacts of 3rd and 4th case have been identified. 30 contacts of 5th case have been traced.
- 6th positive is reported to be a resident of Cuttack. Investigation is carried on to trace his contacts.
- 60 persons are under Hospital Isolation today in different hospitals.
- From among 27 returnees from Hazrat Nizamuddin, 7 persons are foreigners. 21 cases have tested negative in COVID-19 test while sample of one person is positive. Report of 5 persons have not been received.

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