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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 a significant step towards our fight against COVID-19, Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik has dedicated two hospitals with 650 capacity at Bhubaneswar and Cuttack. Hon'ble Chief Minister interacted with Doctors and Paramedics and appreciated their role during COVID-19. He also congratulated partner organisations KIMS and Ashwini Hospitals.
- KIMS, Bhubaneswar and Ashwini Hospital, Cuttack have 500 and 150 bed capacity for COVID-19 patients. Both the hospitals have been sponsored by Odisha Mining Corporation.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister has expressed the hope that although we are ready to provide greater health care to COVID-19 patients in these stand alone hospitals, the fight can be won through social distancing, hand washing and observing lock down guidelines.
- Government has earlier announced free treatment along with free food and rent free stay for all COVID-19 cases in these hospitals.
- Food and accommodation have been ensured through 358 camps for around 24,518 '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, 2,79,180 destitute and helpless persons have been provided with food in 5080 Gram Panchayats. 5898 no of SHGs are engaged in preparing food. Similarly, in 105 ULBs 20,059 persons have been provided with food.

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- To engage the children and youth staying home during lock down, UNICEF in collaboration with Government of Odisha is starting online competition 'Mo Prativa' while entries are being invited on 2 themes: 1) Being at Home during lock down, 2) My responsibility as a young citizen during COVID-19. Those in the age group of 5-18 years can participate in art, slogan writing, short story and poem and poster making etc. Winning entries will get certificates and may be used in IEC Materials.
- From the morning of 1st April to 2nd April, 245 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 229 no. of cases for violation of lock down, 6 cases for violation of 'Home Quarantine', 7 for other issues. 1 case has been registered rumour mongering and 2 cases for clashes with Police. Total 342 persons have been arrested for various violation during lock down.

### **Health Update**

- Up to 12 noon today, 900 samples have been tested. Number of Positive Cases stands at 5. One person being cured has been discharged from Hospital.
- 112 contacts of 3rd case have been identified. 33 contacts of 4th case have been traced.
- 21 contacts of 5th case have been traced.
- 85 persons are under Hospital Isolation today in different hospitals.
- 15,895 persons have registered themselves through online and 104 Health Helpline. Out of these 4366 persons are from abroad and 11,529 persons from other States.
- Among the returnees from Hazrat Nizamuddin, so far samples of 17 persons tested negative.

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