

Record Note of the meeting on the present COVID-19 situation in the State held on 25/08/2020

Date and time : 25/08/2020 at 10:00 PM
Venue : Conference Hall, F Block, Assam Secretariat

Participants:

1. Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, Hon'ble Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Assam.
2. Shri Samir K Sinha, IAS, Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department.
3. Shri Anurag Goel, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department.
4. Dr. Lakshmanan S, IAS, Mission Director, National Health Mission, Assam.
5. Shri Khanindra Choudhry, ACS, Addl. Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department.
6. Shri Subrata Roy Bardhan, ACS, Joint Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department
7. Prof. (Dr.) Anup Kr. Barman, Director of Medical Education, Assam.
8. Dr. Rathindra Bhuyan, Director of Health Services, Assam.
9. Shri Saurabh Senapati, ACS, Deputy Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department.
10. Shri Dhrubajyoti Borah, ACS, Addl. Director of Medical Education (Admin.), Assam
11. Dr. Manoj Choudhury, Executive Director, National Health Mission, Assam.
12. Deputy CEO, Atal Amrit Abhiyaan Society, Assam.

The meeting was chaired by Hon'ble Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Assam.

A detail discussion was held on the COVID-19 situation in the State, and thereafter, the following decisions were taken:

1. There would be increase in the number of COVID-19 testing from the current level. All districts would be directed to ramp-up testing and all districts should ensure that there would be no let up in the intensity of testing.
2. In view of increase in number of COVID-19 cases in Kamrup (M) many of whom required critical care and the increasing number of referrals from other districts to Gauhati Medical College & Hospital, it was decided to prepare a perspective plan to meet the requirements of next 2 months for enhancing the Critical Care facilities in different locations, with particular focus on Guwahati due to its large population including the floating population. In this connection, the following actions are to be taken:
 - a) The Kalapahar Hospital would be converted to a Critical Care Capacity. Necessary equipment, gas pipeline etc. would be installed on fast track

basis by Mission Director, National Health Mission/ Director of Medical Education.

- b) The patient admissions in Kalapahar Hospital would be stopped and patients would be diverted to the stadium COVID-19 Care Centre, which would be made functional by deployment of doctors, nurses and other staffs presently deployed at Kalapahar Hospital.
- c) The Government Ayurvedic College & Hospital would also be converted to a Critical Care facility as in the case of Kalapahar Hospital. A thorough assessment would be done by in this regard by Mission Director, National Health Mission/ Director of Medical Education/ Director of AYUSH.
- d) The conversion of Patanjali COVID-19 Care Centre into an ICU would be explored by Mission Director, National Health Mission/ Director of Medical Education.
- e) In view of the conversion of Kalapahar Hospital and Government Ayurvedic College & Hospital to Critical Care facilities, the Palashbari Covid-19 Care Centre would be made functional at the earliest.



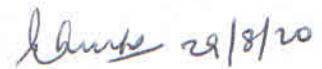
(Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma)
Minister, Health & Family Welfare.

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