

Record Note of the Review Meeting on COVID situation and management strategies on 14/05/21 at 7 PM I the Conference Hall, NHM Head Office.

A COVID-19 review meeting was held on 14th May 2021 chaired by Shri Keshab Mahanta, Hon'ble Health Minister, Assam and Health Department Officials in the Conference Hall of the National Health Mission, Head Office, Salkla Commercial Complex, Srinagar, Christian Basti, Guwahati. The meeting reviewed the emerging Covid-19 situation in Assam and deliberated on the management strategies in the light of the increasing number of cases in the State.

The participants of the meeting are placed at Annexure I.

The following decisions were taken after due deliberations and discussion.

1. The Deputy Commissioners shall issue orders under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 for undertaking compulsory Covid-19 testing for the people living inside the Containment zones. All the officials and staff participating in the testing exercise, including persons living inside the containment zone undertaking the tests shall be exempted from the curfew hours declared by the Government.
2. To handle the effective follow-ups of the rising numbers of Covid-19 patients undertaking Home Isolation, NHM shall process for increasing the capacity of Sarathi 104 by hundred seats. The increased capacity in HR/Infrastructure as mentioned above shall be undertaken through the existing vendor Piramal Swasthya, initially for a period of two months.
3. The Deputy Commissioners shall monitor the resolution status of grievances received at Sarathi 104 for their respective Districts and take necessary steps to address all grievances in a time bound manner.
4. In view of the increased load of positive cases and necessity of their timely shifting to the Covid Care Centres, 50 (fifty) Adarani vehicles shall be additionally put into service for shifting of Covid-19 patients. Arrangement for necessary partition inside the vehicles separating the Driver and Passenger compartment shall be incorporated accordingly. The empanelled vendor GVK EMRI shall take all necessary steps for placing the 50 Adarani vehicles into service by 17th May, 2021. The



requirement and decision of hiring additional 50 (Fifty) private vehicles, over and above the Adarani vehicles for shifting of patients in various Districts shall also be explored by MD NHM in discussion with the Deputy Commissioners of various Districts and the vendors GVK, EMRI should be asked to be ready for hiring vehicles at short notice.

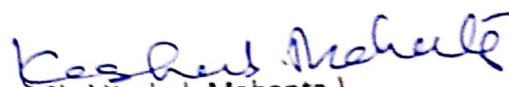
5. Medicine kit in an uniform designed package consisting of the recommended medicines as per the Covid-19 treatment protocol shall be handed over to the patients on admission at the CCCs. The Kit shall also contain simple worded instructions in vernacular and English language for taking the medicines by the patients. DHS Assam with assistance from NHM shall take steps for undertaking the task on priority. The In-charges of the CCCs shall take steps for distribution of these medicine kits and also monitor and evaluate requirement of any other medicine as per the clinical condition of individual patient.
6. Director of Medical Education, Assam shall coordinate with Shri Abhijit Baruah, M/s Premier Cryogenics Limited and take necessary steps as per procedure for shifting of the 70-80 KL Oxygen Tank from Duliajan to GMCH, Guwahati on priority for making the under construction ICU at GMCH functional by 05th, June, 2021.
7. MD NHM shall examine the requirement of funds in discussion with DHS Assam for meeting medical oxygen related expenditures by all FRUs, Model Hospitals, District Hospitals, Sub-divisional Civil Hospitals and disburse the advance payment from existing NHM Fund urgently. The HMS of the Health Institutions will keep proper records of the expenditures made under this head and submit the same to MD, NHM through the DHS, Assam. The amount disbursed by MD NHM from existing NHM Fund shall be recouped from COVID-19 Funds made available to NHM by State Government in due course of time.
8. Director of Health Services, Assam shall also propose a new Head of Account in the current year Budget for facilitating payment related to medical oxygen for all District Hospitals and its Subsidiary health institutions functioning under DHS.

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9. A note for proposing an Emergency Purchase Committee with MD NHM, AMD AMSCL, DME Assam, DHS Assam, DHS (FW) Assam and DF NHM as its members in the upcoming Cabinet Meeting shall be submitted by MD NHM to HHM within 17th May, 2021.

10. With a view to avoid overcrowding at the Covid-19 Vaccination centres and also to ease the inconvenience of the citizens returning home after the vaccination session, the operating hours of Covid-19 vaccination Centres across the State shall be rescheduled from 7 am to 2 Pm on all days of the week. The other instructions and procedures regarding online registration and process of vaccination issued earlier remains unchanged.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


(Shri Keshab Mahanta)

Hon'ble Minister, Health and Family Welfare, Assam


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1. The Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam, Dispur.
2. The Mission Director, National Health Mission, Assam, Guwahati-5.
3. SO to Chief Secretary, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6.
4. The Director of Medical Education, Assam, Sixmile, Khanapara, Guwahati-22.
5. The Director of Health Services, Assam, Hengerabari, Guwahati-36.
6. The Director of Health Services (FW), Assam, Hengerabari, Guwahati-36.
7. The Principal-cum-Chief Superintendent all Medical Colleges of Assam.
8. The Superintendent all Medical Colleges & Hospital, Assam.
9. The Deputy Commissioner (all district).
10. The Joint Director of Health Services (all district).
11. PS to Hon'ble Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Assam, Dispur.

By order etc.,


Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
Health & Family Welfare Department,