

Record Note of the meeting held on current COVID-19 situation in the State

Venue : Conference Room of Hon'ble Chief Minister

Date & Time : 18/05/2021 at 9:00 PM

Participants:

1. Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Assam.
2. Shri Keshab Mahanta, Hon'ble Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Assam.
3. Shri Samir K Sinha, IAS, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Assam.
4. Shri Anurag Goel, IAS, Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department
5. Shri Hemen Das, IAS, Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department.
6. Dr. Lakshmanan S, IAS, Mission Director, National Health Mission, Assam
7. Shri Khanindra Choudhry, ACS, Addl. Secretary to Chief Minister, Assam
8. Shri Saurabh Senapati, ACS, Joint Secretary to Chief Minister, Assam.
9. Shri Ankur Bharali, ACS, Deputy Secretary, Health & FW Department.
10. Dr. Rathindra Bhuyan, Director of Health Services, Assam
11. Shri Munindra Ngatey, Director of Health Services (FW), Assam
12. Dr. Manoj Choudhury, Executive Director, National Health Mission, Assam.
13. Shri Pradip Timung, ACS, Additional Director of Health Services, Assam.
14. Shri Dhruvjayoti Borah, ACS, Addl. Director of Medical Education (Admin.)
15. Shri Kamaljit Talukdar, ACS, Deputy CEO, Atal Amrit Abhiyaan Society
16. Smti Pomi Baruah, ACS, Officer on Special Duty, National Health Mission
17. Other officers.

The meeting was chaired by Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam.

After detail deliberations, the following decisions were taken –

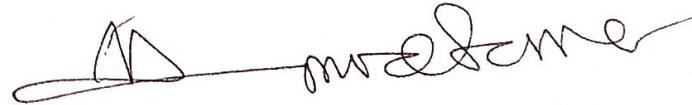
1. The target of one lakh Covid-19 testing shall be achieved invariably. Focussed and targeted testing shall be carried out in containment zones, amongst OPD patients in Government and Private Hospitals, those coming for vaccination, Dhabas, district borders, truck terminus and areas of high footfalls. RTPCR testing has to be strengthened to such levels so that results must be reported within 24 hours.
2. Kamrup (Metro) District shall strictly enforce the institutional isolation of COVID positive persons above fifty years of age. Home isolation requests of such positive patients should be examined and allowed only if it conforms to the eligibility criteria of Home Isolation with regards to absence of co-morbidity, availability of proper facilities in residence etc., as per the guidelines issued by the Government.

3. The Districts should ensure that all patients who test positive at the testing centres, are shifted to CCCs, hospitals or home isolation through designated vehicles of the District Administration/Health & Family Welfare Department. Deputy Commissioners will take necessary steps for strict compliance and ensure that no positive patient is allowed to use any mode of public transportation. Instructions shall also be passed to the Private Hospitals and Diagnostic Centres undertaking Rapid Antigen Testing in this regard by the Deputy Commissioners.
4. Committee for examining the rates for treatment of COVID-19 patients at private hospitals shall be notified by the Health and Family Welfare Department. The Committee after analysis and interaction with private hospitals if needed so, shall suggest a reasonable capping of treatment charges for COVID-19 patients in private hospitals to the Government for final decision.
5. Sarathi 104 call services for follow-up of Home Isolation patients should be ensured for all patients undertaking Home Isolation of Kamrup (Metro) District. Similar arrangement should also be made for all the Districts. Health and Family Welfare Department shall notify a uniform arrangement for compulsory telemedicine follow-up of positive patients under home isolation in other Districts.
6. Sufficient fund shall be allocated to the DCs through DHS (FW) for vaccination related expenses. NHM shall prepare a plan & take approval from Health & Family Welfare Department for release of this fund to the Districts immediately.
7. All necessary steps should be taken to strictly reduce the wastage percentage of vaccines. The Deputy Commissioner/ADC (i/c vaccination) shall monitor the same on a daily basis and ensure zero wastage of vaccines. Engagement of additional human resources shall be done for registration in Cowin as well as updation of eVIN, as required with support from NHM.
8. A video conference with ADC (i/c vaccination) shall be conducted on 19th May, 2021 by MD NHM and DHS (FW). The implementation of all the decisions taken in video conference on 16th May 2021 with regards to strengthening the vaccination programme shall be reviewed and compliance report submitted.
9. The State Government shall bear the expenditure for conducting the last rites of expired COVID-19 patients, including transportation of the dead bodies to the Cremation/Burial ground. The Government in the Health and Family Welfare Department shall issue a SOP in this regard immediately.

Principal Secretary to Chief Minister shall send a D.O. letter to all Deputy Commissioners to ensure that the family of the deceased does not face any inconvenience in performing the last rites.

10. NHM will immediately collect, analyse and prepare the list of pending hospital works including repairs and renovation and move for administrative approval/financial sanction from Health & FW Department and complete the works on war footing.
11. Efforts to procure and keep a healthy stock of all COVID related Vaccines and medicines shall be undertaken by NHM, in accordance of GOI communications. In case of variance of rates between different manufacturers, the rates published by the manufacturers with Government approval may be utilised. The intent should be to keep a healthy stock of all relevant items to save lives in Assam.
12. MD NMH shall discuss with Principal GMCH regarding establishment of 200 bedded ICU in GMCH and rationalise the equipment requirement.
13. The oxygen pipeline connection to the ICU unit set up by the Army at TMCH, Tezpur should be immediately established so that the ICU is made functional. Necessary steps in this regard shall be taken by DME/ NHM.
14. As it is apprehended that there may be a third wave of the Pandemic which may affect children in particular, 500 PICU Beds shall be made functional in various Medical College Hospitals, District Hospitals etc., as an advance preparation. NHM shall furnish an action plan in this regard within three days inclusive of training programme for the Human Resources.
15. Health and Family Welfare Department shall explore the feasibility of providing Ivermectin tablets as a prophylactic amongst the vulnerable tea garden population and submit a proposal for distribution through ASHA/ANM along with clear prescription of dosage and availability of stock.
16. Odd hour medical care at the COVID Hospitals and CCCs shall be effectively monitored by all senior officials of the Health and Family Welfare Department including making video calls to the doctors and staff on duty during such hours.
17. A 24 Hour call centre involving senior officials to call and check the availability of treating doctors in COVID-19 wards & ICU shall be put in place. Principal Secretary, H&FW shall assign the responsibility of night timer calls to each officer on rotation basis.
18. Executive Director, NHM shall visit TMCH immediately and interact with the doctors etc., particularly those of Anaesthesiology and Medicine Departments in order to ensure adequate presence of senior doctors for treatment.
19. CCTV shall be installed for the Principals of the medical college hospitals to effectively monitor the functioning of ICUs/Wards.

20. A well designed home isolation kit consisting of Pulse oxymeter, medicines as per treatment protocol, mask, sanitizer etc. shall be provided.
21. The distribution of Rapid Antigen Test kits within the districts shall be reviewed and streamlined, if required.
22. NHM shall undertake intense IEC activity and strengthen social media to give prominence to positive stories/successes. IEC activities including videos on feedback of doctors on the newly installed ventilators shall be undertaken by NHM.
23. The medical college hospitals shall make their Twitter account/ facebook page functional immediately for updating positive stories and also solicit feedback and suggestions for the public. The medical college hospitals can hire professional agencies, under Hospital Management Society to assist them in this activity. OSD, NHM shall coordinate the activity.



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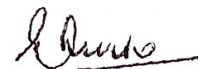
Chief Minister, Assam

Dated Dispur 19th May 2021

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Copy to:

1. Chief Secretary, Assam.
2. Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department
3. Chief Executive Officer, Assam Disaster Management Authority, Dispur.
4. Mission Director, National Health Mission, Assam
5. All Deputy Commissioners.
6. Director of Medical Education, Assam/ Director of Health Services, Assam/ Director of Health Services (FW), Assam / Director of Medical Education,
7. Principal-cum-Chief Superintendent, Medical College & Hospitals (All)
8. P.P.S to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam
9. P.S. to Hon'ble Minister, Health & Family Welfare
10. Any other concerned.



Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Assam