

**Record note of the meeting and Video Conference on the COVID-19 situation of the State**

Date and time: 19/04/2021 at 8:00 PM

Venue : Conference Hall, Ground floor, 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, Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department
4. Smt Krishna Gohain, IAS, Special Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department.
5. Smt Monalisa Goswami, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Health & F.W. Department.
6. Commissioner & Special Secretary, PW (Bldg.) Department.
7. Shri Biswajit Pegu, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (Metro) District.
8. Shri Khanindra Choudhry, ACS, Addl. Secretary, Health & FW Department.
9. Smti Jyotshna Medhi Patgiri, ACS, Joint Secretary, Health & FW Department.
10. Smt Pranati Mazumdar, ACS, Joint Secretary, Health & FW Department
11. Prof. (Dr.) Anup Kr. Barman, Director of Medical Education, Assam
12. Dr. Rathindra Bhuyan, Director of Health Services, Assam
13. Shri Munindra Ngatey, ACS, Director of Health Services (FW), Assam
14. Shri Pradip Timung, ACS, Additional Director of Health Services, Assam.
15. Shri Dhruvajyoti Borah, ACS, Addl. Director of Medical Education (Admin.)
16. Shri Saurabh Senapati, ACS, Deputy Secretary, Health & FW Department.
17. Dr. Manoj Choudhury, Executive Director, National Health Mission, Assam.
18. Shri Kamaljit Talukdar, ACS, Deputy CEO, Atal Amrit Abhiyaan Society
19. Smti Pomi Baruah, ACS, Officer on Special Duty, National Health Mission
20. Dr. Achyut Ch. Baishya, Principal-cum-Chief Superintendent, Gauhati Medical College & Hospital.
21. Dr. Anupal Sarma, Addl. Superintendent, Mahendra Mohan Choudhury Hospital.
22. Dr. Raktim Tamuli, Addl. Superintendent, Kalapahar Hospital.
23. Principal-cum-Chief Superintendent/ Superintendent/ Core treating team of all Medical College Hospitals.

After detail deliberations, the following decisions were taken:

## **1. Adequate Oxygen Supply:-**

### **1.1. Assam Medical College & Hospital:**

- PWD will ensure that the electricity supply to the PSA Medical Oxygen Generation Plant is completed so that the plant is functional within 7 days.
- The leakage in the medical gas pipeline which is preventing one of the two Cryogenic storage tanks being utilized, will be rectified within 3 days.

### **1.2. Silchar Medical College & Hospital:**

- The issues relating to power supply to the PSA Medical Oxygen Generation Plant will be resolved by PWD within 3 days.

### **1.3. Lakhimpur Medical College & Hospital:**

- Director of Medical Education will place order for installation of a cryogenic storage tank which will be made functional within 2 months.
- One PSA Medical Oxygen Generation Plant tanks will be installed at Lakhimpur Medical College & Hospital. Director of Medical Education will take steps accordingly.

1.4. Oxygen Concentrators already available should be utilized to the maximum possible extent in order to reduce the dependency on medical gas supplies.

1.5. A site will be identified for installation of another Oxygen generation plant which is available.

## **2. Enhancement of isolation bed strength:**

2.1. Principal-cum-Chief Superintendent of all Medical College Hospitals will identify ways and means to increase the existing bed strength by utilizing any available space including non-occupied quarters, hostels etc., in order to meet the requirements of charge in the number of COVID patients in future.

2.2. The matter of stoppage of work at Jorhat Medical College Hospital by contractor would be looked into and resolved by the Department.

2.3. PWD will take steps to make the new building of Lakhimpur Medical College Hospital ready to use.

2.4. The work of establishing the new ICU unit at Silchar Medical College Hospital will be completed by PWD within 10 days.

2.5. Minor works can be taken up at local level in consultation with Deputy Commissioner through PWD or directly. Fund will be provided as grants-in-aid for this purpose as required.

2.6. PWD will make a power point presentation on the status of the critical care project in various health institutions and expedite the work in the meantime.

2.7. Commissioner & Special Secretary, PW (Bldg.) Department and Chief Engineer, PWD will separately visit the Medical College Hospitals immediately and address the pending issues.

2.8. NHM Engineering Cell team will visit Diphu Medical College to expedite the pending works on priority.

### **3. Treatment and Discharge Policy:**

3.1. In order to ensure optimal utilization of hospital facilities by patients who require it the most, a revised treatment & discharge policy will be prepared by Director of Medical Education so that-

- a) a COVID-19 positive patient on his/ her RAT result being negative after 7 days, can be released if suitable, with advise to undergo 10 days of home isolation thereafter, &
- b) asymptomatic COVID-19 positive patient can be advised home isolation after 5-6 days of hospitalization, depending upon his/ her clinical condition.

3.2. Remdesivir may be prescribed judiciously, as per ICMR, Government of India guidelines.

### **4. COVID Care Centres (CCC):**

4.1. Shri Anurag Goel, IAS, Principal Secretary Health & FW Department, along with Deputy Commissioners of Kamrup (M) and Kamrup district will identify additional hospitals and permanent structures which can be converted to functional CCCs.

4.2. It was informed in the meeting that apart from GMCH, MMCH, Sonapur District Hospital, Kalapahar hospital and Ayurvedic hospital, the hospitals at Singimari, Kahikuchi, Bamunigaon, Kamalpur and Moinakurum can be made functional as CCCs with minor repairs & renovation along with providing infrastructure like beds etc. Further, additional permanent structures can be made available at Sarusajai Indoor Stadium, SIRD, MSME, LNIPE, Patanjali Yogpeeth, Rahman Nursing Institute, IIHM hostels and Shilpgram hostel for conversion to CCCs.

It was decided that in first phase, along with the identified hospitals, CCCs at Sarusajai Indoor Stadium, Patanjali Yogpeeth and SIRD will be set up. Decision on the CCCs to be set up in the second phase would be taken, depending on patient load.

4.3. Similar action above would be taken by the Deputy Commissioners of Dibrugarh, Jorhat, Tinsukia, and Cachar would be taken to make CCCs functional in identified hospitals along with identified permanent structures, in the first phase.

4.4. Deputy Commissioners will move local PWD officials to take up minor repair/ renovation works in the permanent structures, as required and for preparation of estimates, tendering etc. However, no temporary structures (hangars) may be constructed at these sites.

4.5. In order to meet requirement of surge of COVID cases, Deputy Commissioners and PW (Bldg.) Department will take preparatory steps to set up temporary CCCs (hangar type) with similar specifications/ design/ facilities to the ones set up last year in Kamrup (M)/Kamrup/ Dibrugarh/ Tinsukia/ Jorhat/ Cachar, to meet any exigency.

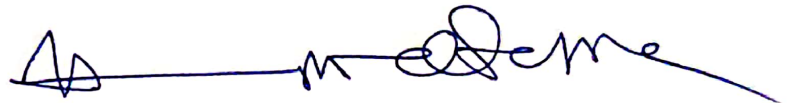
For this purpose, PWD will complete the process of tendering, within seven days. However, the work orders will be issued only after the go-ahead in this regard is given by the Government in the Health & Family Welfare Department, after assessment of the COVID-19 case load.

#### 5. Miscellaneous:

5.1. Department/ National Health Mission, Assam will send communication to medical college hospitals on modalities for increasing the number of cleaners.

5.2. There is adequate stock of medicines, PPE kits, masks etc. in the department and more stock is being built up. Principal-cum-Chief Superintendents/ Superintendents will immediately intimate Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department, Mission Director, National Health Mission and Director of Medical Education about any shortages of essential items and personally follow up till the matter is resolved.

5.3. The shortage of gloves is being addressed and it is expected that there will be adequate supply soon from NHM, Assam.



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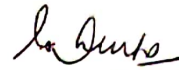
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14. P.S. to Hon'ble Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Assam.
15. Addl. Superintendent, Mahendra Mohan Choudhury Hospital.
16. Addl. Superintendent, Kalapahar Hospital.
17. Any other concerned.



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