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CM Dr. Sarma attends a VC convened by the PM to review COVID situation

Dr. Sarma exudes confidence to tackle Omicron infections in state

Dispur, January 13: Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma said that Assam is confident in dealing with the third wave of the COVID pandemic, the recent surge of which has been perpetrated by the Omicron variant of the virus.

Stating the preparedness of the state in view of the sudden spike in the corona virus cases at a video conference convened by the Prime Minister to take a review of the COVID situation prevailing in different states, Dr. Sarma thanked Prime Minister Modi for Rs. 670 crore Emergency COVID Response Package (ECRP) which helped the State government to ramp up its health infrastructure to deal with COVID and its manifestations. He said that the extraordinary health situation caused by the COVID 19 pandemic and the matching health infrastructure created in the state has made the government confident in tackling the pandemic. He said, "Assam is confident to deal with the third wave caused by Omicron infections. But at the same time it is taking cautious approach in strategising its COVID care management to keep the infection at a manageable level". He also stated that since vaccine is the most potent tool to beat the infection, his government has gone all out in vaccinating the eligible people of the state. He also said Assam has covered 95 per cent of the population with the first dose of vaccination and 71 per cent people have already been covered by the second dose. He also said that Assam has also started the precaution dose (booster dose) for the front line workers and senior citizens along with giving COVID inoculations to the 15 to 18 years age groups. He also exuded confidence that Assam will complete the second COVID jab to all eligible people by February 10.

It may be noted that of all the active cases in the state, 7 per cent patients required hospitalization as on 12 January 2022.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Keshab Mahanta, Chief Secretary Jishnu Baruah, Principal to the Chief Minister Samir Kumar Sinha, Principal Secretary Health Anurag Goel, Mission Director NHM Dr. Lakshamanan S. and others were present during the VC.

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