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**CM Sarma visits FAAMCH and reviews the COVID situation**

**A 15 bedded ICU along with 50 nos. of oxygen concentrators to be put in to service to arrest COVID surges in Barpeta district: CM**

**Dispur, May 20:** Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma said that to ramp up COVID fighting infrastructure in Barpeta district, State government is setting up a 15 bedded COVID ICU in Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed Medical College & Hospital in Barpeta along with providing 50 numbers of oxygen concentrators.

Visiting Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed Medical College & Hospital today to take stock of the COVID-19 situation prevailing in Barpeta district, Chief Minister Sarma said that the 15 bedded COVID Care ICU along with 50 numbers of oxygen concentrators would empower the district a great deal to provide treatment to critically ill COVID patients. Taking stock of the COVID situation of Barpeta district in FAAMCH with Principal of the college Dr. Ramen Talukdar, Deputy Commissioner, Superintendent of Police, Joint Director of Health Services of the district, Chief Minister Sarma said that through the positivity rate in the district is not alarming the death rate of the district is a cause of concern. He, therefore, asked the district administration to intensify RTPCR test to ascertain the COVID status of the people. This would help the Health Department to take proactive steps in giving the right kind of medical intervention to the patients. He also asked the district administration to provide oxy meter to the positive patients belonging to economically weaker section who opted for home isolation. He however, categorically stated that home isolation for the positive cases above 50 years of age would be completely stopped.

Chief Minister Sarma asked the Principal FAAMCH to intensify the services of all the doctors in the hospital so that an advanced and accountable treatment facilities can be provided to the patients on 24x7 basis. He also asked the principal to ensure duty of the senior doctors at the COVID unit during late hours at night.

With regard to oxygen availability, Sarma said that though at present there is no scarcity of medical oxygen in FAAMCH, plans are always in the pipeline to provide extra oxygen if there is any short fall of it. The Chief Minister also said that if all the districts astutely adhere to the preventive measures prescribed by the government, within 15 days the COVID situation in the state would improve. He, therefore, asked the district administrations, district health authorities and other stakeholders to put their best foot forward and aid to the government's efforts to contain the COVID situation in the state.

Chief Minister Sarma also asked Joint Directors of Health Services, Barpeta to undertake visit to all parts of Barpeta district to assess the situation and prepare a strategy to

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deal with the rising numbers of COVID cases. He also asked DC to visit FAAMCH during night hours and ensure presence of senior doctors in the COVID wards.

MLA Barpeta Abdur Rahim Ahmed, Sarbhog Monoranjan Talukdar, Chenga Ashraful Hussain, Sarukhetri Jakir Hussain Sikdar, Jania Rafikul Hussain and other senior government officers of the district were present during Chief Minister's visit to the district.

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