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CM visits COVID testing center set up at Assam-WB border Sagolia gate

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Dispur, May 25: Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today visited Assam-WB interstate border at Sagolia in Dhubri and took stock of the COVID19 testing center set up there and the steps taken to conduct testing on incoming vehicle drivers and passengers.

He reviewed the vehicle entry data through the border gate with the district administration while directing to increase RTPCR testing to bring down the high positivity rate in the district. He also instructed to phase out home quarantine.

The Chief Minister asked to declare micro containment zones in the areas with high positivity rate while ramping up vaccination in the vulnerable urban pockets. He also informed that Dhubri Medical College would be made operational within next year.

Health Minister Keshab Mahanta, BTR CEM Pramod Boro, DC and SP Dhubri, Jt. Director Health Services, Dhubri were also present during the Chief Minister's visit.

Later talking to the newsmen there, the Chief Minister said that except Guwahati, the scenario is not improving substantially in other parts of the state and said that though positivity rate is coming down, number of people getting infected is not decreasing much. There is indication of situation improving in the next ten days, he said.

He also said that there is adequate stock of Oxygen in the state and Assam is supplying 15 metric ton of oxygen to several neighbouring NE states. Moreover, Assam would receive 160 MT of oxygen every week through Oxygen Express, which would come twice weekly with 80 MT capacity per trip, he added.

Notably, Rapid Antigen Tests have been conducted on 14,306 people entering Assam through Sagolia gate in 3438 vehicles since April 24 and out of them, 528 people have tested positive. 271 have been allowed home quarantine while 153 have been provided institutional quarantine.

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