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**CM reviews functioning of GMCH**

**CM takes stock of ongoing construction of 200 ICU bed hospital at GMCH parking**

**20,000 tests daily in Guwahati from May 17: CM**

**Dispur, May 14:** Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today reviewed the functioning of Gauhati Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) in the fight against COVID19 at the GMCH conference hall and took stock of availability of oxygen, essential medicine, ICU beds etc. He directed the GMCH authority to take steps for providing round-the-clock service to the COVID patients.

He instructed for giving immediate treatment to COVID patients even during late night by the on-duty doctors while ensuring regular monitoring of the patients. He stressed on the importance of strengthening tele-medicine system and directed for providing free oximeter to poor patients staying in home isolation. He also instructed the Health Department for pressing 100 additional ambulances into service for quickly bringing patients to COVID care centres or COVID hospitals.

Political Secretary to the Chief Minister Jayanta Malla Barua, Principal Secretary of Health and Family Welfare Department Anurag Goel, MD NHM Assam Dr. S. Laxmanan, Principal of GMCH Dr. Achyut Baishya and senior doctors of GMCH were present in the meeting.

Later talking to the newsmen, the Chief Minister informed that efforts have been taken to conduct 1 lakh tests daily in the state while 20 thousand people would be tested daily in Guwahati from May 17. He also informed that from May 17 onwards, those COVID patients, above the age of 50, who do not have separate toilet attached rooms in their houses would have to be mandatorily shifted to COVID care centres or hospitals.

Dr. Sarma also said that a new SOP for tea garden areas would be issued by Health department tomorrow while informing about steps taken for providing food items worth Rs 2000 as one-time allowance to poor patients in containment zones. Updates were also shared by the Chief Minister about the ongoing construction of 200 ICU bed COVID hospital at the car parking lot of GMCH along with 24 ICUs at Kala Pahar in the city, signing of MoU between State Government and DRDO for setting up a 300 bed COVID hospital at Sarusajai for which Rs 19 crore has already been released.

The Chief Minister said that there is enough stock of Remdesivir injection and oxygen in the state while informing that 27 lakh 56 thousand 790 people have been vaccinated till now in the state and 3 lakh 70 thousand vaccines are available. He said that Health Minister Keshab Mahanta has been continuously monitoring the situation in all parts of the state.

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Later, the Chief Minister also inspected the ongoing construction of the 200 ICU bed COVID hospital in the GMCH parking lot while taking stock of health condition of GMCH Superintendent Dr Abhijit Sarma at the hospital, who tested COVID positive.

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