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Chief Minister announces setting up of an oxygen generation plant at Tinsukia Civil Hospital

Visits Tinsukia; takes stock of COVID situation

Asks Health Department to ramp up COVID test and vaccination drives

Dispur, May 15: Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma said that to meet the surging demands of medical oxygen, government would set up an oxygen generation plant at Tinsukia Civil Hospital.

Making a visit to Civil Hospital in Tinsukia today to take stock of the treatment facilities put in place for COVID patients, Chief Minister Sarma said that State government would set up an oxygen generation plant. He said that National Health Mission would take steps very soon to build the plan to meet the high demands of medical oxygen. Visiting the hospital, Chief Minister Sarma took stock of the number of positive patients, ICU beds, COVID medicines, availability of oxygen etc.

Chief Minister held a review meeting in presence of Union Minister of State for Food Processing Rameswar Teli, Minister for the Welfare of Tea Tribe Sanjay Kisan and MLAs Bolin Chetia, Bhaskar Sharma, Suren Phukan, Taranga Gogoi and Rupesh Gowala with the district administration and health department at DC office, Tinsukia. In the meeting Chief Minister Sarma asked the Health Department to conduct at least 500 RTPCR and two thousand RAT tests on a daily basis in Tinsukia district. In view of the positivity rate happening in the district which sees at least 150 and 200 persons being detected COVID positive, Chief Minister Sarma asked the DC to prepone the curfew by two hours. It may be noted that in Tinsukia so far 14825 COVID tests were done and 1680 people are were detected with COVID positive with the positivity rate of 11.33 per cent.

Chief Minister Sarma also took stock of the status of vaccination in the district. Taking into consideration of large number of people living in tea garden areas as well as in other interior areas, Sarma asked the Health Department to increase inoculation centres in the district to inoculate more eligible persons against the virus. In Tinsukia district 108921 people were given COVID vaccines at 125 vaccination centres.

Later talking to media Chief Minister Sarma said that the COVID situation in Tisukia over the last 10 days remain unchanged. The infection has spread in the tea garden areas also. District administration has been asked to declare the infected areas in the tea garden as 'containment zones'. He also said that steps will be taken by the government to mitigate all hardships in the tea garden areas emanating from declaring 'containment zones'.

Responding to the ceasefire announced by ULFA (I), Chief Minister Sarma said that it will create a congenial atmosphere for peace in the state. Stating that both the State government and the insurgent group have the responsibility of forging a conducive environment for peace, Chief Minister Sarma said that State government will take proactive steps in initiating peace in the state. He also said that at a time when state is waging a war against COVID 19 he sought cooperation from everybody to maintain peace and tranquillity in the state.

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