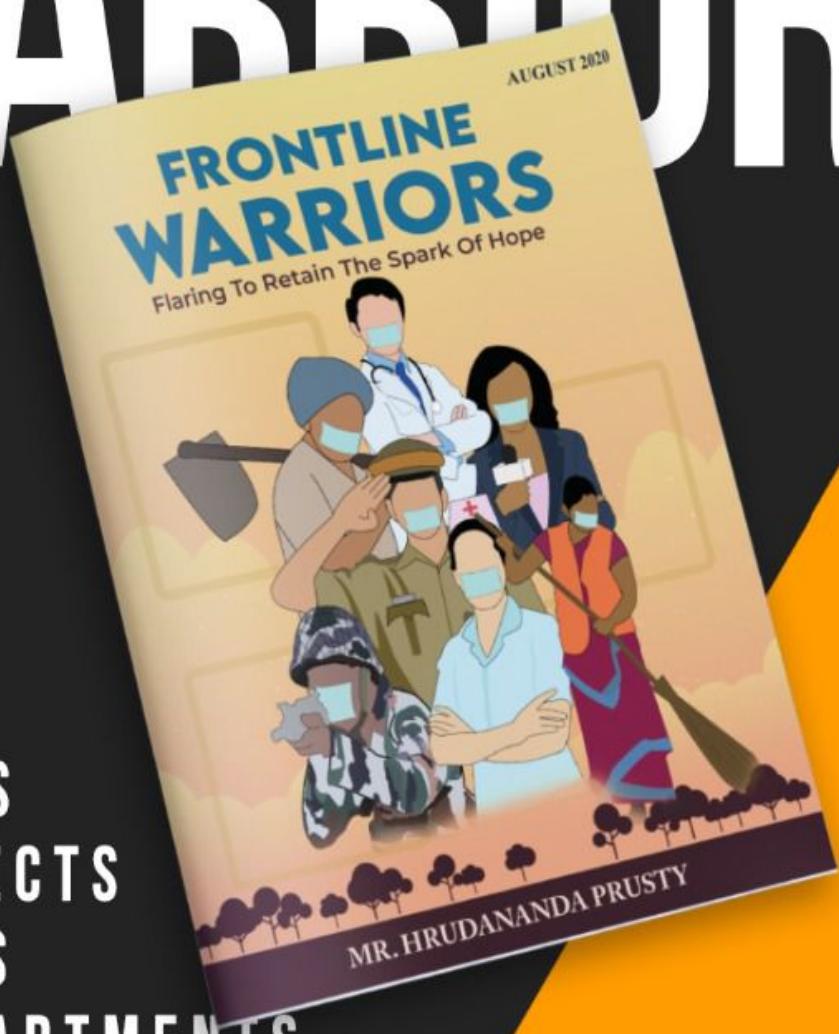


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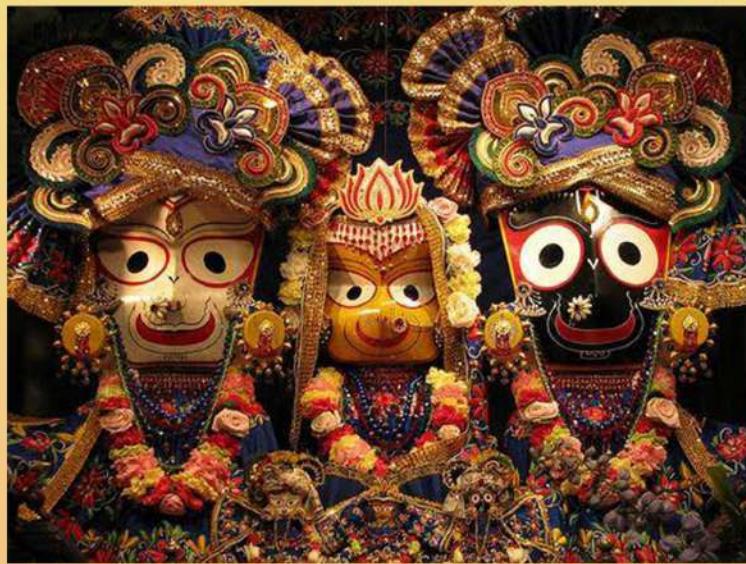
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Prof. Ganeshi Lal

Governor, Odisha

MESSAGE

I am happy to know that a magazine namely ‘Frontline Warriors-Flaring to retain the spark of hope’ dedicated to Covid Warriors is being published.

We must appreciate and bow before the warriors for their peerless service inculcating twelve attributes as defined by Sri Maa; which are sincerity, humanity, gratitude, perseverance, aspiration, receptivity, progress, courage, goodness, generosity, equanimity and peace. “To bloom for the sake of blooming, Soul’s ethereal firmament, Beauty, Love, Light, Help, Guidance and Grace, Essential vibrations of Love, no egoist calculations, Consciousness of the Divine, Adorable in simplicity.” are the bewitching and captivating passions of the warriors. They are waging a war against a deadly enemy, determined not to be defeated; and to vanquish the enemy from the earth. It is only a matter of time. My humblest salutations to Yogic warriors in sacred action.

I wish the publication all success.

Ganeshi Lal
(Ganeshi Lal)



Smt. Rekha Sharma

Chairperson,

National Commission for Women

MESSAGE

As the pandemic is spreading wildly across the globe, I would take this opportunity to thank our nation's doctors, nurses, sanitization workers, police, medical and paramedical staff members for the incessant hard work they have put forward to keep us all safe. Besides all the unsung heroes, many government departments including NCW and its entire team is working tirelessly with limited manpower to serve the society. Our nation wouldn't have made this far if it had not been for our Corona Warriors and the grit and determination with which they have been fighting this battle from the frontline. I, like millions of Indians, am indebted to the exemplary dedication they've shown towards their profession. It takes impeccable love towards one's country to risk your lives knowing that the consequences could be fatal. My heart goes out to the families of our corona warriors who have been very brave and supportive of their family members and their contribution also needs to be acknowledged and appreciated. Like our honourable Prime Minister, I would also extend a 'big thank you' to all our frontline Corona Warriors.

(Rekha Sharma)



Dr. Surjya Narayan Patro

Speaker, Odisha Legislative Assembly

MESSAGE

It gives me immense pleasure to know that a magazine titled “FRONTLINEWARRIORS- Flaring to retain the spark of hope” is been published in the last week of June, 2020 to show gratitude towards Covid-19 warriors.

Now the world is going through an unprecedented time due to Covid-19 pandemic. Every nation is heading towards one of the greatest fights of our life. Unity and openness is the need of the hour as much as staying at home and social distancing are. The Covid warriors have always been on the frontline of the battle against this pandemic. The Covid warriors are supporting, now more than ever, to communities who are worst affected. The noble endeavour of these frontlinewarriors is praiseworthy. They deserve to be eulogized for their selfless service.

I am sure the magazine containing valuable articles will be appreciated by one and all. I wish the publication of the magazine all success.

(Dr. Surjya Narayan Patro)



Sanjay Dhotre

Ministry of State “for communication,
Human Resource Development &
Electronics & Information Technology”
Government of India

MESSAGE

I am glad to know that Shri Hrudananda Prusty is going to publish a magazine namely "FRONTLINE WARRIORS - Flaring to retain the spark of hope" dedicated to unsung warriors fighting Novel Corona virus Covid-19 pandemic in India.

The United Nations (UN) and the World Health Organization (WHO) have praised India's response to the pandemic as 'Comprehensive and robust,' terming the Lockdown restrictions as aggressive but vital for containing the spread and building necessary healthcare infrastructure. India's case fatality rate is also relatively lower as against the global. It is because of our unsung real Heroes the Warriors like Doctors, Nurses, Policeman, Cleaners and Drivers who work or provide their services day and night without hesitation and regardless of their life. Without these unsung warriors it is not possible to control or to maintain the smooth functioning of our Nation.

I appreciate each and every Corona warriors and salute their dedication to the Nation.

I extend my best wishes for publishing such kind of magazine - a well circulated in the interest of a common person.



(Sanjay Dhotre)



Sri Sudam Marandi

Minister
Revenue & Disaster Management, Odisha

MESSAGE

Thank you so much to our frontline warriors for being in the frontline for so long as the nation able to contain the virus. Our hearty thanks for being there for us when everybody else is at home. They were the people who are working selflessly to take care of us. They were the people who are working in hospitals. They were the people working as Police, they were the people who are working in Municipal Corporation to make us safe. So I have a very heartfelt thanks to all the guys.

The warriors who have toiled hard in the past few months and continue to serve the public are worthy of receiving every bit of gratitude for their dedicated and selfless work. It's because of these heroes that our nation is able to tackle this pandemic I truly extend my thanks and immense respect each and every individual who has in some way or other contributed to this fight to help humanity.

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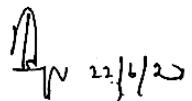


Smt. Aparajita Sarangi

Member of Parliament
Lok Sabha

MESSAGE

I am glad to know that Sri Hrudananda Prusty of vill-Tolakani, Kalinganagar, Jajpur, Odisha is dedicating a magazine “FRONTLINE WARRIORS” in honour of the COVID-19 warriors who are toiling hard day and night to save the life of citizens. I wish the magazine all success in its aims and objectives.

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(Aparajita Sarangi)



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(ପ୍ରମିଳା ବିଶୋଯୀ)



Prashanta Nanda

Member of Parliament
Rajya Sabha

GRATEFUL GRATITUDE

Lockdown everywhere. “Stay home, Stay Safe;” is the call. But what about them, who do not bother their safety to serve the Pandemic disease-stricken patients?

They are Corona Warriors.

They have forgotten their families.

They have forgotten the routine life.

They have forgotten to eat and sleep in time.

They are Corona Warriors.

They are fighting incessantly with the disease for our safety for our lives.

It is time to appreciate with heartful feelings for those armies who are fighting day and night.

God bless you patriots.

(Prashanta Nanda)



Shri Sujeet Kumar

Member of Parliament

Rajya Sabha

MESSAGE

Dear Covid-19 Fighters/ Warriors,

Take a bow! We salute you! Thank You!

We live in unprecedented times, as COVID-19 continues to impact communities around the world.

Words fail me as I write this letter. Nonetheless, I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the COVID warriors/fighters of our nation (the doctors, nurses, paramedics, sanitation workers, police personnel, etc.), who have been working tirelessly, for over 100 days now, to control the spread of coronavirus, often times at great risks to themselves. We salute their undiluted courage, selflessness, grit, determination and focus.

The superhuman work you do, unmindful of the cost this battle exacts from you, is deeply inspiring. You have ensured that others remain safe, others remain comfortable and that India remains on track in these difficult times. You have tirelessly and with deep dedication displayed an unshakable faith and conviction that corona can be defeated and that India and humanity will ultimately triumph.

I pour my heart's gratitude and thankfulness before you.



(Sujeet Kumar)



Sri Bhabani Shankar Charyani

Collector & District Magistrate
Cuttack, Odisha

MESSAGE

I am glad to know that a Frontline Wattious Magazine is going to come out acknowledging the deeds of our heroes, known as frontline warrious who sacrifice a lot during this covid pandemic.

Our doctors, Health Care Workers, Technicians, Police Personnel, Utility Workers, Social Workers, Delivery Drivers, Transport, Market Bendors are on the frontlines of battle against the nobel corona virus diseases that's spreading rapidly thoughtput our state and the nation.

I express my grace gratitude for the selfless service of these frontline warriors for their job and their didiction, courage and commitment to the greater community.

Besides I am in contemplation that when the last trace of this virus finally lifts, wr won't lose sight of how these frontline warriors stood during the pandemic face of danger.

My best wishes for this noble endeavour.

28-12-2020

(Collector, Cuttack)



Shri Amitabh Thakur, IPS

IG of Police (Operations)

Odisha, Bhubaneswar

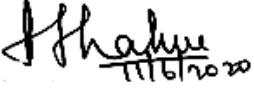
MESSAGE

It is heartening to learn that the Magazine “FRONTLINE

WARRIORS-Flaring to retain the spark of hope” is going to be published in the first week of July, 2020.

The police leadership must be congratulated for leading from the front and exposing themselves to all the hazards as frontline warriors. The police have been second to none in enduring the long and difficult hours of duty, and facing stressful and unprecedented pressures and demands. They responded positively, with a smile, and yes often trying to bravely conceal moist eyes. Odisha Police have displayed exemplary social sensitivity and professional competence and handled this unforeseen pandemic COVID-19.

Needless to say, doctors, nurses and people working in health-care sectors are particularly vulnerable to the highly infectious disease. In response to the global pandemic COVID-19, the medical community including doctors, nurses and the medical staff are the warriors who are fighting the disease on the frontlines and putting their lives at risk to keep us safe. I congratulate and extend my good wishes to the organizers associated with the magazine.


(Amitabh Thakur)



Ms. Sagarika Nath, IPS
Dy. Commissioner of Police (Traffic)
Bhubaneswar, Cuttack

MESSAGE

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought out many new facets of humanity to the forefront with the frontline workers taking this challenge head on. In such challenging days I would like to extend my best wishes to the editorial & publishing team the magazine “FRONTLINE WARRIORS- Flaring to retain the spark of hope” to have come up with this innovative idea of penning down a few best practices from all walks of life of the Covid warriors.

It is an oft repeated proverb that a single twig is easy to break but a bundle of them provides quite a challenge to be broken. In the similar fashion to win this war against Covid-19, warriors from various fronts such as doctors, nurses, medical staff, sanitation workers, ASHA- Anganwadi workers & the Police have come together to form this unbreakable bundle despite the risk it poses to themselves as well as their families. The fear of being affected by this pandemic is very real & many of the frontline warriors have succumbed in this war. But this has not deterred the dedication & has brought to the forefront the unmatched zeal & humane side of policing in these unpredictable times. I would like to convey my deepest condolences to the lives lost & my heartfelt gratitude to the Corona warriors who stand tall with a spine of steel in such distressing times. This too shall pass. The best days are ahead.


(Ms. Sagarika Nath)



Shri Akhileshvar Singh, IPS

Dy. Commissioner of Police
Cuttack

MESSAGE

It is pleasure to know that the Magazine “FRONTLINE WARRIORS - Flaring to retain the spark of hope” is going to be published in the 1st Week of July, 2020 for COVID-19 warriors.

To win the war against Covid-19 warriors the workers from various fronts such as Doctors, Nurses, Medical staff, sanitation workers, ASHA-Anganwadi Workers, Police, NGOs have come together and exhibited exemplary social sensitivity and professional competence and handled this unforeseen pandemic COVID-19. The role of police must be congratulated for leading from the front and exposing themselves to all the hazards as frontline warriors.

I congratulate and extend my good wishes to the organizers associated with the magazine.

(Akhileshvar Singh)



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Dr. Rajni Kant

Scientist 'G' & Director, RMRC
Gorakhpur

MESSAGE

I am pleased to note that a magazine "Frontline Warriors: Flaring to retain the spark of Hope" is being brought out by your Institute. This is indeed a great initiative towards disseminating the important information in respect of

COVID-19. We all know the havoc that has been caused by Corona Virus in last 6 months spreading across the Globe in more than 200 countries, affecting 92 lakhs people and causing 4 lakhs deaths. ICMR has been on the forefront in the fight against COVID-19 and set up a network of more than 900 labs in the country for testing. Till now more than 71 lakhs test have been done with a capacity of doing 3 lakhs tests per day. We have also been able to isolate the virus, do genome sequencing, develop our own indigenous COVID-Kawach ELISA for doing antibody test and recently also introduced the antigen test that will further scale up the testing. Many of the Indian Companies came forward and started working for COVID-19 with little bit of hand holding. Today we have our own PPE, N95 masks, indigenous reagents and kits and heading towards self-reliance. People should also follow the recommended advisories and adhere to social distancing, hygiene as well as use mask to protect and prevent infection. Globally, everyone is trying to develop drugs and vaccine for the disease, till then only our behaviour and disciplined life style can help us to fight this battle. Together, we can win the war against COVID-19.

Best Wishes!

(Dr. Rajni Kant)



Dr. Adarsh Pratap Singh

President,
RDA, AIIMS, New Delhi

MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

COVID-19 pandemic is a challenging situation for the entire medical fraternity. We all have been witnessing the impact of this pandemic worldwide irrespective of developed or developing status of the countries.

In India, there is a chronic underinvestment on public health which has lead to poor infrastructure, in the scenario of increased demand but scarcity of healthcare professionals. Despite all difficulties, our COVID-19 Frontline Warriors are performing best in their capacity to serve the nation during this crucial time. "Besides being a doctor in the frontline and as a President of RDA, AIIMS , New Delhi, I am well aware of all the fallouts and adversities being faced by us as healthcare workers while working in COVID areas, which further elevate without proper PPE and inadequate safety at workplace.

I salute all my colleagues and request everyone to have patience and keep serving our nation to conquer this struggle for life.

I congratulate entire team on finishing the Magazine: Frontline Warriors- Flaring to retain the spark of hope.

(Dr. Adarsh Pratap Singh)

Dr. Vivek Singh

Advocate, Supreme Court of India



MESSAGE

Respected Corona Warriors India have clapped, clanged utensils, lit diyas to salute your bravery. Those on the frontlines of this war against the coronavirus. But there's another side. Every doctor, every policeman, sanitation workers and every health service personnel has a fight much bigger than the pandemic itself – the fight against their own fears. Yes, they are doctors, policemen, sanitisation workers, Nurses, journalists, grocery workers, social workers and many others but they are human beings first. They get scared too, and beating that fear requires mental strength.

A medical professional has a clear idea of the situation, his own vulnerability to catching an infection, the effect of the infection, and the risk associated with being in a hospital. Responding to the call of duty is more like a face-off with your own internal fears. You know you are playing with fire that may scald your family members, the elderly, and the children. This is where mental strength comes into play. Some real-life incidents of doctors will be helpful in understanding this game between fear and motivation running in one's mind. They are risking their well-being to serve their communities.

We thank them for being on the front lines during the #COVID19 pandemic.

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(Dr. Vivek Singh)



R. Saida Naik

Regional Director

Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports National
Service Scheme Regional Centre

MESSAGE

I am very glad to know that Mr. Hrudananda Prusti, NSS Volunteers of Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology, Burla, Sambalpur, Odisha is bringing out FRONTLINE WARRIORS Magazine for all the Covid warriors like Doctors, Nurses, Medical Staff, Police, Sarpanch , Asha and Anganwadi workers, Farmers, Media, NSS Volunteers, NCC cadets, NYKS Youth, Red Cross, NGOs etc. This Magazine will appreciate to all the Covid warriors those are working for the people day & night 24hrs, in this Covid 19 pandemic for serving the people of our Nation.

I hope that the Magazine FRONTLINE WARRIORS will encourage the Covid warriors those are working for the people day & night.

I congratulate Mr. Hrudananda Prusti and his team who have put maximum efforts to bring out this Magazine which will be very appreciate to the Corona warriors.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Saida Naik".

(R. Saida Naik)

Dedication

The basic idea behind coming up with such a magazine portraying the COVID-19 warriors and their roles in fighting this deadly pandemic has been to play a supporting role to all of them whilst obeying the lockdown regulations of the government to a complete extent. The amount of time I got during this period could not have been put to more productive use. This writing is dedicated to all the frontline warriors as well as those who contributed to this fight while sitting at the comfort of their homes. Each and every individual who has contributed in the slightest possible way to the fight against this global crisis needs to be acknowledged and that is what has been the sole purpose of writing this and presenting it before the general public. This is a gift from my side to everyone concerned with dealing with the pandemic.



NOTE FROM THE AUTHOR

Just remember your new year's eve on 31st December 2019 and all the activities you were hopeful of taking up this year. Although we had a few CORONA cases around the world, still nobody in their wildest dreams would have imagined it to manifest into such a crisis that would take the entire world by storm. Nobody would have thought that it would make such a massive impact on the human race. From a few to more than 5 million cases and growing, it would not be wrong to say that this crisis is far from over. Taking a deeper look at the scenario might help us understand that COVID along with it brought a lot of negatives for the human race which we are very much aware about but also lead to many positives. The lockdown imposed in countries worldwide led to a major drop in global pollution levels and humans started following sanitation and hygiene as a religion. This brought about a potential change in the way people looked at global problems of climate change and thumped an impact on the minds that certain awareness programmes were unable to. COVID-19, as it is christened worldwide, brought about lasting changes in the way we people perceive and value the surroundings around us and it would not be a mistake to say that this is going to stay with the human race for a long time to come.

They say, "An idle mind is a devil's workshop". That's what the 1st phase of lockdown was like for students like me. Being a person who has been actively involved in almost all co-curricular and extra-curricular activities in and around the college, sitting idle for almost a month starting from mid March to late April, did not go down my throat easily. There was always this sub conscious voice at the back of head forcing me to go out and atleast move my hands and limbs, if not anything else. But alas! The country wide lockdown smiled back at me. But then again, the devil in my idle mind refused to relent. That is when the thought of enrolling in NATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICE SCHEME(NSS) came to my mind. Going forward with the idea, I enrolled with the NSS and started spreading awareness about this global pandemic through online platforms and social media. Thereafter, being a resident of Jajpur, I decided to approach our esteemed BLOCK DEVELOPMENT OFFICER(BDO) and sought his permission to be a part of the COVID-19 team that would work on the ground level along

with other workers. The start was undoubtedly great, but there was still a lot left to be done but there was little or no scope to be honest. Seeing the ground reality, something dawned upon me. It was the fact the each and everyone working for the COVID-19 crisis on and off camera deserve much more appreciation than what they are getting. Thus, I came up with this noble thought of writing a memoir that would acknowledge the efforts of everyone, from the Panchayat to our honourable Prime Minister, and would be a token of appreciation from a common man. I realised, that this would be the best return gift that could be given to both the frontline and background workers who are working day and night in times of this incessant crisis. This memoir acknowledges the role of every single section of the society, starting from sanitation workers to people at the highest level of the government including the Chief Ministers and our Honourable Prime Minister.

An idea is just a mere thought unless it is executed and put into practice. Thus, execution of this noble thought and giving it a proper form was the most challenging task. So, I decided to make a team of like-minded individuals which include my juniors at the university. Each and everyone has been with me and helped me throughout the development of this idea from the nascent stage to the form it has acquired now. Their efforts have played a pivotal role in the execution of this thought.

This is purely a gesture of love and appreciation from my side and thus I have decided not to give it a commercial form. To everyone reading this, I would just like them to appreciate and acknowledge that a small step from each and every individual could very well lead to a huge leap for mankind. The virus came as a disease but has definitely been able to instill a different sense of living and lifestyle in everyone that needs to be followed in the years to come.

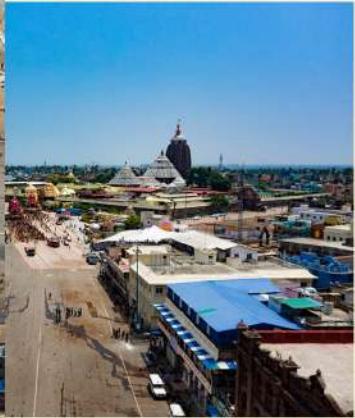
I extend my unfeigned regards to VSSUT Alumni Association, Abhijit Jena, Bishal Mishra , Biswajit Moharana for your undying efforts Without your honest efforts this magazine is just a cluster of sheets.

**JAY HIND!
STAY HOME, STAY SAFE.**



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Rath Yatra: A new record which is undesirable.



Rath Yatra, the nine days festival, which is celebrated worldwide with great procession. In The land of Puri, the festival is commenced and organised every year with millions of devotees from all around the world. It is believed that, Rath Yatra is the festival of commons, where the holy Lord Jagannath used to go to his aunt's house for nine days along with his brother Lord Balabhadra and goddess Subhadra. But this year, the situation is completely different. For the first time, Rath Yatra is celebrated without any devotees or common people. In these hundreds of years of Journey, this is the first time when Lord Jagannath went to his aunt's home without his followers. Even if earlier this festival is stopped 32 times due to invasion, but such celebration has completely changed its history. From a grand procession of millions to only handful of police officers and Daitapatis, the face of largest carnival was changed this year. When the Supreme Court laid its guidelines to hold the celebration this year, the whole scenario has reversed. Who would have thought that, from setting record in number of visitors attending the festival to stay order from Supreme Court, will come one day for the world famous Rath Yatra?

Pictures which speak a thousand words

Migrants: The scenario they never imagined



COVID-19 has spread its roots throughout the whole world. Even, the most powerful country is also suffering from it. However, the sections of community which have faced this pandemic at the forefront are the migrants. When lockdown started in India on 25th March 2020, these people have no idea about the hardships they will be undergoing in the future days. As the lockdown extended, their anxiety and difficulties also started expanding. They were completely struck in some other places, about which most of them were not even completely familiar. When the government decided to bring the migrants to their homeland on April, the condition even deteriorated for them. The ones who have registered through the government portal are brought safely by various arrangements made by the government. But still, in a country where majority of migrants are not opened to technology, many preferred to travel by walking or cycling or through other personal means. There are several instances where we have seen migrants walking hundreds and thousands of miles with their heavy luggage and empty stomach. Their situation is so worse that, they can't even thought of taking rest. Visual of child sleeping on the trolley, while his mother is pulling it describes briefly, the anxiety and pain they all were undergoing. Even some migrants have passed various phases of quarantine to reach their destination. They all were travelling restlessly without any food and in the midst of fear all around the society. Who has imagined that, such a huge number of migrants will flock at a time to their homeland leaving behind their occupation and livelihood, far at some place? Even now the scene of their moist eyes, pleading for help can freeze our souls. They haven't imagined what is coming for them.

Let's Educate Ourselves, Once Again!

A AVOID CROWD	B BEWARE OF FAKE NEWS	C CLEAN YOUR HANDS	D DON'T GO OUT	E EMPTY THE STREETS	F FEED THE PETS
G GATHERING IS BAD	H HAND SANITISING	I INSIDE THE HOME	J JOIN FIGHT AGAINST COVID	K KIND TO THE NEEDY	L LEARN A NEW SKILL
M MEDITATE DAILY	N NO HANDSHAKES	O OFFER HELP TO OTHERS	P PRACTICE YOUR PASSION	Q QUARANTINE YOURSELF	R REGULAR EXERCISING
S SOCIAL DISTANCING	T TRAVELLING IS DANGEROUS	U USE MASKS	V VISIT YOUR DOCTOR ONLINE	W WEAPONISED IMMUNE SYSTEM	X X-TRA PRECAUTIONS FOR ELDERS
Y YOUR AWARENESS IS A PREVENTION	Z ZERO FACE TOUCHING				

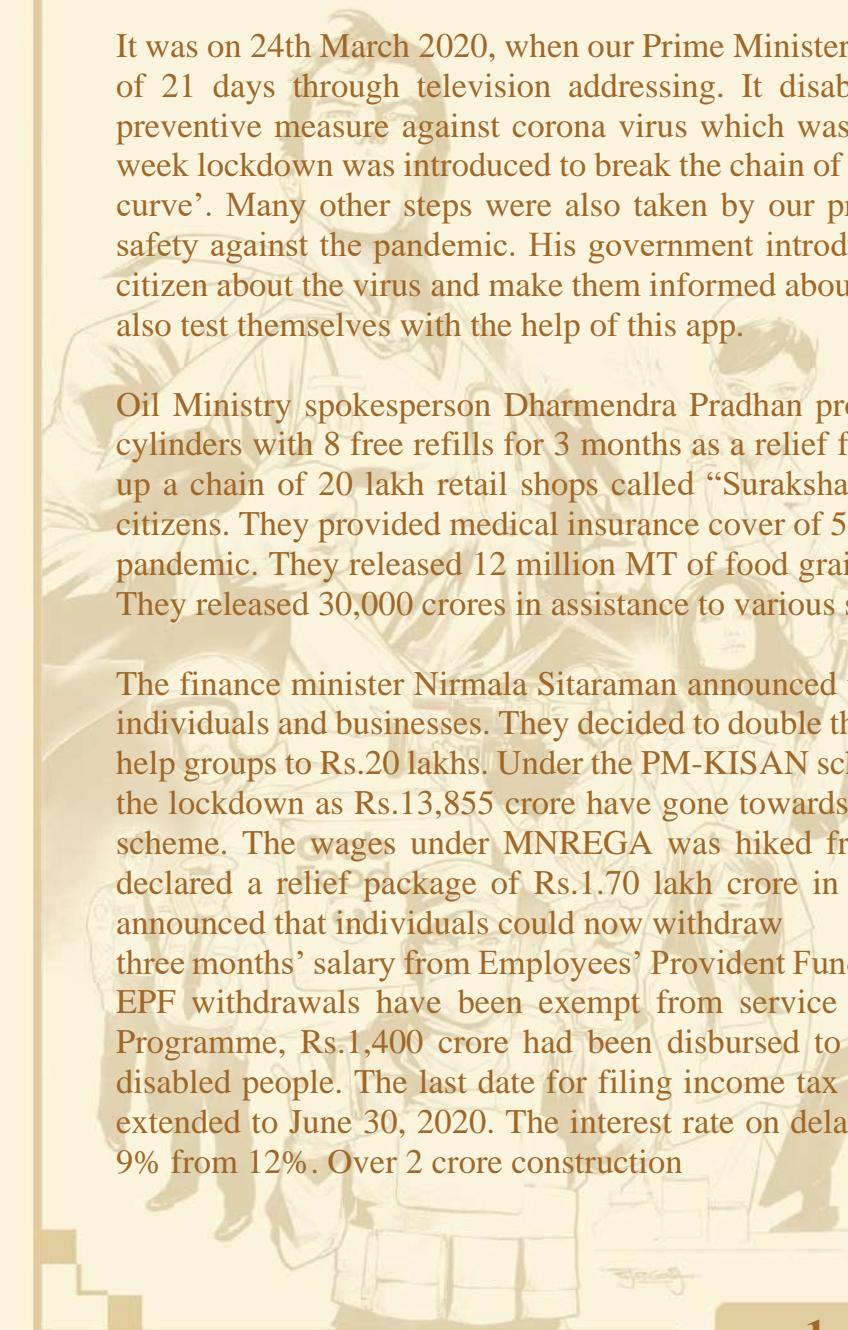
PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI

The Artist of the frontline warriors

It is the senior most post of cabinet in the executive of government in parliamentary system. In the recent election, BJP gained the majority and Narendra Modi became the prime minister of India for the second time. His dynamic nature has helped him gained popularity throughout the globe.

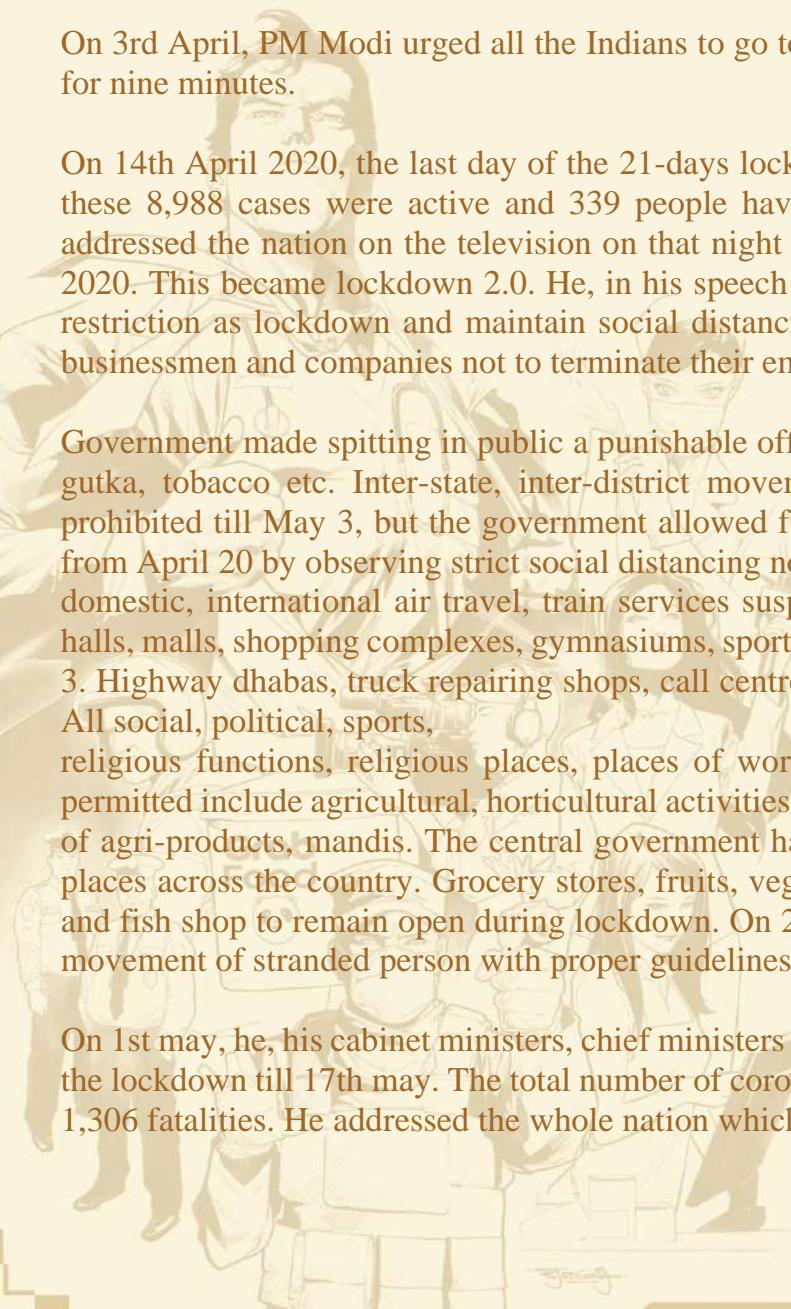
On 22nd March, a Janta Curfew was initiated by Narendra Modi to break the chain of corona virus that had recently entered. He urged people to maintain it from 7am to 9 pm. They should come out of their houses for 5 minutes to clap and bang utensils as a sign of respect to those who are involved in rescues Indian against on-going pandemic.

It was on 24th March 2020, when our Prime Minister Narendra Modi ordered a nationwide lockdown of 21 days through television addressing. It disabled the movement of 1.3 billion people as a preventive measure against corona virus which was clinching to 500 cases approximately. This 3-week lockdown was introduced to break the chain of COVID-19 across the country and to ‘flatten the curve’. Many other steps were also taken by our prime minister within this lockdown to promote safety against the pandemic. His government introduced the “Arogya Setu” application to educate citizen about the virus and make them informed about the decisions during the pandemic. They could also test themselves with the help of this app.



Oil Ministry spokesperson Dharmendra Pradhan provided the poor families with 5kg cooking gas cylinders with 8 free refills for 3 months as a relief from COVID-19. His government planned to set up a chain of 20 lakh retail shops called “Suraksha Stores” which provided daily essentials to the citizens. They provided medical insurance cover of 50 lakhs per person to health workers fighting the pandemic. They released 12 million MT of food grain during the April-June quarter amid this crisis. They released 30,000 crores in assistance to various sections of the society.

The finance minister Nirmala Sitaraman announced that they will release 18000 crore tax refunds to individuals and businesses. They decided to double the collateral-free loan amount for women in self-help groups to Rs.20 lakhs. Under the PM-KISAN scheme, 6 crore farmers have been benefitted amid the lockdown as Rs.13,855 crore have gone towards the payment of the first instalment of the same scheme. The wages under MNREGA was hiked from Rs. 182 to Rs. 202. Finance ministry also declared a relief package of Rs.1.70 lakh crore in the wake of COVID-19. The government had announced that individuals could now withdraw three months’ salary from Employees’ Provident Fund (EPF) account amid the coronavirus crisis. The EPF withdrawals have been exempt from service charge. Under the National Social Assistance Programme, Rs.1,400 crore had been disbursed to about 2.82 crore old age people, widows and disabled people. The last date for filing income tax returns for the financial year 2018-19 had been extended to June 30, 2020. The interest rate on delayed income tax payment had been decreased to 9% from 12%. Over 2 crore construction



workers received financial support worth Rs.3,066 crore under the Building and Construction Workers' Fund. The deadline for filing GST returns for March, April, may have been extended to June 30, 2020. There will be no interest or penalty on late fee for delayed returns for companies with turnover up to Rs.5 crore. Nearly 20 crore women Jan Dhan account holders received Rs 500 each in their account. The total disbursement under the head was 9,930 crores, the finance ministry said. Deadline for linking Aadhaar with PAN card had also been extended from March 31 to June 30, 2020. The government has also released around Rs.30,000 crore in assistance to various sections of the society. The government said it will release 12 million MT of food grain during the April-June quarter under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana amid the COVID-19 crisis. The government is also providing medical insurance cover of Rs 50 lakh per person to health workers fighting the coronavirus pandemic.

Union Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Launched a webportal to monitor and record the pandemic.

On 3rd April, PM Modi urged all the Indians to go to their balcony and lit candles or torches at 9pm for nine minutes.

On 14th April 2020, the last day of the 21-days lockdown, the total cases were up to 10,363, out of these 8,988 cases were active and 339 people have died. The cases were increasing rapidly. He addressed the nation on the television on that night and extended the lockdown period till 3rd May 2020. This became lockdown 2.0. He, in his speech urged people to use Arogya setu app, to follow restriction as lockdown and maintain social distancing, to respect and help poor. He further urged businessmen and companies not to terminate their employees.

Government made spitting in public a punishable offence and enforced a strict ban on sale of liquor, gutka, tobacco etc. Inter-state, inter-district movement of people, metro, bus services remained prohibited till May 3, but the government allowed function of industrial units located in rural areas from April 20 by observing strict social distancing norms. Educational institutions, coaching centres, domestic, international air travel, train services suspended till that time. Public places like cinema halls, malls, shopping complexes, gymnasiums, sports complexes, swimming pools, bars shut till May 3. Highway dhabas, truck repairing shops, call centres for government activities closed till April 20. All social, political, sports,

religious functions, religious places, places of worship shall be closed. From April 20, activities permitted include agricultural, horticultural activities, farmers and farm workers in field, procurement of agri-products, mandis. The central government has made wearing of mask compulsory in public places across the country. Grocery stores, fruits, vegetables shops/ carts, milk booths, poultry, meat and fish shop to remain open during lockdown. On 29th April the government allowed the interstate movement of stranded person with proper guidelines.

On 1st may, he, his cabinet ministers, chief ministers along with the ministry of home affairs extended the lockdown till 17th may. The total number of coronavirus cases climbed to 40,263 with as many as 1,306 fatalities. He addressed the whole nation which included praise for mass production of PPE kit

and the famous “vocal for local” to improve the economy by using Indian Products. He also gave the idea of “Atmanirbhar” to all the citizens.

The order stated that movement of individuals in all zones for all non-essential activities shall remain strictly prohibited between 7 pm and 7 am. Local authorities shall issue orders imposing Section 144 and ensure strict compliance, the order states.

In all zones, those above the age of 65, persons with co-morbidities, pregnant women and children below the age of 10 years, shall stay at home except for meeting essential requirements and for health purposes. OPDs and medical clinics shall be permitted to operate in Red, Orange and Green Zones with social distancing norms and other preventive measures.

These include measures like covering faces in public areas, rules regarding funeral and about maintaining public sanitation.

On 14th May, the lockdown was extended for two weeks beyond 18th May with additional relaxation. Inter-state movement of vehicles, buses have been allowed with states and Union Territories being given the final power to delineate Red, Orange and Green zones. The new guidelines are based on suggestions from states that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had sought during his fifth discussion with chief ministers on the pandemic on May 11. This includes restrictions as per the zones categorised by considering the number of cases in that area.

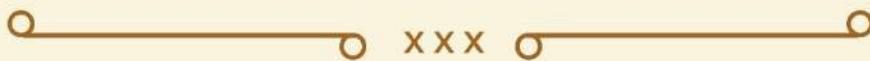
Centre's Historic Package:

Over five press briefings, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced the details of the Rs.20 lakh crore stimuli. This includes Rs.8.01 lakh crore of liquidity measures and Rs.1.92 lakh crore packages of free food grain and cooking gas for poor sections.

Amphan cyclone relief fund:

The corona crisis was not enough that nature attacked with yet another weapon, cyclone. This cyclone affected west Bengal and Odisha. PM Modi did aerial survey to check out the effects of the disastrous cyclone. In lieu of this he announced Rs.1000 crore to west Bengal government and Rs.500 crore to Odisha to help them in these tough times.

The stars did not stop twinkling in the pandemic
The sun still shone bright
There were leaders working day and night
Under the elite and supreme
Our India's prime minister
The knight in shining armor
We believed in all his actions and decisions
From requesting us to stay at home
To encouraging us to utilize our time in fruitful work
He became the biggest motivator of life
His self-confidence, determination, vision
Made us optimistic in life
He sowed the seeds of unity
By asking us to light lamps and pray for the warriors
To cheering them by clapping for them
He requested us to be "ATMANIRBHAR"
With the consecutive lockdowns
He made us trust his instincts and actions
With the breaking out of cases in India
Fear deepened in our minds
But with his presence and decisions
We are filled with optimism
To hold the weight of this enormous country is not easy
But he administered it well with his will
We bow down in respect in front of him
We shall be indebted for his efforts forever.



CHIEF MINISTER NAVNEEN PATNAIK

The Mastermind of Supreme Management

Vulnerable areas relocated to safer places immediately when the news of cyclone came. He addressed everyone not to be panic about it and just to follow the instruction. 567 cyclones shelter were made quickly Odisha is the state where every year a natural calamity occurs, most of the time it is Cyclone, all thanks to Indian Ocean. But it is not its specialty. The x-factor lies in the management of these cyclones or other calamities. In the recent times, Odisha had done great in terms of management and death rates as compared to any other state. The state has gained a lot of appreciation around the globe because of its rapid and efficient steps. All the credit goes to the leadership of our chief minister Naveen Patnaik. His efficiency and leadership are so renowned that he became our chief minister for the fifth consecutive time. He is only the third person in India to do so. He was awarded as the Ideal CM award at MIT Pune for the same.

CM's preventions and actions on the crisis:

When the corona crisis started in India, he was the first CM to impose lockdown in various places of Odisha. He was the first CM to make COVID hospital in every district. When the first case appeared in state he quickly imposed shut down in those areas and same was applied for the rest. He declared the crisis as "State Disaster" before any other state. When the situation started getting worse, he decided for 7-day curfew which was not taken by any other CM. This conveyed his credibility and preparedness for the fight. The power was given to regional officer of respective areas to take immediate action and decision during this crisis. He was working 24*7 to resolve every issue during crisis. Many meetings were organized where IAS and OAS attended to put forward the problems in their respective areas. Anyone who was not following the guidelines or involved in illegal activity was punished and harsh actions were taken. He cleared that there will be no tolerance against violence in social distancing. He also inspired others to feed stray animals and show kindness throughout. This shows his effectiveness and decision taking capability in short time. He ensured smooth transportation of agri-goods during the lockdown. He ensured the direction of proper training to officials involved in containment of COVID-19 as a result of which 1.5 lakhs official have been trained at different level. He launched Helpdesk number to get all the information about the measures taken by them to contain the pandemic which can be activated easily.

He appointed Subroto Bagchi as chairman Odisha skill development authority to give the details of the disaster and various guidelines which keeps our hope alive. He asked his chief IAS and Private Secretary to check all the hospitals of all districts and to submit a report of the condition of the same.

CM's financial help:

He donated his 3 months' salary to CMRF funds. 2200 crore was given to poor people amid this pandemic. He ensured around 3.3 Crore beneficiaries which was covered under Food security schemes and provided 5.65 lakhs MT rice and wheat in advance for April, May and June.

He appealed all the house owners to compassionate the poor and wave off their rents. He announced Rs.100 crore Urban Wage Employment initiative to generate employment for the urban poor amidst the lockdown. This would benefit 4.5 lakhs families in 114 ULBs.

He made everything free in the quarantine centre for 14 days where migrants have to live. He also gave Rs.2000 as incentive.

He cleared all the six proposals of Invest in Odisha worth Rs.9,100 crore which will generate more than 6,525 to help all those whose job were affected during pandemic. The approved projects spread across steel, cement, chemical, logistics, infrastructure etc. He declared to provide four months' salary prior to the doctors who are the closest one to fight against corona.

He even declared to give 50 lakhs to any fighter who would die of corona during his service. National respect will also be given to that person. The same was applied to sarpanch as well. He announced Rs.15 lakhs as compassionate assistance to working journalist who may lose life to COVID-19 infection as they helped a lot to spread awareness during difficult times.

CM's Steps on Treatment:

He set up two hospitals with the help of KIIMS and SUM medical college. Those have 1000 beds which was the biggest at that time. He also opened the largest COVID hospital. 150 beds COVID hospital was made ready at Ashwini Hospital in a record time of only 7 days. He took every immediate step for any problem to citizens. 110-bed facility was made in Jharsuguda to treat corona patients.

He circulated toll free number 104 as a helpline number for everyone. He launched telemedicine helpline numbers to provide medical assistance.

36 dedicated hospitals were made for the treatment of corona virus in all 30 districts with a capacity of 6000 patients. There are 20 exclusive COVID hospitals in 18 districts with a total bed strength of 3,420 and 197 ICU facilities as a part of his preparedness to deal with virus. Steps are taken to ensure the availability of medicines and equipment, personal protective gears and oxygen cylinders.

As per his direction a balanced distribution of medicines and equipment among exclusive hospitals, testing centres and other government health institutions is ensured. 1.53 lakh people including doctors and healthcare personnel have been given special training to fight COVID-19.

He opened quarantine centres in all the panchayats to help the migrants to stay until it is assured that they are negative of corona virus. During this crisis, the livelihoods of urban street vendor were greatly affected as they rely on per day income to survive. So, he sanctioned Rs.19 crore as financial assistance to help them. As a result of which 6500 street vendors will be benefitted.

CM's care for migrants:

He appealed to all the chief ministers of different states to provide basic food, accommodation and security to the people of Odisha who are stranded in their states. He not only cared about people living in Odisha but Odisha migrants who moved to other states for work as well. He also took care of stranded people from other state during pandemic. The relief packages were given to them as well.

About 90,000 workers from others states sheltered in 2700 camps where they were given sufficient food, shelter and psycho-social counselling. He launched E-passes for those who were stranded in Odisha. He also provided buses, shelter and food for them. He sends 25,000 workers to their respective states.

He appointed principal secretary Sanjeev Chopra as a state Nodal Officer for coordinating train movement with various states for the return of stranded people of Odisha. He was the first CM to start the initiative to bring back migrants to their home. He also took action to bring back students studying in other states. He also asked to register each one coming to Odisha. He provided bus facilities and kept them in quarantine centre for 14 days, provided food and treated who found positive. This action was taken before the train facility started. Specific guidelines were made for those who come back to Odisha via train from different parts. New quarantine centres were made to help them. He gave power to the Sarpanch to take care of migrants in quarantine centre, to provide food, to maintain proper hygiene, sanitation and to register each one of them.

CM's Combat with Cyclone in between Corona Crisis:

Like every year, the weather department informed that a cyclone is approaching to Odisha and West Bengal. When everyone was tensed for the outcome of cyclone between corona pandemic, Naveen Patnaik already had made teams ready to combat it. Residents from and 7000 pucca houses were made for the accommodation of 11 lakh people so that they may remain safe from corona as well as from cyclone. 3 NDRF, 12 ODRAF and 335 Fire services units were deployed to prepare all the arrangements for pre and post work of cyclone. They helped in rescuing anyone stuck in cyclone. They helped in relocation, awareness and restoration.

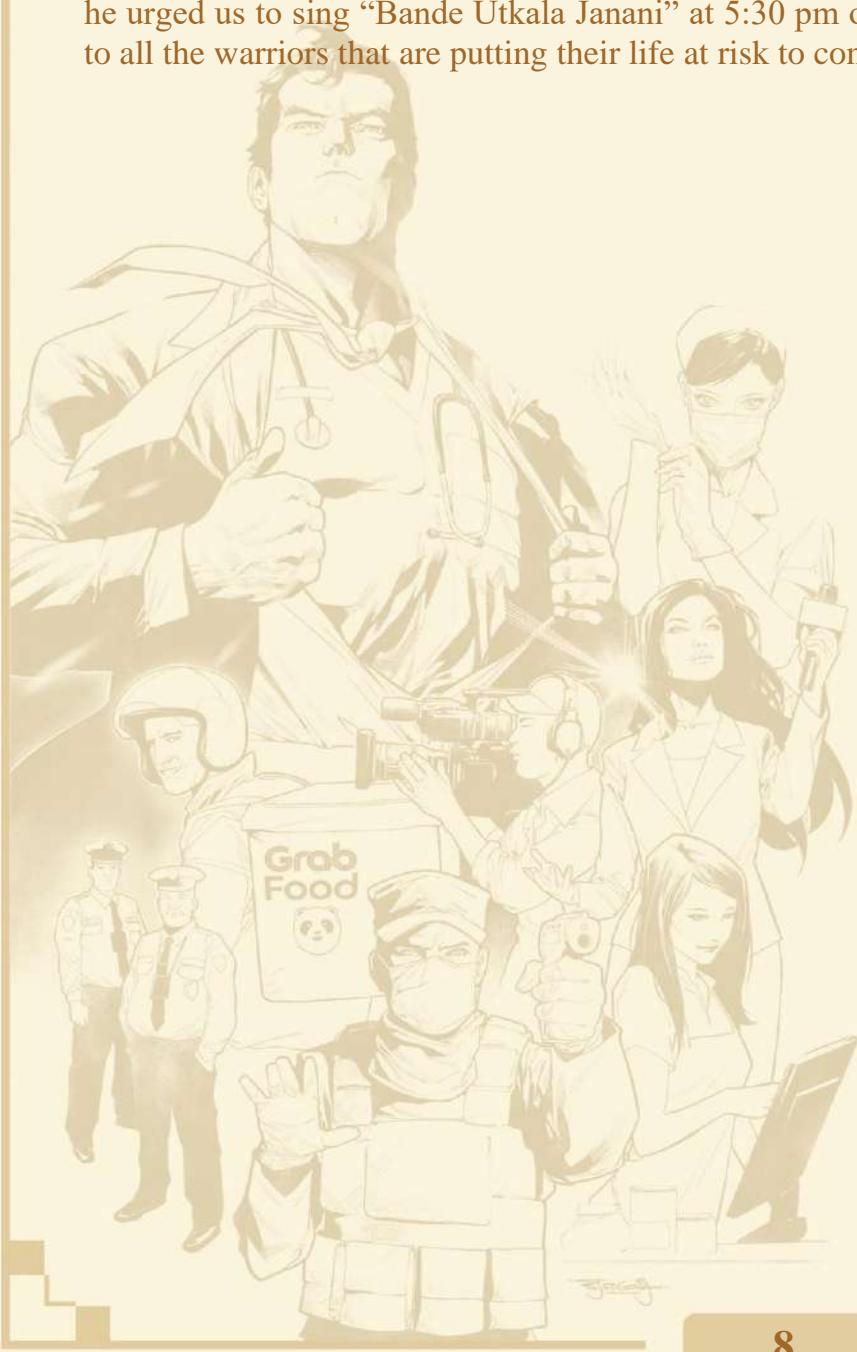
The restoration of roads, communication, drinking waters and electricity was started early by the teams made by him. This helped Odisha to continue its war against corona and not to give up. Odisha was again back on track within a short time. He took the initiative to aware all the farmers about the possible damage of their crops and vegetables. He provided support when their land was destroyed. He waved off their loans and gave them the assets to start again. He then provided uninterrupted supply of electricity to hospitals to the ones who were affected by cyclones and immediately the attention was shifted to corona crisis. Fishermen were advised not to venture in water amidst cyclone. They were provided with basic needs so that they survive the cyclone with no injuries.

His plans and decision were so precise and efficient that there were no deaths during the cyclone. This is the record that for the first time zero casualties is achieved by a state. It made Odisha globally Recognised in the field of Disaster Management. Naveen Patnaik received a lot of praises from other Chief Ministers.

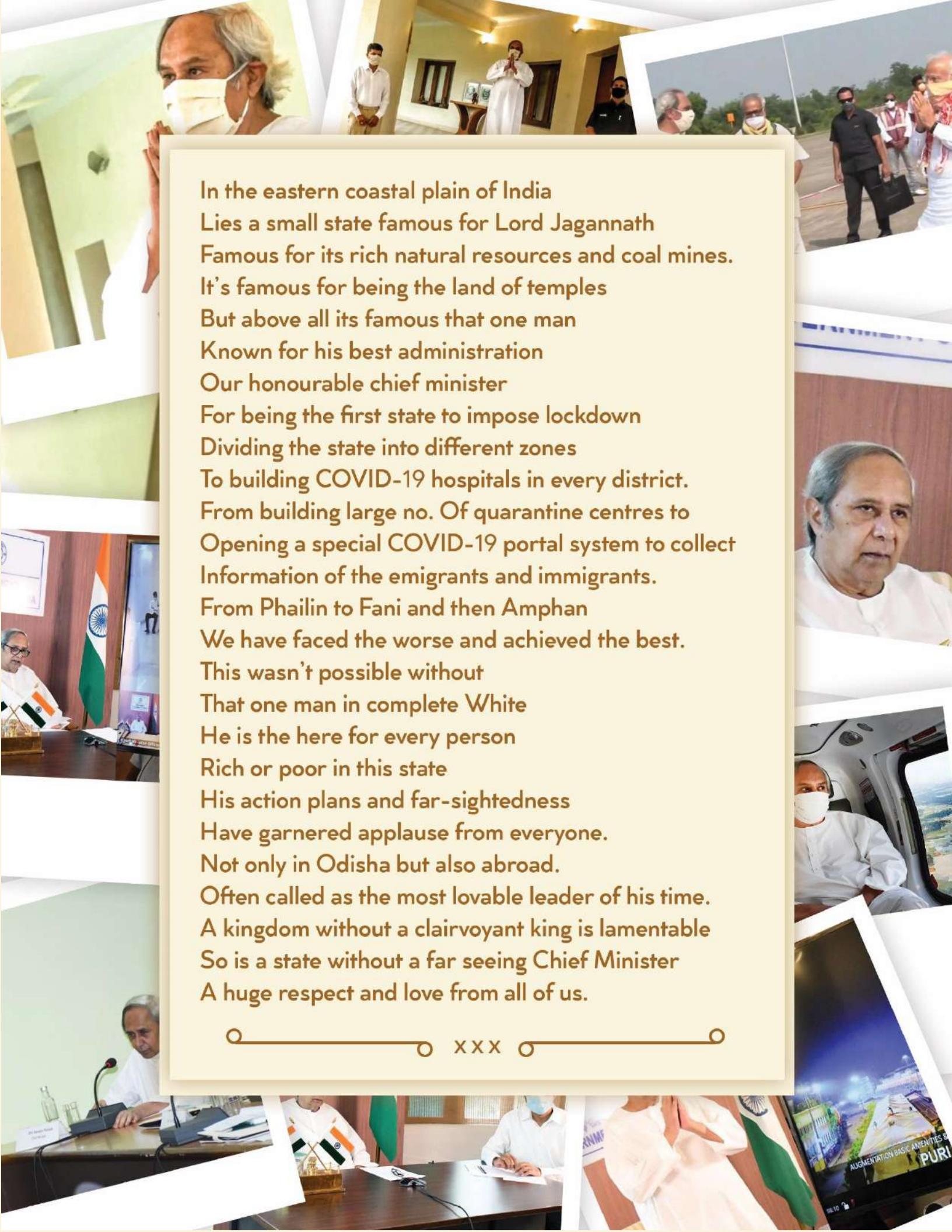
CM's Honour to Corona Fighters:

He always credited police officials and doctors for their work. He appreciated individually to all the staffs who worked selflessly with his tweets. He used to thank everyone who tirelessly works to create an impact on the society by addressing their name on twitter. He also mentioned special cases so as to inspire the state and kept the hope alive. He gave respect to all those who continued their work in spite of personal problems. He also commended DM's for making ready COVID Hospitals quickly.

To honour people who work tirelessly during cyclone and those who are working against pandemic, he urged us to sing "Bande Utkala Janani" at 5:30 pm on 30th may. This would be a sign of respect to all the warriors that are putting their life at risk to control corona virus.



In the eastern coastal plain of India
Lies a small state famous for Lord Jagannath
Famous for its rich natural resources and coal mines.
It's famous for being the land of temples
But above all its famous that one man
Known for his best administration
Our honourable chief minister
For being the first state to impose lockdown
Dividing the state into different zones
To building COVID-19 hospitals in every district.
From building large no. Of quarantine centres to
Opening a special COVID-19 portal system to collect
Information of the emigrants and immigrants.
From Phailin to Fani and then Amphan
We have faced the worse and achieved the best.
This wasn't possible without
That one man in complete White
He is the here for every person
Rich or poor in this state
His action plans and far-sightedness
Have garnered applause from everyone.
Not only in Odisha but also abroad.
Often called as the most lovable leader of his time.
A kingdom without a clairvoyant king is lamentable
So is a state without a far seeing Chief Minister
A huge respect and love from all of us.



GOVERNOR PROFESSOR GANESHI LAL

The Administrator of State Management

The constitution vests in the governor all the executive power of the state government. Everything that happens in the state happens under his consultancy and agreement. From appointing Election Commissioner to signing an amendment, nothing goes aside him. In our state Ganeshi Lal is the present Governor. He has a dynamic personality and a very generous man by nature. His actions and role during the pandemic have created a decent impact on citizens. His attitude towards the management of COVID-19 was praised by many which made him a well known figure of Odisha. There were no lacunas by his side during crisis.

From Inspiring to making amendments, he did them all.

He appealed to all the people to remain vigilant and practice social distancing after the virus was officially called “State disaster”. He urged everyone to do frequent hand wash. He spoke to all the directors of AIIMS, Bhubaneswar, Capital Hospital and Superintendent, SCB Medical College and Hospital to know about the status of COVID-19 test facilities and general preparedness to tackle the current situation. He advised to district collectors of Malkangiri, Rayagada, Bolangir, Dhenkanal and Sundergarh to focus on vulnerable sections of society and handle the situation with empathy as well as sternness on the status of preparedness in their districts. He made sure that everything is fine and any emergency can be handled easily. He took care of each sections of society so that the crisis can be controlled in its primary stage.

He also helped financially by giving funds. He contributed 30% of his salary from March-2020 to Feb-2021 i.e. Rs.13.2 lakh to PM cares Funds and donated Rs.21 lakh to CM Relief fund from his discretionary Grant. He contributed Rs. 11 lakhs to Chief Minister’s Relief Fund from his discretionary grants for cyclone and asked everyone to do the same for the restoration. He always kept citizens ahead of him all the time. He appreciated the contribution of one day salary amounting Rs.1,72,172 made by employees of Government’s Secretariat to CMRF Odisha in the wake of COVID-19 Outbreak. He also appealed people to come forward and contribute towards the same funds.

He also wrote articles on the pandemic in order to symphonize every citizen and to keep the hope alive for the same. Some of it was “Lessons for the human race in time of COVID-19” and “Make Mask a way of Life”. They enlightened citizens in many ways. He also wrote many articles about the importance of mask to promote wearing the same as it’s the basic way of prevention against the virus. He released a special cover on COVID-19 and a pack of 10 pictures postcards on great personalities of the state by Odisha post circle in presence of Chief postmaster Sri Subhash Chandra Barma and Secretary to honourable Governor Sri Mahendra Pramod at Rajbhawan. This was done to point out the greatness and way of living of the said personalities. This helped citizens to keep faith alive and get more information about the prevention of corona virus.

He paid floral tribute to eminent freedom fighter Padmashree Bhabani Charan Patnaik and released a souvenir on him during the 12th day death ceremony in Swadhinata Sangrami Sadan at Bhubaneswar.

This marked the respect from the entire state to the man who died for us. He always praised and respected everyone who did their best for the state and country.

He also made amendments to prevent corona in any possible way. He promulgated the Epidemic Diseases Ordinance 2020 to tackle the pandemic where there were guidelines to be followed during this time. It also notified the action which can be called offence during the same. He requested all to cooperate in order win against corona crisis.

When Cyclone Amphan damaged Odisha, he continued his duty. He along with Chief minister Naveen Patnaik received Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Airport, Bhubaneswar to access the damage by Cyclone Amphan. He never stepped back on any difficulty faced by the state.

He was accountable to President to give report about the preparedness during the COVID Outbreak. He ensured President in every way by taking every measures.

He always showed his condolences on the death of any public personality. He also showed his grief on any minister's illness and prayed for his well-being on twitter.

He lighted deepa at 9 pm for 9 minutes as a mark of solidarity in united fight for India against COVID Pandemic. He inspired others to do the same as it notified united efforts against crisis. He urged all the citizens of Odisha to sing Bande Utkala Janani at 5:30 pm on 30th May to encourage and appreciate the relentless work of the Corona Warriors and hope it will be a great morale booster for all the concerned. He also sang the same song that was appealed by CM.

The De jure head of the state.

With the responsibility to implement the state laws

Being the commander in chief of the state defence system ,

Has to maintain law & order situations.

From lockdown to shutdowns, and even containments

Were under his guidance and advises.

From the arrival of immigrants to the

Departure of emigrants.

The sole representative of the Centre in the State

He has the responsibility of acting

As the official mediator.

From sealing the state borders

To inspecting the work of police officers

NDRF -ODRAF, special task force

And the military officers.

Every detail of all the districts and state is observed

By him from time to time.

His presence changes the atmosphere.

This nominal head is the Chancellor

Of all the universities.

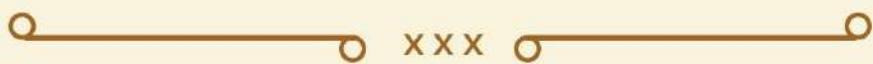
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ODISHA GOVERNMENT

The Connoisseur of Disaster Management

16 March 2020, the world was slowly getting into the grasp of the COVID-19 pandemic. India had recorded a total no. of 110 cases of COVID-19 in India. Odisha was expecting for the best but was at the same time prepared for the worst. The first case of COVID-19 in the state was a 31-year-old man from Bhubaneswar who had returned from Italy. The officials were quick to put him under medication and contact tracing was started. In the stressful hours when the world was falling helpless in front of corona, Odisha had just started its valiant fight against the pandemic.

A state and a government that is well known for its disaster-management skills had everybody's eyes on them. It's safe to say that the Odisha government was really quick in its response time and extremely precise on the measures that were to be taken. What needs to be understood is that medical condition was just one among the many problems that the state had. The bureaucrats and officials had to deal with a situation where they had to safeguard people from this deadly virus, make sure that people within the state don't fall into complete chaos and had also to make sure that people of the state stuck outside be brought back to safety and comfort. It was definitely a huge task on hands but the government seemed to sail through all odds beautifully. All of this was possible because of an extremely efficient structure and the five essential gems of the Odisha government:

The Health-care warriors

The medical personnel and ground staff were among those people who had one of the toughest jobs on their hands. It was for the first time in decades that they were fighting against a virus that was deadly and highly volatile at the same time. As of 30 May 2020, Odisha government has drafted more than two lakh people, including doctors and nurses, into COVID-19 workforce and provided them hands on training, with the state entering critical phase of the pandemic. As many as 8023 doctors, 8296 staff nurses, 4105 paramedics and lab technicians, 4905 ambulance drivers, 7236 sanitation staff and 1,35,820 health workers have been identified as dedicated COVID-19 service providers. Chief Secretary Asit Tripathy reviewed the readiness of the COVID-19 workforce here on Friday. More than 90% of the workforce received training, said the government. "The medical students of eighth and ninth semesters volunteered for COVID-19 duty, and, as of now, 8325 students from MBBS, AYUSH and nursing wings have also been trained in COVID-19 care" said state health secretary N.B. Dhal. Besides, 108 doctors, 64 staff nurse and 61 pharmacists from ESI and private sector hospitals have also been trained. Similarly, 33,900 functionaries to be deployed at temporary medical camps set up in different panchayats have also been trained in management of such camps, health, nutrition, water and sanitation.

On 27 March 2020 the chief minister Mr. Naveen Patnaik signed two MOUs with Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences and SUM hospitals for a combined 1000 dedicated beds. In less than 10 days both

the facilities, albeit set up in existing unused buildings, were declared ready. State minister of health, Naba Kishore Das expects 36 COVID-19 hospitals ready covering every single district before end of the month. It is important to note that these facilities are being set up largely parallel to existing hospitals. With that coming into effect the total no. of beds will be increased to 6000. Summing up the initial bed capacity of the first 20 COVID hospitals the total no. of beds reaches up to a count of near 10000. Additionally, 55 Intensive Care Units were also added.

On 26 April the state government appointed Pradipta Kumar Mohapatra, an additional Chief Secretary rank officer at the helm of the health department and roped in 22 other seniors IAS officers as observers of various districts in its fight against COVID-19. Nikunja Dhal continued to be the principal secretary of the health and family welfare department. IAS officers appointed as observers were assigned to review the preparedness at the district level and to coordinate various other COVID-19 related activities. The appointment was made by the chief-minister Naveen Patnaik after a thorough review on the COVID-19 situation in the state.

As of now the continuous efforts of the health care apartment have resulted in the reducing the pandemic to a control. On 1st June Chief Secretary Asit Tripathy stated that 2,49,769 persons have been quarantined. 2.87 lakhs among them have been discharged from the quarantine centres. He further goes on to mention that 95% of COVID positive cases have been reported from quarantine centres. That makes the total no. of cases to 2104 with 1126 no. of recoveries making the state to have one of the greatest recovery rates in the country. With total no. 7 casualties, the mortality rate in the state is also one of the lowest.

The Transportation Department.

If there was any greater problem than the medical condition in the state then it was definitely the task of bringing back people to the state. The Odisha government and the transportation department seemed to take an interest in the issue. The transportation system seemed to be working on basic fundamentals which are:

- operate to serve community priorities**
- have proper consideration on safety**
- Improve the transit experience**
- manage travel demand and have cautious movement of people**
- collaborate and coordinate broadly**

Lakhs of migrant workers were stuck outside the state and the chief minister promised the arrangement of special buses to bring such people back. For this, first a registration portal was created and people were asked to fill their details up only after which they would have been allowed to come back. Sources maintained that around 85 special trains will be required to accommodate all the migrant workers who want to return to their homes in Odisha from Surat. Meanwhile on 11th May, chief spokesperson Subroto Bagchi said that 55916 workers have returned to the state by trains, buses and other vehicles. He further went on to say that 100000 more people were set to get back to the state. He said that 14513 temporary health centres with 5,81,462 beds have been readied in 6,798 gram panchayats to provide COVID-19 health services to the returnees. As of now 4,25,000 migrant workers have returned back to Odisha and further 8,00,000 workers are expected to return in the

One of the other primary challenges that the government had was to make people stay at home and at the same time ensure that there is no shortage of essential goods and services.

Essentials were allowed to be transported but were subjected to many checkpoints as well. On 5th may, the Odisha government has introduced a new scheme under which an insurance cover worth Rs.50,00,000 will be provided to the regional transport officials and staff engaged in COVID-19 duty. The Odisha Transport Commissioner, Sanjeeb Panda via a letter to the RTOs and helpers of the vehicles requisitioned for the transportation of returnees in connection with COVID-19 shall be covered under this insurance scheme. He directed the RTO officials to maintain records of the staff engaged in COVID-19 duty. He recommended, inclusion of personnel deployed through outsourcing in connection with COVID-19 related duties in the records.

The Information and Public Relations Department

The information and public relations department serves as a link between the people and the government. The department not only informs the public on the plans, policies and the programmes of the government, but also works to ensure people's participation in the successful implementation of different developmental programmes and schemes. To implement these programmes and to make them people oriented. It was a big responsibility on hands to see that only authentic news were spread among masses and also looked on the steps to tackle the problem of fake news being spread during the pandemic. On 4th march the government the workplace advisory as prepared by the health and welfare department to tackle COVID-19. It stated "surfaces (desks and tables) and objects (telephone, keyboards) need to be wiped with disinfectant like 70 % alcohol regularly. Soaps or sanitizing hand rub should be provided near wash basins and water supply should be ensured as frequent hand washing kills the virus and prevents the spread of COVID-19. Additionally, posters spreading awareness should also be put on display." It also instructed offices to opt for work from home for those who show flu like symptoms. Odisha government had already established a strong social media connectivity by establishing twitter and Facebook accounts for all governmental departments this was well utilised during this time. People could directly access the twitter accounts of top-level administrative officers and could inform them of their plight. This reduced a world of worries for those who were stuck outside the state. The twitter handle of the Odisha government also kept people updated with each and every on-going advance. The total no. of patients found in a day, the total recoveries, no. of people uarantined was well kept on record and were put on telecast each single day, giving the citizens every bit of their necessary information.

A press release was prepared everyday giving the detailed statistics on COVID-19 in the state which was announced by chief spokesperson Subroto Bagchi. I & PR secretary Sanjay Singh was appointed as secretary for COVID-19 who announced the health updates in the press release every day.

Panchayati Raj Department

The Naveen Patnaik government has adopted a novel people-centric approach to contain the COVID-19 pandemic in Odisha. The gram Panchayats were provided every means of support to take the lead in dealing with the emerging situation at the grassroots level. On April 22, Sarpanchs of 6,798 Gram Panchayats in the State took the pledge along with Naveen Patnaik and Panchayati Raj department

Minister Pratap Jena through video-conferencing to sincerely work towards containing the spread of novel coronavirus in their Panchayat for the public good. They ensured to keep the people coming from other States in quarantine and to look after their stay, food and treatment. Under the supervision of Panchayati Raj department Secretary D K Singh, it became mandatory registration for those returning from other states and from foreign nation after the end of nationwide shutdown. Quarantine facilities have been created at the gram Panchayat level across the State with more than two lakh beds. More such facilities are being created to increase the bed capacity for five lakh people, according to D. K. Singh, Secretary of Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water Department. A nodal officer had been appointed for each gram panchayat to coordinate the work with the sarpanch, the panchayat executive officer and the gram rozgar sevak, and work as a link between them and Block Development Officers who coordinates with the higher-ups.

Women representatives along with SHG members are not only engaged in running free kitchens, but also in making masks to stop the spread of COVID-19. Lakhs of masks made by them have been supplied to different departments and sold to the public at a cheap rate. The gram panchayats in Odisha have always played a dramatic role during many natural disasters in the past and now also have added to the administration's confidence in tackling the pandemic.

Labour and Employees' state insurance.

Complete lockdown had put the livelihoods of many people at stake and endangered the lives of many daily wage workers. For a person who earns about 100-200 every day and then feeds his/her family, a complete restricts on work and wage was hard-hitting point. Workers were worried that if not from the pandemic then definitely hunger and scarcity of resources would have killed them. Under such a tensed situation they expected the government for an appropriate response and they did get it.

On 24th march the chief minister of the state announced a Rs. 2,200 crore packages for the poor, old-age persons and construction workers in the state, who bore the brunt of the ongoing lockdown, which has been enforced to contain the spread of COVID-19. The financial package is aimed to ensure availability of adequate cash among the poor, distressed and daily wagers during the lockdown period, which would continue till 14 April, said an official source. The state government announced three months advance rations for the 94 lakh households covered under the national and food security schemes, the chief minister said each of the 94 lakh families will receive financial assistance of Rs.1000 as per the package. Around Rs. 940 crores will be sent for the purpose. Under the food security schemes, the beneficiaries are getting rice or wheat of 5kg per person/month at Rs.1 per kg. The state government has already started the distribution of rations at their doorsteps. The chief minister further stated that around 22 lakh construction workers will get financial assistance of Rs.1500 each. The state government will spend around Rs.330 crore for the purpose while the amount is likely to be spent from the cess, which is available with the Odisha Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board. Meanwhile, the state government had also arranged food and shelter in different districts for around 5547 workers from other states, stranded in Odisha in 36 camps during the lockdown.

The state labour department has also set up a helpline number 18003456703 for people from other states stranded in Odisha to lodge their grievances.

Disaster Management:

If Odisha is known for anything other than its rich cultural significance then it has to be its disaster management skills. Naturally prone to cyclonic storms, the state has been hit by some of the most terrible disasters in the history of the country. The state's long term, lauded expertise in handling disasters and the infra-structure created to mitigate it, fronted by the Odisha State Disaster Management Authority, has stood it in good stead as it copes with the novel corona-virus disease pandemic. As COVID-19 impacts unfolded in India, the state geared up to tackle the set of new challenges including water scarcity during the summer season and the return of its migrant population. Sanjay Singh, secretary, Odisha Information and Public Relations Department said that the state had a two-dimensional advantage.

One was related to the 'physical infrastructure' created to assist people during disasters. The other was 'intellectual infrastructure' which was the government's institutional setups evolved to tackle disasters in a swift and efficient way.

Using the past experience, the government exactly knew how to work and they used government buildings like cyclone shelters, schools, Panchayat offices to the right tunes. Many of these centres were used as either quarantine centres or relief centres to host stranded migrant workers and the destitute to serve them food and provide shelter during the lockdown. Following the disaster relief operations pattern, the state swung into action soon after realising the threat from the pandemic and used every possible resource on hand to get a smooth and safe passage of the state through the pandemic. Adopting the previous measures, the government formed empowered group of ministers and also constituted special committees comprising senior bureaucrats on the evolving COVID-19 pandemic.

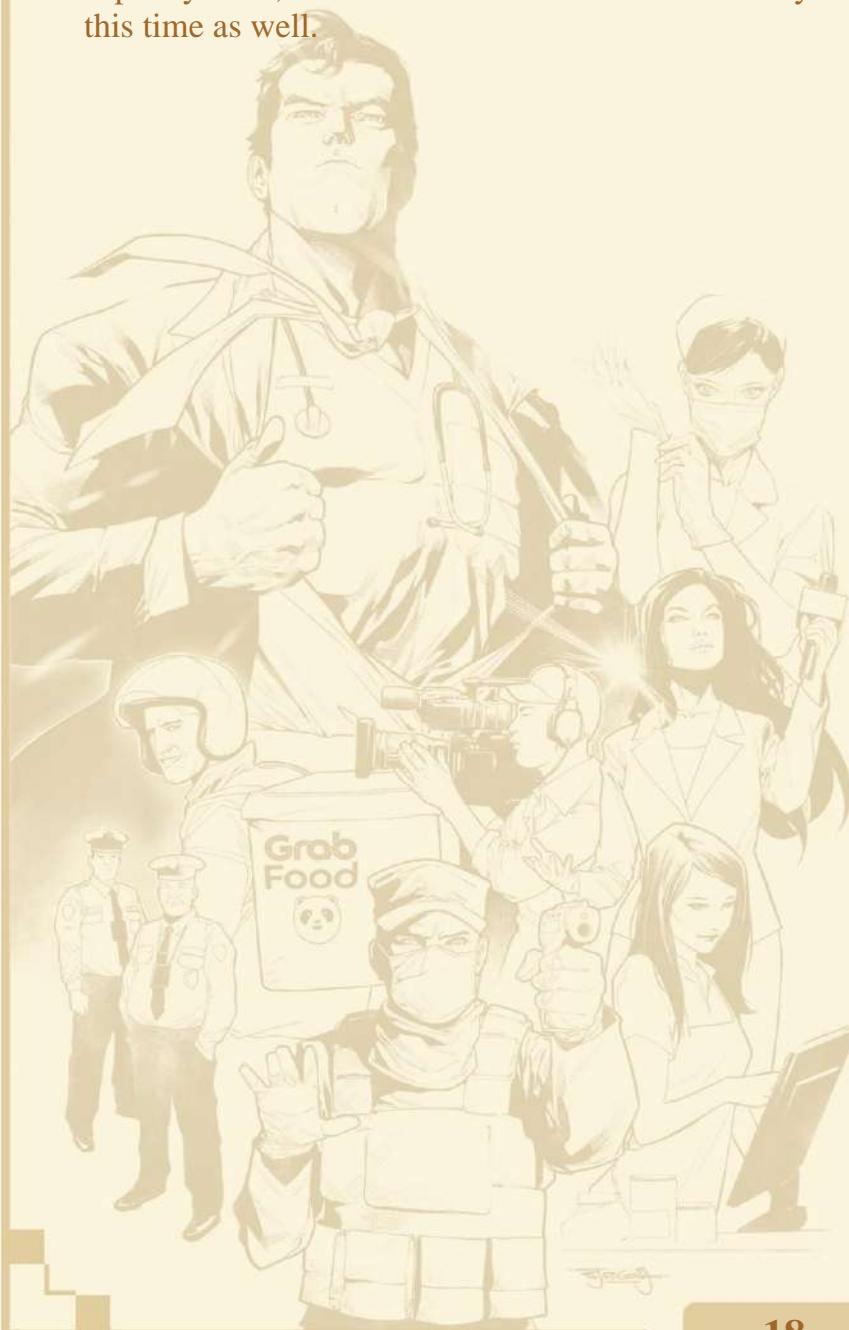
Along with it the disaster management department had also laid attention on the upcoming heat-wave in the country. Pradeep Jena, the special relief commissioner and managing director of the Odisha State Disaster Management Authority, has urged district administrations to put in place Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the heat action plan of 2020. So that, no additional task is added to this already heavy work of managing the disaster. However, nature had its own plans and Odisha was about to face a new challenge.

On 13 may 2020, an area of low pressure developed over the South-eastern Bay of Bengal about 1020 km to the southeast of Visakhapatnam in the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh. The area of low pressure located within a favourable environment for further development with good equator-ward flow, warm sea surface temperatures, and low vertical wind shear. Moving northwards, the depression continually organised and became a cyclonic storm and in-came another challenge for the Odisha government. With quick actions taken, the government on 17 may decide to make preparations for evacuating 11 lakh people from low lying and vulnerable areas of coastal districts. As many as 567 cyclone shelters and 7092 pucca buildings have been readied to accommodate them. The administration of vulnerable districts was directed to keep multipurpose cyclone and flood shelters in readiness and to identify other suitable RCC roofed public buildings for use as safe shelters in case of requirements. At least 25 NDRF teams were deployed on the ground while 12 others are ready in reserve. An additional 24 teams were also on standby in different parts of the country.

Apart from the NDRF, the Odisha Disaster Rapid Action force and Fire Services were in action too. Fortunately, the cyclone hit a very marginal area on the Odisha coast and minimal damage was conceded. The relief work and rerouting of electricity was started as soon as possible and the state was well back on its feet.

THE UNDYING SPIRIT

As of 2 June, the total no. of COVID positive cases in the state were 2,245 out of which only 991 were active cases. The state has one of the highest recovery rates (60%) in the country and is well on its track to successfully defeat this pandemic. The state still has to do some work and more efforts are required in the upcoming times, as chief spokesperson Subroto Bagchi said “it’s a bit early to pat ourselves on the back”. Under the amazing leadership of the chief minister, the constant efforts of chief minister’s Private Secretary Mr. V.K.Pandian and the excellent management from COVID-19 secretary Asit Tripathy, the state looks to being the right direction towards recovery. Since the 1999 super cyclone, the state has never surrendered to any natural calamity and it doesn’t look to surrender this time as well.



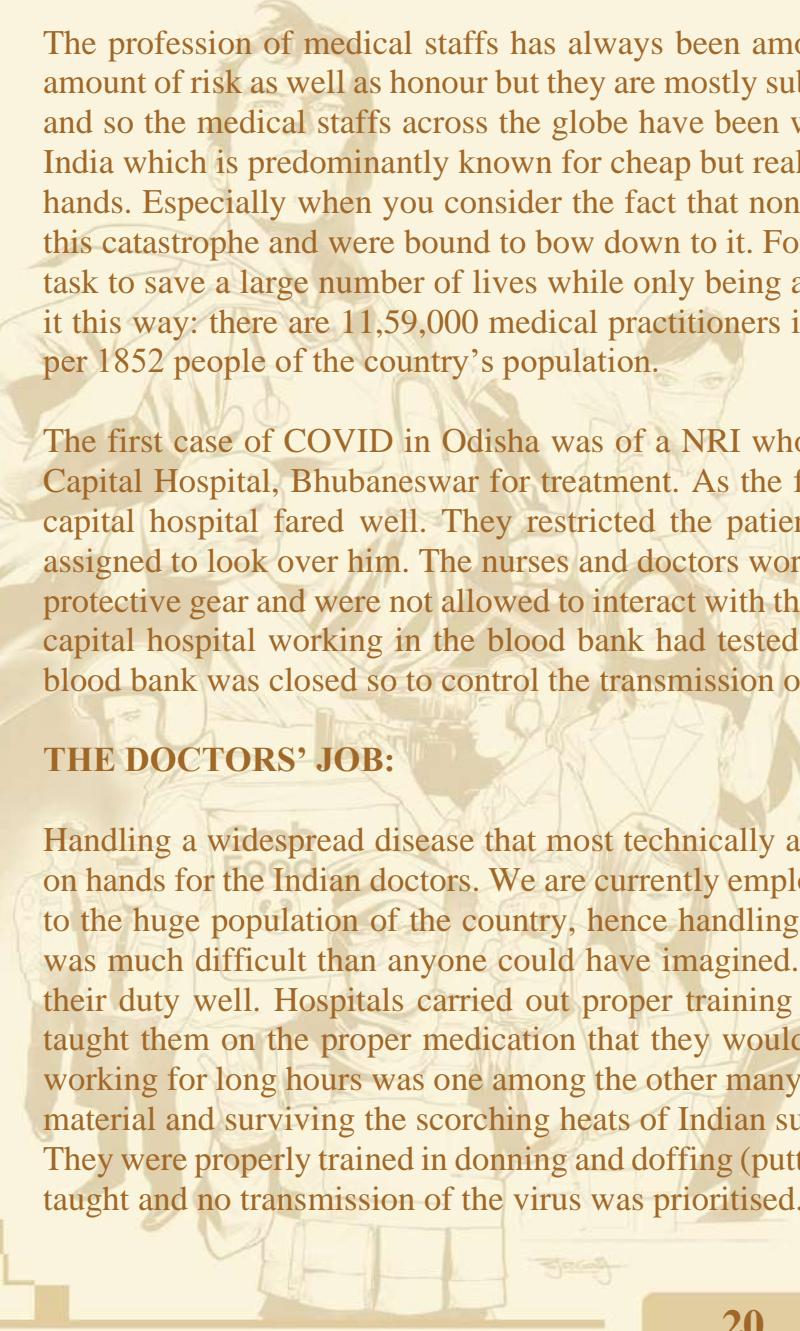
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Have an apt coordination
Between its aim as well as wings
A province that progresses has
The key in the right hands
And a state that advances
Has the best governance.
For a leader to progress and rule a state
He should be good administrator with the best governing body
Every decision made and executed is
The achievement of the government
When the whole world is battling against an invisible force
Our state was the first to impose lockdown
After we detected our first case.
We obeyed all the decisions of the Centre
Alongside we executed our own laws & regulations
To fight and wipe out this
Deadly microorganism from our state.
Night curfews, regular lockdowns, weekly shutdowns
Declaring containment areas, red, green and orange zones
Bringing emigrants to their homeland
And helping them to travel to their destination.
Providing money and incentives
Building quarantine centers and
COVID-19 hospitals across all the districts
Encouraging frontline warriors
Enforcing evening and night curfews
When the Centre removed lockdown
We became the first state to enforce lockdown.



THE MEDICAL CLAN

Warriors on the Forefront.

December 30 2019, Chinese ophthalmologist Li Wenliang sent out a message to his friends and family members, warning them of a SARS like illness spreading in Wuhan. His chats soon became viral and on January 3 he along with 6 other doctors were summoned by the Chinese officials on count of spreading rumours, he was asked to sign an undertaking which stated that he won't spread any further "rumours". 9 days from that, on January 12 Wenliang was admitted to the ICU and on January 20 the Chinese president declared the coronavirus spread as a national emergency. Li Wenliang breathed his last on February 6 2020. 30 may 2020, COVID-19 is the greatest pandemic in the last 100 years with a total 3,66,894 casualties and has spread to over 215 countries among 60,33,896 people.



The profession of medical staffs has always been among the few professions which involve a high amount of risk as well as honour but they are mostly subjected to the first part. For the last few months and so the medical staffs across the globe have been working day and night fighting this pandemic. India which is predominantly known for cheap but really well medical treatment had a big task on its hands. Especially when you consider the fact that none of the developed countries could really stop this catastrophe and were bound to bow down to it. For the Indian medical association, it was a huge task to save a large number of lives while only being able to access minimum resources. To think of it this way: there are 11,59,000 medical practitioners in India, which means there is only one doctor per 1852 people of the country's population.

The first case of COVID in Odisha was of a NRI who had returned from Italy. He was admitted at Capital Hospital, Bhubaneswar for treatment. As the first hospital in the state to deal with COVID, capital hospital fared well. They restricted the patient to isolation ward and separate staffs were assigned to look over him. The nurses and doctors working on the patient were equipped with proper protective gear and were not allowed to interact with the outside world. In a turn of events a staff from capital hospital working in the blood bank had tested positive for COVID 19 and hence the whole blood bank was closed so to control the transmission of the virus.

THE DOCTORS' JOB:

Handling a widespread disease that most technically advanced countries could not do is quite a task on hands for the Indian doctors. We are currently employed with very less no. of doctors as compared to the huge population of the country, hence handling out huge cases of this already deadly disease was much difficult than anyone could have imagined. The doctors however, were on point to serve their duty well. Hospitals carried out proper training camps for doctors and paramedical staff and taught them on the proper medication that they would be giving to patients. Wearing PPE kits and working for long hours was one among the other many challenges. These PPE kits are made of dense material and surviving the scorching heats of Indian summers was a real difficult job for the doctors. They were properly trained in donning and doffing (putting on and off) of protective gear was carefully taught and no transmission of the virus was prioritised.

For that N95 masks, face shields and proper protective gear was provided to everyone. In times like these all hands-on deck was very important and hence many people came back to their jobs offering for help in the fields of medical help. In a sensational case, Sanjay Mehra, a Mumbai based DJ enrolled himself to be a field officer for Mumbai's COVID team. Mehra who has given up his medical practice in 2017 to pursue a career in music decided to come back to his profession to help out people.

On March 25 government of India had asked retired armed forces Medical services, and private physicians to come forward and help out in fighting this pandemic together following which 30,000 people enrolled them for helping out in the corona crisis. The transmission of the virus through doctors was a concern and hence emphasis on this was laid on. Doctors were distributed in different hospitals in different duty periods and once their tenure at their respective hospital was done, they were asked to quarantine for 14 days only after which they were allowed to move out. The doctors have also faced many prejudices during their whole duty process as COVID doctors, say it the fact that people were afraid of them or the fact that doctors had to face social discrimination on the fear of spreading virus. They however don't seem to stop at anything, the clan of this medical workers is looking forward on going strong all through the ways of recovery.

Talking about the training and the functionality of COVID hospitals, I got in touch with the medical team leader of Talcher COVID hospital Dr. Rohan Roshan Nayak and had a brief discussion on various matters related to the on-going pandemic. Dr. Nayak who is M.D. Anaesthesiology in sum hospitals said "we have to be patient on the outcomes of efforts of the medical community; this disease isn't looking to go away soon so all that we can do for now is have patience and properly follow guidelines on community interaction so as to have the disease under control". On asked about the support from government he said "In a crisis like this we can't expect much, the government has been fine on its duty towards the medical community" he went on to add about people's fear towards doctors for spreading of virus and said "We can't really blame anyone; people are not much educated about the situation and in times like these they definitely would fear for their life so it's very natural of them getting scared away from COVID doctors".

NURSES ON COORDINATION

While we are all asked to stay home and keep ourselves safe from this virus, the medical staffs are summoned from all parts of the country and are given the humongous responsibility of being the prime soldiers, fighting on the frontline. They literally are exposed to this threat 24/7 and safety and well-being for such people is not taken with much culpability. Despite all, these people don't really seem to give up anytime soon; they know their responsibilities well and are brave enough to face any hurdle that comes their way. Renuka Das who has been a nurse at private hospital in Bhubaneswar for the last 4 years says: "it's not easy to be at work under these times, every person that comes to us could possibly test positive and may have the chance for spreading to us but despite all that we are always motivated towards our work."

As of 23 April, total no. of medical staff affected from corona virus stood at 426, which contained 90 doctors 156 nurses and the rest 180 were administrative staff. The days for them have actually gone worse considering that they also have to be dealing with improper behaviour from patients at many parts of the country.

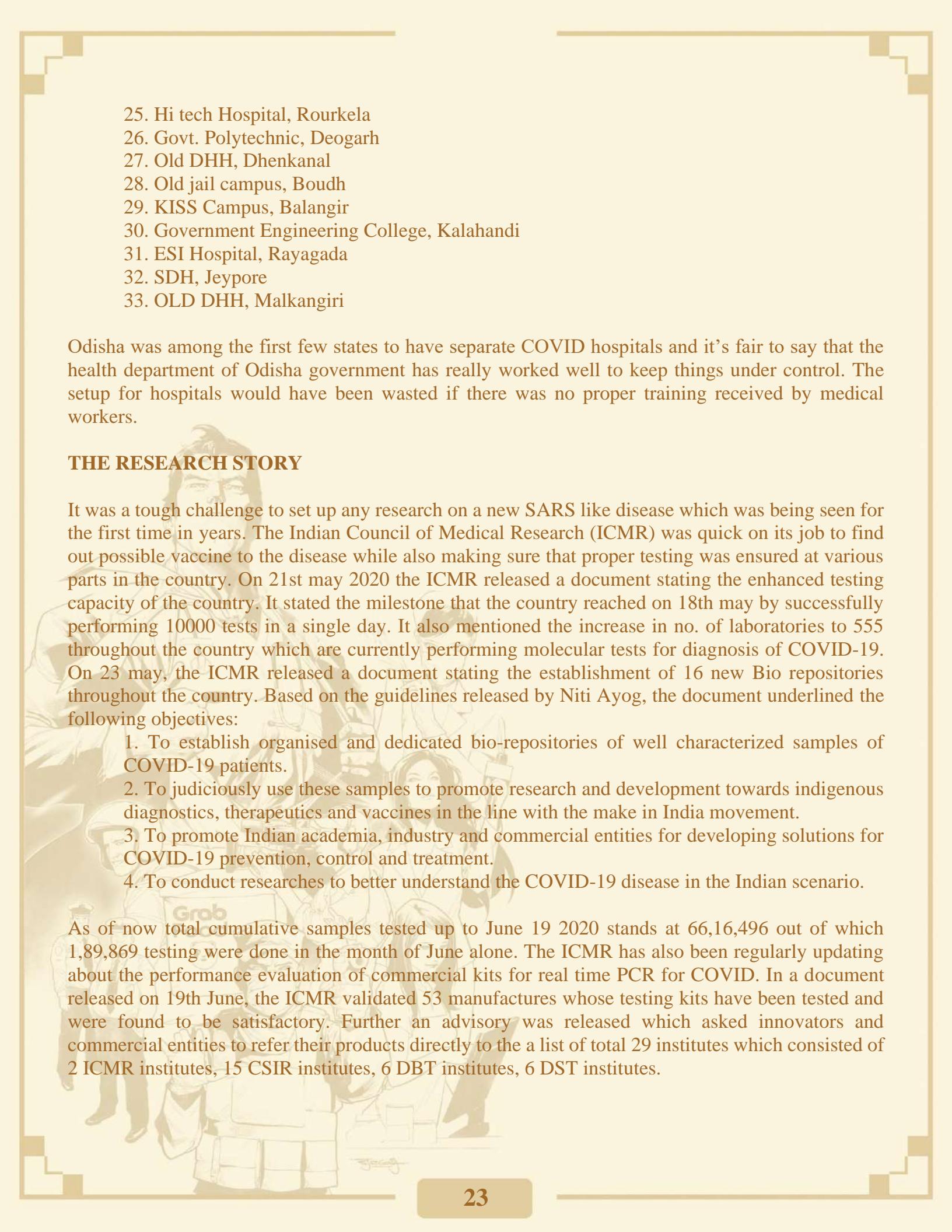
There was a sudden resurgence of patients that resulted as an effective increase in efforts for the people of the medical community.

Among all of these the climate doesn't seem to help in any possible direction as well. Many hospitals are switching off their ACs and fans to prevent the spread of the virus and the scorching heats of Indian summers don't seem to be any helpful. On top of that, the medical staff are subjected to wear full body PPE kits which are essentially very thick protective gear and they result in excessive sweating which may lead up to hyperhidrosis, a skin infection due to excessive sweating in hands. That's not all; doctors and nurses are even restricting themselves to minimal water intake so as to have fewer toilet liberties. This can be totally put up as a situation where they are putting themselves at much greater physical torture and on top of that they are exposed to the virus throughout.

THE HEALTH-DEPARTMENT'S HEROICS

The medical staffs were blessed to be backed by the strong governance in Odisha and all the support that they have been receiving. On April 14th chief minister of the state Mr. Naveen Patnaik directed to set up Odisha COVID hospitals in every district by next week with a plan to set up 36 hospitals with the combined bed capacity of 6000. The official handle of department of health and family welfare, Government of Odisha tweeted the list of COVID-19 hospitals to be operated by 20th April as per the directions of the chief minister:

1. NTPC Medical college, Sundargarh
2. OLD Dhh, Jharsuguda
3. DHH, Sambalpur
4. MCH Building, Bargarh.
5. Government ITI, Sonepur
6. Anwesha hostel, Nuapada
7. B. ED College, Nabrangpur
8. GNM Centre, Phulbani
9. Chandapur TB Hospital, Nayagarh
10. Government Ayurvedic College, Puri
11. Biju Jatri Niwas, Angul
12. Anwesha hostel, Banki
13. KISS Campus, Baripada
14. TATA Hospital, Joda
15. Jyoti Hospital, Balasore
16. Salandi Hospital, Bhadrak
17. TATA Hospital, Jajpur
18. Polytechnic hospital, Kendrapada
19. Ashwini hospital, Cuttack
20. KIMS Medical, Bhubaneswar
21. IDH, Puri
22. SUM Hospital, Bhubaneswar
23. TATA Medical, Berhampur
24. CUTM Hostel, Gajapati

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25. Hi tech Hospital, Rourkela
 26. Govt. Polytechnic, Deogarh
 27. Old DHH, Dhenkanal
 28. Old jail campus, Boudh
 29. KISS Campus, Balangir
 30. Government Engineering College, Kalahandi
 31. ESI Hospital, Rayagada
 32. SDH, Jeypore
 33. OLD DHH, Malkangiri

Odisha was among the first few states to have separate COVID hospitals and it's fair to say that the health department of Odisha government has really worked well to keep things under control. The setup for hospitals would have been wasted if there was no proper training received by medical workers.

THE RESEARCH STORY

It was a tough challenge to set up any research on a new SARS like disease which was being seen for the first time in years. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) was quick on its job to find out possible vaccine to the disease while also making sure that proper testing was ensured at various parts in the country. On 21st may 2020 the ICMR released a document stating the enhanced testing capacity of the country. It stated the milestone that the country reached on 18th may by successfully performing 10000 tests in a single day. It also mentioned the increase in no. of laboratories to 555 throughout the country which are currently performing molecular tests for diagnosis of COVID-19. On 23 may, the ICMR released a document stating the establishment of 16 new Bio repositories throughout the country. Based on the guidelines released by Niti Ayog, the document underlined the following objectives:

1. To establish organised and dedicated bio-repositories of well characterized samples of COVID-19 patients.
2. To judiciously use these samples to promote research and development towards indigenous diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines in the line with the make in India movement.
3. To promote Indian academia, industry and commercial entities for developing solutions for COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment.
4. To conduct researches to better understand the COVID-19 disease in the Indian scenario.

As of now total cumulative samples tested up to June 19 2020 stands at 66,16,496 out of which 1,89,869 testing were done in the month of June alone. The ICMR has also been regularly updating about the performance evaluation of commercial kits for real time PCR for COVID. In a document released on 19th June, the ICMR validated 53 manufactures whose testing kits have been tested and were found to be satisfactory. Further an advisory was released which asked innovators and commercial entities to refer their products directly to the a list of total 29 institutes which consisted of 2 ICMR institutes, 15 CSIR institutes, 6 DBT institutes, 6 DST institutes.

Many innovators have also come forward extending their help through their innovations. These Innovations may seem to happen on the grassroots levels but they have been extremely effective as far as targeting to effect is concerned. Start-ups such Klinik app and Practo are providing COVID-19 tests and consultation at home and online consultation with doctors through their platform. In a response to shortage of ventilators for critical care, start-ups such as Nocca Robotics, Aerobiosys Innovations and AgVa Healthcare developing low-cost easy to use and portable ventilators that can be deployed even in the rural areas of India. The hygiene of public spaces is another area of notable innovations. Start-ups such as Aqoza technologies and PerSapien claim they have developed chemical formulations that disinfect public spaces. Aqoza's approach developed during an outbreak of Nipah virus in kerala 2018, is a water-based sanitizer disinfectant, while Airlens minus corona from PerSapien is a machine which the company claims dispenses ionised water droplets to oxidise the viral protein. Another start-up named Droom claims it has come up with a special microbial coating called Corona shield, which inhibits the growth of microorganisms such as bacteria, algae, yeast, moulds, and mildew on the surfaces of vehicles. It is being tested by police in Gurugram in Haryana state.

Apart from this Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has said that CSIR labs would be engaged in discovering a potent vaccine for novel corona virus. CSIR would collaborate with two industries. There is one vaccine named mycobacterium-w that is still being used against leprosy. CSIR is seeing a potential in that old-time tested vaccine. Institute of Genomic and Integrated Biology while working on the rapid and economical diagnostics vertical has prepared paper-strip test for corona which will be low cost and affordable in Indian conditions. As a part of digital and molecular surveillance vertical Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology and IGIB, two institutes of eminence under the CSIR network have commenced genome sequencing of the novel corona virus from Indian patients. The sequencing and analysis of the way the genome is evolving will help the researchers to understand the behaviour, virulence and the spread of the virus.

HOPE

We really seem to be winning this battle and with the continuous efforts of the state government and the medical staff, Odisha is healing. As of now we are among the few states in the country who have more recovered patients than active patients an achievement that was definitely received after the tireless efforts of the medical community. The state has total no. 833 active cases with 977 recoveries and with just 7 casualties. The mortality rate in the state is one of the lowest in the country. Currently the state is looking forward to ramp up a capacity of 10000 hospital bed for COVID-19 and is well on its path for mass recovery. The medical community can never be thanked enough for all the hard work that they have put in.

Amid this pandemic almost every doctor tried their best in ensuring calmness and patience among people. They were curing the patients still tried to do everything to aware of us. They also helped the needy ones. Here we have mentioned some droplets among the ocean.

1-When the pandemic entered India initially, Dr. Priya Shrivastava, a doctor at the northern city of Lucknow said that “the time to act is now”. She told that India needs to make hospitals and beds ready. India needs to train its medical staff to tackle the Corona Virus.

2-Dr VK Batra asked all the medical staff to stay away from their respective families and wear protective gear most of the time.

3-Amardeep Chaudhary went to many doors to collect samples so that he can find its cure. He conducts the experiment in his own private lab.

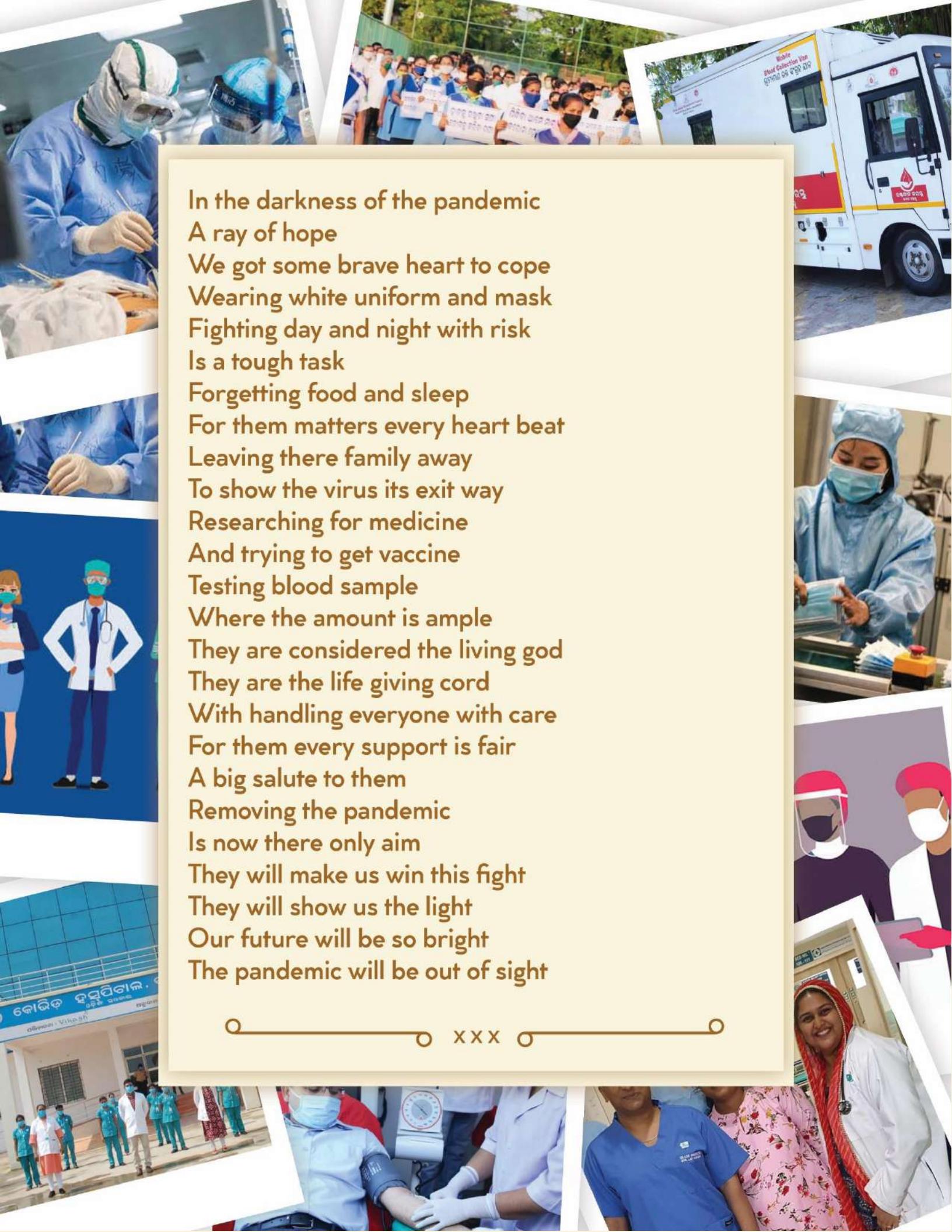
4- Dr. Abhinav Singh of AIIMS Delhi with the help of IIT Delhi students made the COPAL-19 app to build a plasma donor bank to speed up recovery for Covid-19.

5-A 14-member medical team from defense forces and paramedics were sent to the Maldives to deal with the corona virus.

6-Dr Nivedita Gupta, a senior scientist in ICMR is designed treatment and testing protocols for the country.

7- Dr. Priya Abraham, director of the National Institute of Virology, Pune had made a major breakthrough by isolating the deadly virus that helped in research and treatment.

In the darkness of the pandemic
A ray of hope
We got some brave heart to cope
Wearing white uniform and mask
Fighting day and night with risk
Is a tough task
Forgetting food and sleep
For them matters every heart beat
Leaving there family away
To show the virus its exit way
Researching for medicine
And trying to get vaccine
Testing blood sample
Where the amount is ample
They are considered the living god
They are the life giving cord
With handling everyone with care
For them every support is fair
A big salute to them
Removing the pandemic
Is now there only aim
They will make us win this fight
They will show us the light
Our future will be so bright
The pandemic will be out of sight



CIVIL SERVANT

Administrator behind all operations

Indian civil services, one looks with utmost dignity towards this profession. Every time they have proved themselves in combating various emergencies without hunting for name and fame. Directing from the back, they have given their best to get a good shot in times of crisis. Yet they proved it once again during the harsh times of COVID-19, by sweating out at the ground level to curb the spread of coronavirus.

Starting from Preeti Sudan and Rajiv Gauba at the central level to Arun Bothra and Nikunja Bihari Dhal at the state level, there are many unsung heroes who have put their life at stake to save the nation in such hour of catastrophe.

Preeti Sudan, secretary of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (H&FW) used to leave her office late at night at Nirman Bhawan as she is the point of contact for any query arising for Prime Minister Office. She played a major role in evacuating 645 students from Wuhan, China.

Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba was phenomenal in simplifying procurement processes, approvals, and certifications to quickly increase the availability of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). He was leading efforts with Chief Secretaries and Health secretaries of all the state and Union territories and district magistrates. During such alarming situations, the vital piece of information shared by Lav Aggarwal at 4 PM has consoled the hearts of many.

Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla, who is the chairperson of the National Executive Committee under the Disaster Management Act 2005, played a significant role in maintaining law and order, internal security, availability of essential goods during the times of pandemic. The scenario at the state level is very appreciable. Various Civil services officers starting from Secretary to district magistrate were staying on the grind to become the pillars of strength to their administration.

In Odisha 57 IAS, IPS and IFS have been entrusted with specific responsibilities to handle all 30 districts.

2 IAS, 3 IPS, and 1 IFS were entrusted for registration and supervision of the migrant workers coming from other states.

P.K.Mohapatra, Additional Chief Secretary of Health and Family welfare department have shown massive coordination work with other states and centre for the return of migrant workers, students, professionals, pilgrims, and patients.

Nikunja bihar Dhal, Principal Secretary of Health and Family welfare department has shown massive courage and sacrifice by joining the work immediately after his father's demise. He just took one day off only to fulfil his responsibilities at home. A great salute to such an officer.

V.K.Pandian Secretary to our Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik managed the situation in Ganjam very effectively. He took the lead to guide all sarpanches of Ganjam district through video conferencing to state them their role in effective management of situation. Arun Bothra, CMD of OSRTC and CEO of CESU was very instrumental in the lending ear to the grievances of many Indians through twitter and tried his best to help them. His famous act of providing 20 litres of camel milk and 20 kg of camel milk powder to the autistic child in Mumbai by arranging it from Jaipur with the help of Chief Passenger Transport Manager of

North-West railway, Tarun Jain shows his effectiveness during a pandemic. Even he has rescued a child named Vishal in the Dwarka sector and arranged to make him meet with his parents.

Sanjay Singh, secretary of Information and Public Relations Commission, was very agile during the pandemic by providing every bit of information to the citizens of Odisha. Further, he took the lead of collecting around 50000 samples and getting it tested.

Asit Kumar Tripathy, Chief Secretary Health and Family welfare department, laid guidelines to monitor the containment zones of Odisha.

Cuttack collector Bhabani Shankar Chainy continued to remain on duty amid COVID-19 despite losing his father.

Yamini Sarangi, Managing Director of Odisha State Medical Corporation Ltd. Was responsible for the procurement of drugs, sanitizers, equipment, and protective gear for health care personnel in the state.

Anu Garg, Secretary Labour Department was coordinating with her counterparts in other states for the safety of Odia Migrant Labourers.

Even 15 senior OAS officers were in charge of 4 districts - Jajpur, Balasore, Kendrapara, and Bhadrak to help the district administration and control the emergency situation at such hotspots.

There are also cases from various states of India where some remarkable officers have shown their outstanding skills of handling the situation effectively.

Dr. Mrinalini Darshal, Special Secretary, Health and commissioner of Food and Safety went to do research on the corona virus at Harvard University.

Allesh Kumar sharma, managing director of Kochi Metro, handled the catastrophe very well in Kasargod in Kerala, which has reported an increasing number of cases. He made districtlevel plans and ensured home delivery of essential goods. He enforced cluster containment and controlled the entry and exit minimizing the movement.

In Rajasthan, Rohit Kumar Singh - Additional Chief Secretary Ministry of Health and Family welfare was the forefront of Ashok Gehlot's Government's fight back against the corona virus.

In Punjab Suresh Kumar, a retired IAS officer re-joined as principal secretary to Chief Minister, took the lead while in Maharashtra Ajay Mehta-State Chief Secretary were instrumental in combating the pandemic.

In Andhra Pradesh, K.S.Jawahar Reddy, principal secretary Health and Pradyumna P.S. JointSecretary to CM took the supervision of each foreign returnee.

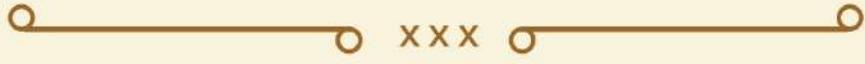
In Gujarat, Dr. Jayanti Ravi, principal secretary, Health and Family welfare department developed a technology to trace infected people and their families. Mukesh Meshram along with Akshay Patra Foundation prepared around 25000 meals and distributed in various parts of Lucknow.

Ranchi Deputy Commissioner, Rai Mahimapat ray was working with NGOs to give one month free most comprehensive ration to the vulnerable. He has also donated 21 lakh rupees to the CM relief fund.

Even 12 under training officers of 2018 IAS batch were instrumental in fighting the war against coronavirus in 10 districts of Rajasthan, performing data analysis, contact tracing, management of camps and quarantine facilities, etc. and helped the administration. The list is still not ended. There is a multitude of brave hearts behind the effective management of such an alarming situation in a developing country like India. They have worked out their best plans to tackle the pandemic. Words can't describe their deeds, but still, our whole country salutes them for their work.



Amidst the dark chaos
Stands out the Helios
Brave and bold
With great responsibility to hold
With the position of a commander
There stands our IAS officers
To enforce the laws
Acting as pillars of nation state
Staying awake to guide the subordinate
Risking their life to fight
The deadly outbreak
Helping the needy and poor
Without any break
Supervising every work from law and order situation
Taking care of their people and state
Serving as barriers for the community spread
Selfless contribution to the mankind
Can never be declined.



POLICE FORCE

The Ever-Fighting Combatant

The whole world stands still in the on-going pandemic but there's still a faction of people who are still out there in the world entitled to their responsibilities and put in jeopardy of their lives. Police force falls conveniently into that faction. For the last couple of months, the police force in Odisha has been subjected to rigorous work-load which seems to be increasing each passing day. With limited workforce and the increased workload, the job may look more than difficult but Odisha police shows no signs of retreating away from it.

When the rest of the country reported a sudden surge in cases of police brutality, Odisha police seemed to fare pretty well through the on-going chaos with no accusations at all. According to Indian Police Foundation (IPF, a key independent think tank on policing and law enforcement) Odisha police have done a remarkable job in protecting people of the state and the workforce from the COVID-19 pandemic. However, with no visible stopping point for the pandemic, it looks like Odisha police still has miles to go before it can finally sleep.

With increasing no. of COVID cases and the lockdown regulations being eased up, the Odisha police department is tasked up to a fresh set of challenges. The police department definitely looks up to get ahead of those setbacks.

Protection of police-force from the virus:

In these difficult times it is extremely essential to make sure that the police force is protected from the virus itself. Necessary measures are must so as to make sure that one of the protective forces on the frontline of this pandemic doesn't succumb to a fatal end.

On 14 march the Odisha police state headquarters released an advisory on COVID-19 which stated the government notification on the new "Odisha COVID-19 Regulation 2020". The advisory was broadly divided into 2 parts, at personal level by all police persons were instructed for frequent hand-washing, follow sneezing and coughing etiquettes with handkerchief, consult a doctor if unwell, practice social distancing and it also asked for cancelation of police functions which were scheduled to be organized. There was a separate set of instructions to be followed in order to deal with public. It asked all personnel to go through the government of Odisha Health and Family Welfare department notification no. 7662/H. The police force was further instructed to take adequate measures to reduce gatherings, restrict congregations and assemblies, keep a close watch on rumour spread and work in close coordination with authorized officers as per government of Odisha COVID-19 regulations. With lakhs of migrants returning to the state, Odisha police urged the state government to provide 10,000 sets of personal protective equipment for the safety of police

personnel deployed to maintain law and order. The commissioner of police, Odisha had written to the state government seeking special COVID-19 care facilities for 6,000 police personnel on duty across Cuttack and Bhubaneswar. The IPF released a comprehensive data on the nationwide impact of COVID-19 on police forces, including the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF). While most of the states have COVID cases in their police forces in double digits, Odisha has only one case in its police department. The lone case appears to be of a constable from the police-force who has reportedly

recovered from the disease. As of now 31 police personnel have been quarantined. Contact tracing for these police personnel was done appropriate measures were taken immediately.

Staff division for different responsibilities:

Grasping on different dimensions with limited workforce was one of the next issues that the police force was tasked with. Maintaining law and order and imposing proper lockdown restrictions were difficult, especially for the police commissioner ate of Bhubaneswar-Cuttack. The police force of Bhubaneswar- Cuttack is generally busy with heavy loads of managing law and order in the state capital and is often tasked with bureaucrats and senior level government officials. To be asked to keep the whole city under lockdown and at the same time maintain law and order was a much difficult task on the hands and it's safe to say the police force performed exceptionally well on both the fronts.

Huge forces of traffic police, CRPF, Home guards and police constables were deployed and various checkpoints were made throughout the city. People with reasonable explanations and proper documents were allowed to pass and each vehicle was made to go through the checkpoint. The police-force was strict on letting anyone pass away for absence of reasons to make sure that the lockdown was thoroughly followed. Violators were often tasked with funny tasks such as squatting on roads to give them a strict statement and at places proper measures were taken. The scenario of transport and labour migration was taken with serious

consideration and the labour crisis were broadly divided into 4 categories:

1. Migrant labour coming from outside with Odisha as their final destination.
2. Migrant labour working in Odisha, belonging to other states, proposing to move back to their own states.
3. Migrant labours of other states passing through Odisha, by vehicle to their destination
4. Migrant labours of other state passing through Odisha on foot or cycle.

Appropriate measures were taken owing to the different categories and the labour migration was very well laid out. For the first two categories, Odisha had laid down SOP and agency prescribed for implementing the same. For third category border check of vehicles and allowing to pass through on proper verification was used.

Apart from that, strict actions were taken against those who didn't follow the lockdown. Almost 275 people were booked for lockdown violations. ACP Anup Kumar Sahoo created awareness among people and urged them to wear masks and follow the COVID-19 guidelines. Additionally, Traffic DCP Sagarika Nath also urged people to stay indoors and follow the lockdown to have the disease under control. Odisha's Inspector General of Police, Amitabh Thakur was appointed as Special Secretary Home Department to look after the matters relating to COVID-19. He is also in charge of the police control room with 24 hours helpline for queries. Bhubaneswar twin city commissioner of police Dr. Sudhansu Sarangi took on to twitter to help out people on various queries regarding COVID. He helped people out with identification of red, green and orange zones and also made them aware of various lockdown norms.

The Benevolent Attitude:

In times when police-brutality has become a worldwide problem, Odisha police is definitely setting examples for their hospitable nature. Throughout the state there have been several instances of the helpful nature of the police has surfaced up, which shows that the personnel are careful towards people and obliged to their duties at the same time. Mamta Mishra, working as assistant sub-inspector in Betnoti police station of Mayurbhanj district, came back from her maternity leave to manage the police station, interestingly her husband, a sub inspector is also busy in his duties at a nearby police station. Constable Manorama Sathpathy in Sambalpur traffic police station met with an accident two months ago. Despite sedentary duty, she has been doing traffic duty on road to ensure enforcement of COVID-19 lockdown. In a similar heart-warming gesture, CRPF commandant Narendra Kumar Singh has distributed his salary among the villagers of the place that he is posted at. With lockdown stopping all rural and livelihood activities, the people of Kudulima, Jhiliguda, Kukurlima and Sunabandha were worried about their next meals and Singh came to their rescue. Apart from the cash assistance of Rs.1 lakh, Singh spent another Rs.1 lakh on providing around 6000 food packets for the villagers in the area. He even got the jawans under him to crowd fund for providing sanitizers, masks and soaps for the tribals. “Since the day lockdown was announced, we have been giving something to the tribal people living in the villages around our camps apart from holding awareness camps on how to remain safe. In the times like these, it is our duty to give back to the society”, said Singh, a native of Palamu district of Jharkhand. In Cuttack, police have distributed around 90,000 packets of cooked food and 9,000 packets of dry ration to destitute, stranded migrant labourers and disabled people through different police stations since the day lockdown was announced. In one of the other cases of kindness, a pregnant lady travelling through shramik express was helped to deliver in a police vehicle when she went into labour while on the train. The train was stopped and she was taken in police vehicle to hospital, however she delivered in the police vehicle and IIC Jharsuguda, Savitri Bal supervised the delivery. At a standpoint where images of police brutality have become an accepted truth, Odisha police is definitely taking the right steps to decolourise the community of police personnel from the shades of criticism.

THE UNDYING SPIRIT

With each passing day the police personnel are faced up with new challenges and they are trying to get this out of proportions with every possible move. Along with having proper control on COVID-19 instructions, the police force is also looking out to eliminate out any cases of domestic violence. Heading to CM's order on rigid action for people involved in domestic violence, Odisha police announced that complainants/accuser need not go to police stations for lodging FIRs during the lockdown period. The police will arrive at the

complainant's location upon receiving a call and also lodge a FIR, if essential, DGP Abhay stated. “on receipt of a telephone call, police will reach the spot/home and take necessary action. The victims can also approach the police online through Odisha Police Citizen Portal and Sahayata Mobile app” he said. The Indian Medical Association (IMA), in a letter to Odisha DGP Abhay last week, said the act of strict lockdowns stopped the spread of the disease. The police force may have been slammed for its overzealousness in enforcing the lockdown but it can't be unseen that the strict enforcement has indeed been instrumental in controlling community spread. Since the lockdown has made it difficult to access police

stations hence 500 helpline numbers were issued on the instructions of the DGP. chaos the Odisha

Among the on-going storm Amphan. Owing to the seriousness of the disaster, the DGP had a meeting with special DGP Intelligence, Additional DGP Railways, all Range IGPs/DIGPs, and discussed several important issues of the state police. Such discussions have been carried out on a regular basis and every possible step is calculated precisely into the right direction. It would be too early to celebrate for a success against this war against corona, especially when the total no. of cases has been on a sudden surge. But anytime is the right time to appreciate the priceless efforts and the dedicated work of the Odisha police. So, let's just take a moment and appreciate our heroes.

Police also played a major role in keeping us indoors. If they would have done a small mistake then it would have been dangerous for a whole region. But the specialty in them was not that they made us stay at home, the x-factor lies in the way they urged and spread awareness among us. Here are some of the mentioned cases:

POLICE:

1-Raju Srivastava, a senior officer in UP said that the initial days of Lockdown were really difficult. People were not accepting so they have to roam everywhere to ensure it. They explained, persuaded, and requested people to stay at home. They were 24*7 working to make it possible.

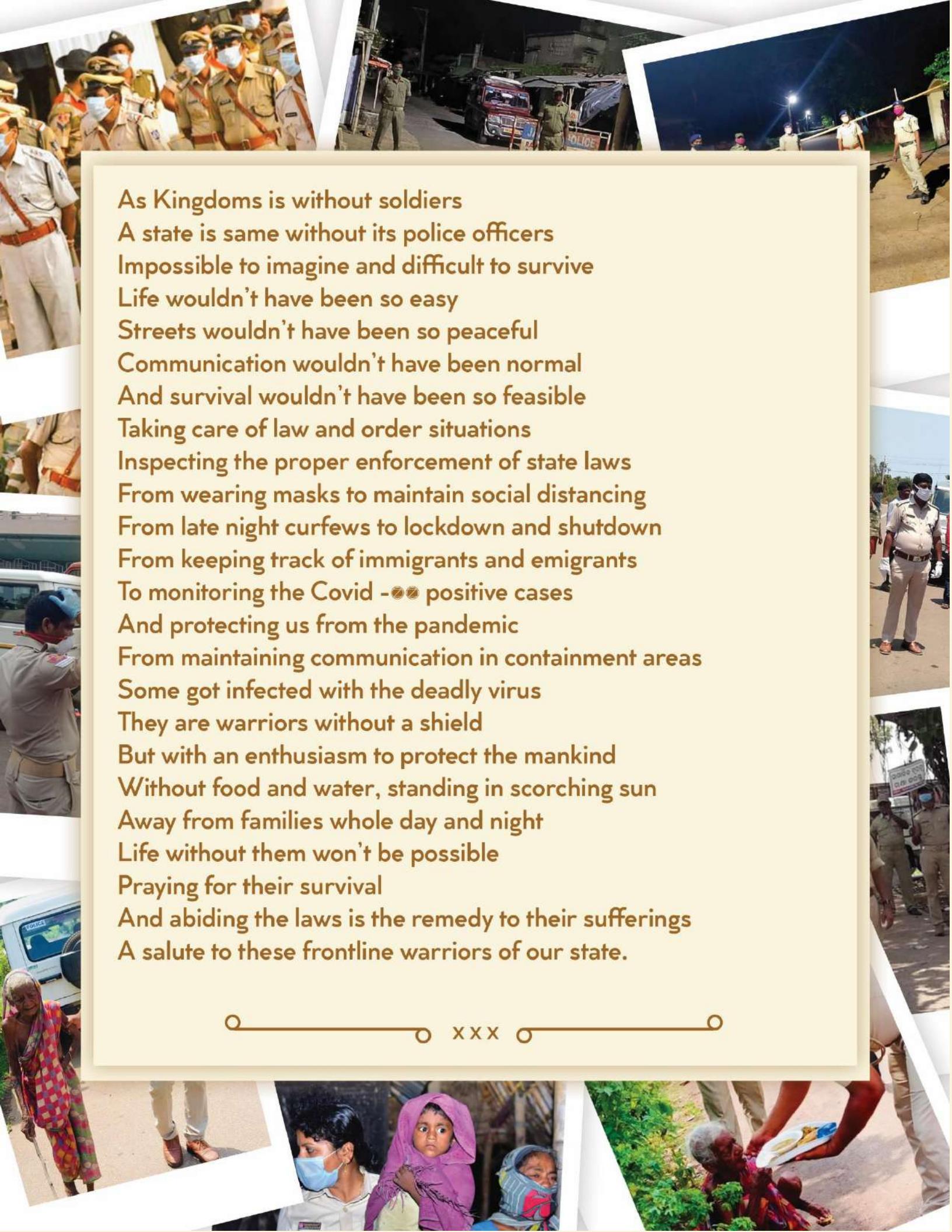
2-Rajesh Babu, police in Chennai wears a special coronavirus helmet while stopping vehicles at checkpoints.

3-Assisstant Commissioner of Bangalore Tabarak Fathima sang “Hum Honge Kamiyab” in Safety style to urge people to stay at home instead of using force against them.

4-During the peak of anti CAA protest, Deputy Commissioner of police Chetan Singh Sang National anthem to unite people amid the pandemic.

5-A group of Kolkata Police Officers from Garihat Police Station entertained the residents of south Kolkata with Bengali rock.

6-A man dressed as Yamraj sat on Kornoool rural police vehicle and went around awarding people that they should stay indoors or else have to meet Yamraj.



As Kingdoms is without soldiers
A state is same without its police officers
Impossible to imagine and difficult to survive
Life wouldn't have been so easy
Streets wouldn't have been so peaceful
Communication wouldn't have been normal
And survival wouldn't have been so feasible
Taking care of law and order situations
Inspecting the proper enforcement of state laws
From wearing masks to maintain social distancing
From late night curfews to lockdown and shutdown
From keeping track of immigrants and emigrants
To monitoring the Covid -19 positive cases
And protecting us from the pandemic
From maintaining communication in containment areas
Some got infected with the deadly virus
They are warriors without a shield
But with an enthusiasm to protect the mankind
Without food and water, standing in scorching sun
Away from families whole day and night
Life without them won't be possible
Praying for their survival
And abiding the laws is the remedy to their sufferings
A salute to these frontline warriors of our state.



DISTRICT MAGISTRATES AND GOVERNMENT OFFICERS

The catalyst of management

A day after the announcement of a countrywide lockdown, the Centre has sent out a 23-point questionnaire to nearly 900 young IAS officers deployed across the country, including district collectors, to get a ‘ground-level feedback’ on the ‘COVID-19 impact’. The questionnaire –sent out on 25th march by various central ministries on directions from the PMO – seeks to get an authentic analysis of the ground-level reaction and public response to the lockdown, state preparedness, and the readiness of the local health infrastructure to counter the spread of the pandemic. All IAS officers of the 2014 to 2018 batches have been sent this communication as they are generally the younger set of officials deployed at district level and are likely to help give a well-informed on-ground assessment of the situation to the highest office in the country.

The ‘Bhilwara model’ has been so successful in curbing the spread of COVID-19 hotspot that the central government has asked states to replicate its mantra of “ruthless containment”. But Bhilwara’s 56-year-old collector/district magistrate, who was in charge of implementing the plan and has been credited with its conceptualisation, remained cautious about declaring victory just yet. But the strategy adopted by the district administration has ensured that Bhilwara has not registered any new COVID-19 cases in 10 days, and chief secretaries of all states are now seeking to emulate it. The Indian state governments have responded to the COVID-19 pandemic in India with various declarations of emergency, closure of institutions and public meeting places, and other restrictions intended to contain the spread of the virus.

The government of Odisha has been credited with an early response to the pandemic. On 13 March, the chief minister Naveen Patnaik declared it as a 'disaster'. Educational institutions and other public places were closed and officials were empowered by invoking the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897. On 21 March, after confirming two positive cases of coronavirus, all districts of Odisha have ordered a 70 per cent lockdown, including its capital Bhubaneswar. On 22 March, the state government extended it to a complete lockdown until 9 pm of March 29. Interstate bus services and passenger trains were also suspended. The collector and other officials visited various coronavirus affected areas in the district to oversee the measures being taken up to contain the spread of the disease. In the present scenario, an order signed by a district magistrate (DM) is apparently more effective on the ground than one cleared by, say, the principal secretary to a chief minister. The laws leave little space for a local MLA or MP to exert any pressure on a district officer on duty. The district magistrates are now using their discretion to judge which law will fit better for a particular situation before issuing an order, “For example, to requisition a hotel, the Disaster Management Act is used. For shutting shops, the officers use the Epidemics Diseases Act”.

As the COVID-19 virus outbreak reaches newer shores, the Odisha bureaucracy is setting new examples to fight the deadly virus. In an exemplary show of administrative responsibility, top Odisha cadre IAS officer and state health secretary, Nikunja Dhal returned to duty within 24 hours of his father's death. The state is already on high alert over the spread of coronavirus in different parts of the state.

Dhal a 1993-batch IAS officer is a native of Jajpur district. Dhal's father took his last breath on Monday and he was back to work on Tuesday.

"Leading from the front. Nikunja Dhal, IAS, Personal Secretary Health, Government of Odisha showed exemplary courage when he was back in his office combating the epidemic coronavirus within 24 hours of his father's death."

As many as 57 IAS, IPS and IFS officers have been entrusted with specific responsibilities while all the government officials beginning from Tehsildar to DGP are engaged in the war against coronavirus.

BDO (Block Development Officer)

The official in-charge of the block and the functioning secretary of the block panchayat. They are the state level civil servant who monitors all the programs related to planning and development of block. They are majorly involved in field work. It is their responsibility to implement lockdown in their block. Moreover, they set instruction for the same. They check whether the migrants are living in proper quarantine centers or not, whether they are facilitated with edible food and are maintaining social distance. They supervise the work of the Sarpanch. Furthermore, they have to send the report to the collector on a daily basis updating them with the current scenario of the district. They also make sure that the poor and needy ones are getting adequate number of rations amid this lockdown. They ensure that mask and other protective equipment are available to each and every one. They raise awareness programs for the pandemic so that people would not attempt any mistake that could cost the entire population.

Tehsildar

They are the deputy Collectors in revenue department. They carry out every ground level proceeding which are necessary to control the spread of corona virus. From gathering the teams of medical staff and police so as to check contact tracing in the area where a corona positive case is found to making reports of the same and many other perks like recovery rate, death rate etc. which they submit to the Collector. Afterwards it is sent to government to be released for the notification of commons. They also check that everyone should follow the safety measures while going outdoors. It is their responsibility to ensure that people are obeying all the norms in order to stop the spread of corona virus. They check whether the medicines are sold with prescription only and nothing is sold illegally. They ensure that the availability of rations at decent rates so that any section of society can buy it. With the help of various NGOs, they serve the neglected and minor ones who are greatly in the need for help. They set up control rooms which work 24*7 to help the ones who are confused and need help. In this surrounding of chaos, they manage to control everything very effectively.

Kingdom without a ruler
Chariot without a charioteer
And district without its district collector
Is just like wheel without axles
From following law and order
To managing the districts
To taking care of the
Immigrants and emigrants
From protecting the district
From the community spread
To enforcing law prescribed by the government
Sleepless nights
Hectic daylights
They have sacrificed a lot
For our life's sake
As service to mankind,
Is service to god.



THE SANITARY WORKERS

Wiping away the viruses with their brooms

“A clean place is a safe place”. Well the saying is completely justified as a clean and hygiene place provides us the safest place against diseases. If our surrounding is clean there is a maximum chance of being physically healthy and if our mind is clean, we are mentally sound. The same situation has happened in the case of COVID-19. As per WHO (world health Organisation), the provision of safe water, sanitation and hygienic conditions is essential to protecting human health during all infectious disease outbreaks, including the COVID-19 outbreak. Ensuring good and consistently applied hygiene and waste management practices in communities, homes, schools, marketplaces, prisons and health care facilities will further help to prevent human-to-human transmission of the COVID-19 virus. From a study it is revealed that sanitation helps in maintaining the R₀ value less than 1. If R₀ is less than one, it means each existing infection causes fewer than one new infection. In this case, the disease will decline and eventually die out, but if it is greater than one, it will probably keep spreading. So, from these sources we can infer that how cleanliness and sanitation is essential for the prevention of COVID-19. Since it's a communicable disease which basically spread from direct contact with persons or contact with infected objects, sanitation can break this chain.

We are very much successful in tackling the COVID-19 situation but, it would not have been possible if the sanitary workers would not have left their homes for the sake of benefit of the society. They used to leave their homes early in the morning and ensure cleanliness of every public and unhygienic place in our surrounding. Further clean workers in hospitals have played a major role in disinfecting the atmosphere and making it sustainable for everyday use. These people are often overlooked by the society, but it's astonishing that nearly millions of public clean workers are toiling every day to prevent the spread of infection. Starting from sewer drainage in our locality to the quarantine centres made for the immigrants, they are instrumental in maintaining hygiene everywhere. They start their morning with brooms and disinfectants to obliterate contamination from every corner of our environment.

However, these workers are more prone to the risk of getting affected from COVID-19. They don't have proper masks to wear. Even soaps and sanitizers sound very costly for them. As they are carrying out their work in various contaminated places, it's necessary for them to have protection. Our government is trying to provide them with these protections but however everyone is not so blessed to avail it. Therefore, it's our duty to help these workers who are fighting for us. We can help them with masks. They should be provided with food and their families need to be provided with basic amenities. The panchayat or municipal level corporation should arrange PPE for them and look after the incentives in their salaries. Since they have left their homes for the sake of humanity, therefore it's our duty to look after their family so that they can do their job without any anxiety.



Air is clean, water is pure
Sun is bright and sky is clear
This wasn't easy without them
From cleaning roads and streets
To sanitizing house and public places
When the world was confined to four walls
They were busy cleaning our place
We are bound to stay at home
But they are bounded by their duties
Cyclones, floods, pandemic
They were always present
Imagine the streets and state without them
When a deadly virus is meandering
Without a chain
Our lives without them is impossible
A salute to these workers without armors
Respect to the municipal workers and cleaners
Kyunki
“Swachh rahega India tabhi toh badhega India”

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INDIAN ARMED FORCES

The brave hearts of the country

The ferocity with which the COVID-19 pandemic has struck has left almost all countries in the world struggling to cope. The Government of India has been resolute in its response putting in place a host of measures, including a nation-wide lockdown since 25 March 2020. The Armed Forces, which have always played a pivotal and proactive role in Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR), have been an integral part of the unprecedented response to this biologic calamity.

The top leadership of the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force have been working round the clock with key stakeholders including the Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS), Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Defence Public Sector Undertakings, Ordnance Factory Board, Indian Coast Guard, Cantonment Boards, and the National Cadet Corps in putting swift and co-ordinated mechanisms in place to thwart the virus.

The Integrated Defence Staff which advises the Chief of Defence Staff is an organization especially suited to bring in synergy and jointness in the current rapidly evolving scenario. The National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC) has been overseeing the Command, Control and Coordination of the Crisis Management Group (CMG) of various wings of the Government and Armed Forces.

Action During Pandemic

1-The very first tasks assigned to the Armed Forces were two missions to evacuate Indians stranded in foreign lands which had become hotspots for COVID-19. 112 Indian citizens and citizens of friendly foreign countries were flown back from Wuhan on 27 Feb 2020 in a C-17 Globemaster and 58 Indians were evacuated from Tehran on 10 March 2020. These evacuees were quarantined in six facilities across the nation including Manesar, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Chennai, Hindan and Mumbai. Seven other Air Force quarantine facilities have been kept in a state of readiness in Bhatinda, Devlali, Dundigal, Chakeri, Agra, Gorakhpur and Bangalore. The Indian Navy has set up quarantine centres at its bases in Visakhapatnam and Kochi. Three COVID positive cases from these Quarantine centres were transferred to a Referral Hospital in the Capital.

2-Indians evacuated from Iran have been hosted in an Army Wellness Facility at Jodhpur under ‘Operation Namaste’. These centres provide holistic facilities for medical treatment, as also their physical and mental wellbeing.

3-The Army has taken over a civil quarantine centre at Narela. Gen Bipin Rawat, Chief of Defence Staff visited the camp recently to take stock of the situation and to interact with doctors from the Army Medical Corps (AMC) and the armed security personnel deployed there.

4-In case of further escalation of the crisis, various Army Schools have also been tasked to be on standby as quarantine facilities.

5-The Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) is the backbone of the Armed Forces response to the pandemic. More than 8,500 doctors, 50,000 paramedical personnel and the vast infrastructure of the AFMS have been placed at the disposal of the nation. Twenty-eight service hospitals have been earmarked purely for coronavirus cases, according to Lt Gen Anup Banerji, Director General Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAfMS), who chaired a meeting with medical chiefs of the Army, Navy and Air Force. These hospitals will cater not only to military personnel, but also to civilian patients transferred from state health facilities. High Dependency Care Units (HDUs) and Intensive Care Unit Units (ICUs) are being readied in 51 service hospitals to receive patients.

6-General MM Naravane, Chief of Army Staff said that Field hospitals across the country have been instructed to set-up a 45-bed isolation facility and create a 10-bedded intensive care unit exclusively for COVID-19 patients.

7-Quick-reaction medical teams (QRMTs) and BattleField Nursing Assistants (BFNA) will augment resources at short notice wherever required.

8-Five Armed Forces hospitals, including Army Hospital Research and Referral, Delhi and Armed Forces Medical College, Pune have begun testing for SARS-CoV-2, the virus responsible for causing COVID-19 illness in humans.

9-The Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) and the various agencies under its ambit have taken on the responsibility of augmenting vital equipment and resources needed by medical personnel.

10-The Indian Air Force has done a commendable job in transporting men and material to the remotest locations in the country using heavy lift transport aircraft.

11-Commanders are all too aware that Personnel of the Armed Forces are also vulnerable to rapid transmission and spread of the virus in view of their living conditions and deployment in hazardous operational areas like forward posts and battleships. Commanders at all levels are taking steps to prevent such an eventuality while performing their assigned task.

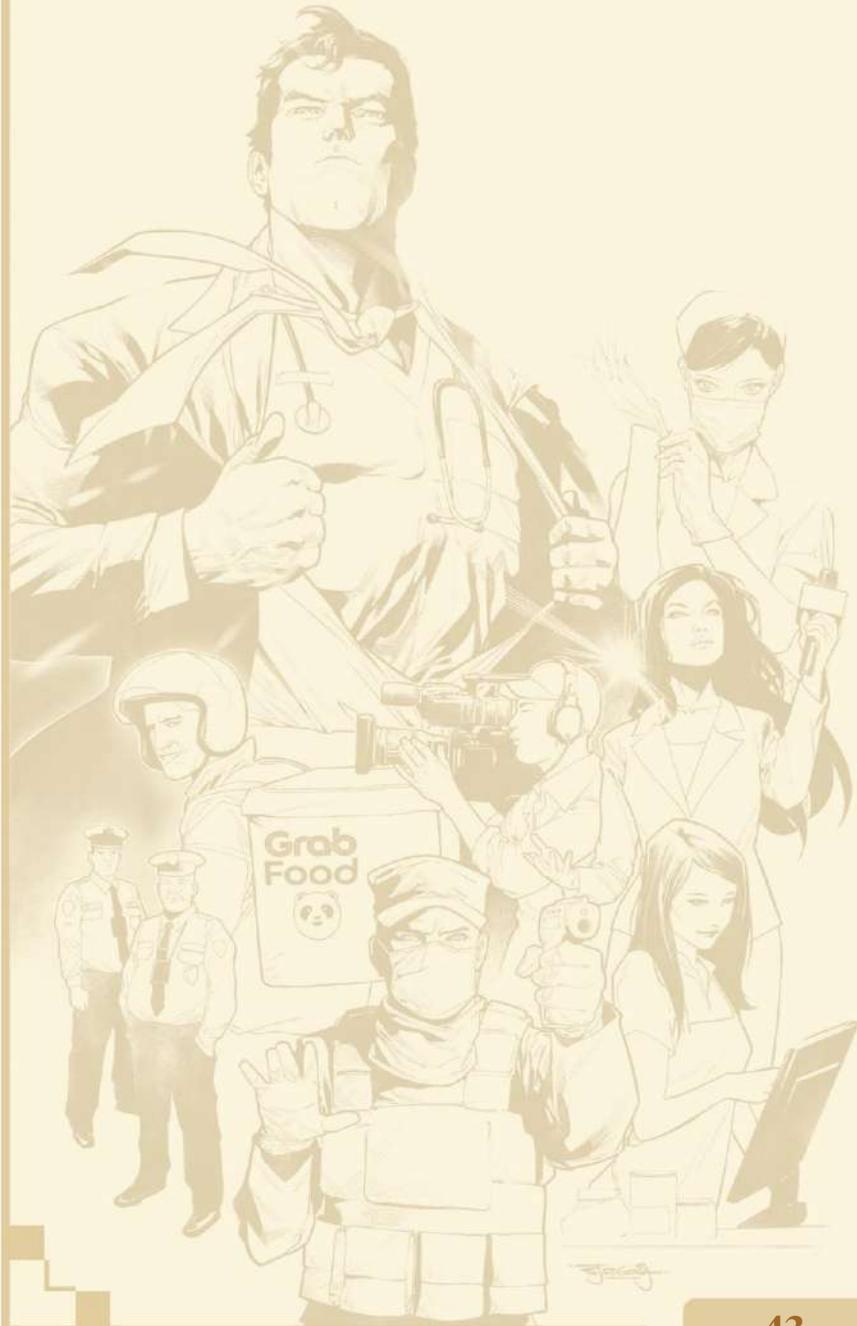
12-In a laudable move, our men in Uniform have decided to contribute one day's salary to PM-CARES Fund amounting to about Rs 500 crore.

13-Twenty-five thousand cadets of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) are being mobilised to assist the civil administration in traffic management, supply chain management, sensitization of the public about social distancing and other essential measures.

14-While the Armed Forces have responded with speed and efficiency to the on-going pandemic, the Chief of Army Staff has assured the nation that this will in no way affect their core duty of protecting the nation from external aggression and defending our borders.

15-The clash between China and India in Galwan valley is known to us. Our forces did what they can to avoid Chinese capture Indian territory. 20 jawans gave their life in the clash. Violation of Ceasefire happens most of the time on INDO-PAK border. This time as well during the pandemic, they didn't stop. Indian forces also gave them befitting to them.

16- Amid the pandemic Naxal cases were also at its peak. Our brave hearts went on to stop them as well. It shows how they are dedicated to their service.



NEWS AND PRESS MEDIA

Unlocking the anxieties of common people

The outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) has created a global health crisis that has had a deep impact on the way we perceive our world and our everyday lives. Not only the rate of contagion and patterns of transmission threatens our sense of agency, but the safety measures put in place to contain the spread of the virus also require social distancing by refraining from doing what is inherently human, which is to find solace in the company of others. Within this context of physical threat, social and physical distancing, as well as public alarm, what has been (and can be) the role of the different mass media channels in our lives on individual, social and societal levels?

The extraordinary work performed by our frontline COVID warriors was delivered to the people of the nation by the media and news channels. The news and media channels not only telecasted the number of COVID affected and government actions but also gave their best to spread awareness to help their audiences become more educated towards the prevention policies of COVID.

Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi has declared an all INDIA curfew on 22nd of MAY which was telecasted by all the national and state media which made the people more aware of the curfew and the whole nation accepted this curfew with open hands. However, The Ministry Of Information and Broadcasting has instructed all states and union territories to ensure operational continuity of print and electronic media, the directive came even as experts emphasized on the importance of newspapers in uniting communities during a public health crisis and its role in informing, warning and preparing people to survive and rebuild during an emergency.

“False and fake news need to be avoided and good practices need to be promoted and these networks play a pivotal role in ensuring the same” the directive from the ministry said. On the 22nd of May visuals from each and every corner of the nation was broadcasted on our televisions which signified the energy the people possess to fight against corona. The television served as the best medium for the government and the people to come across the people who violated the COVID guidelines at different corners of the country. In times when fake WhatsApp forwards were flooding in people’s idea and knowledge about the disaster, it becomes extremely essential to make sure that the media houses of the state and the country are giving people the right information. All leading news channels of the country such as NDTV, ABP and India Today added specific portions to their daily telecast to keep people informed about the new updates regarding the pandemic. With lockdown easing up at various parts in the country, the ministry of information and broadcast made sure that people are well informed about the crisis by releasing SOPs at regular intervals.

Amidst of lockdown situation and social distancing, the role of media, including print media, is immense in every form. The media has formed various public discussions on COVID-19 and helped in disseminating information to a broader section of the people. The media has ensured that the discourse shall focus on the concerns related to the current situation and trends. Through various mediums, it ensures to give awareness to the public on the spread of Coronavirus, and the measures being undertaken by the government against its transmission.

For example, through several effective mediums, such as the airing of PM Modi's Mann ki Baat, addressing on issues related to COVID-19 and current situation, which are thus accessible to the remotest and rural areas.

PIB's dashboard displaying information on COVID-19:

The media wings of various ministries have a task to create immediate content and therefore act on minute-to-minute events. For example, information dashboards are placed on to the several government website/web portals such as My Government- mygov.in, Press Information Bureau's pib.gov.in, which provides necessary information on the situation of COVID-19.

The press community of Odisha which is predominantly known for their amazing on-ground reporting stepped up again to get the job done. The Information and Public Relations Department availed a list of media correspondents from different media houses who were permitted for reporting during the lockdown. The state government issued a set of guidelines for media persons in order to maintain secrecy of the patients affected with novel coronavirus, as informed by chief spokesperson of the government. The advisory was

released under the section-2 of the Epidemic Disease Act-1897 and in conformity with rule- 17 of guidelines. The advisory had also restricted media persons from interviewing any patient. Any person disobeying the advisory would be subjected to proper action against them. Considering all the guidelines and the restrictions of the advisory, the Odia media personnel made a close call of accessing maximum possible information within the permitted limits. The news and press media are delivering a great source of information to the people by using its social media handles as crucial platforms to spread awareness and information. The Twitter handles of all the news and press media stay updated with every bit of news related to COVID.

The contentment zones declared by the government were completely cut off from the outside of that zone. The news and media constantly informed the people about the location of the infected areas and gave a complete 24*7 coverage from those places. The problems faced by people from the infected regions were broadcasted which definitely helped the officials of that place to look into the problems with more seriousness.

One of the greatest attempts taken by the news and press media of Odisha was reaching out to the Odias living abroad and sharing their experiences of fighting against Corona. There are people from all over the world including New York, Boston, San Francisco, California, Canada, Australia, London, France, Georgia and many more cities and counties of the world who shared their situation with our News and Media. The pandemic has huge breakouts in the parts of USA and UK and the measures taken by the native of those places to be extra careful served as a better scope for education and improvement for the people of ODISHA. The whole spirit of supporting Odisha from abroad and singing beautiful songs to keep their state from lively and strong definitely served as source of inspiration and motivation among the people of Odisha.

Various reporters were deployed throughout the state and were tasked with giving proper information to people while being safe from the risk of infecting themselves from the virus. OTV's Manoranjan Joshi, Alok Mohanty and Harihar Das gave minute to minute update on various queries such as arrival of migrants, quarantine facilities and the lockdown restrictions. Similarly, digital media house Argus's correspondent Santosh Kumar gave a ground level report on the present situation and his work was extended with the upcoming Amphan cyclone, Kanak TV's correspondent Manoranjan Mishra took on to twitter to keep

people updated with the news. There was a rumour of spokesperson Subroto Bagchi resigning from his post, Kanak TV's reporter rubbished the rumours after having contacted Subroto Bagchi's office. Similarly, Kanak TV's Bishnu Prasad Dwibedi has also done some acclaimed work in the field of news reporting during this pandemic.

The cable operators, the real heroes behind the telecast of the programs are one of the frontline warriors of COVID. The Managing director and Co-Founder of OTV Jagi Mangat Panda on a special appearance on her channel OTV requested the government of Odisha to provide some allowances for the cable operators. This motion by her was supported by all the news media channels.

The news channels of Odisha like the OTV which was always updated with the latest COVID news, let it be on Twitter or Television. The Kanak News which definitely confronted some crucial issues related to COVID, one of its senior journalists Manoranjan Mishra discussed with the politicians, economists, doctors on his show to bring out the more information related to COVID. News channels such as Zee Odisha, Kalinga TV, NEWS7, OTV / Odisha TV, Kanak TV, News World Odisha, MBC TV, Focus Odisha, Kamyab TV, News18 Odia, Naxatra News, Nandighosha TV didn't leave a single effort to spread awareness about COVID.

The news and press media of Odisha did a remarkable job by broadcasting the safety measures taken by them in their studio and also the reporters and cameraman to avoid COVID. These all the things done for prevention were definitely necessary. The members of the press delivered each and every news related to COVID by having the strong spirit of fighting against the virus with utmost prevention. Newspapers like The Samaj, The Prajatantra, The Dharitri, The Pragativadi, The Sambad, Odisha Bhaskar, The Samaya,

Prameya, Anupam Bharat, Matrubhasa, Sarbasadharana, Dinalipi, Khabar, Nakshatra Jyoti, The Swarajya, OrissaTimes, Sambad Keshari, Kalinga Mail, Utkal Mail, Utkalika, Kalinga Bharati, Kholadwar etc. have toiled day and night to bring out all updates from every corner of the nation. They have followed every means of precaution to avoid spreading of COVID- 19. Along with that it has motivated millions of people watching them on TV to follow preventive measures.

Thus, the News and Press media of Odisha and the nation serve as the most important platform for the people to become aware of the virus to avoid it. So, the nation definitely has huge respect for the news and press media as it's delivered this huge responsibility with utmost ease and seriousness.

Doors were locked
Streets were empty
No sound of cars honking or buses buzzing
Everything came to a standstill
Life came to a halt
Everyone was confined to the four walls
No offices, no schools, no colleges
But still something was buzzing
Something that was still speaking
About everything outside our house
Every detail information was available
All were glued to the television and newspaper
To note all the happenings
All around, states, countries and the world
Life without them was impossible
They worked with sleepless nights
They risked their lives for humanity
They traversed every corner for coverage
From state to nation, virus to cyclone
From India to abroad
We viewed everything without stepping out
They connected us without shaking hands
That's our mass media

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SARPANCH AND ASHA DIDI

Strengthening the base

With panchayats emerging as front warriors in the collective fight against COVID-19 pandemic, Prime Minister's address to key members of rural self-government institutions cannot be overemphasised. Panchayat Development Plans, e-portal is a major step towards digitisation of Gram Panchayats. In applauding the sarpanches for their critical roles in ensuring social distancing and providing vital information related to COVID-19 on daily basis, the Prime Minister further exhorted them to make each panchayat "self-sufficient enough to provide for its basic needs."

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spread of virus, recently Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik delegated Sarpanch with the powers of a district collector. Using Section 51 of the National Disaster Management Act, 2005, Odisha Chief Minister has empowered Sarpanch to ensure quarantine of returnees and their families. To ensure a decentralised way of tackling pandemic, Odisha government has ensured every Gram Panchayat with registry facility and mechanisms for community-based monitoring. In short, panchayats have emerged as frontline institutions to stem the spread of virus. The roles of these institutions are going to get even strong in the post-lockdown stage

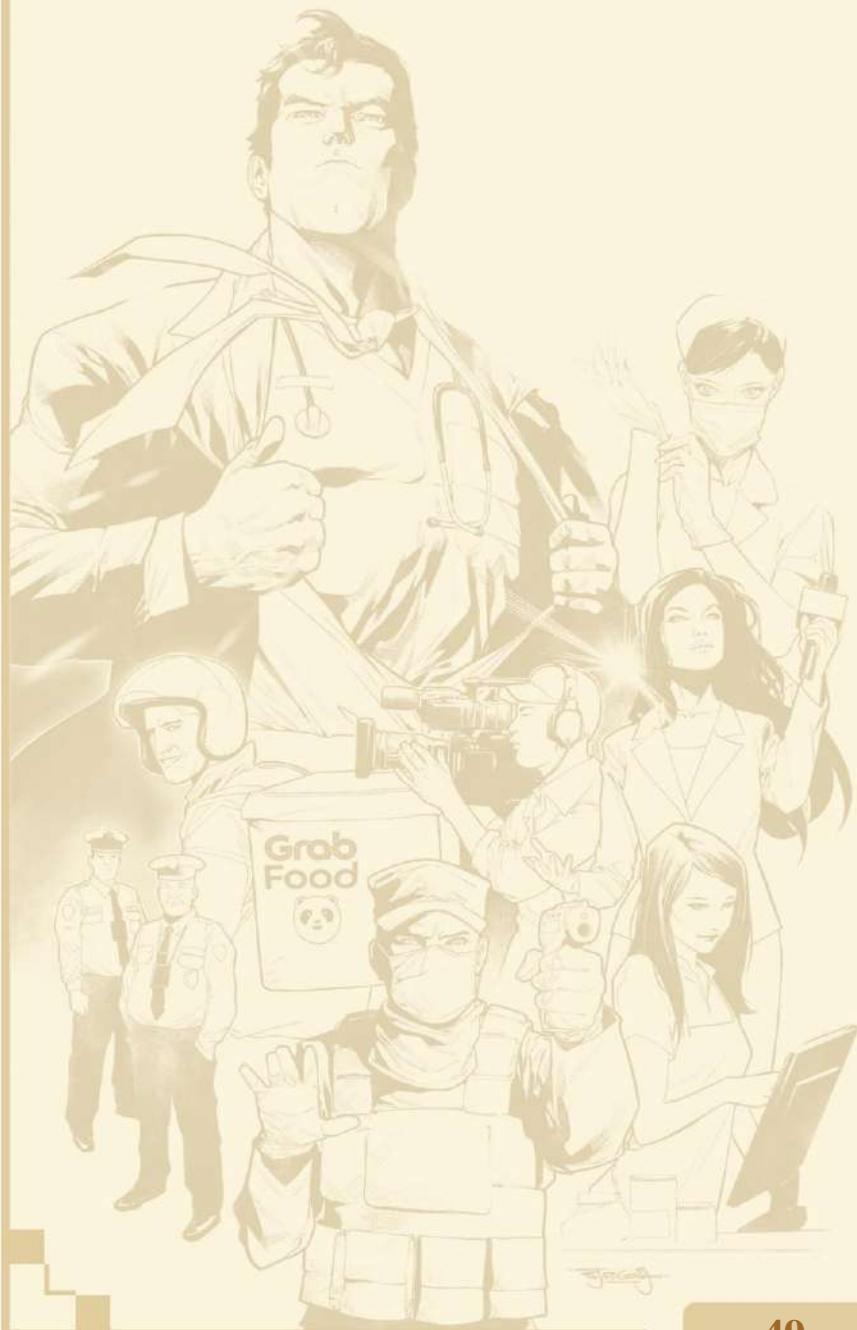
requiring considerable mitigation efforts. The Panchayat level preparations made by Government of Odisha after 1999 Super Cyclone ensured local food security in the event of a disaster, explained Dr Aravind Behera, and then In-charge of disaster management in the state; "serious capacity development efforts to strengthen panchayats were made in Odisha after that. Today, most PDS ration shops are run by Gram Panchayats only." Last week, in recognition of this front-line role of Gram Panchayats, the Chief Minister formally conferred the powers of District Collector to Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat; now, decisions about easing lockdown, movement of immigrants and self-isolation or quarantine can be taken by the local

Gram Panchayat. The Odisha government has launched a massive operation to engage workers such as those working in Anganwadis and under the ASHA scheme to contain the spread of novel coronavirus (SARS-COV-2) in the state, especially in rural areas. There are over 72,000 Anganwadi workers, 45,000 ASHA workers and one lakh Panchayati Raj representatives in Odisha.

The government has already started a process of awareness generation about COVID-19 through frontline workers in urban areas as well as at gram Panchayat and block levels in rural areas, officials said. Quarantine facilities have been readied at block levels in rural areas for migrant workers to be used after screening them.

Though the Anganwadi centres have been shut down in view of COVID-19 preparedness, Anganwadi workers and Panchayati Raj institution members have been asked to check the food availability in people's houses.

ASHAs have been asked to monitor health conditions and report to the administration. The frontline workers have also been asked to note the return of migrant labourers in their villages and whether they have gone through screening for coronavirus.





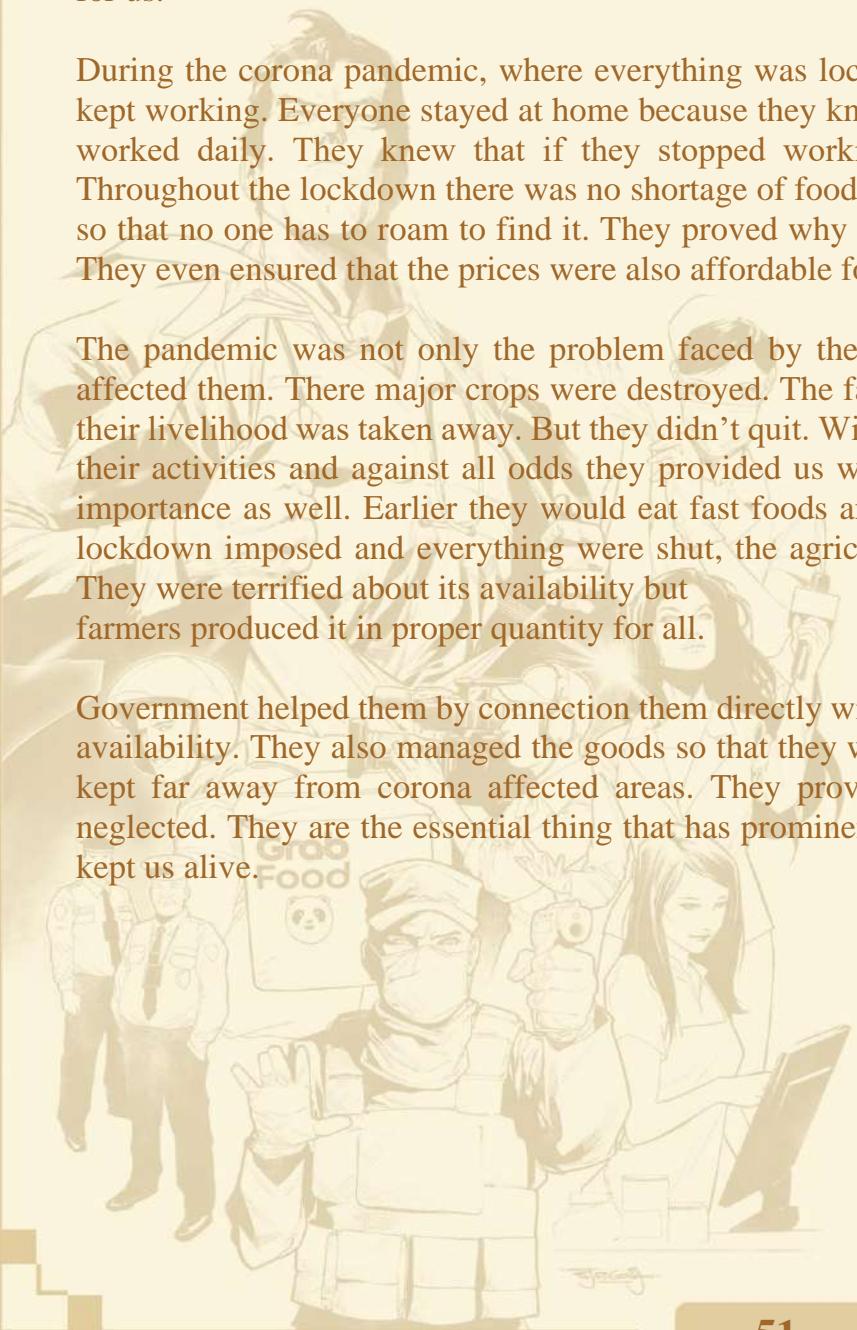
When in the village when threatened the virus
The Sarpanch and ward members
Got into work day and night
Working for the village right
Asha Didi went each home around
To precaution about the covid -●●
Aganbadi distributed the daily needs
Together as a team they worked
To throw out the virus seed
Serving their people with no greed
Converting school and panchayat
Into centres of isolation
So that the outsiders are
Quarantined here and
The villagers live without any fear
A huge respect to them for this selfless work
And for all this efforts today
Tomorrow there will be light after the dark.

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FARMERS

The health boosters of pandemic

In our life, we may require lawyer once, a cop sometimes and a doctor several more but most above all we require a farmer three times a day. It is utter truth that a country cannot be called developed until and unless its food producing sector is great. It is the basic but most important sector where life depends. It is rightly said that “The farmer is the only man in our economy who buys everything at retail, sells everything at wholesale, and pays the freight both ways.” In India, Farmers are highly respected because they never left us without food. During any tough times they have provided food for us.



During the corona pandemic, where everything was locked down, they were among the forces that kept working. Everyone stayed at home because they knew how harmful the virus is but our farmers worked daily. They knew that if they stopped working then the country can't win against it. Throughout the lockdown there was no shortage of food. They produced adequate food for everyone so that no one has to roam to find it. They proved why they are called the backbone of the country. They even ensured that the prices were also affordable for all to buy.

The pandemic was not only the problem faced by them. The advent of cyclones and locust also affected them. There major crops were destroyed. The farmers were worst hit with these. It was like their livelihood was taken away. But they didn't quit. With the help of government, they again started their activities and against all odds they provided us with grains. The commons came to know its importance as well. Earlier they would eat fast foods and related stuffs to cope them up but as the lockdown imposed and everything were shut, the agricultural products became important to them. They were terrified about its availability but farmers produced it in proper quantity for all.

Government helped them by connecting them directly with the consumers which helped the rates and availability. They also managed the goods so that they would be safe and less interacted. They were kept far away from corona affected areas. They proved that their work is not temporary to be neglected. They are the essential thing that has prominent importance. When everything failed, they kept us alive.



**Life without food
Is like a soldier without hood
Food comes from farms
They make our country charm
Our country's pride is hidden here
When the whole world is restricted to the walls
Someone is absorbed in the soil
Body like the crutch of the old
He works hard to feed the world
No virus, no war, no shutdown can be a barrier
In his service and provide him leisure
Popularly called as the "matira manisa"
He has vowed to live and die in the soil
Nothing in this world can change his goal.**



NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

The angels within society

NGO

There are certain groups of people who are responsible for the well-being and happiness of the overlooked ones. They do it for pure humanity and are not connected to government in any way. They are called Non-Governmental Organization. They raise funds on their own and help the needy ones. They have been doing it since a time. During the corona pandemic, they reached to the ones who were really vulnerable and helped them. Some of them are:

1-Minds Foundation: During COVID-19 they tried to pull aside the stigma around mental illness through education, awareness and necessary care. They have been offering generic coping strategies, up-to-date information about self-care tools, and resource pieces by health professionals.

2-Neptune Foundation: During pandemic it sprang into action by launching helpline numbers for people to reach out to in case they face any stress or anxiety while spending time indoors. The organisation is mainly engaged in identifying homeless people with mental illnesses and then helping them by arranging for shelter, essential commodities, and treatment.

3-The Banyan: During the coronavirus crisis, the NGO has been working towards spreading awareness on self-care and hygiene practices through videos and podcasts.

4-Diya Foundation: The Delhi-based NGO organised musical events wherein Diya's and torch lights were lit to bring about an awareness about coronavirus among people and also ward off the darkness of the uncertain times. Besides this, the organisation has put up various posts on its website and social media handles with an aim to emphasise the importance of social distancing.

There are many other foundations like Action Aid, YSD, Gram Vikas, Kalinga Kusum, and Smile Foundation who are working day and night to fight the pandemic. They helped in many ways round to help poor and helpless people to stay active against the pandemic.

NSS

This is a platform that people join in order to serve others. They do whatever they can to serve the neglected one or the one who needs it. These are some of the cases:

1-Following an online training to 50 universities in Karnataka, Bangalore University, Bengaluru Central University and Bengaluru North University have begun providing information on the origin, spread and preventive measures to their NSS officers/coordinators.

2-About 60,000 NSS students of Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU) joined hands with government to provide door to door services in Pune. Volunteers, staying at home as part of the lockdown, were provided the knowhow to make masks through online modules. They are also active in awareness programmes.

3-The NSS unit of Digboi College in Tinsukia district also participated in the “Mask is Must” campaign with the Margherita sub divisional administration for two days at Digboi. The NSS student volunteers were engaged as COVID-19 warriors to keep an eye on those who were not wearing masks and telling them why it is important. They washed the passengers’ hands through remote hand-washing machine provided by the Digboi town committee. Free masks provided by the Rotary Club of Digboi were distributed among passengers at the ASTC bus stops.

SELF HELP GROUP

These are the groups who don’t depend upon government on their living. All those who need help comes together to help in each other. It is a matter of pride that they also contributed their share during the pandemic.

In over 90 percent of India’s districts, away from the limelight of the cities, SHG women produced facemasks, run community kitchens, delivered essential food supplies, sensitized people about health and hygiene and combating misinformation. In Jharkhand, where poverty is high, SHGs - being the closest to the ground - are helping district administrations identify pockets of hunger and starvation so efforts can be made to ameliorate them.

In many states, SHG members engaged as BC Sakhi (banking correspondent agents) help home-deliver the Centre’s financial relief packages for the rural community facing socioeconomic distress, pensioners, and those who are dependent on the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act.

21,028 members of 4281 SHGs in 5 districts of Andhra Pradesh and 10780 members of 1927 SHGs in 32 districts of Tamil Nadu produced 25,41,440 and 26,01,735 marks respectively in 10 days. SHGs from various other states are also involved in the same. Total 65,936 SHG members from 14,522 SHGs are involved and together they have manufactured 132 lakhs masks.

**Wheels stopped rotating,
Road were empty,
Religious places closed**

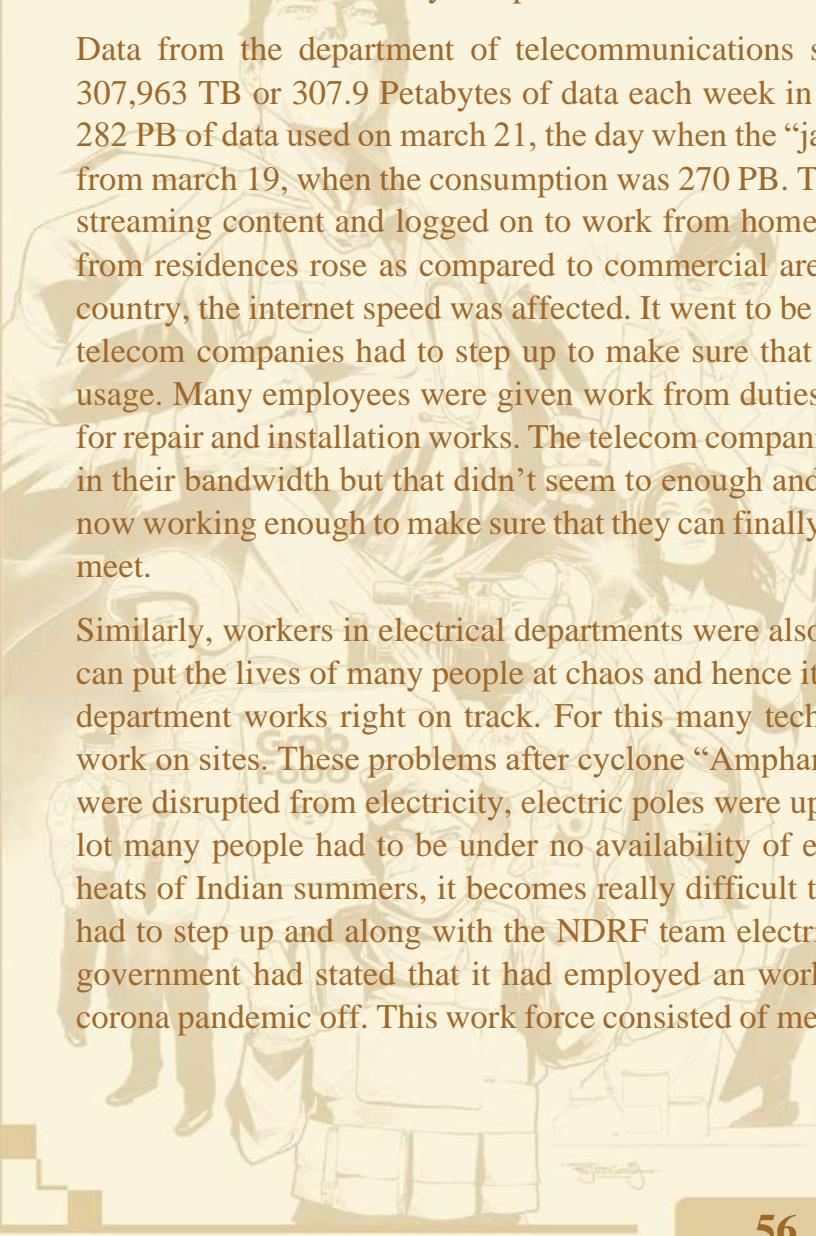
**There was a sudden sheer silence everywhere
But something wasn't closed, there were these people
Whose work never ceased, their work of humanity
Enthusiasm to create awareness among masses
About the dangerous virus.**

**By promoting social distancing, wearing of masks
Importance of cleanliness and use of sanitizers..
Organizing blood donation camps
To food and daily needs to the needy
Not only in cities & towns but also in villages.
They acted as mediators to convey the government rules
As teams many societies, NGOs
And small-big Associations
Work for the people maintaining the guidelines imposed by the
Government
For their these selfless contributions, they are addressed as
Important part of our societies without whom
Our condition would have been different.
We respect and salute these frontline warriors.**



POWERPLANT WORKERS

Recharging our lives in a blackout era



Various workers and technicians have been working on different levels to make sure that people's lives are less troublesome during the corona pandemic. People really had a hard time dealing with their time in this lockdown. While many people were asked to stay home and were given a leave from their workplace, there were some who had to be at work so as to make sure that people are not cut off from their essential services. For example there were employees at telecom services who had to work to make sure that people were not cut-off from internet and connectivity services. Or say about the electricity supply at different places, there were technicians who were working and making sure that people don't face powercuts and electricity fluctuations. These people were not much appreciated for their work even when they had put their lives at risk.

Data from the department of telecommunications showed that Indians consumed an average of 307,963 TB or 307.9 Petabytes of data each week in the lockdown. This was a hike of 9% from the 282 PB of data used on march 21, the day when the "janata curfew" was announced and a hike of 13% from march 19, when the consumption was 270 PB. The charge reflected how people consumed more streaming content and logged on to work from home, which was also captured in how data demand from residences rose as compared to commercial areas. Since the usage of internet went up in the country, the internet speed was affected. It went to be terribly slow and hence the workers in different telecom companies had to step up to make sure that everybody had fairly good experience internet usage. Many employees were given work from duties where as technicians were bound to be at sites for repair and installation works. The telecom companies were initially prepared for a 30-40% increase in their bandwidth but that didn't seem to enough and hence workers in these telecom companies are now working enough to make sure that they can finally have necessary bandwidth to make all demands meet.

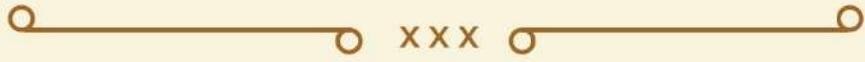
Similarly, workers in electrical departments were also subjected to work. An improper electrical grid can put the lives of many people at chaos and hence it was very necessary to ensure that the electrical department works right on track. For this many technicians and workers were subjected to go and work on sites. These problems after cyclone "Amphan" had hit odisha and west Bengal. Many places were disrupted from electricity, electric poles were uprooted, electric- wires were disconnected and a lot many people had to be under no availability of electricity for many hours. Under the scorching heats of Indian summers, it becomes really difficult to survive with no electricity, hence technicians had to step up and along with the NDRF team electricity to many places was restored back. Odisha government had stated that it had employed an workforce of around 2,00,000 workers to fight the corona pandemic off. This work force consisted of medical workers, cleaning staff and technical staff.

Additionally the NDRF team was also deployed to manage the post cyclone crisis in many parts of the state. A separate team was also sent to west-bengal, this included a team of 176 people who were sent to West-Bengal for managing the cyclone crisis. This included people who were deployed at search and rescue, and workers who handled the restoration of electrical and telecom services. An additional team of fire services was also sent to the state for managing the post disaster situation in the state. Unfortunately 50 among these 176 personnel have tested positive for corona which just clarifies on how these people are willing to put themselves on line for getting the work done.

These workers were there to do their jobs even in the toughest of situations and sometimes they involved themselves in risks far greater than anyone's knowledge. For e.g.- a image of a man climbing through electrical wires had surfaced on the social media, which showed how these workers are putting their lives a risk to get the job done and don't even access to basic safety priorities. Their dedication towards their jobs is what makes our lives much simpler.



Amidst the darkness of the pandemic
And adding to it the deadly cyclones
They provide light to our home and life
They don't have weekends
And work in shifts, day and night
Out of everyone's sight
And one day everything will be alright
Keeping social distancing
The power plant workers
And electricity distributors
Risk their life away from their family
Children and wife
We are enjoying in cool rooms our quarantine
Because they are working
Where the scorching sun shines
We give a hearty thanks to them
Without whom the houses will be without flame.



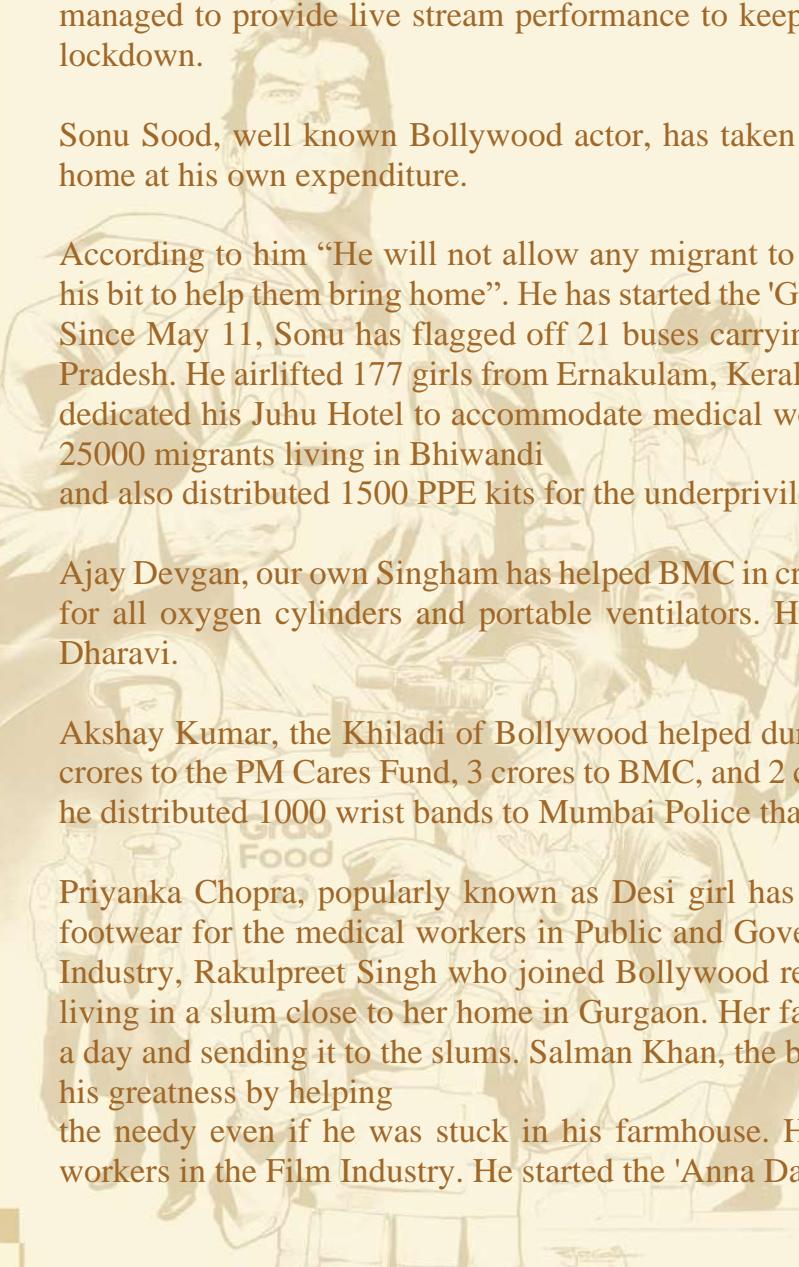
STARS

Enlightening the Darkness.

'STARS'- not talking about the ones twinkling in the sky, rather talking about the ones residing on our planet and influencing us by their talent.

Whether it be your favourite actor or actress, or favourite sportsperson, every time they used to cast a magical spell through their outstanding performance in their field. We accept them as our role models, our heroes, and try to follow them.

However not only in their profession, but many of them also have proved themselves as 'HEROES' in our real-life during this upsetting pandemic. Added to social awareness, they have come out of their homes, opened up their stakes for the betterment of the victims and unprivileged. Moreover, they have managed to provide live stream performance to keep the fans entertained in their homes during the lockdown.



Sonu Sood, well known Bollywood actor, has taken a great initiative to bring the migrants to their home at his own expenditure.

According to him "He will not allow any migrant to starve and die amid this lockdown and will do his bit to help them bring home". He has started the 'Ghar Bhejo' Abhiyaan with help from Neeti Goel. Since May 11, Sonu has flagged off 21 buses carrying around 750 migrants to Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh. He airlifted 177 girls from Ernakulam, Kerala to Bhubaneswar, Odisha. Furthermore, he has dedicated his Juhu Hotel to accommodate medical workers. Added to that he has delivered meals to 25000 migrants living in Bhiwandi and also distributed 1500 PPE kits for the underprivileged and workers.

Ajay Devgan, our own Singham has helped BMC in creating a 200- bed COVID-19 hospital by paying for all oxygen cylinders and portable ventilators. He also arranged ration kits for 700 families in Dharavi.

Akshay Kumar, the Khiladi of Bollywood helped during such a recovering situation by donating 25 crores to the PM Cares Fund, 3 crores to BMC, and 2 crores to Mumbai Police Foundation. Moreover, he distributed 1000 wrist bands to Mumbai Police that will help in the early detection of viruses.

Priyanka Chopra, popularly known as Desi girl has helped her nation by donating 10000 pairs of footwear for the medical workers in Public and Government Hospitals in India. Actress from South Industry, Rakulpreet Singh who joined Bollywood recently was also helping over 200-250 families living in a slum close to her home in Gurgaon. Her family was preparing a home-cooked meal twice a day and sending it to the slums. Salman Khan, the bhajan of the Bollywood industry again showed his greatness by helping

the needy even if he was stuck in his farmhouse. He has transferred funds to nearly 25000 daily workers in the Film Industry. He started the 'Anna Daan' challenge and has sent around trucks full of

ration for 1,25,000 families. These trucks named as 'Being Hangry' were distributing ration, food to the needy. He also donated 1 lakh sanitizers to help Mumbai Police.

Shahrukh Khan and Gauri Khan, have offered their four-story personal office space in Mumbai for a quarantine facility. His organization 'Meer Foundation' has distributed around 25000 PPE kits each in Maharashtra and West Bengal. Meet Foundation along with Ek Saath have managed daily food to over 5500 families for at least a month. They have also collaborated with Roti Foundation to provide 3 lakh meal kits to 10000 underprivileged people and daily wage laborers. He himself urged everyone in his twitter handle to donate food for stray and abandoned animals.

Varun Dhawan has contributed a sum of 55 lakhs. Along with that he has collaborated with Taj Public service welfare trust to provide meals to the poor, jobless, and homeless. Vidya Balan has distributed 1000 PPE kits for doctors. She and Sonakshi Sinha have partnered with celebrity shoutout platform Tring to manage another 1000 PPE kits. Ayesha takia and her husband Farhan Azmi has turned their hotel in Mumbai into a quarantine facility for cops.

Hrithik Roshan has donated N95 and FFP3 masks for BMC workers. Actor Vicky Kaushal has contributed 1cr while singer Lata Mangeshkar contributed 25 lakhs. Actress Kangana Ranaut also donated 25 lakhs while Shilpa Shetty and Raj Kundra helped by a sum of 21 lakhs. Our favourite comedian Kapil Sharma also contributed 50 lakhs for this cause.

Many stars like Rajkumar Rao, Kareena, And Saif, Karan Johar, Ananya Pandey, Alia Bhatt, Sara Ali Khan, Tapasee Pannu, Ayushman Khurrana have pledged for contributing but have not revealed their sum.

Superstars from the South have also helped people by contributing both to PM cares and CM relief Fund.

It all started with superstar Rajnikanth contributing 50 lakhs for the cause. After him, many have joined the list. Actor Vijay sethupati contributed 10 lakhs while star Nithin donated 10 lakhs each to CM funds. South super Thala Ajith Kumar helped a sum of 1.3 crores, Prabhas helped a sum of 4 crores. Pawan kalyan contributed 2 crores while Mahesh Babu and Chiranjeevi donated 1 cr each. Stylish star Allu Arjun helped by donating 1.5 crore while Ram Charan Teja helped by 70 lakhs.

Many have supported via Federation of Western India cine Employees (FCIWE) and Cine and TV Artists Association (CINTAA).

YouTube star Bhurban Bam has helped by contributing 10 lakhs. He raised money through his video 'lifelines of economy' and shared all to Hemkunt Foundation who helped to get food and other essential ready for the needy.

Even Ashish Chanchlani rendered a help of 3 lakhs while Amit Bhadana contributed 5 lakhs for this cause. Gamers association of YouTube came forward with an initiative to contribute all donations from live streaming towards PM cares fund and raised 2 lakhs for it.

After Bollywood, YouTube and Tollywood, Ollywood also came forward to help the citizens of the nation.

Odia actor Sabyasachi Mishra has contributed 1 lakh to CM relief fund, along with that he arranged food, buses, and even flight tickets for the migrant laborers stuck in Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, and Tamil Nadu. He started a new helpline number to rescue people. He rescued around 80 students from Central Sanskrit University and also helped a family stuck at a footpath in Bangalore along with a paralyzed old mother to come to Odisha by arranging their flight tickets. He helped in arranging buses to bring back girls taking medical coaching out of state. He has brought a lot of people home by arranging buses, the cost of which is about 1-2 lakhs and many of those people simply would not have been able to arrange this amount on their own. He has helped to bring back the body of a person who lost his life in Dubai. Being a celebrity himself, he has helped other celebrities who were in dire need of assistance as they have lost their source of income during this pandemic. He has rescued a girl stuck in Andhra Pradesh who was being mistreated by her employer and her family had lost all hope to see their child again. His service to mankind during this lockdown is commendable.

Cine actor Arindam Roy has contributed 500 sanitizers for police to ensure their safety. Actor turned MLA Akash Das Nayak have visited Sri Krishna Old-age home in Bhubaneswar. He along with Helpage India was taking care of all senior citizens there during the lockdown.

Bijay Laxmi Praharaj, Odia actress and book author was the brand ambassador of Corona Odisha. She was delivering messages to all citizens through television regarding awareness and precautionary measures.

Popular Odia actress Archita Sahu has spread awareness through social media. She has also distributed sanitary napkins for girls in rural areas. Along with it, she started the 'Red dot challenge' in Odisha.

Comedian Harihar Mohapatra has also supported the underprivileged during the lockdown period. Ollywood singer Abhijit Majumdar took the leadership of a blood donation camp on June 2 where many singers have joined to keep the continuation of blood supply during this lockdown.

Many actors and actresses have made numerous awareness videos and tried their best to influence people to remain inside their homes.

Sand Artist Sudarshan Patnaik was very active during the lockdown in spreading awareness through his sand art. He has made numerous sand arts to spread awareness and pay tribute to our COVID warriors. His 5 sand art paintings were at auction to raise funds for PM cares and CM relief fund.

The sportspersons of our nation were also at the frontline to help the impoverished people and the warriors fighting for us.

Master Blaster Sachin Tendulkar contributed a sum of 55 lakhs, while Rohit Sharma laid a helping hand of 80 lakhs. Suresh Raina rendered 52 lakhs while Ajinkya Rahane helped with 10 lakhs.

Wrestler Bajrang Punia devoted his 6 months of salary to CM relief Fund, Haryana for this cause. Badminton star PV Sindhu has helped by contributing around 10 lakhs each to CM relief fund of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

Gautam Gambhir arranged 1 crore from MPLADS fund for poor and even donated his one-month salary.

BCCI President Sourav Ganguly contributed rice worth of 50 lakhs for the people and offered to use Eden Gardens to use as a temporary quarantine center for people of West Bengal. Yusuf Pathan and Irfan Pathan offered 4000 masks and essential food commodities to many miserable lives.

Indian female cricket team captain Mithali Raj contributed 5 lakhs to PM cares fund and 5 lakhs to CM relief fund, Telangana.

Indian Boxer Mary Kom arranged 1 crore from the MPLADS fund. Shooter Apurvi Chandel also lends a helping hand of 5 lakhs. Sprinter Hima Das also contributed one month's salary to Assam Government. Olympic sprinter Dutee Chand distributed 1000 food packets in her village in Jajpur with help from Achyuta Samanta, but still, she has spent around 50000 for this cause from her pockets.

Indian Skipper Virat Kohli, Sikhar Dhawan, Anil Kumble, and many others have pledged to support and donate to PM cares fund but has not revealed the amount. BCCI (Board of Cricket Control Of India) has contributed 51 crores for help, while Hockey India and AIFF (All India Football Federation) provided 25 lakhs for support during such harsh times.

There are many stars shining to enlighten our life. There shine is helping us to lead our way through this dark tunnel of Global Pandemic. We can't repay what they have done to us, but still, they have engraved a place deep in our hearts.

**With big name and fame
Some born with golden heart
While donations by few
Sending food and groceries in crew
While sending back some to their home land
They paid tribute to our motherland
They are the reel to real heroes
Serving the nation
They are the gods
Sweetest creation
They will be remembered forever
For this support in the time of danger**

SUBROTO BAGCHI

Consoling millions of alarmed souls.

The needle of the clock sets at 4:30 in the afternoon and the whole state of Odisha sits in front of their television, as someone is coming to soothe the anxiety of their alarmed souls. Subroto Bagchi, a person with numerous designations. Co-founder of Mindtree- an IT consulting company, A business author, head of Odisha Skill Development Authority (OSDA). But we know him as the 'Messenger of Almighty' during this pandemic, who used to bring calmness in the dissemination system without letting the seriousness of the situation, fizzles out. He is currently serving as the Chief Spokesperson of COVID-19 and also as the chairman of the COVID-19 management committee.

He perceives that effective communication is vital in fighting a pandemic. Therefore, on each and every day, he used to come live at 4:30 PM and give us every bit of details regarding this medical disaster. Starting from the number of active cases, to a number of persons dead, extent of spreading, persons recovered, measures are taken by the government, precautions to be taken, and other vital information is included in his every day feeds.

When it seemed difficult for the Government of Odisha to enforce 14 days of lockdown, he convinced the people by striking the emotional chord of every Odia and that is Lord Jagannath. He urged everyone to go through 14 days of lockdown like Lord Jagannath used to go before the famous 'Rath Yatra'.

He even launched a virtual tirade against the media for asking too many questions and demanding too many explanations in such hours of an emergency.

With a wide grim along with his ebullient, eloquent and evocative self, Subroto Bagchi used to wipe out all anxieties from our hearts, pouring them with a sense of relief and hope.

In the pandemic
Across the world
He is our state's guide
He is our SIR SUBROTO BAGCHI
Updating each and every detail
So that feared minds in home settle
The whole state sits in front of the TV
As the clock strikes 4pm to listen his words
Explaining everything with ease
So that with tough words mind don't cease
Lighting each crossroad
In this darkness of Covid
Brightening every mind with precaution
A big cheers to our motivator!!

xxx

COMMON PEOPLE

Drops and drops make an ocean.

"Drops and drops make an ocean"

We Indians have justified this statement by our patience and love for our nation. The nation where people loved to socialize and connect with a variety of people have restricted themselves to their homes for the sake of a safe surrounding for all. Nearly 3 months of Lockdown but the whole country supported it. There are few exceptions to it, but it is suppressed by the positive outlook of many. Without their support, the analytics of COVID-19 in India would have been different. Although being a developing country, the number of cases and the mortality rate is very lower than in other developed countries with far better health facilities. Even we project a satisfying recovery rate. This is all possible because of our beloved citizens who respected the call of the Government of staying indoors. Further, they have acknowledged to all set of rules associated with Lockdown and Social distancing. They deserve the real honour of a true COVID warrior. Without their support, it seems impossible to manage 1.25 billion people in such harsh times of pandemic.

The level of maturity they have showcased is the prime reason for less mortality rate due to corona in India.

Lockdown didn't create a hindrance in their path of learning. Many of them took these holidays in a positive way and did a lot to bring some change within them. A busy planet with an overloaded century where people used to rush more than they breathe found some rest to heal itself. Our human species found some time to spend with their family. They restarted to follow their passion, their hobbies which they have forgotten because of tiring working hours.

Various people commenced to cook and share it on social media, while others adopted home workout, painting, writing etc. Work from home became popular during this lockdown. After a long-time family sat together to recreate memories.

During such a tough time, people discovered multiple amusing ways to remain productive along with harnessing their skills. Let it be the act of lighting a candle to wipe-out darkness or clapping to show homage for our COVID warriors, they were at the front row to augment war against COVID-19.

We again proved our unity but this time by maintaining distance from each other. Sooner or later this pandemic will now down before our faith and beliefs. The streets of India will again start showering love to everyone passing by it.

**COVID-19, a demon in disguise
War being fought on a daily basis
Doctors, scientists and all the frontline warriors are connected.
Cities, towns, villages, districts, states
And even countries have collapsed.
Essential services were only allowed
Imagine the strength of this deadly crown.
Schools, colleges, offices, sectors, hotels
Shops, markets, parlours and even malls were shutdown
The common people vowed to do so.
Little droplets make the mightiest oceans
Similarly we the general public swear
To stay home, maintain social Distancing
Obey all the guidelines of the government.
We are all warriors standing in the battlefield with the weapons
Against this deadly virus, that has swept parts of the population.
Each and every one of us became a guard to protect
Our family, surrounding and others from this devil
Unity we stand, divided we fall
This is a clarion call on mankind
To promote unity and humanity above all
One day we shall win and the notorious crown shall fall
We will be free from all the masks
Just to breathe the fresh air and indulge ourselves in the mighty nature
Our sacrifices and lives shall be valuable
And our smiles will be visible.**





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The victory you know, but the endeavours you don't.

Team Phoneix, Bhubaneswar, Odisha

They have stepped out of their homes to help people. They have visited orphanages and provided food and relief packets to them. Further they have also supported the people in their bad times during pandemic.

Western Odisha Yadav Development Council, Bolangir, Odisha

The founder and head of the council, Balaram Singh Yadav, have helped a poor in performing the funeral by providing financial and motivational support. The council have also organised a camp to distribute food packets to the poor and needy.

Gurukrupa Seva Trust, Titilagarh, Odisha

The trust have arranged food packets for people of many villages. Addition to that they have helped people during the need of hour.

Name -SHIBA SANKAR DALAI

Organisation name-IHRC

Address- near Bharati club Burla district- Sambalpur, Odisha.

They have served cooked food to many needy and homeless people during the need of hour.

Gurudwara Shree Guru Singh Sahab, Rourkela

During Lockdown cooked food are served to the poor and homeless by the Langar.

Konark Cancer Foundation Club, Bhubaneswar

Konark Cancer Foundation Club, with the help of its esteemed members, distributed cooked food, dry ration, soap, masks and essentials like sanitary napkins to more than 2000 families during the chaos. Konark Cancer Foundation was instrumental in arranging to provide Telephonic Consultation to Cancer Patients from across the state from Major Hospitals

Mr. Manoranjan Patra, W.No.19, Raghunathpur, Baripada

He was supervisor at quarantined cells.

Panchasakha Foundation, Sahid Nagar, Bhubaneswar

They have helped people in many ways during lockdown. From providing food to the poor and needy to carry out several camps to help people, this trust has always stood with the people during the pandemic.

Donate blood save life, Odisha

ଆମ ସଙ୍ଗୀନ ଜରୁରୀ କାଳୀନ ପରିଷ୍କାର ରେ ସମସ୍ତ ବର୍ଗର ରକ୍ତ ଯୋଗାଇ ଦିଏ ଏବଂ ତା ରକ୍ତଦାନ ପାଇଁ ଆସ୍ତନ ଦେଇଥାଉଛା । ଏତିବ୍ୟକ୍ତିର ଅସହାୟ ନିରାଶା ପରିବାର କୁ ସହାୟ ଦେଇଥାଉଛା ।

Surajit Mondal, 30/C, Prasanna Naskar Lane, Kolkata

He used to work for 2 NGOs. One has donated the money to State relief fund. The other is going to places like Hingalganj, Sundarban, Basanti etc to help needy people. They used to distribute necessary items.

The victory you know, but the endeavours you don't.

Team Humanity, Bhubaneswar, Odisha

They have voluntarily arranged Blood in emergency for any patient in all over Odisha. They have provided free Health Service to needy people and have worked for rescue & settlement of old and orphan children. Addition to that they have organised a free health camp. Their members were working day and night to serve the people in this pandemic.

Parichaya, Sambalpur, Odisha

During the lockdown they have rescued many mentally retarded person and admitted them to the hospital. Moreover they have organised a blood donation camp for the needy.

Prasanta Kumar Sarangi, Jajpur, Odisha

Distribution of dry food, cooked food, blood donation camp, water supply, Roof repair etc

SOUL- Sanjeevani For A Little Smile, Cuttack

Child Education, Women Empowerment and Women Hygienic, Social Services during times of COVID-19

Runa Charan Panda, Hirakud, Sambalpur

He used to provide food to many cattles and stray animals during the lockdown.

THE YOUTH MASS CLUB, VYASANAGAR, JAJPUR ROAD, JAJPUR

They have provided food to 5000 households in 11 slum areas for 7 days. They have arranged nearly 300 blood units for the needy and have rescued unidentified homeless by admitting them in SCB medical college, Cuttack. They have helped many families during this lockdown in every means they could afford.

Utakala Journalist Association of Malkangiri

The Utakala Journalist Association entered to the field of social service, awareness as a Corona warrior. On 15th March 2020, they started a Bike Rally for Awareness to the local peoples all around Malkangiri town and distributed mask, Hand wash, soap, dry foods like Biscuit, Sugar, Chuda, Ragi powder, Rice etc. to the poor tribal. After all this all around the Villages areas are sanitized by bleaching liquid Sprayers. They also gave moral support and condolence to the family member of the two died migrant Labours who reached their village and gave 1 sack of rice, 5 kg Arhar Dal, Soya bean, Potato, Onion, Dry foods and financial assistance of Rupees one thousand to each family.

ROWDY BOYS, Anugul, Odisha

They have organised a 'Blood donation camp' and provided dry foods to the needy ones.

Uddhaar Foundation, Cuttack, Odisha

The foundation has arranged relief food packages for the poor. Addition to that they have also cared for the COVID warriors like policemen and sanitary workers by arranging water and food packets for them.

The victory you know, but the endeavours you don't.

Gayatri Vihar Boys Club, Gayatri Vihar, Jajpur Road , Odisha

We have organised 2 blood camps during lockdown at CHC Jajpur Road and DHH Jajpur town. During lockdown 1 and 2, cooked foods were given to jobless people.

Groceries and vegetables were continuously given to 45 poor families having no ration card or any government beneficiaries. Cooked foods were given to migrant workers travelling in bus through Jajpur.

Parichaya, In-front Of SDPO office road, RAJAPAD

We rescued the mental & Destitute person from road side ,And give food to Migrant labour in COVID-19 time, and organised maximum number of blood donation camp because no one due to suffer shortage of blood .

Gitanjali Parida, Ralaba, Via- Hinjilicut, Dist- Ganjam, Odisha, pin 761102

She is ICDS worker. She works as a COVID warrior. She used to check the health of the immigrants coming from different places. She has distributed the products given by government and has spread awareness among the villagers. She is a true COVID warrior

Ashok Kumar palai, Odisha police

He is a constable and COVID-19 worker. He is always there to help other people. With his awesome behaviour and Nature he has consoled many alarmed souls.

Sankalp_letsfighttogether, Rahara, khardah

We started from 15/04/2020, to help the lockdown affected people on a daily basis. Then in west Bengal we focused on Amphan and lockdown affected people too by distribution relief like food packets, mosquito net, tarpaulin sheet, lungi etc.

Jai Jagannath Group of Odisha

They are a very active NGO who have worked hard every day, even before the onset of the pandemic, helping people by providing them food, medication, helping accident victims and a huge array of other social service. They are a great inspiration for many people of Odisha.

Abinash Mishra & Bipin Bihari Panda, Hirakud, Sambalpur

They are social activists who have put a lot of effort durig lockdown to feed needy people in slums. They have also made food arrangements for stray animals. One of their most noteworthy contributions is organising blood donation camps and contributing towards the supply of blood units to VIMSAR blood bank.

Words of Enlightenment...

Shri Prasanna Acharya, MP, Rajya Sabha

I am immensely happy to know that a souvenir is being brought out with the sincere efforts of Sri Hrudananda Prusty to appreciate and encourage the unprecedented services rendered by our COVID-19 warriors. All the COVID warriors in our country are relentlessly working day and night risking their own life and sacrificing their family interests for the safety of our fellow citizens. Sometimes they are subjected to harassment and misbehavior by few which is deplorable. This effort to publish a magazine to record the unparalleled contributions of our COVID warriors will no doubt encourage them to intensify the fight against Corona.

I wish all success for the publication.

Ms. Ananya Das, IAS, Commissioner, CMC

In this war of COVID-19 I request you to follow all rules and regulations, maintain social distance, do wash your hands till 20 second, follow all guidelines issued by Government, without any reason don't go outside from home without reason.

Shri Pratik Pattnaik, Zone Officer Cum Executive Magistrate, Puri

While I was in charge of Nodal Officer for Contact Tracing in Puri District, I was fully aware of the dangers and risks associated with it as State Administrative Services requires like managing the migrant workers, scrutinizing new COVID hospitals even jointly screening suspected cases with doctors, along with other regular responsibilities. But all of this exposure taught me the never-ending true spirit of the medical professionals and the police without whose support our efforts or let's say the whole system would have collapsed in the wake of COVID 19. They are without a doubt the true valiant COVID WARRIORS.

Ms. Anamika Pandey, Deputy Collector, Nabarangpur

It's truly overwhelming to know that a magazine "Frontline warriors- Flaring to retain the spark of hope" is seeing the light of the day celebrating the hard work and perseverance of the corona fighters.

The warriors who have toiled hard in the past few months and continue to serve the public are worthy of receiving every bit of gratitude for their dedicated and selfless work. It's because of these heroes that our nation is able to tackle this pandemic. I truly extend my thanks and immense respect each and every individual who has in some way or other contributed to this fight to help humanity.

Shri Arup Pattnaik, I.P.S. (Rtd.),

Ex D.G.P. & Commissioner of Police, Mumbai

COVID pandemic has disrupted our daily lives in a manner which the world had never witnessed. However, the redeeming feature of this sordid drama has been the resolute efforts put in by countless Doctors, Policemen, Paramedics and people in general to not only to stem its spread but also going out of the way to help fellow sufferers in their hour of need.

I salute all such brave and altruistic individuals for the stellar role being played by them.

Er. Nalini Kanta Pradhan, Former Secretary (Works)

We shall be failing in our duty if we don't acknowledge with a profound sense of gratitude how much we owe to our Frontline COVID Warriors - The police, the doctors, the para medical personnel and clean workers. At village and Panchayat levels also, Anganwadi workers, Ward members and Sarpanchs at this hour of need, rendered yeoman service to the community. They fought against an unknown enemy. They fought their family, risked their own safety and fought without clock and calendar for us. We are safe today as they carelessly battled against COVID-19.

Every citizen, needless to say, will respect and always fondly remember their service to the community. I am proud of our Frontline COVID Warriors and salute them.

CMDE Shailendra Singh, NM DDG NCC DTE ODISHA

In this time of COVID pandemic which has affected the masses, I, the Deputy Director General of NCC (Odisha), deeply appreciate the great work done by all the frontline COVID-19 WARRIORS, be it the State Police, Conservancy Staff, Doctors, the entire Medical fraternity and Administrators as also the volunteers from various organizations like NCC, Scouts & Guides and others who are behind the scene managing the supplies of various essential Goods and Services, for their selfless dedication to the cause of saving the lives of our countrymen without caring for their personal safety and fighting this deadly virus (COVID-19) with complete zeal and enthusiasm.

I wish all of them and their families all success, safety and Godspeed.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude for the great effort to all our COVID-19 WARRIORS once again. Keep it up.

ଡା.ସୁର୍ୟକାନ୍ତ ଜୟେଷ୍ଠ

ବିଶ୍ୱର ସାମ୍ପ୍ରଦୀକ ଆପଟକାଳୀନ ନିଜସ୍ତ ଅନୁଭୂତି ବ୍ୟକ୍ତ କରିବାର ସୁଯୋଗ ପ୍ରଦାନ ନିମିତ୍ତ ଶ୍ରଧେଷ ହୃଦୟରେ ଜ୍ଞାନ ହୃଦୟରୁ ସାଧୁବାଦ ।

କାଳର କରାଳ ମଧ୍ୟେ କୋରୋନା ର କୋଲାହଳ,

ଏକବିଂଶ ଶତାବ୍ଦୀର- ଏ ଛାତି ପ୍ରାଚୀ ଅସମ୍ଭାବ ।

ଏକ ଦୃଢ଼ ନିଶ୍ଚିତ ବିଜୟ ଅପେକ୍ଷା ରେ ସରକାରୀ ଦଳ

ସେ ବଳେ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟରତ କେତେ ସଫେଲ, ସୁରକ୍ଷା, ଚିକିତ୍ସା ଦଳ,
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Dr. Siba Sundar Swain

According to me, the foremost credit as Corona Warrior goes to those social activists who without caring for their own life have extended selfless help to those facing difficulties during this pandemic. The credit also goes to those police personnel's who by their immense effort have managed to maintain the social distance resulting in drastic reduction in the growth rate of Corona. I will not forget to award credit to those doctors, health and cleaning workers who in this terrible situation have successfully treated the Corona patients and handed them to their family members after they are cured.

Finally, the credit goes to our state government as it has been issuing proper guidelines and taking timely decisions to fight against Corona. And only due to our government, the poor's are able to get food and those who were stranded at different locations could return back to their home safely. But we have to be more cautious and alert and yet to fight against this pandemic till its extinction. Moreover, it's we, who can defeat Corona by ourselves only by all the ways and means, suggested by govt.

Dr. Sunil Gupta, National Executive, FICCI

Any amount of words cannot sum up the sacrifices of those who led India through one of its worst phases in recorded history. They stayed awake for days, they slept on roadsides, they were sweating when most of us were at the comfort of our homes, they were away from their families when many of us were baking cakes at

home. They, they are the frontline warriors. We call them doctors, nurses, policemen and sewage cleaners. Many more are a part, indeed.

Let's spare a moment to thank them. Let's spare a moment to acknowledge their sacrifices. Let's spare a moment to also acknowledge our own failures in appreciating their sacrifices.

Nitin Jain, Sr. Assistant Director, FICCI

COVID-19 Frontline Warriors

The world was upbeat at the start of the year 2020. As we entered a new decade, like other countries, the Govt. of India was marching forward aggressively on its mission of making India a USD 5 trillion economy. No one on the planet either expected or was prepared to witness the havoc an invisible enemy would wreck on humans. By mid of March 2020, the world was facing a global pandemic because of virus namely, COVID-19, that originated from Wuhan in China and was fast spreading across the world. The developed world especially, the US and EU became leading hotspots and infectious Coronavirus diseases started rapidly gripping the entire world. Many were infected and many lost the battle of life to COVID-19. The situation was more than serious than even the World Health Organization (WHO) estimated. While the coronavirus pandemic made the world come to a standstill, there are thousands of people who are doing their duties from day 1 and are called to be our unsung heroes. Such people are being called corona warriors across the nation. Be it the doctors, nurses, media persons, policemen, delivery guys, cleaners etc., they all are doing their duties selflessly to make us people safe. While the entire world population including that in India was confined to their homes for safety as a result nationwide lockdown enforced by respective governments, the frontline warriors were working tirelessly in their respective fields for ensuring that their fellow citizens remained safe and healthy irrespective of their caste, creed, gender, social status or skin color.

In the process, there were some instances where the frontline COVID-19 warriors faced many challenges like poor healthcare infrastructure in India, lack of proper personal protective equipment, low testing rates, sometimes atrocities of their fellow countrymen and mostly staying away from their families and loved ones, etc. In certain circumstances, they themselves became infected with the virus and many lost lives. But despite all these difficulties their unbreakable and unshakable fighting spirit remained high and the battle continued despite all constraints. While cases are on the rise globally with India being no exception, the frontline warriors still continue to

fight the battle with a hope that the scientific community will soon find out a vaccine for curing the viral infection and the world will again restore normalcy in the way it operates.

My heartfelt thanks and salute to these warriors who stand tall in this pandemic without any self-interest as a shield to keep us safe from the ongoing coronavirus outbreak!

Shri Manguirish Pai Raikar, Chairman, MSME Council, ASSOCHAM

This pandemic caused by Corona Virus has affected all over and is creating havoc. It is highly contagious and fatal specially in elderly patients with comorbidities. We are grateful to the COVID19 warriors, who risk their life and work untiringly with dedication to give relief to the affected and take precautionary measures to avoid

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ପ୍ରାର୍ଥନା କରୁଛି ।

Dr. Ramchandani, VIMSAR Medical, Burla

As a COVID warrior we are here to save society but people must maintain social distance, maintain hand hygiene and use masks. This is only way to defeat corona. We will try our level best to save the society.

Ms. Rashmita, Nurse, SUM Hospital

When I get a call from an additional nursing superintendent to do corona duty. I was afraid of going, but after gaining some energy, finally I left my family. One day a CORONA patient was sitting in his bed with an offset mood & was also crying. I was counseling him. His conversion was like this: "No-one touches us, but I am feeling like I am with my family after talking with you and your hand to hand touch make me feel so happy." On that day my husband got ill while serving on his duty. I was also upset. But my duty was on my way. There is no time to think about my family. But after listening to the children's talk that

"You are giving smile to so many Corona patients how couldn't God give you a smile." Now my husband is feeling better than before. Those two small children gave me lots of strength. So, I am feeling happy during CORONA DUTY.

Shri Sudarshan Pattnaik, Sand Artist

It is fortunate to share that the magazine "Frontline Warriors- Flaring to retain the spark of hope" in the last week of June by Hrudananda Prusty, Odisha. A very big thanks to all the corona warriors over there to all the health workers to all the doctors who took a heavy risk of life to recover patients. The whole world is suffering with this pandemic. We all hope to get out of this suffering soon at this crucial time we must keep patience and cheer up all those warriors of corona to boost the strength within them. We should encourage them for the work coronavirus helpers have been performing when most people are sitting home. It is because of the coronavirus helpers that the nation is being able to contain the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you so much to our unsung Heroes for being there for us. Thank you so much to our frontline warriors for being in the frontline for so long as the nation able to contain the virus. Our hearty thanks for being there for us when everybody else is at home.

Ms. Anu Choudhury, Actress

The most crucial resource in the fight against COVID-19 is our essential service professionals. They have been working day and night tirelessly to ensure all of us are well-taken care. I want to thank and bow to their commitment and contribution. The pandemic is a long battle till a vaccine is available, and we must stand by our essential service community who have adapted themselves to rise to this unprecedented challenge they face every day on the frontline of fighting COVID-19. We also have to do our part to stay safe by strictly following all the social distancing behaviours. Such personal responsibility will be our small help to reduce the burden on

our essential service community. Once again, my prayers and sincere gratitude to the essential service community for their sacrifice and service.

Dr. Anil Nair

(Founder of AN Consultancy India & Global Peace Ambassador of justice and peace for United Nation Organisation's Diplomatic Mission India)

To all those warriors starting from sweepers, cleaners, nurses, doctors, police, I thanks to all from the bottom of my heart. I pour my heart's gratitude and thankfulness before you. I salute your determination and grit. India shall be safe and emerge victorious in this fight against COVID-19 because of your selfless toil and sacrifice. Just Stay home and stay safe. Without you "The public", nothing could be achieved.

Thank you.

Bimal Krushna Mishra, President, Alumni Association, VSSUT, Burla, Odisha, India

The Novel Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) is spreading rapidly across the globe affecting the whole mankind in the most dangerous way. In these unprecedented hours of crisis, our doctors, nurses, technicians, transporters, pharmacists and everyone who support patient care and administrative machinery, police, sanitation & public health work force who support basic services are rising to the occasion and caring for all of us.

Thank you everyone for the sacrifices you make every day and especially during this pandemic. Your dedication, commitment and courage deserve our deepest gratitude and admiration. Your service to we all the Indians is saving countless lives and making thousands of differences.

Ms. Ankita Meher, VSSUT, Burla Odisha

Let all these living gods are declared as LIFELINE CORONA WARRIORS OF OUR COUNTRY.

COVID WARRIORS - The REAL HEROES

The whole world is praising the efforts that are being made by corona warriors to ensure everyone's safety everywhere. The UNSUNG HEROES - doctors, nurses, media persons, policemen, delivery guys, etc have been working since day 1. When everyone is sitting home, the frontline warriors are the one's working day night to fight against this invisible war. So now it's our duty to become the supporting arms of these warriors and contribute our piece to fight against this war and get the victory by staying at our homes and following the regulations. The community of these workers should be given applause for the work. From the rag pickers to the nurses and security personnel standing on all fronts are working for the people. I salute the courage and energy of all corona warriors. It feels like God has taken Avatar in form of COVID warriors.

Thank You All Frontline Warriors! Stay Home! Stay Safe! Jai Hind!

Avaya Ranjan Patnaik, Human Rights Activist.

The pandemic COVID 19 has given us many lessons, like social distancing, hygienic and stay away from People's in public places. But the people's like doctors, the paramedical staffs, police personnel ,and the cleaning staffs are working ,for us with the CORONA knowingly, that it is dreadful .They are the real warriors of this COVID19.The media player and the social worker are also played a major role in this pandemic.

Mr.Swadesh Kumar

Sr. Programme Manager, Kalinga Kusum Foundation

Thank you for sacrificing so much to save people's lives. Because of your efforts, our family, friends and neighbors are safe during this unprecedented crisis. You are not just Frontline warriors; you are the Real Heroes of the world.

Mr. Ashish Nagpure, Sai Aastha Foundation, Omkar Nagar, Nagpure

We feel proud to be as COVID fighters. We were working since 24 March 2020 in the field. We are working at DCP zone-4 with 7 police stations. We gave medical service to 1500 policemen. Daily food was given to 6000 migrant labors.

Ms. Zahabbiya Walbeek

Actually, I am lost at words to describe COVID-19 warriors' efforts and involvement. I don't know how my words will give any justice to the heap of work, love and support they have given. They have helped and supported families without meeting the needs of their own family. I thank you for dedicating a magazine to them. ARIGATO

Dr Rinki Minakshi and Jitendra Kumar

The Faceless Sentinels of Humanity: Corona Warriors

We have achieved great milestones in medical science and technology but its accessibility to poor sections is still a matter concern to government. Same with the availability of medical staffs during corona pandemic despite steady action of government. The sanitization workers and security guards also play indispensable role to halt virus inside. The police tackle with the ones coming outside. Beside working throughout the year, they got their due recognition only after the outbreak which is pretty disappointing. It is reality that India being densely populated it is difficult for police officials to control each and every single one so it is our responsibility to follow rules and regulation, to extend our warm arms of cooperation instead of misbehaving. They are same as Army men on disease front line. The Government has truly called them "CORONA WARRIORS" and we as the beneficiaries of their efforts should rather shower them with high level respect and compassion. A small

gesture can do wonders to a person who is under the stress of working in the current situation. We, unequivocally bow down to our warriors and pray to god for blessing them with strength and good health.

Mr. Shraban Ku. Pati, Bureau head, Kalinga TV, Sambalpur

I have never seen or faced this type of situation in my 12 years reporting career. I feel that I am not a corona warrior. The real warriors in our society are Policemen, doctors, nurses, hospital staff and sanitation workers. They are providing service to us day and night. In this time of crisis, they are working for people when many people are not coming out of houses because of fear. In this critical situation, we are informing everyone what is happening in the city. Even it is very scary for us, while returning home.

Mr. Pranabananda Panda, The Samaja Correspondent

Right now, our healthcare workers like Dr's, Nurses and The Paramedical staff's, Police personal, The sanitary workers and also the Media Personnel are on the frontline, battling the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) that's spreading rapidly throughout our city, state and nation. They are putting themselves in the path of this virus in our City and around the world.

Thanks To U all. Stay at Home and Stay Safe

Mr. Bidyadhar Barik, Journalist, Sambad

They are taking care of us and apart from their own family and are working hard for us. They are the real warriors. They are the real one who are saving us from pandemic Corona. So we should co-operate with them to fight against this virus. They are always our God. They are the doctors, nurses, police, municipal workers. A great salute to them.

Mr. Mayank Bhusan Pani, Correspondent, Sambalpur, The New Indian Express

In the present digital area, people through their smartphones are serving as a huge channel of communication. May it be WhatsApp, Facebook, Twitter, etc. one can easily find hundreds of news on COVID-19. Under such circumstances, awareness of people can help in curbing rumor mongering which has become very usual in present time. It is very easy for people to forward a piece of information without verifying its authenticity, but they should realize the fact that it takes a lot of efforts for a reporter to find facts, establish the truth and present it in a manner that it reaches people and receives their acceptance.

Lastly, let us not forget to thank the other significant warriors in this battle against COVID. The doctors, health workers, sanitation workers, police and other law enforcement agencies, government and NGOs are doing a great job and we should laud their contribution to this battle. Stay Home, Stay Safe.

Shri Manoranjan Joshi, Chief Reporter OTV, Western Odisha

କୋରୋନା ମୋ ପାଇଁ ଏକ ମୁଆ ଯୁଦ୍ଧ ଚାଲିଛି । ବୁର୍ଜୀଟି, ଅନିଟି ଓ ଅନ୍ତବିଶ୍ୱାସ ମଧ୍ୟ ଏକ ଯୁଦ୍ଧ । ତେଣୁ ପ୍ରତିଦିନ ଯୁଦ୍ଧ ଲାଗିବା ସମୟରେ ଏକ ଅଦୃଶ୍ୟ ପକ୍ଷୀ ସହିତ ଯୁଦ୍ଧ ଲାଗିବା ସାମାଦିକ ଜୀବନର ଏକ ନିଆଗା ଅଭିପ୍ରଥା । କିନ୍ତୁ ଯୁଦ୍ଧ ସମୟରେ ସେଇ ସମାଜ କଥା, ଥୁଲାବାଲା ଖୁସିରେ ରୁହନ୍ତି, ନଥୁଲା ବାଲା ଯନ୍ତ୍ରଣା ପାଆନ୍ତି । ଗୋଟେ ସାମାଦିକ ପାଇଁ ଯୁଦ୍ଧ ଆଉ ମହାମାରୀ ଏକା କଥା । ଯୋଉ ମାନେ ଯୁଦ୍ଧ ରେ ଯନ୍ତ୍ରଣା ପାଆନ୍ତି ସେଇମାନେ ହିଁ ମହାମାରୀ ରେ ପାଡ଼ିତ ହୁଆନ୍ତି । ତାହା କଳାବଜାରୀ ହଉ କିମ୍ବା ଆଉ କିନ୍ତି ।

Mr. Jyoti Kumar Nanda, Reporter-(Sambalpur), Argus news

During this vital period if we are living safe at home, that's only because of our warriors like doctors, nurses, medical employees & our police brothers. They are the fighters after our soldiers who are saving us from the novel Corona virus. They are leaving their family members only for our safety. They are working day and night so that we can live safe. Our responsibility is to co-operate them. We have to obey the social distancing .

A great thanks to all the fighters.

Shri Santosh Jena, Argus News

Sometimes nature hits in such a hard way that the man will feel simply helpless. And at that time, they have the eager to know what is happening. To inform the public during these uncertain times, we reporters stand ahead facing all uncertainties.

At the very beginning I too got scared thinking what would happen if I will be the victim of this virus, my parents also got worried for me, however I managed the happenings. As much I got devoted towards my work and my duties to serve the people by displaying the right information and awareness in front of them exposed to risks and dangers daily, I got more attached to my work and I can mention proudly that I am also a Corona warrior. Second thing as per my personal views this pandemic situation remembered us the almighty, today the high status maintaining families didn't want servants they prefer working by themselves. As there is no vaccine discovered till date, this pandemic situation has realized them the power of almighty. Amphan was a big challenge for all of us as we were facing two different types of uncertainties but we stood together and managed to get rid of it. Apart from all that some good things also happened, the rate of pollution and rapid growth of global warming have improved a lot, condition of our environment also improved, people learned to survive in hard times and got aware of almighty.

Shri Siba Mohanty, Deputy Resident Editor, The New Indian Express, Odisha

Dear Warriors.

Staying home is probably the best way to cut the transmission when the coronavirus infection is peaking in India. Strict enforcement of lockdown has yielded result.

However, not all can stay home all the time. Sectoral activities have to be opened up because the pandemic has impacted the economy badly. That's why adhering to safety precautions and social distancing combined with planned lockdown work most effectively.

This brings us to the role of frontline warriors like health and sanitation workers, law enforcement agencies, government officials, NGOs and members of the Press who have to work relentlessly through the global health disorder risking their lives. At a time when the fear of the virus reigns supreme, the role of media is significant. Right information to people at large as well as the government helps the fight against the coronavirus. It is not only important to flag the key issues but also necessary that morale of the frontline warriors are kept high.

I am happy and proud to say that the Press is doing its bit and without getting in the way. We thank all the frontline warriors and pledge our help in whichever way we can. We also urge everyone to help us and the governments in the fight against the pandemic.

Always remember to practise social distancing, use masks properly and take all preventive measures. When everyone realizes the significance of individual efforts, the virus will have been defeated. We are in this fight together. Stay safe, help others stay protected too.

Mr. Jyoti Prakash Panigrahi, Prameya Reporter, Burla

When the first corona case was detected in Odisha, there was threatening situation all over the state and I also thought of what to be done in this condition. Being a family person, I left my family in my native place and came back to my workplace Burla and constantly abided the rules and regulations and did my duty with enthusiasm and honesty.

I also wear a mask and constantly wash my hands and sanitize myself every single time. I maintain social distancing while on duty.

As a corona warrior I would like to give a message to the society that every single human being on this earth can be a corona warrior if he or she follows the guidelines issued by our doctors and government.

Ms. Pallavi Hota, Balangir

ଆଗର ସମୀଅଁରେ ବଡ଼ ଲୋକ ମାନେ କହୁଥୁଲେ, ଘରୁ ବାହାରକେ ବାହାର, ଲୁକର ସାଗେଂ କଥାବାର୍ତ୍ତା ଦୁଇପଦ ହୁଅ । ଏହା ଥୁ ଭାବ ପ୍ରେମ ତ ବଜେସି । ହେଲେ ଆଜି ଆଉ ସେବିନ ନାହିଁନ । ଛୁଆ ନୁ ବୁଜା ସଭେଁ କହୁଛନ, ଘର ଭିତରେ ରହେମା, ଆଉ ଜୀବନ ଟା କେ ବଂଚାମା । ଇ କରୋନା ନାମର ନିହାତି ଛୁଟିଆ ଭୁତାଣୁ ଟା ସାରା ଦୁନିଆ କେ ଶିଳ୍ପି ଦେଲାନ । ପୃଥ୍ବୀ ସାରା ଲୁକର ଜୀବନ ଜୀବିକା କେ ମେଚେଇ ଦେଲାନ । କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ଧନୀ, କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ଗରିବ, କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ରଜା, କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ପରଜା, ସଭେଁ ଆଜି ଘର ଭିତରେ ବାନ୍ଧି ହେଇକରି ଅଛନ୍ତି । ସମକିରିତ ମନେ ଏତକି ତର ବସିଯାଇଛେ ଯେ କେହି କାହାର ପାଖେ ଯିବାର ନାହିଁ । ହେଲେ ଏହା ବିପତ୍ତି ସମୀଆ ନେ ଭି ଆଗତ୍ରରା ହେଇକରି ଠିଆ ହେଇଛନ, ଆମର କରୋନା ଯୋଦ୍ଧା ମାନେ । ଡାକ୍ତର, ନର୍ସ, ପୁଲିସ ସରକାରୀ କର୍ମଚାରୀ, ସଫେଇ ବାଲେ ସଭେ ଲାଗି ପଡ଼ିଛନ ଇ ପରିଷ୍କାର ସାଂଗେ ଲଭବାର ଲାଗି । ଆର ସାମ୍ବିକ ମାନକଂର ଲାଗି ତ ସବୁବେଳେ ବାହାରେ ଆଉ ବିପଦ ଭିତରେ ହି କାମ, କେନ୍ତେଇ କରି ସବୁ ଖବର ଲୁକର ଆଗକେ ଠିକ ସମୀଆ ଥୁ ପହଟିଯିବା ହେବା ହିଁ ଚେଷ୍ଟା ଥୁସି । ହେତିରଲାଗି ଆସୁନ ସଭେ ମିଳି ମିଥିକରି ଇ ବିପଦ ସମୀଆ ର ମୁକାବିଲା କରମା । ସବୁ ନିଯମ ମାନକୁ ମାନି କରି ଚଲମା । ଆମର ଲାଗି ଦିନ ରାତି କାମ କରୁଥୁବାର କରୋନା

योक्ता मानकुं सम्भान देमा, आउ देश के जितबार रे भाग नेमा । इता आमर इ मुन्नुष्ट जातिर जिद आए कि करोना निश्चे हारबा...आउ आमे निश्चे जितमा ।

मनोज महापात्र, न्यूजी

करोना । ए नाँकु नेइ समष्टिक मनरे उम्म आशिका । मो मनरे बि समान कथा । एइ महामारा समयरे समष्टे निजर सूरक्षा ३ निज परिवारर सूरक्षाकु नेइ बेश चित्तित आउ सचेतन । मोर बि परिवार अछि, मुँ बि मो परिवारकु बहुत भलपाए, मो परिवारकु नेइ मोर बि चित्ता अछि । किन्तु गणमाधमरे काम करुथूवा हेत्रु ए लकडाउनरे समष्टे घरे रहिथूवा बेले, निज परिवार सह समय बित्ताउथूवा बेले, मुँ किन्तु अपिष्ठ आसुथूलि, मोर काम जारि रहिथूला । केबल मुँ न्हुहेँ, मो उलि गणमाधमरे काम करुथूवा प्रतिटि ब्यक्ति येतिकि सचेतन थूले, ये एउलि एक समयरे येमिटि समष्टिकु पाखरे करोना सप्तर्कित प्रतिटि खबर सरकारकु सचेतन बार्डा स्टिक भाबे पहजायाइपारिब । मोर ण बर्षर गोटे छेठ छिअ अछि, मो बापा, बोउ बि उत्तरदेवेतिकरे आक्रान्त । येमानकु नेइ बि ए समयरे बहुत चित्ता, ये मुँ सबुबेले घरु बाहारकु आसुक्षि, काम करिबा समयरे अनेक लोकज सह मिशुक्षि, शूटिओ आलोचना समयरे उत्तर हुअकु कि पोलिस, कि समाजसेवा समष्टिक सह बसुक्षि । मो पाल्लि मो घर लोक येमिटि असुविधारे न पछाउ । येल्लि उर आरम्भ आकि याए बि । रहिक्षि । किन्तु केबे निज कर्तव्यरु ओहरियाइनि कि किक्षि बाहाना करि अपिष्ठ आसिबा बद्ध करिनि । आगकु बि एमिटि काम जारि रहिब । जगन्नाथ येतिकि शक्ति दिअकु, पारु पर्यन्त चेष्ठा जारि रह्नु । केहि जाणि नाहिँक्षि केबे ए करोना यिब, बिश्वासी शारिरे निश्वास मारिबे ? येउलि सबु आरम्भिर गोटे शेष आए, येउलि ए करोना बि दिने शेष हेब, आउ ये समय खुबि निकरे ।

राजग्री महान्ति, सामादिका, ओटिभि

कोरोना महामारा पाल्लि गोटिए कथा गोटिए नियम, गोटे मेतिष्ठिन हेउक्षि घरे रुह सूरक्षित रुहाहेले ता सहित बि लड्हेइ करिबाकु पहुक्षि किक्षि जशकुआउ यिए पुणि आग धाढि रे थूवा हेबाताकु घरु बाहारिबाकु बि पहुक्षि ता सहित आग धाढि रे क्षित्ता हेबाकु पहुक्षि एवं पाखरे याइ काम बि करिबाकु पहुक्षि आउ येइ आग धाढि र योक्ता माने हेले उक्कर, पोलिस, आउ सफेल कर्मचारा आउ प्रतिदिन केमिटि येमाने येबा करुक्षिति, कठि चालिक्षि, कोरोना र खुल्लि कठि ?

ए सबु खबर आपशक पाखरे यदि पाखरे यदि किए पहजाउक्षि काहिँकि ना आपश ताकु देख्नेले अधूक सतर्क रहिबे, शुणिकि हुएत अधूक सजाग रहिबे एहा हेउक्षि जनादेशायेइथूपाल्लि आमे बि कोउ गृह रे कम न्हुहेँ योक्ता ठारायेमाने बि बिश्वाम नेइ पारिथाक्षे चिके यदि आमे नियम मानि आमे निजकु निजे सूरक्षा देइपारिथाक्षे आमरि पाल्लि किक्षि लोक कोरोना समयरे नियम भांगुक्षिति भेबे एइ समय सजाग आउ सतर्क रहिबार आउ एहि युक्ति रे जितिबारा

ସୁମତି ଗୁଣ୍ଡ, ଟୋଲକାନୀ, ଚିତ୍ରୀ, ଯାଜପୁର ,ଆଶା ଦିଦି

ଆଜି ର ପରିଷ୍ଠିତି ସମ୍ପର୍କରେ ସମସ୍ତେ ଜାଣନ୍ତି । ଏହି ଭାଷଣ ମହାମାରୀ ରୋଗ ରେ ନିଜର ପରିବାର କୁ ପଛରେ ପକାଇ ମୁଁ ଲୋକ ମାନଙ୍କ ପାଇଁ ସେବା ଓ କାମ କରି ନିଜକୁ ଗର୍ବିତ ଅନୁଭବ କରୁଥିଲୁ ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକ ଦିନ ଆମ ପଞ୍ଚାଯତ ର "ସଂଘରୋଧ ଗୃହ" କୁ ଯାଇ ସେଠାରେ ଥିବା ପ୍ରବାସୀ ଲୋକ ମାନଙ୍କୁ ଦେଖା ଓ ସେବା କରୁଛି, ଏବଂ ଗ୍ରୀ ରେ କରୋନା ରୋଗ ରେ କିପରି ଭାବରେ ସଂକ୍ରମଣ ନ ହେବା, ତାହା ବୁଝାଇଥାଏ ଆମ ଭଲି ସେବା କର୍ମୀ ମାନଙ୍କୁ ସରକାର ଓ ସାଧାରଣ ଜନତା "କରୋନା ଯୋଦ୍ଧା" ନାମରେ ସମ୍ମେଧନ କରିଥିବାରୁ ମୁଁ ଅଶେଷ ଧନ୍ୟବାଦ ଅର୍ପଣ କରୁଛି।

Sunita Mishra, Jmfc.cum.civil Judge. At-jaypur.koraput

Dear corona warriors, Your dedication towards such pathetic situation India going through is like super heroes. So, I would like to thank all the front line workers such as our Doctors, policemen, Nurses, Delivery boys, Media persons, sweeper, cleaners etc. You all are Heroes we have no words to explain the way. you all are doing your works. so, I salute you all frontliner workers in this terrific situation what you all doing is uncountable.

Gokula Bihari Prusty, Secretary, Radha Krushna Sahitya Sanskruti Sansad, Jaipur

Everyone should keep social distancing, use masks, sanitizer & remain at home until it is necessary to go out. The corona fighters/warrior dedicates their valuable life against corona to save the life of the general people for which we salute and honor them. The corona warriors include doctors, police personnel, nurses who are always ready to tackle corona and take care of the general people, so their advice should be obeyed. They should be treated with utmost respect.

It gives me immense pleasure to keep the people away from Corona. Their blessing is with me as a souvenir. Lord Jagannath may help Sri Prusty & his associates for their dedicated effort and bless them with all success.

Bishnu charan pradhan, Farmer

Lockdown has restricted our movements. We are even not allowed to go to our fields in the initial days. But, however, the government understood the issue and allowed us to go to our fields. Further, the opening of the agricultural products shop and the subsidy has helped us in many ways. I have tried my every bit to carry on the cultivation process so that not a single individual will sleep with an empty stomach. I hope we will recover soon.

Lt Sudhir Kumar, Indian army, Meerut, UP

The undiluted courage, selflessness, determination and force have ensured that India remain on track in these difficult times. Placing themselves at great risk, as doctors, nurses, paramedics, sanitation worker, police personnel, they have ensured that other remains safe and comfortable with proper care.

Mr. Pankaj Saxena, Assistant manager, NTPC, Agra, Uttar Pradesh

I would like to appreciate the endless effort of the government, doctors, policemen and all the COVID warriors out there fighting against the pandemic for the safety of the citizen. I myself work in a powerplant and I know what we all are going through in the present scenario. I just wish everyone all the luck to win the toughest battle against COVID -19.

Anurag Behera, Engineer, L&T Technology Services

In the battle against the COVID-19 the doctors, nurses and other health workers along with the police have been our frontline warriors fighting for the whole humanity. The sacrifices that they have made can't be thanked with words. God bless all of them with more strength and all wellbeing.

Tanmay Kumar, Front end Developer, Brillio llc

I owe my respect to all those warriors who have never put a thought about their lives and have stood against the pandemic for the sake of humanity. They are not ordinary person and deserve overwhelming respect.

Sabyasachi Mishra, Actor, Ollywood Industry

The whole world is suffering from this pandemic and we are directed to stay at our home. But there are many people from my motherland striving to return to their home state. And I feel it's high time to help them. People are anxiously waiting to come back to their lands, and I feel it's my duty to help my brothers. I have taken initiatives and will try until I help each and every Odia immigrant out there. Nothing is permanent and soon this pandemic will also come to an end and smile will embrace us. I pray to the mighty lord Jagannath for the betterment of our people and thank him for giving me a chance to serve our people. Stay home stay safe

ଦୁଃଖ ଚାନ୍ଦ, ଧାର୍ମିକା

କୋରୋନା ଭାଇରଷ ପାଇଁ ଏବେ ସାରା ଦୁନିଆ ଲଜ୍ଜାଭନ୍ଦର ରେ ଚାଲିଛି ଏହା ଯୋଗୁଁ ଗରିବ ଶ୍ରେଣୀ ର ଲୋକ ମାନେ ବହୁତ ଅସୁରିଧା ର ସମୟମୁଖ୍ୟନ ହେଉଛନ୍ତି ପ୍ରବାସୀ ଶ୍ରମିକ ମାନେ ଅଭିଯୋଗ ଘରକୁ ଫେରି ପାରୁନାହାନ୍ତି, କଞ୍ଚାନୀ ମ୍ୟାନେଜର ମାନେ ମଧ୍ୟ ଠିକ୍ ସମୟରେ ପଲେସ ଦେଇନାହାନ୍ତି, ଯାହାଫଳରେ ସେମାନଙ୍କୁ ଖାଇବା ପିଇବା ନେଇ ବହୁତ ଅସୁରିଧା ହେଉଛନ୍ତି ଏହି ସମୟରେ ଯୋଜା କୋରୋନା ଯୋଜା ମାନେ NGO କରିଛନ୍ତି ସେମାନେ ସେଇ ଶ୍ରମିକ ମାନଙ୍କ ପାଇଁ ଖାଇବା ର ବନ୍ଦୋବସ୍ଥ କରିଛନ୍ତି, କେବଳ ଏମାନେ ନୁହଁ ଡକ୍ଟର, ପୋଲିସ, ସଫେଇକର୍ମଚାରୀ ସମସ୍ତେ ଅହରହ କାମ କରିଛନ୍ତି ସେଇଥୂପାଇଁ ମୁଁ ସେମାନଙ୍କୁ ଅଣେକ ଅଣେକ ଧନ୍ୟବାଦ ଦେବି ଆଉ ଆଶା କରିବି କେବଳ ଏମାନେ ନୁହଁ ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକ ଲୋକ ଜଣେ ଜଣେ କୋରୋନା ଯୋଜା ହେବା କଥା ଆଉ ସ୍ଵଦେଶ ପାଇଁ କିଛି କାମ କରିବା କଥା।

ମୋର ନିଜର ଅନୁଭୂତି ମୁଁ କହିବା ପାଇଁ ଚାହେଁ, ଏହି ଲକ୍ଷାଉନ୍ ସମୟରେ ମୁଁ ଆମ ଗାଁ କୁ ଯାଇ ଅଛି ଗରିବ ଶ୍ରେଣୀ ର ଲୋକ ମାନେ ଯୋଗ ମାନଙ୍କ ଆମ/ମନ୍ଦୁରି ବର୍ଜମାନ ବନ୍ଦ ଅଛି, ସେମାନଙ୍କ ପରିବାର ଚଳିବାରେ ଅସୁବିଧା ହେଉଛି, ସେହି ବ୍ୟକ୍ତି ମାନଙ୍କୁ ୧୫ ଦିନର ରାସନ୍ ସାମଗ୍ରୀ ବଣ୍ଣନ କଲି, ତାହା ସହିତ ଶୁଖିଲା ଖାଦ୍ୟ ମଧ୍ୟ ପ୍ରଦାନ କଲିକେବଳ ଏତିକି ହୁହଁ ମୁଁ ସେମାନଙ୍କୁ କୋରୋନା ବିରୁଦ୍ଧରେ ଯୋଙ୍ଗା ସାଜିବାକୁ ଅନୁରୋଧ କଲି ।

Amit Kumar, Actor

I want to appreciate for all the awesome things you do in this harmful situation. Thank you so much for doing a great job for us. You have always been keeping our spirits up & maintaining good health. The work you are doing is noteworthy. You all seem like an angel in this time. You are a lifesaver & you are sacrificing many things for the people need you a lot. We all respect you with whole heart. Country will never forget your service and supreme sacrifices. Hats off to you all Great Warriors.

Mr. Abhinash Nayak, Winner, Masterchef India Season-6

In this long term we have definitely realized the value of life and his much it's Important for us to value the life of every creature, not only humans. Hats off and lots of respect to the frontline warriors of COVID- 19 who are out there protecting us from the Pandemic. I extend my gratitude to All the Doctors, Police men, and even Farmers who are selling the vegetables in this lockdown, medical staffs who are out there and help us to sustain in the pandemic and keeping us Protected. I wish everyone should support them and to do our piece of work whereas being at home, maintain social distance, keeping ourselves hygienic and giving respect to everyone. It's a sincere request from my side .Once again I would like to thanks all the front lines for protecting us.

“THANK YOU”.

Ms. Rajashree Acharya, Actress

As we know all our corona warriors are out there fighting with corona for us. We should be thankful to them and praise their works, as you all know our doctors and nurses working hard day and night in hospital for controlling this virus and our brave police officers doing their duties in heavy rain fall or in sunlight apart from their home and family. And those clean workers who clean our city in every situation to control this COVID virus, and our army officers also, who guard our country border line from enemies in this pandemic situation. Friends we all should come together and praise their work and sacrifices. I would like thank each and every person who fight for me and my country people. May god bless us all.

Jay Jagannath

Dr Jayashree Dhal, Eminent singer.

In this critical juncture all corona warriors fighting to end it. But it is told that it is a long battle not to end immediately. We have to live with corona & maintain our livelihood. In this perspective we have to generate awareness & to make people conscious about how to live with corona without fear. Being a responsible citizen as well as a singer & as an active social worker I have served the people & encouraged the corona warriors. I have coined songs and singing in different forum to aware people & inspire the corona warriors. I have also introduced Lock down Talent show to engage people of different age groups through music with multiple purposes. I have extended help to the needy & poor in terms of dry food, mask & dresses. I salute to the front line warriors who deals with patients every day and also to people like Doctors, Nurses paramedical staff & police.

I am praying lord Jagannath to save the mankind from this pandemic & restore mankind back to the track. Bande Utkal Janani Bande Bharat.

ଅଣ୍ଟରମୋଟନ ମହାତ୍ମି

କୋରୋନା ବର୍ତ୍ତମାନ ନିଜର କାଷ ବିଶ୍ଵାର କରିଚାଲିଛି, କିନ୍ତୁ ଖୁସିର କଥା ଏହା କି ଯେ କୋରୋନା ବିରୁଦ୍ଧ ଯୁଦ୍ଧ ର ଆଗଧତି ର ଯୋଦ୍ଧା ଉଚ୍ଚର, ପୋଲିସ୍, ସଫେଲ କର୍ମଚାରୀ ଙ୍କ ଅବଦାନ ଅତୁଳନୀୟାସେମାନେ ନିଜର ଘର, ପରିବାର ସବୁ ଜିନିଷ ତ୍ୟାଗ କରି ଏହି ଯୁଦ୍ଧ ର ଜିତିବା ପାଇଁ ନିଜ ଦିନ ରାତି ଏକ କରିଦେଇଛିମୁଁ ଲୋକଙ୍କୁ କେବଳ ଏତିକି କହିବି ସରକାର ଆମର ସୁରକ୍ଷା ପାଇଁ ଏତେ ପ୍ରକାର ଯୋଜନା କରୁଛନ୍ତି ତାକୁ ମାନିବା ତାହା ସହିତ ଯୋର ମନେ ଆମ ପାଇଁ କାମ କରୁଛନ୍ତି ତାକୁ ଶୁଭେଳା ଜଣେଇବା ତାକୁ ଅନ୍ତରୁ ହାର୍ଡିକ ଅଭିନନ୍ଦନ ଜଣାଇବା ଏବଂ ତାକୁ ସହଯୋଗ କରିବାଆଜିର ଏହି ଆଗଧାତିର ଯୋଦ୍ଧା କୁ ତାଙ୍କର ଏହି ତ୍ୟାଗ ପାଇଁ ଜତିହାସ ସର୍ବଦା ମନେରଖୁବା

ଶୁଦ୍ଧ ଭାଇ

କୋରୋନା ସମୟରେ ଏମିତି ହଜାର ହଜାର ଲୋକ ଅଛନ୍ତି ଯୋଉ ମନେ ଖାଇବାକୁ ପାଉନାହାନ୍ତି, ତ ମୁଁ ଯାଇ ଦୁଃଖୀ ରଙ୍ଗ ମାନଙ୍କୁ ଖାଇବାକୁ ଦେଇଛିମୁଁ ଜଗତସୀଂହପୁର ଜିଲ୍ଲା କୁ ଯାଇ ସେଠାରେ ଲୋକଙ୍କ ସୁବିଧା ଅସୁବିଧା ବୁଝି ଖାଇବା କୁ ଦେଇଛିକିନ୍ତୁ ଏହି ସବୁ ସମୟରେ ମୁଁ ଚିନ୍ତା କଲି ମଣିଷ କୁ ଖାଇବାକୁ ଦେଲେ ସେମାନେ ରାନ୍ଧି ଖାଇପରିବେ, କିନ୍ତୁ ଗାଇ, କୁକୁର ଓ ବାରବୁଲା ପଶୁ କୁ ଅନବରତ ଭାବେ ଖାଇବାକୁ ଦେଇଛି ଆଉ ତାହା ସହିତମୁଁ ଏହି କୋରୋନ ଯୁଦ୍ଧ ର ଅଗଧତି ର ଯୋଦ୍ଧା ଉଚ୍ଚର, ପୋଲିସ୍, ପ୍ରଶାସନ, ସଫେଲ କର୍ମଚାରୀ ସମସ୍ତଙ୍କୁ ନିଜ ଅନ୍ତରଙ୍ଗ ହୃଦୟର ଶୁଭେଳା ଆପନ କରୁଛିଏହା ସହିତ ମୁଁ ସିନ୍ମେ କଳାକାର ସବ୍ୟସାଚୀ ମହାପାତ୍ର କୁ ହୃଦୟର କୃତଜ୍ଞତା ଆପନ କରୁଛି ଯିଏ ଶ୍ରମିକ ମାନଙ୍କ ପାଇଁ ଭଗବାନ ସାଜି ତାଙ୍କର ସେବା କରୁଛନ୍ତି ଓ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ରେ ଅଟକି ରହିଥିବା ଶ୍ରମିକ ମାନଙ୍କ ତାଙ୍କ ନିଜ ରାଜ୍ୟ କୁ ଫେରେଇବାର ବନ୍ଦୋବସ୍ତ କରିଛନ୍ତି ମୋ ନଜରରେ ସେ ମଧ୍ୟ ଜଣେ କରନା ଯୋଦ୍ଧା ଠାରୁ କମ ମୁହଁତାକୁ କେବଳ ସିନ୍ମେଜଗତର ହିରୋ କୁହାଯାଇପାରିବ ନାଲ୍ ସେ ଅସଲ ଜଗତ ର ମଧ୍ୟ ଜଣେ ହିରୋ ତାଙ୍କର ଏହି ଅବଦାନ କୁ ମୁଁ ମୋ ଭାଷା ରେ ପରିପ୍ରକାଶ କରିପାରୁନାହିଁ

Ms. Aisha Panda

I am working at Regional medical research Centre (Bhubaneswar) as a researcher and community liaisoning officer to coordinate with transgender people and their day to day problems which they facing in this society and from their parents also. We just analyze and research those activities and coordinate to our head office NARI (established in Pune). I am a social worker serving with change.org. My vision is to provide all adequate facilities to our people as much as possible like education, housing, old age or teen age shelter home.

Ms. Sfurti Sahare, International Motivational Speaker.

With the lockdown and everything are intriguing on a fact across the world. You know what has saved us from the stranger virus, yes the Corona warriors. They were the people who are working selflessly to take care of us. They were the people who are working in hospitals, they were the people working as police, they were the people who are working at Municipal Corporation to make us safe & I really feel thankful to our main heroes. So we should be someone who should be very grateful for all these people. So I have a very heartfelt thanks to all the guys & it feels like God has taken of that the form of Corona virus. Amazingly well and I am so grateful that these guys are taking care of people. In fact my mom is also a Corona warrior because she is working in a hospital as she is a medical person & she is working throughout the Corona season to take care of people. So I know the people who are in their family are really sacrificing so much. They're giving that strain to these warriors. So big thank to all people who are frontline warriors. Thank you.

Shri Mahendra Meher, Delhi Public School, NTPC, Jamnipali, Korba, Chhattisgarh

COVID-19, YODHHA hat's off to you for all your selfless and dedicated services towards mankind. The society will remain indebted to you people, as long as the human race will prevail on this planet. We salute you from the core of our hearts. The doctors, police officers, bureaucrats, ministers, farmers, clean workers, and everyone who have risked their lives for the betterment of our society and nation, I owe them my heartfelt appreciation.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Dr. Harish Kumar Sahoo, Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology Burla, Sambalpur

Doctors, Nurses and Health workers are frontline warriors to fight against COVID-19. They treat the patients with full dedication without thinking about their own family members. I salute their selflessness to save lives during these critical times.

Dr. Manila Malik, Asst. Professor, VSSUT, Burla, Odisha

The silent heroes of the whole world starting from the sweepers, the delivery boys, the security personnel, the policemen, the nurses, and last but not the least the doctors are being thanked. All these warriors are working

tirelessly and selflessly for us. I salute them for their great work. When we all are spending fruitful time with our family at the same time, they even haven't taken a glimpse of their family since the outbreak of COVID-19. I think their true spirit is providing us the strength to overcome this pandemic situation.

Ms. Tunirani Nayak, Asst. Professor VSSUT, Burla, Odisha

I want to say thank you to all those who makes our lives easy in this lockdown period .In this dark period you have given a helping hand for the society, in spite of the risk and fears involved, and are not giving up .All should bow heads in gratitude towards their selfless attitude and work.

Anantha Ram Mithra, Chemistry Faculty, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

I really appreciate the endless effort and hard work that is done by government, police, doctor and the list continues to finish the pandemic. Some of them are affected with the virus too while they fighting against the pandemic and are no more with us. My deepest condolences for them. My messages is to those irresponsible citizens who don't value these efforts and are roaming around risking there life as well as the life of there near and dear. It's a request to stay at home and stay safe and use all the precautions until the situation is under control. Thank you.

Dr. Susanta Kumar Das, Principal

"No Mask No Entry" I am deeply appreciative of the compassion and caring that you have shown for the people. I am deeply shocked by the pandemic situation of the COVID -19. I have collected help from others to help the people of Odisha, who are in need. I know service to mankind is service to god. The COVID -19 pandemic situations has changed the way we live, study, work and connect with each other. We emphasize on social distance, washing hand for 20 second and mask for all in every situation. thermal screening of body is necessary.

Ipsita Mohanty, Phd Student, IIT Kharagpur.

"You guys are the real definition of what we call a Hero's are. We are safe at home resting, relaxing and spending quality time with family in the cost of your sacrifices, sleeplessness and hard work. Yes we are quarantined but not prisoned. We had all our freedoms to buy our essentials and enjoy making good food at home because we trust you and feel that we are safe. Thank you so much for doing your job the best you can. We are proud of you"

Mr. Soumya Sourav Sarangi, Research Scholar (M.S.), IIT Madras, Chennai

Global crisis like COVID 19 has shown us that people can come together to save life on Earth irrespective of their differences. It is amazing to see how mankind is working as a unit to fight against the pandemic and to

lead humanity again in the path of prosperity. In this juncture we are thankful to the health workers, the service providers, the administrators and policy makers who are working tirelessly and acting like a shield to save humanity from this tough time."

Nilendu Bhuyan, M.Sc. Chemistry, CET BBSR.

Dear Health care workers. I can't imagine how much pressure you feel right now. Thank you so much for trying to save people lives. Thank you for your commitment to caring for the community. I hope your family stay safe and healthy. You are so awesome and generous. Thank you for your amazing dedication and skill. Thank you.

Pritam Mohanty, M.Tech, IIT BHU

Here comes the silent warrior; if they are not doing their duty selfless may be the outlines of the pandemic is uncontrollable, They are the people who keep doing their task day and night without even thinking about their life. Thanks to the government, health workers , the police force , the disaster management team , the scientists , the diplomats there are such selfless peoples are there due to them we are safe or those who are getting affected are recovered quickly .

We are thankful to each and everyone who are involving in this fight against the corona virus and especially to the frontline warrior for their constant efforts to win over this corona virus.

Sushree Sangita Swain, Student, St. Xaviers High School, Bhubaneswar

Since we don't have any medication to survive this pandemic, lockdown and social distancing is one of the most effective ways to tackle this problem. Our whole country is abiding by the rules and regulations of Lockdown since March. However, the story outside our homes is not the same. People from various professions have been toiling day and night to bring the situation on track.

Yes, I am speaking about those unsung heroes who shed their sweat to soothe us during Lockdown. Starting from sanitary workers maintaining hygiene to the bureaucrats taking every decision to prevent the virus to spread more. We can't repay what they have done to us, but some words of appreciation can motivate them to keep this up in future.

Arpita Behera, Bhubaneswar

This my small appreciation message to our YODHA 

W- Who fight against the Corona & Storm

A- Accept the challenges

R- Respect each other

R- Rebuild path with togetherness

I- Impartial to all lives

O- Overcome from difficulties

R- Rise like a burning flame

S- Sacrifice their lives and happiness

Rajashree Sahoo, Cuttack (Former student, CET)

I want to salute all the corona warriors who are fighting against the virus COVID 19 by risking their lives. All the health workers, police and other people who are working tirelessly for the betterment of our society. A heartfelt thanks and salute from my side to all the super heroes of our country.

Amit Kumar Pradhan, MKCG Medical College, Odisha

We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives. Thank you Corona warriors.

Soubhagyalaxmi Prusty , UN Autonomous College Science and Technology, Cuttack

Thank You, so much for all your hard work and support during this difficult time. You are the real heroes of this country 🙏.

Smruti Moharana, Final year B.Tech

We are safe inside because they are fighting for us outside.

I salute to your dedicated labor and efforts from the bottom of my heart. JAI HIND

Rakesh Subudhi, SCB MCH, 4th year

While we comfortably sit in our homes, almost all of our needs catered to, these warriors have shed sweat, blood, tears and even their lives in all the corner of the globe. They are striving hard to get things back in track, and they are not showing any signs of backing down. They are the heroes we need. India has been tackling this better than most other developed countries, with lesser mortality rates and efficient discharge. And we hope that they continue this brave act for which all of us will forever be indebted to their service. Thank you.

Aishwarya Sahoo, 4th year MKCG Medical College, Odisha

Thank You to our frontline warriors for your commitment, dedication, sacrifice and courage during this battle against COVID 19. May god grant happiness, health, longevity and everything to all these caretakers who are serving to secure us at the risk of their own lives. Thank you so much for everything you do each and everyday!!

Bhumika Bhaskar, Student, Jaipur, Rajasthan

Let's honor the corona warriors who are fighting against this pandemic to save our country. Let's respect them, let's appreciate them, they also have their own family and their life is also important like us but they are working day and night for us only.

Deepy Garnaik, 3rd year, UG, OUAT

Thank you for working so tirelessly on the frontline!!! You are the inspiration to all of us..... Thank you for being so selfless and courageous...!!!

Snigdha Biswal, Bsc 2nd year (zoology), Chitalo Mohavidyalaya, Jajpur

To the unsung heroes of our nation, the whole world is praising the efforts that are being made by you. Thank you for serving for us in this difficult time. Your humanity, strength and devotion for the nation is greatly appreciated. Thank you for being our nation's guiding star in this war against COVID-19.

Ritu Sharma, Student, Graphic era hill University, Dehradun, Uttarakhand

Thank you corona warriors!!It's immense pleasure to see the service that you have provided. We are safe here; all the credit goes to all the frontline workers. Thank you!!

Snigdha Senapati, VSSUT Burla

To all the doctors and nurses who working in this pandemic and risking their lives for the community, to all the police who works tirelessly to making sure everything goes smoothly and always been there to protect us, to all the reporters and journalists who keeps us updated about the current situations, to all the paramedics who struggles for preparing a vaccine for this rampant disease, to all the health workers, Asha and anganwadi workers and volunteer who puts themselves on the path of virus, I would like to express my gratitude towards these every day heroes. I commend their spirit. Your commitment and dedication towards this novel Corona virus disease deserve our heartfelt appreciation. Our heroes don't wear caps, they wear masks. Thank you, all the brave hearts and Kudos, to all.

Anna Elveena Henry, Chhattisgarh

You made us believe that we're able to overcome it. There aren't enough words to describe your worth. But we're so proud to have you! And you must not forget that you have gazillions of prayers to back you up! God bless you all!

Ms. Anushka Anand, Student, NIFT CHENNAI

We should always remember their sacrifice and dedication. In this pandemic how our frontline workers are working is an evidence that united we stand, divided we fall. Not only them but common people also have come up for others help in whatever possible ways they can. We all should co-operate and help each other in this global pandemic situation.

Nikita Marndi

Our police department did a really good job by spreading awareness and keeping them inside their home. Some people did their job by providing free sanitizers, masks and food packets to poor people. Some of them helped by donating and others just by using their mediums. A most big thank to our government to handle these situations really well. At last I would like to conclude my words with, that warriors have different faces who help us in different ways to make our lives easier.

Prity Verma, Graphic Era Hill University, Dehradun, Uttarakhand

Thank you so much for all your hard work during this difficult time. Your kindness and strength are greatly appreciated. Thank you for being our nation's guiding light in this difficult phase.

Debasmita Sahoo, Jupiter Higher Secondary School, BBSR

When we people were enjoying the companionship with our family they were fighting against the situation apart from there near and dear. When we are taking rest, they used to start their deadly journey. All of them have fought bravely, while most of them are able to overcome it, some of them have left the world. My deepest condolences towards them

“Salute them, support them and encourage them.” To win the situation should be our moto.

Smt. Gayatree Swain, Rourkela, Odisha

I still can't believe we are in the midst of such a pandemic, It is only because of the government working so well organized along with the doctors and police officers and many unnamed heroes. I pray for everyone to be safe and sound and let this pandemic end soon. JAY JAGANNATH

Rohan Kumar Sahu, Delhi India

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything you are doing during this COVID-19 War. You all can stay at home and be safe but despite that, you all have pledged to work hard to make our lives go smooth. You all are our strength against this COVID 19 war. You all are the real heroes of this war. Love You All!!!!

Simani Routray, Bhubaneswar

In this phase of their sleepless day and night and no time for food, no family time and these brutal hours. Yet they are so enthusiastic, honest and dedicated towards their extra miles for the nation and its people. It's not enough how they putting their own life in risk to save all of us and hats off to their families how they are with them and supporting them in this situation. They are true super heroes.

Srikrishna Ramachandran, Nanganallur, Chennai, Tamilnadu

"You've done everything for us and will keep doing your best today and always. We love you. Thank you." 😊😊 to every Ngo, policemen, volunteers who have involved themselves in this crisis and more importantly the people who have sacrificed their own life as a prey for virus.

Chandra Sekhar Choudhury, Burla, Odisha

In order to honor the frontline healthcare workers, Google came up with a doodle which displays a 'thank you' message for the doctors, nurses and the medical staff. These colorful, vibrant doodle captures the spirit of the hard work of the essential service providers. The doodle, on hovering the mouse, shows a message "To all doctors, nurses and medical workers; thank you".

Condolence

This is a heartfelt tribute on my part to all those who lost their precious lives while valiantly combating the crisis, be it the patients, policemen, doctors and nurses and each and everyone who has been a part of this battle from the very beginning. No amount of words would suffice the gratitude that they deserve. Each and everyone is a warrior in their own right. I wish my prayers reach them and let them know that the world will never forget the sacrifice they made for themselves and others without giving a second thought to any other thing. They will always be alive in our prayers. May the other world treat you best.

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