COVID-19: SOP for passenger movement post disembarkation-ODISHA

With the Centre taking measures to bring back Indian expatriates stranded in foreign countries, the State Government laid down a standard operating procedure (SOP) as a measure to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 in the state.

1. The State Government asked people intending to return to Odisha to register with Covid-19 portal prior to their departure.
2. The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security has decided that passengers boarding an aircraft will be allowed to carry in his/her hand baggage or on his/her person "liquid hand sanitizer" as they need to sanitize hands frequently to contain the spread of coronavirus, the official said.
3. The details of the passengers will be scrutinised and lists will be segregated district-wise, Jena said adding that list would be shared with district collectors for preparedness.
4. In order to conduct smooth health screening, the passengers will disembark the plane in groups of 20. If anyone is found with COVID-19 symptoms, he or she would be separated from the group and taken for further medical examination.
5. All passengers will be stamped with indelible ink on their right inner forearm and thermally screened. The symptomatic passengers will be segregated and sent to an isolation bay for completing their immigration formalities and shifted to institutional facility for testing and quarantine by district and municipal authorities.
6. Commissioner of Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation has been directed to coordinate with the airport authority and State police for setting up required number of facilitation counters at the airport.
7. Asymptomatic passengers will have to give an undertaking to stay at their homes or paid quarantine facility for 28 days.
8. Passengers with valid boarding will be allowed to travel from the airport to their destinations on their own arrangement, hired cabs. Limited bus services will be available for the convenience of passengers, it added.
9. Passenger information collected from airlines will be sent to district collectors and municipal commissioners concerned by the E&IT Department.
10. After reaching their native places, these people will have to undergo quarantine for 28 days at home or a hotel, he said.
11. Those who violate the 28-day quarantine will be liable to face action.
12. The screening will be carried out for train passenger coming to Odisha also and they will have to undergo quarantine for a period of 28 days at home or paid facilities.

Information on quarantine centres a click away

- The information on panchayat quarantine centres in Odisha is a click away now. The State Government has linked Temporary Health Centres with the GIS-based information system for proper management of Covid-19.

- GIS mapping is one of the key elements.

- The mapping of quarantine centres and healthcare facilities enables people to see the facilities available in the State.

- The system has been developed by ORSAC and is hosted on COVID.GIS.IN. It will be available on the state dashboard from Thursday.

- All infrastructure including TMCs, Covid hospitals, testing centres and other facilities have been mapped using GIS. People returning to Odisha can get information on location, bed capacity, name of nodal officer and contact numbers by logging in to the dashboard.