HOME ISOLATION MONITORING KITS FOR COVID-19 LAUNCHED

October 9, 2020 Aswina 17, 1942

The Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant in the presence of Minister for Health Shri. Vishwajit Rane today launched the Home Isolation Monitoring Kit for Covid-19 positive patients in the State. Secretary Health Shri. Amit Satija, IAS, Director, Department Health Services Dr. Jose D'sa, Director, Directorate of Food and Drugs Administration, Smt. Jyoti Sardessai and Dean, Goa Medical College, Dr. Shivanand Bandekar were present on the occasion.

These kits will be available for free at all Urban & Primary Health Centres for any Covid-19 positive patient in the State who opts for Home Isolation. The kit contains Pulse Oximeter (1 no.), Digital Thermometer (1 no.), Paracetamol tablets (15 nos.), Vitamin C tablets (30 nos.), Multivitamin tablets with Zinc (30 nos.), Vitamin D3 tablets (2 packs), Ivermectin 12mg tablets (10 nos.), Doxycycline 100mg tablets (10 nos.), Three-ply face masks (5 nos.), N-95 Masks (2 nos.), Sanitizer (100ml), Alcohol based Wipes (1 box with 20 plies) and Gloves (2 pairs).

While speaking on the occasion the Chief Minister welcomed the idea of Home Isolation monitoring kits. He appreciated the work being done by doctors at all the CHCs, PHCs and UHCs in the State and congratulated them. "There are ample facilities for Covid-19 positive patients in the State and people need not panic. These days more people are opting for Home Isolation. This kit will prove to be a game changer for all those. Currently there are 3500 home isolations in the State. The Government is planning its best to standardize post Covid-19 management services. AYUSH Ministry has formed a standard protocol for the same and this Government shall train its doctors hired under AYUSH in the best possible way to provide Post Covid-19 management," the Chief Minister said.

Throwing light on the achievements of the medical faculty during the tough times during past few months, the Chief Minister informed that 150 natural and caesarean deliveries were carried out at the ESI Hospital, Margao and mother and Children are safe and healthy. The doctors have even carried out a caesarean on a Corona positive woman. No casualties were recorded during these child births. People should look at such positive stories rather than panicking about the scenario. Many patients with co-morbid conditions have recovered from Covid-19 and are living a very healthy life," the Chief Minister said.

Informing that the South Goa District Hospital is now functioning in full swing and the number of beds will be upgraded soon, Minister for Health Shri. Rane stated that the Home Isolation Monitoring Kit is made available considering the poor patients who cannot afford to buy a kit worth Rs. 2000/-. "The DHS with the help of Auxiliary Nursing Midwifery (ANM) and Multi Purpose Health

Worker (MPHW) and Goa Electronics Limited make 2600 phone calls in a day to check the saturation level of each patient. These calls further help doctors to make the right decision in treating the patients. The State has acquired best models to manage the spread of pandemic and continue to do so," he said.

The function was attended by Medical Officers around the State. Earlier Dr. Bandekar welcomed the gathering. Dr Dayanand Rao compered the function while Dr. D'sa proposed the vote of thanks.

DI/NB/AXP/JS/2020/451

Department of Information and Publicity Government of Goa