

## ASSAM

### **ASSAM COMMUNITY SURVEILLANCE PLAN (ACSP) -**

The State carried out active surveillance under the ACSP to look for SARI, ILI and fever cases covering all villages/wards of Assam. Potential cases were listed for testing through door-to-door visits undertaken by ASHA visitors. ACSP is implemented through Health Sub Centres and once the ASHA completes the listing of all potential cases, the medical team, consisting of the Medical Officer, Auxiliary Nurse Midwife, Multi-Purpose Workers and lab technicians visit the village for screening the listed potential cases. The team also informs the patient and their family members about COVID prevention and management. Individuals suspected of infection are advised to stay in strict home quarantine till the test report is made available. Community members also reach out to every household so that no potential case is left untested.

### **DEPLOYMENT OF MEDICAL TEAMS -**

The Assam Government deployed at least 1000 medical teams state-wide to screen people for seasonal fever in more than 25,000 villages. ASHAs and Multi-Purpose Workers were deployed for monitoring COVID positive individuals in home quarantine. Assam also enforced strict criminal action against those who violate quarantine norms, in the form of non-bailable warrants.

### **GOVERNMENT AND STAFF MOTIVATION, GOALPARA -**

A multi-disciplinary COVID monitoring cell was constituted with officials from various departments. A #CoronaWarrior #HeroesOfTheDay series was launched through the social media channels of the District Administration to boost morale of officers and staff. The series showcased the work of 1-2 officials involved in COVID control and management in the District on a daily basis. Frontline COVID workers were provided with special 'care kits' and personalized mugs, along with a message from the District Commissioner to keep them motivated. An additional life cover of Rs. 2 Lakh was provided for medical staff and Safai Karamcharis through Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives under the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana.

### **HEALTH PERSONNEL AND INFRASTRUCTURE -**

Quarantine wards of 1500 beds, staffed with 30 doctors and 200 nurses, were set up exclusively for treating COVID related issues among police personnel. The State Government also arranged for a 14-day mandatory quarantine period for all health workers at the Taj Vivanta Hotel. In Goalpara, an area-wise database of educational institutions and hostels was developed and many were converted

into institutional Quarantine Centres. Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) were signed with private hospitals for providing hospital beds at pre-fixed rates. Separate ICUs were created for Japanese Encephalitis/Acute Encephalitis Syndrome and COVID cases.