



special attention to the states that are lagging behind in vaccination process, only then there can be progress in vaccination in short period of time.

Prime Minister said, “Northeast states have to emphasize development of testing and treatment infrastructure to fight Covid-19. A new package of 23 thousand crore rupees has been announced for the development of testing and treatment infrastructure in the central cabinet meeting through which every Northeast state will get assistance to empower their health infrastructures. The central government has granted permission to set up 150 oxygen plants in the Northeast as availability of oxygen is important to fight Covid-19.” He urged the Northeastern states to implement these oxygen plants soon. He further said, “We have to take all possible measures from now to prevent Covid third wave. We cannot make any compromise with vaccination or with following health guidelines.”

Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb in the conference briefed upon the measures taken by the state government to control the spread. He said, “Covid vaccination drive in the state is pacing up. First dose of covid vaccine has been done 100% and second dose of covid vaccine has been done 54.56% for 45 years above age group. First dose of covid vaccine has been done 56.40% and second dose of covid vaccine has been done 1.55% for 18 years above age group. Out of 1,178 Gram Panchayats and villages in the state, vaccination has been done in 189 villages, 7 out of 20 urban local bodies and 2 blocks. The state presently has 2 lakh 25 thousand vaccines. With more 6 lakh 25 thousand vaccines, the whole state can be fully vaccinated within 7 days.”

Chief Minister stated that the state government has been working to develop primary sectors including agriculture to keep the economy of the state stable during the pandemic and that food packages and assistances are being given to poor and the needy families during the curfew. He said, “at present state health infrastructure has developed 3 times than earlier. Dedicated Covid hospital, dedicated Covid care centre, ICU beds, oxygen attached beds etc have increased in numbers. The state has 29 dedicated Covid care centres with 3,529 beds, 1028 oxygen attached beds, 157 ventilators, 3 oxygen plants and 1700 oxygen concentrators. More 22 oxygen plants are being constructed presently.”

The Chief Ministers of each Northeast state briefed the Prime Minister about Covid measures taken in their respective states. Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh were also present in the video conference. From the state Chief Secretary Kumar Alok, Principal Secretary of Health J.K Sinha and other health officials were present in the conference.
