

MCL comes forward for financing central Covid-19 hospital at Bhubaneswar
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The Covid-19 pandemic has created a serious health crisis. Going by the experience of many countries, it is seen that when the transmission within community take place, the spread of the disease puts a very high pressure on the healthcare system.

Keeping the above possibility in view, the Govt of Odisha devised a mechanism of operationalisation of dedicated Covid-19 hospitals in PPP mode and approved a standard Tripartite Agreement to be executed among the Govt of Odisha (to look after coordination and oversight), Hospital Operator (to establish and operate the medical facility) and Corporate partner (to compensate and reimburse the cost). Govt of Odisha sought support from Mahanadi Coalfields Limited on this on a very short notice to provide assistance for operation of a 500 bedded Covid-19 hospital with 25 ICU beds at Bhubaneswar which was agreed by Mahanadi Coalfields Limited.

Accordingly, a Tripartite Agreement was executed amongst the Govt of Odisha, SUM Hospital (the hospital partner) and MCL (the Corporate partner who is to provide CSR funds). Initially, the commitment is made for 3 months which would be extended based on requirements. An amount of Rs. 7.31crore has been released as advance by Mahanadi Coalfields Limited for the immediate implementation of the project.


