

DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

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ADMINISTRATOR REVIEWS ARRANGEMENTS IN THE CITY : WAR ROOM DECISIONS TODAY

Hon'ble Governor of Punjab and Administrator Chandigarh, Sh. V P Singh Badnore presided over daily War Room meeting. The meeting was attended to by the Adviser, Sh. Manoj Parida, Sh Arun Gupta, Principal Secretary Home, Sh A K Sinha, Finance Secretary, Sh Sanjay Beniwal, Director General of Police, , Commissioner, MC, Deputy Commissioner. The Administrator also interacted with Deputy Commissioner's of Mohali & Panchkula, Director, PHIMER, Director Health Services and Director Principal, GMCH through Video Conferencing. In daily review meetings Video conferencing is done to maintain social distancing . The major decisions taken today are as under :-

WAR ROOM DECISIONS

- The Administrator thanked the team of officers and the doctors for tremendous success in restraining the spread of disease. He expressed happiness that two more patients have recovered today, thereby reducing the number in Chandigarh to 13.
- On the request of Director, PGIMER, the Administrator announced that Doctors will be accommodated in Hotel Parkview, both for the purpose of quarantine and for the purpose of Duty Rest, as and when they require. Similar facility will be provided to other health workers including Ward Boys, Security Guards etc. in Panchayat Bhawan. The complementary facility will be provided by the Chandigarh Administration.

- Director Health Services informed that vendors, policemen, municipal corporation staff and transport staff deployed in Sector 26 Mandi have been trained and sanitized regarding health issues.
- Sh. Arun Kumar Gupta, Principal Secretary Health stated that adequate medicines and medical equipments are available in all the hospitals. He also stated that facilities are being created in Sector 48 hospital in case of emergency.
- Sh. Sanjay Beniwal, Director General of Police mentioned that police is strictly maintaining the curfew guidelines. He also stated that two cases have been registered for hateful campaign in social media by anti-social elements. The Administrator directed him to be more strict in such cases.
- Sh. A.K. Sinha, Finance Secretary stated that the banks and ATMs are operational as per orders. Necessary sanitization of its premises is being done. Labour Department has contacted the industrialists, factory owners for payment of wages to the labour. Around 10,000 labourers have already received their salaries. Efforts are being made to ensure that the remaining labour is paid wages at the earliest.
- Sh. K.K. Yadav, Commissioner, MC stated that Sector 26 Mandi will remain closed on Monday for sanitization operation. He informed that a foot-operated hand wash machine has been installed there to enable the visitors to wash their hands and similar machines will also be provided in other places, frequented by the public. This machine has been donated by Ordinance Cable Factory, Chandigarh. The Administrator expressed his thanks to the management of Ordinance Cable Factory for this contribution.
- Sh K K Yadav also informed that an application is being developed by Municipal Corporation for tracing the movement of vendors, so that the areas which remain uncovered could be catered next day through additional vendors. He also stated that outlying farmhouses are being served food by the online companies.
- Sh. Mandip Singh Brar, Deputy Commissioner mentioned that 53,520 packets of cooked food have been distributed among the destitute in various parts of the city. Additionally, 2,000 packets of dry ration have been distributed in Faidan Village. The Administrator directed the Deputy Commissioner to ensure that two new ambulances should be urgently purchased by Red Cross for serving the residents of Chandigarh.

- Adviser, Sh. Manoj Parida stated that Government of India has prepared a containment policy for high load districts. Necessary steps will be taken as and when such restrictions become necessary.

Sh. Badnore advised Sh. Parida to take up with Government of India a proposal for compensating doctors and policemen & other concerned staff, who are working as a frontline soldiers in fight against corona. He complimented the team of officers for working together, thereby successfully preventing any death in the Union Territory so far.