

DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION

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ADMINISTRATOR REVIEWS ARRANGEMENTS IN THE CITY : WAR ROOM DECISIONS

The War Room officers met today under the Chairmanship of Sh. V.P. Singh Badnore, Governor of Punjab-cum-Administrator, UT, Chandigarh, wherein senior officers participated through Video Conferencing.

The Administrator stressed upon the need of a common approach in the tri-city regarding Covid-19. He stated that neighboring districts of Mohali and Panchkula must follow the restrictions strictly, so that it may be possible to restrict infection in the tri-city. He explained that since the entire area is geographically contiguous and many residents move from one place to other in connection with the works and shopping, it will be difficult to have variant policies in the tri-city.

The Administrator congratulated the doctors of PGIMER for the quick and efficient performance in treating a police Assistant Sub-Inspector from Patiala, who was injured in an unfortunate incident.

- Sh. K.K. Yadav, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation informed that 67 teams including 21 mechanical teams are sanitizing the whole city regularly. Necessary streamlining has been done in Sector 26 Market to regulate the crowd.
- Sh. Mandip Singh Brar, Deputy Commissioner stated that 55,954 cooked food packets have been distributed among the destitutes and the needy people in various parts of the city. He also informed that a sum of Rs 1.53 crores have been received as donation to the local Red Cross Fund for fighting corona.

- Sh. Sanjay Beniwal, Director General of Police informed that the curfew is being implemented strictly. Till today, 3,622 vehicles have been impounded and 306 people have been detained for curfew violations. He also mentioned that 150 people have been detained for loitering out-door and 80 cases have been registered against the people moving in public places without wearing masks.
- Sh. Manoj Parida, Adviser stated that he has requested Chief Secretary, Haryana not to allow too many officials to attend offices in Chandigarh and to restrict their entry in curfew. He also stated that UT is running with skeleton staff and officers are mostly working from home.
- Dr. G. Dewan, Director Health Services stated that the screening teams have covered a total of 4,76,000 persons in the areas such as Baapu Dham Colony, Dhanas and Hallomajra.
- Sh. Arun Kumar Gupta, Principal Secretary Health mentioned that Maloya and Faidan villages have been checked through medical teams.
- Sh. VP Singh Badnore, Administrator UT directed the health and MC officials to improve sanitization and fogging in all areas. He also directed Deputy Commissioner to restrict the issue of passes, so that the implementation of curfew remains effective.

After detailed discussions, the following decisions were taken :-

1. All government schools and Government-Aided schools will be having summer vacations from 15th April to 15th May. The private schools will be advised to synchronize the same.
2. Recovery of cess charges in electricity bills will stand deferred.
3. Payment of water charges is deferred until further orders.
4. Recovery of property tax imposed by the Municipal Corporation will be deferred till further orders.
5. The decision regarding relaxation timing for essential shopping for consumers will be taken in a day or two.