

DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION

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ADMINISTRATOR REVIEWS ARRANGEMENTS IN THE CITY

Hon'ble Governor of Punjab and Administrator Chandigarh, Sh. V P Singh Badnore today presided over Daily War Room meeting. The meeting was attended to by Sh. Manoj Parida, Adviser, UT, Chandigarh and Sh Sanjay Beniwal, Director General of Police at Raj Bhawan. The Administrator also interacted with Sh Arun Gupta, Principal Secretary (Home), Sh A K Sinha, Finance Secretary, Sh K K Yadav, Commissioner, CMC and Sh Mandip Singh Brar, Deputy Commissioner, Chandigarh, Deputy Commissioner's of Mohali & Panchkula, Director, PGIMER, Director Health Services and Director Principal, GMCH through Video Conferencing.

The Administrator was informed that since Chandigarh has been declared as Hotspot District, the testing has to be accelerated and restrictions implemented strictly. The Administrator focused on the need for universal downloading Aarogya Setu Application by all Government Officials and Public in General .

He directed Commissioner, Municipal Corporation to ensure that all staff of Municipal Corporation including vendors, vehicle drivers, sanitation workers etc. must be medically screened, sanitized and provided with safety gears, since they are interacting with the residents more frequently. He also directed that all the online home delivery agencies should be directed to follow similar measures, failing which their permissions should be cancelled.

He directed Director General of Police to intensify checking in borders and to ensure that only the pass-holders and authorized persons are allowed to enter the capital city. The Administrator directed Deputy Commissioner that there is no shortage of packed food for the poor and the distribution should be done in a fair manner, so that nobody goes hungry in the city.

In discussion with Director, PGIMER and chiefs of medical institutions, the Governor expressed satisfaction that number of positive cases has not increased. He also advised them to explore the possibility of procuring/ utilizing rapid testing facility as per the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) guidelines.

WAR ROOM DECISIONS

- Dr. G. Dewan, Director Health Service informed that 6.85 lacs population has been covered through door to door survey and screening. The areas like Kajheri, Sector 26, Kishangarh, Sector 49, Ram Darbar etc. were covered. He also informed that necessary fogging has been done in Railway Colony, Sector 56 and Daria village.
- Sh. Mandip Singh Brar, Deputy Commissioner stated that 64,105 cooked food packets have been distributed among the destitutes and needy persons in various parts of the city. He also informed that Rs.1.58 crores has so far been received in the local Red Cross Fund. The mid-day meal facilities in UT schools have also been activated today, for preparing food packets to be distributed to the needy persons. A total of 12,000 meals were prepared and 3 kitchens in Sectors 10, 26 and 42, and then delivered to various locations in the city.
- Sh. Vinod P. Kavle, Secretary Food and Supply stated that 7,500 families have been provided with wheat and pulses under the PMGKAY and he will augment this scheme to cover the rest of the beneficiaries

- Sh. AK Sinha, Finance Secretary stated that though last date for payment has been extended, however, necessary arrangements are being made, so that those willing to pay power and water bills can be made online payments from the home by downloading the application.
- Sh. Sanjay Beniwal, Director General of Police informed that till date 4,229 vehicles have been impounded and 348 cases registered against 571 persons.
- Sh. Manoj Parida, Adviser mentioned that he has discussed with Punjab and Haryana Governments to run their offices in Chandigarh with minimal staff, since the entire city has been declared as hotspot district and is under curfew.
- Sh. VP Singh Badnore, Governor of Punjab and Administrator, UT appealed to the Chandigarh residents to strictly follow the instructions given by the Administration to stay indoor and to follow the hygienic habits of washing hands and wear masks.