

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. VP Singh Badnore today presided over Daily War Room meeting. The meeting was attended 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. AK Sinha, Finance Secretary, Sh. KK Yadav, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation and Sh. Mandip Singh Brar, Deputy Commissioner, Chandigarh, Deputy Commissioners of Mohali & Panchkula, Director-PGIMER, Director Health Services and Director Principal, GMCH through Video Conferencing.

With the discharge of one more patient from PGIMER, the number of active COVID cases in Chandigarh have reduced to 11. The Administrator expressed his happiness at this development and thanked the Doctors and Health Workers for their continuous hard work and commitment. He also thanked the Police Force for maintaining curfew effectively. He instructed Director Health Services, Dr. G. Dewan to ensure that private doctors running clinics and dispensaries are trained properly in handling COVID cases, so that the unfortunate situation, as happened in Panchkula does not arise here.

WAR ROOM DECISIONS

- Sh. Vinod P. Kavle stated that around 10,000 families have been provided with wheat and pulses under PMGKAY in the city.
- Sh. Mandip Singh Brar, Deputy Commissioner informed that 68,525 cooked food packets have been distributed among the destitutes and needy persons in various parts of the city. He further informed that a meeting has been held with the private hospitals and dispensaries giving them necessary guidelines as regards treating the patients during curfew.
- Sh. KK Yadav, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation informed that Baby Milk Food will be given to mothers with small children wherever required. He further stated that all traders in Sector 26 Market have been directed to keep sanitizers ready with them for necessary hygienic practice. He further informed that all delivery boys have been mandated to wear gloves, sanitizers and masks, so that there is no risk of infection while distributing ration and vegetables.
- Sh. Sanjay Beniwal, Director General of Police pointed out that the curfew is being implemented strictly. Special vigil is being maintained at Inter-State Borders to restrict entry from outside. He also pointed that one Constable has been suspended for going out of Chandigarh during his leave without authorization. He has also been quarantined as per the protocol.
- Sh. AK Sinha, Finance Secretary stated that the matter regarding concession in electricity charges is under consideration. He clarified that 17,000 workers out of 20,000 workers have received their wages for March, 2020 by the respective industries.
- Sh. Arun Kumar Gupta, Principal Secretary Home informed that the Central Government has dispatched Rapid Testing Kits, which will be utilized in consultation with medical team. He also stated that SRL has now been authorized to collect COVID samples and test them at subsidized rates of Rs.4500/- per patient. Any private citizen can take advantage of this facility. He further informed the Administrator that adequate number of PPEs and N-95 masks are available with the Medical Institutions.

- Sh. Manoj Parida, Adviser stated that wheat procurement in Grain Market, Sector 39 has started. 100 MT. of wheat was procured from farmers in the yard today.
- Sh. VP Singh Badnore, Governor of Punjab and Administrator, UT directed all officials to strictly follow discipline and the guidelines issued by the Central Government from time to time. He also appealed the residents to download and utilise the Arogaya Setu Mobile Application which will serve as a personal shield for them against COVID19. He expressed hope that with full cooperation of Chandigarh residents we can get out of the Red Zone. He also expressed his happiness with the team of officials working hard to contain further spread of COVID-19.