

## DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

### CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION

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Hon'ble Governor of Punjab and Administrator, UT 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.

#### WAR ROOM DECISIONS

The Administrator took the following decisions :-

1. The Administrator congratulated PGIMER for its selection among the three premier institutions for trial of MW vaccine. He said that it is an index of their reputation and trust by Government of India on their capability. The Administrator also informed them about the decision of Central Government for making assault on doctors and health workers a non-bailable offence with heavy penalty and imprisonment. He expressed happiness about the decision to provide insurance cover to all health workers engaged in COVID operations. The Administrator further stated that the Central Government's decision in providing facility for Ayushman beneficiaries to go to non-empanelled hospitals for non-COVID cases will be of a great help to the people. He advised the district authorities of Mohali and Panchkula to maintain strictness in their areas, so that the entire tricity remains free from further infection or spread of corona.

2. The Administrator decided to enhance the stipend being received by interns of medical college from Rs 300 per day to Rs 600 per day. Thus, the students who are presently playing a major role in fight against COVID19 will get Rs 18,000/- per month w.e.f 1st April, 2020.

3. The Administrator decided that the curfew relaxation timings for purchase of essential items will be changed in view of approaching summer season. From 24th April (Friday), the relaxation hours will be from 10:00 am to 02:00 pm; instead of present 11:00 am to 03:00 pm.

- Sh. Arun Kumar Gupta, Principal Secretary Health informed that 619 people have been quarantined in the Union Territory of Chandigarh.

- Sh. A K Sinha, Finance Secretary informed that he alongwith Adviser will be holding a meeting with the local industrialists regarding their requests for special incentives and other concessions.

- Sh. Vinod P. Kavle informed that 24,000 families have already been distributed wheat and pulses under PMGKAY. The Administrator advised him to ensure that there is advance intimation to the beneficiaries and social distancing is maintained while doing distribution in the city.

- Sh. K K Yadav, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation informed that all the vendors have been screened medically and new passes are being issued sector-wise, so that there is no unnecessary crowding or confusion.

- Sh. Mandip Singh Brar, Deputy Commissioner informed that 1,43,694 cooked food packets have been distributed among the destitutes and needy persons in various parts of the city. He also informed that total contribution of Rs.1.60 crores has been received in the local Red Cross Fund for relief work in Corona. Sh. Brar also stated that 2,300 MT of wheat has been procured from the farmers till date. 62 stranded labour have been kept

and cared in the shelter at Maloya. 1.77 lacs Aarogya setu applications have been downloaded in the UT.

- Dr. G. Dewan, Director Health Services stated that door-to-door survey is going on in various parts of the city; such as Sector 43, 24, 46, 08, 25 and 28. He also stated that till date 9.5 lacs people have been screened. He was directed to do more intense surveillance and screening.

- Sh. Sanjay Beniwal, Director General of Police informed that curfew is being implemented effectively. 198 cars were returned from the inter-state borders, since they did not have valid passes.

- Sh. Manoj Parida, Adviser informed the Administrator that in addition to Door-to-Door screening operations for checking corona, he has directed MC authorities for starting Anti-Dengue operations and surveillance along with flu/ ILI/ SARI.

- The Administrator also appealed to the residents to clean up their water tanks and sanitize their houses for preventing any outbreak of dengue. He further appealed the citizens to strictly follow the government's guidelines regarding hygiene and to wear masks in public places. He also advised the teams going on door to door survey to be most strict in inspection and reporting.