

DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

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ADMINISTRATOR REVIEWS ARRANGEMENTS IN THE CITY : WAR ROOM DIRECTIONS

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 DIRECTIONS

1. The Administrator expressed serious concern about the continuously rising cases of corona infected persons. He directed that intensive screening and testing should be done in affected pockets like Bapu Dham Colony, Sector 30-B and Kachi Colony. He desired that all resources and manpower should be concentrated on this and strict vigil to be maintained. He directed Director General of Police, Sh. Sanjay Beniwal to regularly patrol all the areas and take stringent action against those, who are found violating social distancing.

2. The Administrator directed Sh. AK Sinha, Finance Secretary to hear all stakeholders regarding the strategy for relaxation after 3rd May, 2020. He specifically emphasized that the opinion of Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Ex-MPs, other political leaders, counsellors,

RWAs, NGOs, Bar Associations, Market Associations and senior citizens should be taken while formulating the recommendations.

3. The Administrator stated that though Punjab Government has extended the curfew by two weeks the Chandigarh, UT will take a decision only after consulting all stakeholders and also the guidelines of Government of India on this subject on the 3rd may, 2020

4. The Administrator directed Sh. Vinod P. Kavle, Secretary, Food and Supplies to find ways to help non-ration card holders, who are also in need of assistance. He directed Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Sh. KK Yadav to see that the Grain Market in Sector 39 could be activated further, thereby de-congesting the crowd in Sabzi Mandi, Sector 26. He also stressed on the need for total sanitization of the area.

5. The Administrator directed Principal Secretary (Health) Sh. Arun Kumar Gupta to hold regular meetings with the chiefs of three medical institutions and to monitor the treatment being provided to the corona patients. He advised Principal Secretary (Health) to encourage downloading of Aarogya Setu Application by all residents so that they could be protected against inadvertent infection.

6. The Administrator directed Secretary Transport, Sh. Harish Nayar to ensure that all 1031 BS-IV vehicles, which have complete documents should be registered by 30th April, 2020 which is the last date given by the Supreme Court.

- Dr. G. Dewan, Director Health Services stated that 10.93 lacs residents have been screened by the mobile medical teams. He also stated that due to intensive screening and subsequent testing, more new cases in Bapu Dham Colony and Sector 30-B have been discovered. He also informed that fogging has been done in Sector 46 and Bapu Dham Colony.

- Sh. Mandip Singh Brar, Deputy Commissioner stated that 1.60 lacs cooked food packets have been distributed among the destitutes and needy persons in various parts of the city yesterday. He further informed that 6,050 MTs of wheat has been procured from the farmers. He further informed that 1,99,517 residents have downloaded Aarogya Setu Application till date.
- Sh. K K Yadav, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation stated that Affected Pockets in Bapu Dham Colony and Sector 30-B have been sealed and no entry/exist is being allowed. He further stated that Municipal Corporation is making arrangements for sale of grocery-essential items through government buses, which will be sent there every day.
- Sh. Vinod P. Kavle, Secretary, Food & Supplies stated that 45,000 eligible families have been distributed wheat and pulses under PMGKAY, thereby achieving the target of 70% so far.
- Sh. Sanjay Beniwal, Director General of Police informed that administrative action has been initiated against SHO and SI of Bapu Dham Colony, Police Station for negligence in preventing Anniversary party organized there.
- Manoj Parida, Adviser stated that 14 CCTV cameras in Bapu Dham Colony and 26 CCTV cameras in Sector 30-B have been installed. This will help police to monitor violation of social distancing in the area. He also informed that the affected zones in Bapu Dham Colony will be expanded to include 2,500 more people, so that there is greater effectiveness in containing the corona.
- The Administrator appealed to the residents to use hand hygiene and maintain social distancing measures to save themselves from corona infection.