

Minutes of the meeting regarding the discussion on the status of CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) across the State held on 24th March, 2020 at Chief Secretary Conference Hall, Dispur

The list of officers present in the meeting is given at Annexure "A"

The meeting was chaired by Shri Kumar Sanjay Krishna, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam. The Chief Secretary welcomed all the members and took stock of the overall situation that may arise in Assam after the lock down due to COVID-19.

After detailed discussion following issues were taken for necessary actions

- The Education department informed that all hostels have been vacated from the residential schools and steps have been taken to ensure continuous supply of mid-day meals by way of distribution of dry ration.
- The Food & Civil Supplies department informed that there is sufficient rice and dal for the coming week. However, special arrangements are to be made for supply to meet the shortage of potatoes and onions.
- The Food & Civil Supplies department to ensure that mass gathering is restricted in grocery shops and social distancing is maintained.
- DC, Kamrup-M was directed to identify shops ward wise and prepare a plan for home delivery.
- The Education department requested that all private vehicles should be stopped except those on emergency services and carrying goods. This was unanimously decided to be strict in enforcing the stoppage of unnecessary movement public.
- The Health & Family Welfare department informed that NHM office has been converted into COVID centre, GMCH has been identified as COVID 1 hospital and the District Hospital at Sonapur as COVID 2 hospital.
- The Social Welfare department informed that dry ration (instead of hot cooked meal)/ take away ration is being provided by Anganwadi workers during home visits.
- Magistrates to be deputed outside Kamrup Metro.
- All grocery shops should be limited to foot movement only.
- Heads of departments should be allowed to give permit for vehicles based on priority.
- The PHE department, GMC/Jal Board to ensure continuous supply of water in different parts of Guwahati city.
- The GDD/GMC to ensure ferrying of drivers from their homes to their work place for running water tankers.
- The private water tankers should be allowed to continue their services since several colonies/buildings are dependent on daily water supply from tankers.
- DC, Kamrup-M apprised the House that two hotels i.e Hotel Kiranshree Grand, Azara and Hotel Contour, Paltanbazar has been identified for quarantined patients in Kamrup-M. Apart from these two hotels Sarusajai stadium and Lakshmbai National Institute of Physical Education (LNIPE) has also been identified for isolation purpose.

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- DC, Kamrup Metro was directed to organise a meeting with the hawkers association of newspapers for distribution of the same since there is no restriction of distribution of newspapers and newspapers are a vital source for dissemination of information.
- Railways and the railway staff should be exempted from the purview of lock down under COVID-19
- DIPR to ensure that press releases are given twice daily.
- Some IAS and ACS officers are to be deputed specifically for the COVID-19 mitigation operation.
- Finance Department has indicated that Treasury works will continue through submission of scanned copies of sanction/ceiling by mail so that there is no physical crowding in front of the Treasuries.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks from the Chair.



(Kumar Sanjay Krishna)

Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam

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1. All concerned.

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