

**Minutes of the State Level Empowered Committee Meeting on COVID-19 held on  
15<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 (3 PM) at Chief Secretary's Conference Hall, Dispur**

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

The meeting was chaired by Jishnu Barua, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam.

Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department gave a detailed presentation on the COVID-19 scenario in the State of Assam followed by a presentation by CEO, ASDMA on suggestions received from Shri Bhaskar Barua, IAS (Retd.).

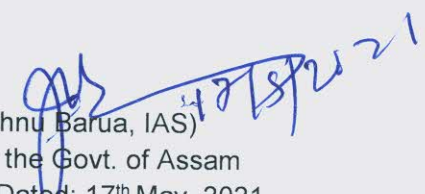
After threadbare discussion following suggestions were made:

1. Health & Family Welfare Department to popularize the emergency helpline number 104 for facilitating assistance to persons suffering from COVID-19.
2. To monitor the hoarding of drugs, higher pricing of pulse oximeter and other associated medical items Health & Family Welfare Department may put the concerned officials on alert.
3. Regarding functioning of electric crematorium at Guwahati, CEO, ASDMA will take up the issue with Guwahati Municipal Corporation for proper functioning and capacity enhancement of crematoriums.
4. CEO, ASDMA suggested :
  - to devise a transparent triage protocol for oxygen support to be provided to the COVID-19 patients based on their severity for efficient optimization of scarce resources.
  - to leverage technologies for minimizing the loss of oxygen during bottling, transportation, distribution and end usage.
  - to explore the possibilities for decentralized oxygen support system in hospitals and COVID care centres.
5. ASDMA will facilitate creation of a platform for psycho-social support to the people in need across the State.

Further, it was decided to issue an order by ASDMA in continuation of earlier order dated 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 in respect of urban areas and adjacent areas within 5 km radius from the periphery of municipal corporation / municipal boards / revenue towns with the following directives:

1. All shops and commercial establishments to shut down at 11 AM on all days.
2. All vehicles other than government vehicles and those exempted vide Order No. ASDMA.24/2020/Pt-2/250 dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 to be allowed to ply in accordance with an odd- even formula to be decided by the jurisdictional District Disaster Management Authority between 5 AM to 12 noon. However, this restriction shall not be applicable to personal vehicles used for medical emergencies.
3. There shall be total ban on movement of individuals from 12 noon to 5 AM daily, except for exemptions specified in earlier order dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2021.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks from the Chair.

  
(Jishnu Barua, IAS)

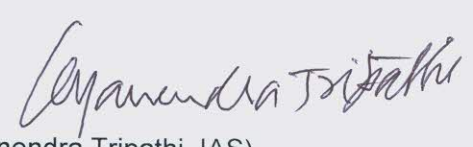
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam

Dated: 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2021

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1. All members of the State Level Empowered Committee.

  
(Gyanendra Tripathi, IAS)

Chief Executive Officer, ASDMA