

Minutes of the Stakeholders Meeting for precautionary measures to contain coronavirus held on 19th March, 2020 (Time: 5.00 PM) at Conference Hall of Home Department, CM Block, Janata Bhawan, Dispur, Guwahati

List of members present is at **Annexure-I**

The Additional Chief Secretary, Home & Political Department, Government of Assam took stock of the national & international scenario in the wake of the outbreak of coronavirus. The meeting was attended by officials from Home Department, Police, Health & FW Department, Home Guards & Civil Defence, Fire & Emergency Services, Transport Department, Assam State Disaster Management Authority, NDRF, ASTC, IWT.

Dr A C Baishya, ED, NHM briefed about the preparedness of Health & Family Welfare Department in coordination with WHO guidelines towards containment of coronavirus like screening modalities, available testing facilities, community containment plan, etc.

After detailed discussion with the officers present, the following decisions were taken:

- Task Force constituted by Health Department may be expanded with inclusion of representatives from Home Department, Police, Transport Department and ASDMA since joint collaborative effort is called for to tackle this crisis **(Action: Health Deptt)**
- Health Department is requested to ensure the availability of all advisories / circulars / IEC materials for containment of corona virus issued by Gol, Health Department and other departments on their web portal in downloadable forms **(Action: Health Deptt)**
- Make available of preventive face mask for all stakeholders working for containment of COVI-19 by the Health Department. Police personnel may be given such masks urgently. **(Action: Health Deptt)**
- Health Department may like to prepare a Calibrated Action Plan inclusive of Effective Community Containment plan in anticipation of future severity of the coronavirus outbreak **(Action: Health Deptt)**
- All departments may be requested to notify Nodal Officers for facilitating matters related to prevention of coronavirus **(Action: All concerned Departments)**
- Health Department is to help IWT Department for availability of basic medical equipments screening of commuters at ferry-ghats **(Action: Health Deptt, IWT)**
- Health Department is requested to issue daily Press Briefing **(Action: Health Deptt)**
- Robust screening mechanism may be developed by Health Deptt to cope up with any future eventuality **(Action: Health Deptt)**
- Maintain adequate stock of essential commodities, baby food and essential medicines etc. by the Food & Civil Supply and Health Department respectively. For this purpose, the Food & Civil Supply Department may be alerted. **(Action: Health Deptt, Food & Civil Supply Deptt)**
- SDRF's training and preparedness should be scaled up on the lines of NDRF and also procure modern gadgets to handle COVID - 19 virus outbreak etc. **(Action: Fire & Emergency Services)**

The meeting ended with vote of thanks from the Chair.


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1. All Govt Officers present for information and necessary action


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&DM Deptt and CEO, ASDMA