

**GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI  
DELHI DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

F.No.1(579)/DDMA(HQ)/Meeting/COVID/2021-22/402

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**MINUTES OF THE 25<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF DELHI DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (DDMA) HELD THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING ON 29.09.2021 (Wednesday) AT 10:30 AM UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HON'BLE LT. GOVERNOR, DELHI**

1. The 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) to discuss the COVID-19 pandemic situation in NCT of Delhi was held on September 29, 2021 through Video Conferencing under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Delhi.
2. At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed all the participants and requested the Chief Secretary, Delhi to start the proceedings.
3. Thereafter, Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD made a presentation and apprised the participants about the current situation of COVID-19 pandemic in NCT of Delhi. The presentation outlined the statistical overview of COVID-19 pandemic in Delhi in respect of current situation & trend analysis of COVID cases, testing and containment measures, health system preparedness, enforcement of COVID appropriate behaviour, vaccination in GNCT and status of genome sequencing. A snap-shot of COVID-19 cases in Delhi vis-a-vis India was presented as under:-

Summary	India	Delhi
Total Cases	3,36,97,581	14,38,746
Total recovered/discharged/migrated	3,29,58,002	14,13,295
Total active Cases	2,92,206	366
Total number of deaths	4,47,373	25,085
Case Fatality Rate (in %)	1.33	1.74
Recovery Rate (in %)	97.81	98.23
Avg. Growth Rate	0.082%	0.0023%
Total Tests Done	56,57,30,031	2,74,59,389
Tests per million	4,18,439	14,45,231



4. It was stated that as far as testing in Delhi was concerned, it has been ahead of the National average. Daily cases have remained in double digits and active cases have also fallen sharply. Positivity ratio has been in the range of 0.05% or so over the last 30 days. The daily tests have remained high with around 70% being RT-PCR. Monthly occupancy of bed capacity has been around 2% only. Deaths have considerably reduced and total of 3 deaths have been reported in the month of September, 2021 and "Nil" deaths have been reported on most the days. Enforcement of Covid Appropriate Behaviour is continuing both by District Administration and the Police.

5. On Genome Sequencing, Secretary (H&FW) informed that 6235 samples have been sent to NCDC, 839 samples to ILBS and 41 samples to LNH. In most of the samples Delta/B.1.617.2 variant has been reported.

6. Thereafter, an overview of the status of the dedicated hospital beds capacity was shared. It was informed that as against 25106 Covid beds and 6867 ICU beds on 25.05.2021, it is now targeted to have 37,000 beds with 12,000 ICU beds. Mapping of 37,000 beds with 10,594 ICU beds has been done and preparations are underway for more ICU beds.

7. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD gave an update on establishment of PSA plants in Delhi. It was informed that a total 83 PSA Plants (57 Donor + 26 PM CARES) with total capacity of 100.30 MT are either installed or under-installation. Total 53 PSA plants (33 Donor + 20 PM CARES) with capacity of 65.54 MT have already been commissioned. 5 PSA plants of PM CARES with capacity of 7.56 MT will be commissioned by 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2021. 1 PSA plant under PM CARES funds with capacity of 0.90 MT will be commissioned by 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2021. 8 Plants (Donor) with capacity of 6.30 MT have reached the respective hospitals and are likely to be commissioned by 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2021. The other 6 Plants (Donor) with capacity of 5.51 MT have reached the respective hospitals and are likely to be commissioned by 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2021. He further gave an update about LMO storage tanks in which 8 tanks with combined capacity of 421 MT have been installed and 2 hospitals have received PESO license. In respect of 6 tanks, process for grant of PESO license is underway and likely to be received by 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2021. Further, 2 cryogenic bottling plants with capacity of 12.5 MT will be commissioned by 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2021. These will have the capacity to refill 1400 jumbo cylinders in 24 hours.

8. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD informed that vaccination of more than 171.71 lakh doses have been administered as on 27.09.2021. 1<sup>st</sup> dose has been administered to 1.17 crores beneficiaries (78% of eligible population) and 2<sup>nd</sup> dose administered to 54 lakhs beneficiaries (36% of eligible population). Vaccination capacity of government centers has been increased to 3.1 to 3.2 lakhs doses per day i.e. nearly 40% increase in the month of September, 2021. Stock of vaccine as on 28.09.2021, was 4.88 lakh doses and 38 lakhs doses have been received in the month of September, 2021 as against earlier allocation of 30 lakh doses. As of now 32 lakh doses have been allocated for the month of October, 2021 but additional doses



would be available as per demand. It was also informed that change in vaccination strategy was needed to cover the remaining target groups. Hence, it has been decided to have a focused approach to reach the balance eligible beneficiaries. For this purpose identification, mobilization, setting up of camps, mobile teams with strong IEC campaign is being planned. It is also the right time to de-incentivize / incentivize remaining beneficiaries for vaccination by making mandatory vaccination for entry in malls, Delhi Metro, restaurants and offices. Secretary (H&FW) informed that Sero Survey has been started from 24.09.2021 in 100 MCD's wards, 10,721 samples collected in first 3 days and sample collection activity is to be completed by 04.10.2021.


9. Thereafter, Director of Education, GNCTD also made a presentation on the recommendation of Joint Committee of the Officers from Education and Health Departments, GNCT of Delhi regarding re-opening of schools. He stated that as per directions in the last DDMA meeting the Committee was constituted with following terms of reference:-

- i. To review the situation regarding the effects of reopening of schools for classes IX to XII.
- ii. To evaluate the preparedness for further reopening of schools for classes VI to VII.
- iii. To review the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) issued by DDMA in its order dated 30.08.2021 in light of the effects of reopening of schools for classes IX to XII and recommend suitable amendments if required.
- iv. To submit its report/recommendations before the next meeting of DDMA.

10. Director, Education Department, GNCTD mentioned that, based on the terms of reference, the Joint Committee has made following observations:

- No reported instance of any increased local transmission of COVID-19 in Delhi due to reopening of schools for Classes IX to XII.
- There has been steady increase in attendance of students (approx. 80%) physically attending the schools.
- Approximately 95% of the teachers and other staff of the schools have been vaccinated.
- COVID Appropriate Behaviour (CAB) is being strictly followed in all schools.

The Joint Committee also recommended as under:



- The schools may be reopened for Classes VI to VIII from 01.10.2021.
- Attendance to be voluntary and with parental consent only.
- Only 50% of the students to be called in schools.
- Blended mode of teaching learning process (online and Offline) should be continued.
- Vaccination of teachers and other staff in schools should be prioritized.
- Schools may resume the transport facility for the students with 50% seating capacity and following the Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB).

**11.** Dr. V.K. Paul, Member, Niti Aayog observed that the presentation of Health and Family Welfare Department, GNCT of Delhi reflect many positives. It is very heartening to note that 1<sup>st</sup> dose of vaccination has been administered to nearly 78% of the eligible beneficiaries. Preparations for any possible 3<sup>rd</sup> wave also seem to be consistent and robust. He stated that next 2 to 3 months are very critical as festivals like Navratra, Dusshera and Diwali are approaching. During these times people tend to move and congregate in markets for shopping. Community celebration of festivals also takes place. Dr. V.K. Paul, Member, Niti Aayog suggested that a campaign for celebrating the festivals in a simple manner and a narrative on this should also be set in motion. Therefore, he stressed that Covid Appropriate Behaviour must be ensured. A visible campaign for ensuring this should be launched and should include all stakeholders. Regarding introduction of vaccine passports, he suggested that this may be taken up in graded manner. On opening of the schools, he suggested that this call may be taken after festival season as by that time there would be higher coverage of vaccination as well. Dr. V.K. Paul, Member also suggested that Auto / Taxi drivers and all other groups who are in frequent contact with general public should be 100% vaccinated. He stressed that a visible campaign on compulsory wearing of masks should also be considered.

**12.** Dr. Randeep Guleria, Director, AIIMS observed that GNCT of Delhi has done excellent work. However, he stated that though the vaccination capacity of 3 lakh doses per day was very good but it can further be increased. He suggested mobile vaccination camps for those who are unable to come to the vaccination centers. 100% vaccination of all Health Care Workers, Front Line Workers, teachers and other staff working in the schools must be ensured. Regarding opening of schools, he observed that it would be safer to open schools after Diwali as there would be number of holidays in the coming festival months and as such there would be no impact on the studies of the students.

**13.** Prof. Balram Bhargava, DG, ICMR, commended the excellent work done by the Delhi Government. However, he suggested that there should be 100%

vaccination of all teachers and staff associated with the functioning of the schools, with zero tolerance. He observed that 78% vaccination for first dose is less than what is achievable. He suggested that coming holidays should be used for 'Mega Vaccination Drive through camps'.

14. Dr. Sujit Kumar Singh, Director, NCDC congratulated the entire team of Officers / doctors of GNCT of Delhi for continuing a very good work, particularly in respect of vaccination. He suggested that schools should be opened as number of infections, positivity rate is very low and it was right time in view of low risk. He said that mandatory vaccination could be implemented for Delhi metro / malls.

15. Sh. Krishna Vatsa, Member, NDMA observed that so far things have been going well in NCT of Delhi. He suggested mass campaign during coming festivals season for maintaining Covid Appropriate Behaviour by general public and avoid social gatherings and celebrate festivals at home. He was of the view that school for VI to VIII classes should be opened from 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2021 and for others it may be opened after Diwali.

16. The Joint Secretary, NDMA observed that vaccination be incentivized and "Vaccination Certificates" be utilized for designated places/ activities. He suggested opening of schools after Diwali. He further stated that transport of school children and capacity of the class should also be kept in view.

17. Hon'ble Minister of Health, GNCTD stated that it was time to open schools for classes VI to VIII as positivity and infections are very low.

18. Hon'ble Minister of Revenue, GNCTD agreed with the observation made by the Hon'ble Minister of Health, GNCTD. He further observed that most of the issues have been addressed by experts and other participants.

19. The Chief Secretary of Delhi observed that all officers, doctors, medical staff and all other personnel deployed on Covid-19 duties have performed exceedingly well. On management of COVID-19, he mentioned that the Delhi model has been very successful. However, for the coming festival season he stressed that maximum care is needed. While recapitulating the deliberations, he stated that following actions will be taken:

- Campaign for observing the Covid Appropriate Behaviour. Message has to be put across that there was no room for any complacency irrespective of the fact that infections and positivity rate are very low.
- Enforcement will be ramped up.
- Vaccination drives to be launched in mission mode. Coming holidays would be used for that purpose.




- The incentivization and de-incentivization of vaccination shall be worked out. 100% vaccination for government staff, front line workers, health care workers and those in the education eco-system may be ensured through issue of an appropriate order.
- Classes from VI to VIII and below to be allowed only after Diwali.
- Permissions for organization of festivities to be given with caution and care. Strict compliance of SOP to be ensured. Entry to the venues to be regulated. Police and District Administration may ensure a strict watch.

20. After detailed deliberations in accordance with the advice of the experts Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Delhi emphasised the need to strictly follow & enforce COVID Appropriate Behaviour (CAB) especially in wake of the upcoming festive season to prevent any resurgence of infection. It was suggested that community engagement and support to this effect should be ensured by way of an IEC campaign particularly in the vernacular languages. The Health Department was advised to ensure adequate availability of beds, medicines, oxygen etc to tackle any emergent situation and to enhance the pace and coverage of vaccination by way of greater outreach through Mobile Vaccination units & IEC activities with special focus on vulnerable population. All the stakeholders were called upon to work in a coordinated manner towards ensuring adequate preparedness for tackling any future challenges.

21. The members of Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) also resolved to ratify decisions / orders issued since the last meeting.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the chair.

  
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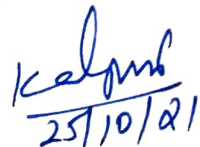
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2. Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, GNCTD.
3. Dr. V.K. Paul, Member, Niti Aayog, Govt. of India.
4. Secretary to the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi.
5. Secretary to Hon'ble Minister of Health, GNCTD.
6. Secretary to Hon'ble Minister of Revenue, GNCTD.
7. OSD to Chief Secretary, GNCTD.
8. Addl. Chief Secretary (Power), GNCTD.
9. ACS (UD)/Director, Local Bodies, Delhi Secretariat, Delhi.

10. Commissioner of Police, GNCT of Delhi.
11. Addl. Secretary (Policy and Plan), NDMA, MHA, Govt. of India.
12. General Officer Commanding (HQ), Delhi Cantt Area, Delhi.
13. ACS (Home), GNCTD/ State Nodal Officer, GNCTD.
14. ACS (H&FW), GNCTD.
15. Pr. Secretary (Revenue), GNCTD.
16. Prof. Balram Bhargava, DG-ICMR, Govt. of India.
17. Sh. Krishna Vatsa, Member, NDMA, Gol.
18. Sh. Kamal Kishore, Member, NDMA, Gol.
19. Dr. Randeep Guleria, Director, AIIMS.
20. Dr. Sujit Kumar Singh, Director, NCDC.
21. Director, Education Department, GNCTD.
21. Sr. System Analyst, Revenue Department, GNCTD for uploading the Minutes of Meeting on the DDMA website.

  
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