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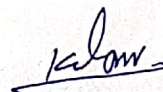
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING ON 02.09.2020
UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HON'BLE LT. GOVERNOR, DELHI**

1. A meeting to discuss COVID-19 pandemic situation in NCT of Delhi was held on September 02, 2020 through Video Conferencing under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Lt. Governor. List of participants is enclosed.
2. At the outset, Chairperson welcomed the participants. While recognizing the all out efforts being made for handling of the COVID19 situation Hon LG observed that coordinated action should be taken to contain the spread of COVID and due care and caution should be exercised while proceeding ahead with unlocking.
3. Thereafter, Dr. V. K. Paul, Member, NITI Aayog, Gol briefed the participants about the efforts made so far. He outlined that significant progress has been made so far in the fight against COVID-19 due to unified efforts of all the stakeholders in Delhi. The test-track-treat strategy has effectively delivered. However, there has been a spike again in the last 2-3 weeks and as such, it is important to generate awareness among the people so that there is no compliance fatigue besides continuing with strategic testing and effective containment and surveillance efforts. At the same time quality and efficiency of clinical services needs to be maintained. A new challenge that has emerged on the horizon is the possible flooding of patients in hospitals of Delhi from neighbouring states particularly UP.
4. Thereafter, Pr. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD made a presentation and apprised about the situation about the scenario as on date in Delhi. The presentation outlined the recent trends captured in the month of August, 2020 and observations on the same. The Case Fatality Rate (CFR) has seen a significant dip in August at 1.23% vis-à-vis 2.53% in July and 3.37% in June. Three days in August saw single-digit deaths but a spike in cases has been seen in the last two weeks of August. 35% increase in the positive cases in the 4th week of August over the 3rd week of August. 30-40% of the daily new cases are coming from same family and increasing incidence of cases in migrant habitations has been observed.
5. Pr. Secretary (H&FW) briefed that certain probable reasons for increase in positivity rate include lack of adherence to COVID-appropriate behavior; impact of festivals in the month of August; late testing being done by COVID suspects; cross-infection; return of migrants and unlock measures. Thereafter, the testing status was informed to the participants. Almost 29000 tests were conducted on 01.09.2020 – a significant scaling up. Additionally, the observations/directions of Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in WP (C) 3031/2020 were brought to the notice of the meeting participants, which are as follows:
 - a. Delhi Government ought to take urgent steps to ensure that testing facilities are set up at all the Inter-state Bus Terminals including those situated at Anand Vihar, Kashmere Gate and Sarai Kale Khan and at the Railway Stations for Migrant populations **within one week.**

- b. Delhi Govt. to come up with an Advisory in respect of persons who wish to get themselves tested for COVID-19 infection through RT-PCR, as long as it does not adversely impact the testing of samples sent by Delhi Govt. to private laboratories or the timeline within which the reports are to be submitted by the said labs to the Delhi Govt.
 - c. Delhi Govt. shall take measures to re-strategise the testing plan in Delhi so that maximum number of persons, who are asymptomatic, can undergo a test through RT-PCR to prevent the spread of COVID-19 infection, more so, since Unlockdown-4 has been declared and free movement of people has been permitted in almost all the sectors.
 - d. While drawing up fresh guidelines, Delhi Govt. shall examine as to whether the necessity of obtaining a prescription from a private doctor for undergoing the RT-PCR should be made mandatory/optional or done away with.
 - e. To place on record the analysis of the second sero-surveillance with a comparison of the results thrown up in the first round of sero-surveillance conducted in Delhi.
6. Further, Pr. Secretary (H&FW) informed the district-wise status about the containment zones. An overview of the hospital beds capacity including ICU beds and ventilators was also shared. The status so far reveals a comfortable position as of now. It was apprised that outside-Delhi admissions has remained stable so far. A brief snapshot about the results of the second sero survey was also shared.
7. Thereafter, on queries by Dr. Paul, Pr. Secretary (H&FW) informed that for every positive case, 5 contacts are traced and quarantined on an average. Dr. Paul apprised that our testing as on date is insufficient given the high positivity rate. Further, 18% of active cases coming from containment zones points to the clear need for review of Containment Zone strategy with geography/area specific interventions. Further, ICU beds and ventilator occupancy status is a cause for significant worry. Further, 15 contacts per positive case should be identified and quarantined as per guidelines. Pr. Secretary (H&FW) assured that the gaps identified would be focused upon in collaboration with NCDC. Chief Secretary, Delhi also issued directions for early resolution of these gaps, particularly the number of contacts being traced per positive case. DGHS, GNCTD Dr. Nutan Mundeja apprised that an initial strategy on contact tracing in collaboration with NCDC has been formulated which would be submitted shortly. She apprised that people are reluctant to share the details of all their contacts but accepted the Chief Secretary's direction to use technology more extensively such as ITIHAS, Aarogya Setu etc. Chief Secretary apprised Hon'ble LG that testing would be enhanced significantly as per protocol to be devised in view of Hon'ble High Court order. Hon'ble LG advised that besides the entry points like bus stops, railway stations etc, hotspots like large-scale construction sites should also be covered through special camps for targeted testing.
8. Dr. Randeep Guleria, Director AIIMS stressed on the need to factor in the change in behavior of public given the unlock, while formulating the revised testing strategy. He pointed out that more critical care admissions are happening and hospital strategy also needs to factor this.



9. Dr. Sujit Kumar Singh, Director NCDC, informed that they have had fruitful discussions with DGHS, Delhi w.r.t containment, testing and contact tracing. He also pointed out the growing reluctance of common man to be tested given the fact that he/she would be quarantined which would result in loss/break in his/her livelihood activities. Mortality rate would inevitably rise given the increase in critical-care admissions. Also, there is a need to keep a sharp focus on events which may result in spike in cases. Herd immunity has not been achieved yet anywhere in the world. The most vulnerable populace is those who have hitherto followed COVID-appropriate behavior till now.
10. Hon'ble LG advised that an intensive and sustained IEC campaign, particularly in vernacular media, should be launched by Government for ensuring community engagement to enhance testing and to ensure strict adherence to Covid-appropriate behavior by all. He strongly endorsed the use of technology for contact tracing, quarantine and containment zone planning. He cautioned that no one should get complacent about COVID-19 disease. Hon'ble CM also endorsed this. Dr. Paul advised to explore a testing-on-call facility.
11. Dr. Balram Bhargava, DG-ICMR, GoI stated that Delhi needs to continue to ramp up the testing facilities to reach the WHO guidelines of 5% positivity rate. At the same time, RT-PCR testing must also be scaled up while RAT testing should continue to complement the efforts.
12. CP, Delhi agreed the need for publicity campaign. He stated that on an average 10000 people are being penalized daily with over 5 lakh challans so far.
13. Sh. Krishna Vatsa, Member NDMA, emphasized the need to associate the disaster management officials more closely in the efforts to contain and manage COVID-19, particularly at higher level.
14. Dr. P. Ravindran, Addl. DDG (DGHS) & Director EMR, MoHFW, GoI stated that the home isolation cases within a family need to be brought down through concerted efforts. He also emphasized to increase the contact tracing efforts. He expressed concern about the high positivity rate among healthcare workers in Delhi which appears to be high.
15. Encapsulating the deliberations so far, Dr. Paul summarized that testing strategy needs to be reviewed and contact tracing enhanced. Hospital services needs to be reviewed although there is some headroom, which is steadily shrinking. A multi-dimensional IEC programme is a must. Home isolation cases need to be continuously reviewed. With respect to industry, joint guidelines of Ministry of Labour, GoI and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare are about to be issued which must be enforced strictly in the industrial areas. Also, technology needs to be leveraged more effectively. Rural areas need to be focused separately. Delhi Police should also ramp up its efforts against violators of the covid-appropriate behavior besides doing an IEC campaign on its own.
16. CP, Delhi requested if the penalties for COVID 19 violations could be hiked. Hon'ble LG advised that first Delhi Police should issue Public Appeal/Advertisement for sensitizing public about COVID 19 violations and penalties and if the same is not found effective, the quantum could be reviewed at later stage but for now, the violators must be dealt sternly as per law.
17. The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the chair.



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4. Secretary to Hon'ble Minister of Health, GNCTD.
5. Secretary to Hon'ble Minister of Revenue, GNCTD.
6. OSD to Chief Secretary, GNCTD.
7. Pr. Secretary (Home), GNCTD.
8. Commissioner of Police, Delhi Police, Jai Singh Marg, New Delhi.
9. Ms. Arti Ahuja, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI.
10. Pr. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD.
11. Pr. Secretary (Revenue), GNCTD.
12. Dr. V.K. Paul, Member, NITI Aayog, Gol.
13. Prof. Balram Bhargava, DG-ICMR, Gol.
14. Sh. Krishna Vatsa, Member NDMA
15. Sh. Kamal Kishore, Member NDMA
16. Dr. Randeep Guleria, Director, AIIMS
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18. Dr. Sujit Kumar Singh, Director, NCDC.
19. Dr. Nutan Mundeja, DGHS, GNCTD


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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEETING HELD ON 02.09.2020 AT 11.00 AM
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1. Hon'ble Chief Minister, Delhi Sectt., I.P. Estate, Delhi.
2. Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, GNCTD
3. Hon'ble Minister of Revenue, GNCT of Delhi.
4. Hon'ble Minister of Health, GNCT of Delhi.
5. OSD to the Chief Secretary, GNCT of Delhi, I.P. Estate, Delhi Sectt., Delhi
6. Dr. V.K. Paul ; Member, NITI Aayog
7. Pr. Secretary (Home), 5th Level, C-Wing, Delhi Secretariat, I.P. Estate, Delhi.
8. Commissioner of Police, Delhi Police, Headquarter, I.P. Estate, Delhi.
9. Ms. Arti Ahuja, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI.
10. Pr. Secretary (Health), Health & Family Welfare Deptt, GNCT of Delhi.
11. Pr. Secretary (Revenue) cum Divisional Commissioner, GNCT of Delhi.
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18. Secretary (Health) GNCT of Delhi.
19. Dr. Nutan Mundeja, DGHS, GNCTD
20. Sh. Ravi Dhawan, Spl. CEO, DDMA.
21. Sh. K.S. Meena, Spl. CEO, DDMA
22. Sh. Rajesh Goyal, Additional CEO, DDMA

