

**GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI
DELHI DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DDMA HELD THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING ON
06.10.2020 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 October 06, 2020 through Video Conferencing under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Lt. Governor. List of participants is enclosed. The meeting of DDMA had been last held on 18.09.2020, in which the overall management of COVID-19 had been reviewed by DDMA.
2. At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed the participants. He appreciated the efforts made by all for handling the COVID19 situation. Hon'ble LG further observed that perspective planning and due care and caution needs to be observed to contain the pandemic in the coming festive months/ winter season while restoring economic activities and unlocking .
3. Thereafter, Pr. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD made a presentation and apprised about the situation/scenario as on date in Delhi. The presentation outlined the recent trends captured and observations on the same. The situation of Delhi vis-à-vis India was presented. At present, the Recovery Rate of Delhi stands at 90.22% in comparison to 84.34% of India. Further, the Doubling Rate in Delhi is now 70.71 days which compares favourably to 65.4 days for India. The tests per million for Delhi stand at 1,74,599 as on 06.10.2020 in comparison to the national figure of 59,964. The Case Fatality Rate (CFR) in respect of Delhi so far is 1.89%.
4. The recent trend of daily cases and active cases for the period 01.09.2020 to 05.10.2020, testing status, testing statistics etc. were also presented. The peak of second surge of COVID-19 was on 16.09.2020 when 4473 positive cases were recorded. The testing capacity in Delhi has seen a tremendous increase and a record 62669 tests were conducted on 14th September, 2020. Further, daily testing in Delhi has been consistently around 60000 mark. Due to the concerted efforts at district level and constant monitoring & guidance by H&FW Department, the active cases which had reached to 32,250 on 18.09.2020, have now declined to 23,080 on 05.10.2020. The positivity rate, which was 8.70% on 01.09.2020, has declined to 4.99% on 05.10.2020, which meets the positivity target set by WHO. The number of contacts traced per active case during 01.09.2020 to 04.10.2020 has increased to 9.83. The details of testing at various ingress points as well as by mobile testing teams was also shared. It was also shared that special emphasis has been given to the home-isolation strategy and only

three deaths in last three months among home isolation cases have taken place. Moreover, the number of deaths within 72 hours of hospitalization has also been reduced from 57.37% in June to 27.97% in September.

5. Pr. Secretary (H&FW) also briefed about the comprehensive low cost IEC campaign that would roll out w.e.f 07.10.2020 and the efforts made so far. Continuous awareness is being spread through slots on FM Radio/TV and advertisement in the Print Media including Vernacular Media. Various innovative methods have also been deployed by the Districts to spread awareness about COVID appropriate behavior like special care packages for the elderly and persons with co-morbidities, mascots, stamping on all official papers etc. An overview of the status of the hospital beds and the trend of hospital occupancy vis-à-vis active cases was also shared. The oxygen capacity and consumption details were also shared and the position currently is comfortable. Ambulance details also revealed a position of comfort presently.
6. Pr. Secretary (H&FW) also informed that 173 dedicated inter-departmental mobile teams have been formed across all Districts for concerted enforcement action. Fines are being levied for violation of National directives for COVID management. It was further informed that as part of regular monitoring of surveillance and containment measures, daily review meetings with DMs are being conducted under the leadership of worthy Chief Secretary and ACS/Nodal Officer.
7. After the presentation by Pr. Secretary (H&FW), Dr. Vinod Paul, Member, Niti Aayog made a presentation on Revised Strategy for control of COVID-19 (version 3.0). Detailed observations and recommendations of the Expert Committee were presented. Dr. Paul expressed concern that cases are being reported from all areas of all the Districts and hence existing containment zone strategy needs to be revised. Revamping the Containment Zone strategy, measures inside the Containment, Containment Zones with perimeter control in rural areas, management of isolated cases/home isolation, contact tracing activities, testing strategy etc. were outlined in his presentation.
8. Dr. Paul also placed on record that there are three reasons that may exert excessive pressure on healthcare services: i) winter months that make respiratory illness more severe ii) patients may come from outside Delhi in large numbers iii) patients coming from distant areas and festive-related gatherings. Therefore, he recommended that Delhi should prepare for a daily surge of 15000 positive cases and make arrangements for inpatient admissions roughly amounting to 20% of this surge. He also stressed on reducing mortality to the maximum extent possible.
9. Dr. Paul emphasized on implementation of non-pharmaceutical measures and COVID appropriate behavior such as focusing on masks, physical distance and hygiene. He also recommended, *inter-alia*, to launch a massive campaign for 100% compliance with mask which would be the single most important measure to prevent the spread of virus going forward. Measures to minimize gatherings during coming festive season, prevention of infection among healthcare workers, using Aarogya Setu, ITIHAS System

Cluster Projection and periodic sero-surveys were among the other recommendations of the Expert Committee. Dr. Paul complimented the team work done by officers under the guidance of Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Hon'ble Chief Minister and Chief Secretary, Delhi.

10. Dr. Randeep Guleria, Director AIIMS appreciated the work done by the entire team for successfully containing the COVID situation in Delhi after the second surge. He stressed on monitoring the ground reality with reference to COVID appropriate behavior and timely preparation to the upcoming festive season which, otherwise, may threaten with another surge in COVID-19 pandemic.
11. Hon'ble Chief Minister, Delhi, thereafter, placed on record his gratitude towards the Expert Committee for their efforts in devising a tailored strategy exclusively for NCT of Delhi.
12. Dr. Surjit Kumar Singh, Director NCDC, stated that certain aspects like upcoming festive season and reopening of Schools shall be required to be examined in detail. He also submitted that tests should not be target-driven, rather they should be guided by the prescribed settings in the strategy document.
13. Chief Secretary, Delhi thanked Dr. Paul and the Expert Committee for their valuable inputs. However, he mentioned the need to obtain clarification / relaxation from MHA w.r.t. implementing perimeter control on a case-to-case basis in containment zones outside rural areas as suggested in the revised strategy, as the same are in marginal variance from the MHA guidelines which mandate strict perimeter control in all Containment Zones. Hon'ble LG agreed with this requirement.
14. Finally, Hon'ble Lt. Governor expressed his gratitude towards the experts for their valuable contribution. He advised that all necessary efforts should be made to adequately prepare for the upcoming festive /winter season and the status of preparedness to be reviewed after 2 weeks for further guidance and inputs of the Expert Committee towards improving the same as considered necessary.
15. The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the chair.


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