

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

F.No.1(579)/DDMA(HQ)/Meeting/COVID/2021-22 / 80 Dated: 17/05/2021

**MINUTES OF THE 20TH MEETING OF DELHI DISASTER MANAGEMENT
AUTHORITY (DDMA) HELD THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING ON 09.04.2021
UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HON'BLE LT. GOVERNOR, DELHI**

1. The 20th DDMA meeting to discuss the COVID-19 pandemic situation in NCT of Delhi was held on April 9, 2021 through Video Conferencing under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Delhi.
2. At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed the participants. He stated that so far the situation of COVID cases has been under control but expressed concern on recent spurt in COVID positive cases in the last 2 weeks and emphasized that this rising trend needs to be curbed by taking quick corrective actions.
3. The Chief Secretary, Delhi requested Sh. Ashish Verma, OSD, Health and Family Welfare Department, GNCTD to make a presentation on the current situation and management of COVID-19 pandemic in Delhi.
4. Thereafter, OSD (H&FW), GNCTD made a presentation and apprised the participants about the COVID-19 situation in Delhi. The presentation outlined the statistical review of COVID-19 pandemic in Delhi in respect of current situation & trend analysis of COVID cases, testing, containment, contact tracing, enforcement of COVID appropriate behaviour, vaccination & health system preparedness in GNCT Delhi. A snap-shot of COVID-19 cases in Delhi vis-a-vis India was presented as under:-

Summary	India	Delhi
Total Cases	12928574	690568
Total recovered/discharged/migrated	11851393	659980
Total active Cases	910319	19455
Total number of deaths	166862	11133
Case Fatality Rate (in %)	1.29%	1.61%
Recovery Rate (in %)	91.67%	95.57%
Growth Rate	0.75%	0.60%

Total Tests Done	252677379	15165413
Tests per million	186891	798179

5. It was highlighted that as far as testing in Delhi was concerned, it has been much ahead of the National average. The tests per million in Delhi are more than four times the National average at 7,98,179 and compares favorably to 1,86,891 at the National level. He further mentioned that the ratio of RT-PCR testing has been at more than 65% of the total tests and with continued focus on enhanced testing, this would be further increased to a level of 70% of the total tests.
6. The recent trend of daily cases and active cases since the last DDMA meeting on 22.03.2021 was also presented. It was explained that active cases have risen to 19,455 which is 2.13% of the total active cases in India as on 07.04.2021. Daily testing levels in Delhi have been maintained around 85,000 tests on an average with 103453 & 90201 tests on 05.04.2021 & 06.04.2021 respectively with positivity rate of 6.1%. The positivity rate in Delhi is much less as compared to the States of Maharashtra (25.91%), Chhattisgarh (24.38%), Madhya Pradesh (12.10%), West Bengal (8.13%), Andhra Pradesh (7.33%), Haryana (7.26%). A total of 3,32,770 tests have been carried out from 01.04.2021 to 06.04.2021 with component of RT-PCR tests being 65.00% of the total tests. For further addition of RTPCR testing capacity, approval of ICMR is needed. The daily deaths have also been in low double digits despite the rapid increase in the COVID cases.
7. Thereafter, an overview of the status of the hospital beds capacity and escalation of beds in private and govt. hospitals was shared. It was informed that in private hospitals COVID beds were escalated from 15% to 25% or double the occupancy (as on 30th March) whichever is higher. COVID beds in private hospitals were further escalated to 30% or double the occupancy (as on 5th April) whichever is higher. This has increased the beds from 1705 (30th March) to 4422 (after escalation). COVID ICU beds have also been increased from 608 to 1357. In Delhi govt. hospitals COVID beds were escalated from 1370 in 5 hospitals to 3910 in 11 hospitals as on 8th April. COVID ICU beds were escalated from 276 in 4 hospitals to 630 in 10 hospitals on 5th April. On ambulances, the OSD (H&FW) informed that at present a total strength of 454 CATS ambulances is available and response time is well under 15 minutes and refusal is also nil. The fleet capacity can be further increased at a short notice if the situation so arises.
8. On vaccination, OSD (H&FW), GNCTD informed that Vaccination capacity has been increased to 1.05 lac doses with 791 CVCs at 600

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facilities. A total of 17,97,506 vaccinations have been carried out comprising 212289(HCWs), 272771(FLWs), 995297(45+) & 317149(2nd dose). Hospitals are working 7 days a week while the dispensaries are vaccinating for five days in a week, as on to other days, normal immunization is carried out in the dispensaries. Government of India has been requested to allow vaccination at non-medical sites like community centers, schools, work-places, RWA premises. Government of India has also been requested to allow vaccination at non-medical sites like community centers, schools, work-laces, RWA premises. Government of India has also been requested to revisit operational guidelines on dispensaries in urban settings as many dispensaries in Delhi have space shortage and therefore vaccinations have not commenced there. AEFI cases in Delhi have seen a downward trend and has now stabilized. There has not been any medical emergencies or concerns in this regard.

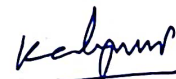
9. Dr. Samiran Panda, representing ICMR, stated that a detailed analysis of vaccine coverage among the 45+ group and 65+ group may be carried out. He further observed that in view of upcoming festivals it was important to engage community organizations and suggested partnership with these organizations for bringing out a behaviour change among the community. He also referred to the recent study on re-infection among the previous COVID patients. He emphasized that this group of people should not think that they are protected from the virus nor are the vaccinated person, this message also needs to be spread among the community.
10. Dr. Guleria, Director, AIIMS stressed the need for continued aggressive testing and tracking of cases. Dr. Guleria, Director, AIIMS emphasized that bed requirements need to be relooked and must be ramped up. He suggested that rail coaches, hotels etc. may be considered for this purpose as it is necessary to be well prepared considering the rapid spurt of cases in Delhi. Besides this, human resources also to be increased. Engagement of Community Leaders was also emphasized for COVID Appropriate Behaviour.
11. Dr. Sujit Kumar Singh, Director NCDC observed that this particular surge of COVID-19 has probably come through Haryana and Punjab which has large prevalence of U.K. strain / variant. He mentioned that high transmission is likely to happen and it would difficult to control the situation with available resources. He advised that since the pandemic is fast and all measures would have to be enhanced substantially. He further informed that as per the trend noticed it has found that the virus is spreading in families and therefore quarantine of all family members must be ensured. This is the only way to check the further spread of the virus.



12. Sh. Kamal Kishore, Member, NDMA observed that there was lot of variations in the positivity rate in various districts of Delhi. He commended the enforcement efforts of Covid Appropriate Behaviour and suggested that area specific strategy strict enforcement of COVID Appropriate Behaviour and action against large scale violations found in restaurants and bars. Aggressive IEC campaign on vaccination should also be pushed further.
13. Sh. Krishna Vatsa, Member, NDMA suggested that regulations on office attendance in government as well as private organizations needs to be relooked. Presence of office staff on alternate days may help in checking the spread of virus as this would inevitably reduce travelling. He also emphasized that curb on social activities must be resorted to. Shri Krishna Vatsa, Member, NDMA also mentioned that profiling of casualties may also be made so as to prepare suitable strategy according to age group of the casualties. On IEC campaign, he stated the larger message should be that the situation is under full control.
14. Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Delhi referred to the proposed holding of IPL matches and wanted to enquire whether spectators would be allowed in the stadium at Firozshah Kotla. Pr. Secretary (Revenue), GNCTD informed that matches are on 28.04.2021 and 30.04.2021 and it has been advised that the matches be slotted in view of night curfew with no spectators. Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Delhi stated that Board examinations are going to be held in the month of May, 2021 and teachers of private schools would be deployed as invigilators in the exams. He stated that these teachers should be considered for enrollment as Front Line Workers for the purpose of having vaccination. Hon'ble Dy. CM also suggested that vaccination for Class X & XII students should also be considered and Government of India may be requested to bring vaccination for children as well, like many other countries in the world. He stated that nearly 6 lacs students and 1 lac teachers would be involved in the CBSE exams and vaccination should be available for them on priority.
15. Hon'ble Chief Minister, Delhi agreed with the deliberations and the suggestions made by the Experts. He further recalled all arrangements for management of COVID situation in NCT of Delhi would have to be scaled up to the previous level when 2nd and 3rd surge was reported in Delhi. Hon'ble CM, Delhi broadly agreed with the Hon'ble Dy. CM, Delhi and emphasized that exam centers should not become hot-spots for COVID spread. Vaccination for children is necessary and the matter may be taken up with the Govt. of India.



16. The Commissioner of Police, Delhi informed that the drive against the persons not maintaining COVID Appropriate Behaviour in public places has been increased and nearly 2,000 prosecutions have been made. He stated that due to the enhanced drive it has been noticed that in the areas where higher violations were reported to the extent of 70-80% the violations have now come down to 30-35%. He suggested restrictions on subzi mandis, weekly markets, religious / political gatherings and in malls.
17. Finally, Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Delhi emphasized for the strict enforcement of COVID Appropriate Behaviour, particularly in market places, public transport, work places etc. especially in the wake of upcoming festivals and in view of the recent surge in COVID-19 cases in Delhi. Besides ensuring enhanced capacity and dedicated resources in hospitals for treatment of COVID-19 patients, the District Administration were directed to ensure optimum utilization of existing COVID Care Centres. The officials were advised to further strengthen the implementation of Testing, Tracing and Treatment strategies with focus on Micro Containment Zones and geographical areas with high incidences of COVID-19 cases. Further, Hon'ble Lt. Governor advised Health Department to scale up vaccination efforts so as to enhance coverage and also undertake appropriate IEC campaign to sensitize people towards vaccination and critical need for strictly adhering to COVID Appropriate Behaviour. He further advised the Health Department to consider temporary engagement of health professionals. Hon'ble Lt. Governor called for collective, concerted and coordinated efforts by all stakeholders to successfully overcome the COVID-19 pandemic.
18. The members of Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) also resolved to ratify decisions / orders issued since the last meeting.


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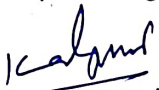
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3. Dr. V.K. Paul, Member, Niti Aayog, Govt. of India.
4. Secretary to the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi.
5. Secretary to Hon'ble Minister of Health, GNCTD.
6. Secretary to Hon'ble Minister of Revenue, GNCTD.
7. OSD to Chief Secretary, GNCTD.

8. Addl. Chief Secretary (Power)/State Nodal Officer, GNCT of Delhi.
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. Pr. Secretary (Home), GNCTD.
14. Pr. Secretary (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. P. Ravindran, Addl. DDG (DGHS) & Director EMR, MoHFW, Gol.
21. Dr. Sujit Kumar Singh, Director, NCDC.
22. Sr. System Analyst, Revenue Department, GNCTD for uploading the Minutes of Meeting on the DDMA website.


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