



## Covid-19 CM in full swing

### Focus On 'Ruthless Containment' To Stop Spread of Covid-19 Infection

**Jaipur:** Chief Minister Shri Ashok Gehlot has said that focus should be on 'Ruthless Containment' to stop spreading of Covid-19 infection. Curfew in areas identified as hotspots and lockdown in the vicinity of these areas should be strictly followed. Asking to follow the 'Bhilwara Model' he directed to survey every house by forming more teams so that corona infected people are identified on time and spreading of infection could be stopped. Shri Gehlot was discussing with district collectors of various districts and senior officers involved in preventing spreading of corona infection through video conference on Sunday from his official residence.

He took information about the tests being done every day in the districts having positive patients and about the availability of testing kits.

**Take Proper Care Of People in Quarantine Centre**  
Chief Minister directed to arrange maximum number of quarantine centres. He said quarantining of people in hospitals should be avoided because corona positive patients have to be kept in hospitals for treatment. He directed to take proper care of people kept in quarantine and provide them food on time. He said it is responsibility of the State Government to take care of people kept in quarantine. Form Separate Teams and Give Them Tasks

Shri Gehlot asked the Collectors to form separate



teams and give them tasks.

A team under the supervision of District Supply Officer should look after the arrangements of food, while a team led by the Medical Officer should look into screening in different areas. If any symptoms are found during screening, then that person should

be tested. He said rapid test kits are expected soon, after which the testing capacity will increase and large number of people could be covered.

**Lockdown and Curfew Should Be Strictly Followed**  
Chief Minister said that special precautions should be taken in districts that are badly

affected and directed to get the lockdown strictly followed in those areas. He said that in Bhilwara 25 corona positive people have recovered, but still around 6000 people are kept in home quarantine.

**Ensure Survey of Every Home**

He said that collectors in those districts should take this pandemic seriously in wherever corona positive patient is found and should ensure that each and every house is surveyed. Family members, relatives and other people who have come in contact with positive patient should be quarantined and if required should be kept in isolation.

He said it should be seen that no positive is left out by the health department. Family members of the person found

corona positive should be persuaded that the only measure to stop this pandemic is to stay in isolation.

He asked the collectors to pay special attention towards the thickly populated areas. Chief Secretary Shri DB Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary Home Shri Rajeeva Swarup took information from the Collectors about the people deployed at the quarantine centers and about the facilities available there.

Medical and Health Minister Dr. Raghu Sharma in the video conference took information about the measures being taken by the collectors of various districts to stop the spreading of infection and informed them about the facilities available on behalf of the department.

## Udaipur Lockdown | Section 144 to be extended till 3 May, Curfew lifts on 16 April



**Udaipur:** Collector Anandi in her address to media conveyed her appreciation towards the support given by residents of Udaipur district towards the lockdown. She appreciated the cooperation, patience and sensible approach shown by the people of Udaipur. This is the only reason that Udaipur is not facing the kind of situations like in the nearby areas. However, at this point in time, the continuing cooperation needs to continue till the nationwide lockdown is in place, to ensure that the efforts of the past month are not compromised, added Anandi.

The Collector declared that the lockdown provisions will be status quo till 3 May. Section 144 will continue to be in place till 3 May. However, with the four positive patients having recovered and no other contacts showing signs of having contracted the virus, the Curfew in Ambamata - Mulla Talai lifted on 16 April. However, the area will be under the routine lockdown as in the other parts of the city post the lifting of the Curfew.

Anandi also informed in her yet another press briefing, that over the last few days, in spite of the lockdown, people from nearby areas are entering Udaipur. They may be coming in from hotspots or highly infected areas. She informed that though the administration is taking full care and doctors are ensuring proper testing and home quarantine, residents also need to keep their eyes open. In case such entries are missed for some reason, residents in the neighborhood should call the control centre number and provide information. The Rapid Action team along with the doctors will ensure that these people are tested and quarantined.

Discipline in the coming days during Phase 2 of the Lockdown till 3 May is very important so that the impact of the previous efforts is not nullified.

## CM Shri Ashok Gehlot Writes Letter to Prime Minister

**Jaipur:** Chief Minister Shri Ashok Gehlot wrote a letter to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and requested him to take certain measures including inter-alia making available a grant of Rs. One lakh crores to the states in the wake of ongoing lockdown due to COVID-19 pandemic which has adversely affected the poor people. The first instalment of grant should be given to the States based on per person population. Later the grant amount can be given more to the States where infection is high and proportionally to the remaining States, he wrote.

Chief Minister while extending gratitude to the Prime Minister for the Government of India for announcing economic package looking to the COVID-19 pandemic said that the Government of India and States have to jointly fight this pandemic.

Shri Gehlot in his letter wrote that the Government of India should direct Reserve Bank of India to provide Rs. 1 lakh crore to States as an interest-free way and means advance. This should be done for 11 months from April 1, 2020. He has mentioned that economies of the States have been adversely affected due to COVID-19 pandemic. Looking to the huge decline in tax and non-tax revenue, he wrote that permission for additional 2% credit limit should be given immediately from Net Credit Limit which the States get.

Chief Minister further wrote that the Government of India has the power to give directions to apex level institutions such as Reserve Bank of India. The States expect that the Centre should grant moratorium of at least three months in the payment of instalments due to RBI and financial institutions under the Government of India. He said looking to the current situation of Bond Market, the development loan of State is available on higher interest rate compared to the Government of India.

Looking to the expenses to deal with COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of India should take new loans at its level and should provide advance loan to the States. He has asked to take this measure as a last resort. Shri Gehlot also wrote letter to Chief Ministers of various States citing the letter sent to the Prime Minister and requested them to take up these issues with the Government of India at their level, so that in the spirit of cooperative federalism, all the State Governments' resources are adequately augmented by the Government of India, which would strengthen the State Governments in their fight against COVID-19 pandemic.

ical emergencies and maintaining law and order.

The government also invoked the Disaster Management Act, 2005 to lay down penal provisions for violations of lockdown measures. For obstructing any officials, misappropriating money or materials and for making false claims, people may face up to two years of imprisonment and fines.

If someone is caught giving a false warning of any disaster, he or she may face a prison term of up to one year. Officials, too will face charges if they fail to perform their duties. The guideline also invoked section 188 of the Indian Penal Code to say that any disobedience of an order promulgated by a public servant can lead to fines and one month's jail term.

A government statement said the objective of the fresh guidelines is "to consolidate the gains achieved during the 1st phase of lockdown and further slow down the spread of Covid-19 and at the same time provide relief to farmers and labour and daily wage earners.

"It added that the government aims to ensure that "agricultural and related activities remain fully functional, the rural economy functions with maximum efficiency, employment opportunities are created for daily wage earners and other members of the labour force and select industrial activities are allowed to resume their operations with adequate safeguards and mandatory standard operating protocols (SOPs)."

"At the same time, keeping the imperative of containing the spread of Covid-19 in the country, National Directives for Covid-19 management have been laid down, which shall be enforced by the District Magistrates through fines and penal action as prescribed in the Disaster Management Act, 2005," the statement said.

## Nakate appeals to the people to always keep 'Aayu app' in their phones

**S**riganganagar, Sriganganagar Collector Shri Shiv Prasad M Nakate has appealed to the people to always keep 'Aayu app' in their phones. Covid -19 is a dangerous and deadly disease.

To save the country from this crisis and infection, "Medcordus Company has created an "Aayu app" through which people can get medicines from home." The need of the hour is that people do not leave their homes to avoid infection with the corona virus. Shri Ganganagar District Collector has also appealed to the people to remain in their homes and do not rush out unnecessarily unless it is very important.

Administration says that even if you have any health related problems, now you can get free consultation from specialist doctors right from home, the first consultation has been declared free. Apart from this, medicines will also be provided at home. For this you have to use your phone properly by downloading the "Aayu app" in it.

### Let's know how the "Aayu App" works.

First of all know what is the Aayu app, why the administration has appealed people to keep it in their phones and how it is beneficial to the public?

Through the Aayu app, you can get e-counseling from registered doctors at home. Also, you can take a free follow-up for 7 days from the doctor (meaning you can tell the doctor whether or not you benefited from the treatment given by the doctor).



Corona virus is a very serious disease. The World Health Organization has declared it an pandemic. The disease is spread through contact with each other. To prevent its spread, a lockdown has been followed by the citizens of India. The government has done all the necessary work online. For example, if someone needs ration, in most cities, he will also get it online (sitting at home).

In view of this, Shri Ganganagar District Administration has appealed to the people to avail medical services from home, download the Aayu app on their phones and do not leave homes unnecessarily.

To download the Aayu app - Go to Google Playstore, here you type Aayu App. And click on the button marked with a plus in blue color.

After this register in this app. To get e-counseling from the Aayu app, click on the E-Consult button and select the symptoms of your disease. Such as cough, cold, fever or anything else - here you will be asked some questions.

You can also upload your medical record on this app. Don't worry, it is completely safe and secure and is made for your convenience.

After submitting the e-consultation, you will be assigned a doctor and the first call will come from Aayu to inform which doctor is looking at your case. After that the doctor will call you and ask what is the problem.

With this, the doctor will prescribe you medicines only on the basis of your symptoms. So do not lie to the doctor.

Because on this basis your good treatment is possible. The prescription of medicines written by the doctor will also be available on the phone itself. Which you can send to your health partner (medical store).

District administration appeals to medical stores

All medical stores in Sriganganagar will be online, download 'Health Partner App'

Sriganganagar District Collector Mr. Shivprasad M. Nakate has also appealed to all medical stores to download the Health Partner app on their phones, and help the residents in this crisis. Indeed, keeping in view this time of crisis, the Aayu App in Sri Ganganagar is an innovation.

The Aayu app has brought online medical facilities for people and a place for specialist doctors. Through which residents can seek treatment from well-known doctors for health related problems at home. They will not have to spend hours in line. At the same time, you will get freedom from the fat expenses incurred for diseases.

### How Health Partner App Works

For this, you have to type Sehat Sathi on Google Play Store. Here you will see Sehat Sathi - MedCords for Pharmacy written like this. Just click on it. After downloading, it has to be registered through your mobile number or email ID. After this, you can talk directly with people and take orders for medicines through chat.

Apart from this, all the doctors of Sri Ganganagar are also requested to register with doctors.medcords.com and advise all the citizens of Sri Ganganagar from home. However, if a person needs medical consultation, he can go to the doctor and seek treatment.

## Govt lists curbs to be eased on Apr 20

### STAGGERED UNLOCKING: Agriculture, industrial activity outside city limits, construction, IT, e-commerce allowed

**New Delhi:** The Union government on Wednesday conditionally allowed industries in rural areas and economic enclaves to reopen next week, green-lighted work under the federal job guarantee scheme, and permitted daily wagers in some areas to return to work, as it sought to get the country's economic engine chugging again and lessen the pain of millions affected by the ongoing lockdown to combat the spread of Covid-19.

The guidelines on the restart of the economy, with a sharp rural focus, was described as a giant first step by some analysts. It comes after an initial three-week nationwide lockdown to flatten the curve of infections that ended Tuesday midnight was extended by 19 days to May 3.

To be sure, none of the activities will be restarted in so-called containment zones declared by state and local administrations; district magistrates have been empowered to take decisions that work locally.

No public transport including planes, trains, buses, metro rail and taxis will be available during the second phase of the lockdown, although courier services have now been allowed and will likely feed into air and rail cargo services, which were also operational during the first phase.

"Select additional activities" are being allowed to "mitigate hardship to the public," the ministry of home affairs (MHA) said in its order, caveat that "these additional activities will be operationalised by states/union territories/district administrations based on strict compliance to the existing guidelines on lockdown measures".

The conditional and partial opening-up was welcomed by industry and experts who saw it as striking a fine balance between easing restrictions and ensuring the pandemic doesn't spread — especially with local officials being allowed to act quickly and reimpose them if infections flare up or emerge.

"An important redeeming feature of the new guidelines operative from April 20 is the opening up of the agricultural and rural sector including MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act) activities. MGNREGA works are allowed primarily for irrigation and water conservation works. Farming operations in the fields are allowed fully for farmers and farm workers. This would help save the rabi crop to a significant degree," DK Srivastava, the chief policy advisor, EY India, said.

The home ministry's order laid down "National Directives for Covid-19 Management" that made masks compulsory in all public and workplaces; said spitting would be punishable with a fine, and banned the sale of liquor, tobacco, and chewing tobacco (gutka). The guidelines also specified social distancing and sanitation rules for workplaces and factories.

The guidelines also said e-commerce companies would be allowed to operate, although it wasn't clear whether this was merely an extension of the current situation — most already operate, delivering essential goods — or the delivery of non-essential goods would also be allowed.

The stock markets lost all their early gains and closed down

(the Sensex by 310 points at 30,379), although experts said this wasn't because of the guidelines but global factors.

### Agriculture and rural sectors

Activities including food processing industries, road construction and industrial projects in rural areas will restart from April 20, as will irrigation projects, construction and other industrial projects, MHA said. The federal job guarantee scheme, the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), will restart with a focus on irrigation and water conservation works. Rural Common Service Centres (CSCs), delivering e-governance services to rural India will also be restarted. The guidelines also said that all farming-related activities will remain operational. With the harvest season on, it added that it will be business as usual in terms of procurement and that mandis (farm markets) operated by Agricultural Product Marketing Committees, satellite mandis notified by states, even direct marketing operations by states or industries to buy directly from farmers will all be allowed. "Since majority of farm practices, right from sowing, harvesting, grading, loading, cleaning, packaging etc. are done manually, an acute shortage of labourers is posing a challenge for harvesting," said Shivendra Bajaj of the Alliance for Agri Innovation.

Businesses dealing in agricultural equipment and their repair, and the manufacturing, distribution and sale of fertilizers, seeds and pesticides will go on, the guidelines said. The fisheries and dairy sector will remain operational and the government has allowed sale and marketing of tea, coffee, rubber and cashew nuts — but with a maximum of 50% workers deployed in these plantations.

### Industrial activity

The MHA order allows the restart of certain manufacturing activities from Monday in areas that are not hot spots or containment zones, and in special economic zones (SEZs) and industrial townships. It also allowed export-oriented units (EOUs) to operate.

The order permitted manufacturing of essential goods such as medical equipment and pharmaceutical products, but also said food processing units could operate in rural areas. It allowed the manufacture of IT hardware, packaging material, the mining of coal and other minerals, and oil exploration and refining. However, it wanted employers to arrange transport of employees to the workplace and also suggested that they make "arrangements for stay of workers within their premises as far as possible".

The order allows construction of roads, irrigation projects, buildings, and all kinds of industrial projects in rural areas and industrial estates. Besides, construction of renewable energy projects and in-situ construction within the municipal limits is also allowed provided workers are available on site and no workers are required to be brought in from outside, it added.

Niranjan Hiranandani, national president of the National Real Estate Development Council (Naredco) and also of the industry body Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (Assocham), said the order permitted a "staggered reopening" of stalled construction works from April 20 with certain conditions. "The real estate industry acknowledges the positive

impact this will have in handling the migrant crisis and avoid any strain further to the Covid-19 human-economic crisis," added the Mumbai-based developer.

"With this order, the economic drivers of the country will start moving again, even as we extend the lockdown. Considering the estimated loss of ₹26,000 crore per day to the Indian economy as a result of the lockdown, this relaxation is a constructive step," he added.

Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (Ficci) president Sangita Reddy welcomed the government's calibrated restart of the economy, but also stressed the need for a relief and stimulus package for industry. "It is now crucial to announce a relief and economic stimulus package, which protects wages, employment, and business." Industry bodies have asked for a financial package of ₹14 lakh crore to ₹16 lakh crore to revive the economy, HT reported on Wednesday. Rumki Majumdar, an economist at Deloitte India, said, "Allowing certain economic activities, especially in areas that are not hotspots and have low probability of turning into one, will likely help the vulnerable section of the population in sustaining their livelihood."

"However, several hot spots are also manufacturing hubs (such as Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Delhi, among others), which makes it difficult to resume factory activities quickly," Majumdar said.

### Urban services

The exhaustive guidelines for services catering to urban India offer no room for recreational activities but focus on ensuring functioning supply chains for essentials.

People can use their private vehicles for emergency situations or procuring essential goods, MHA said; in some parts of the country, the use of private vehicles for this was restricted by local administrations. To be sure, they will have to practice social distancing with only two people being allowed in cars.

The home ministry said all kirana shops, even roadside carts that deal with "food and groceries, hygiene items, fruits and vegetables, poultry, meat and fish and animal feed" will operate.

The guideline said, "all facilities in the supply chain of essential goods, whether involved in manufacturing, wholesale or retail of such goods through local stores, large brick and mortar stores or e-commerce companies should be allowed to operate, ensuring strict social distancing without any restriction on their timing of opening and closure."

E-commerce companies welcomed the move. "The resumption of economic activity from April 20 is a welcome step that will depend on unhindered availability of labour that is critical to deliver essential products to people across the country and ensure they can stay home safely," a spokesperson for Amazon India said.

In addition, the MHA order also allowed courier companies to function.

### Tighter rules

Even as restrictions are eased in some parts of the country, Covid-19 hotspots will see stricter perimeter control to ensure no unchecked inward or outward movement except for med-