

Lt Governor Sinha praises Health Workers, Frontline Corona Warriors for their unwavering efforts in fight against COVID-19 pandemic

JK Government considering to provide additional support to COVID Warriors: Lt Governor

- **Asks for involving religious leaders, distinguished personalities to spread awareness against COVID-19**
- **Directs for ensuring thorough implementation of all preventive and clinical aspects for successful management of COVID-19 situation**
- **Police and administration to enforce preventive measures like wearing face masks, all SoP's**
- **Focus to be on reducing mortality rate**
- **Put more focus on Srinagar, Baramulla, Pulwama to control spread.**

Srinagar, August 08: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha [today](#) lauded the unwavering efforts shown by the Health Workers and Frontline Corona Warriors for the significant role played by them in the containment and management of COVID-19 pandemic in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

“To acknowledge the crucial role COVID Warriors are playing in fight against the deadly virus, the JK Government is considering to provide additional support to them, in addition to the existing insurance cover of Rs 50 lakhs”, he observed.

The Lt Governor was chairing a meeting to review the effective measures undertaken by the UT Government and various aspects related to COVID-19 control efforts in J&K.



Sh. Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lieutenant Governor; Sh. BVR Subrahmanyam, Chief Secretary and Sh. Atal Dulloo, Financial Commissioner Health and Medical Education attended the meeting.



The Lt Governor advised the concerned officers to **involve religious leaders and distinguished personalities to spread awareness** regarding importance of wearing face masks, social distancing and adherence to guidelines and advisories related to the prevention of COVID-19.

Stressing on **strict enforcement of preventive measures**, the Lt Governor asked the concerned to **ensure thorough implementation of all SOP's** being issued by Central and the UT Government for preventive management of the COVID-19 situation, especially wearing of face masks.

Taking note of rise in cases in Kashmir Division, the Lt Governor directed for laying **special focus on Districts with high infection rate, like Srinagar, Baramulla and Pulwama** to mitigate the spread of the deadly virus.

He further called for taking **effective measures to reduce the mortality rate, besides ensuring Oxygen availability** to ensure the safety of patients amid the crisis.

The Lt Governor called for **100% coverage of Aarogya setu app, and regular quality check of the facilities available in quarantine and isolation centres** for comprehensive and seamless management of the COVID-19 situation.

Briefing about the preparedness for COVID-19 in J&K, Financial Commissioner Health and Medical Education, Atal Dulloo informed the Lt Governor that **Rapid Antigen Test** is being conducted with **18,000 tests** done in the last 5 days. **432 Ventilators** received from Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India are in the process of installation in various health institutions and **342 ventilators** are in transit.

He informed that there are around 7,260 active positive cases out of 23,927 confirmed positive cases in J&K with a recovery rate of 67.78 percent and 56,707 Tests per Million population.

It was informed that the samples of 2,95,878 number of travellers, 83,016 persons in contact and 8,621 health care workers have been taken so far. Age wise trend of COVID related deaths was also briefed. **6,95,620 COVID tests** have been performed in the UT of J&K and Testing capacity has increased from 249 tests on 11th April, 2020 to **8,812 tests** done on **7th August, 2020** and is likely to increase further in next few days.

J&K is doing on an average 800 tests per million population per day which is far better than WHO recommended 140 tests per million population per day. Four CBNAAT (Cartridge Based Nucleic Acid Amplification Test) have been made functional, besides 15 TRUENAT labs were installed and rtPCR machines have also been pressed into service to enhance COVID-19 testing, it was informed.

Deliberations were also held on various important aspects, including procurement of protective gears; increasing the testing capacity; IEC activities; awareness on COVID-19; Surveillance, Sampling, Patient Care & Counseling, Hospital Management, Integrated COVID Response and Red Zone Management.