COVID-19: District admin Doda distributes 1 lakh face masks among public

Ropes in services of SHGs, local tailors, to produce 4 lakh masks

DODA, APRIL 28: In order to ensure universal mask usage for safety of general public, amid Corona virus pandemic, district administration has distributed 1 lakh face masks among the citizens of the district so far including frontline functionaries of Health, Municipalities and Police department.

District Development Commissioner, Dr Sagar D Doifode said that every citizen of the district will be provided a face mask as it is mandatory to wear. He said administration has been manufacturing masks and targets to produce and distribute 4 lakh masks. To provide face mask to the whole population and for this purpose services of Self Help Groups and local tailors have been hired to meet the target of 4 lakh masks initially.

He said so far 1 lakh masks have been distributed by the district administration through BDCs Chairman, PRI members, Municipal Councillors across the district. He added that more than 2 lakh masks have been received at district store so far. The DDC said that the administration has roped in hundreds of local entrepreneur, self-help groups (SHGs) for the mass production of masks in the district to achieve the target of producing of 4 lakh masks at earliest. He said that the masks are made under the set guidelines and all the raw material is being provided to the SHGs as well as to the local tailors for the production of the same.

He informed that earlier the masks were only made in Doda but now to further augment the production the services of the tailors in Sub Division Gandoh, Thathri and Bhaderwah have been roped in by the district administration.