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Gangtok, June 07: (IPR) Chief Secretary Shri S.C. Gupta convened the State Task Force Meeting to review and assess the present scenario of COVID-19 and the future course of action at Tashiling Secretariat today. The meeting was also joined by the District Collectors, Superintendent of Police, Chief Medical Officers of four districts through video conferencing.

During the meeting, a detailed discussion on the status of evacuation of the returnees, compulsory testing of people under quarantine, protocols to be strictly maintained during home quarantine and other areas requiring urgent attention and intervention were discussed. The meeting also took stock of the present situation and the strategy for testing of the primary contacts of the positive patients and other returnees.

At the outset, the Chief Secretary gauged on the preparedness with regard to the conduct of Class X and XII board examinations to be held from the 1st of July and online entrance examination for All India Institute of Medical Sciences to be held shortly. In view of the board examination, he directed the District Administration to hand over the Senior Secondary Schools which have been converted into quarantine centres to the Education Department latest by 25th June.

The Chief Secretary sought feedback from the members of State Task Force and District Collectors and added that the road ahead should be focused on reducing the spread of corona virus and ensuring that all adequate safety norms are adhered to. He also enquired about the status of quarantine centres, both free and paid in the State. The Chief Secretary also made assessment to formulate plans on perception management, strategies on standard procedure, and future course of action.