Gujarat notifies partial relaxation plan amid lockdown
Wearing mask and keeping social distance becomes mandatory: DGP Shivanand Jha

Gandhinagar, Monday: Director General of Police Mr. Shivanand Jha said that, graded partial relaxations of lockdown is allowed in Gujarat in the non-hotspot areas. However, it is mandatory for the people to wear mask and keep social distance between each other. No such relaxation has been allowed in the curfew areas of Ahmedabad, Surat and Rajkot.

State police will ensure that the people follow instructions in curfew declared areas and the partially relaxed areas. It is the responsibility of the police to see that people can easily move by complying with the required conditions in areas where the exemption is granted.

In Ahmedabad, Surat and Rajkot, 142, 104 and 52 people have been arrested, registering 125, 95 and 45 crimes respectively. In all three cities, crimes have been registered through drone surveillance and CCTV in past 24 hours. In the residential area, 208 people are arrested registering 110 crimes through CCTV in different societies.

In order to provide the necessary guidance to the police in the lockdown, the instructions have been issued by the department that the high police officers should go above all possible points and alert the police personnel. Apart from this, provision has been made to provide Personal Protective Equipment’s (PPE) kits as per the instructions of the Chief Minister in view of the danger of transit to frontline police personnel.

Expressing heartfelt gratitude to the police personnel who have been on duty for 12-12 hours even in this difficult situation, DGP said that "I am very happy that not a single policeman has even thought of retreating from the force in this adverse situation." I urge all police personnel, that with this passion all will continue to work till 3rd May.

Mr. Jha added that inter-state and inter-district movement is restricted. In the meantime, three persons on a motorcycle traveling from Bengaluru to Rajasthan were arrested by the Amirgarh check post at Banaskantha. These persons have reached here through inner areas of villages rather than highways. Now the police will also monitor such interior areas and roads of villages.

Two more people have been arrested of Tablighi Jamaat, Gandhinagar police has also arrested one more person and kept in quarantine. In this view Mr. Jha confirmed for more three peoples of Tablighi Jamaat.

Detailing on the strict implementation of lockdown/curfew and maximum use of technology Mr. Jha said that 260 crimes have been registered through drone, through this surveillance till today, 7,011 crimes have been registered and 14,841 people have been arrested. Whereas, under the Smart City and Vishvas project, CTV
network has registered 62 offenses and arrested 67 people, till date 13,110 people have been arrested across the state for 1,268 crimes.

Similarly, through social media, in connection with spreading fake messages and rumors, so far 370 crimes have been registered and 703 accused have been arrested. 48 and 219 offenses have been registered, respectively, through videography and automatic number plate recognition (ANPR). 179 offenses have been registered so far with 17 mounted cameras special 'Prahari' Van.

Cases that have been registered so far which include 1986 of the violation of lockdown 870 against violating home quarantine and 371 other cases. 1982 vehicles have been seized in the state, added Mr. Jha. In addition, a total of 69,205 vehicles have been released so far including 10,033 vehicles released on yesterday.

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