Gandhinagar, Friday: Director General of Police Mr. Shivanand Jha said that No serious issues have come to light during the curfew in Ahmedabad, Surat, and Rajkot as people are cooperating. Though the curfew has been lifted, but lockdown will be strictly enforced until 3rd May 2020. A stringent check will be ensured in areas that were under curfew and others that fall under ‘Hotspot’.

Mr. Jha is pleased with the cooperation shown by the people staying at home. Only people associated with essential services as well those exempted go to their workplace/industries are allowed. Those found violating the lockdown will face legal actions.

A case has been registered against a tuition administrator in Bhuj of Kutch district for running tuition classes. Mr. Jha urged people to cooperate with the police and maintain social distance in public places.

Strict legal actions will be taken against those attacking the “Corona Warriors”. Three more such incidents have come to light where a man attacked a medical officer in Tankara in Morbi district on 6th April. He has been booked under ‘PASA’ and sent to Vadodara Jail. In another case, two who attacked police on March 25 in Patdi in Surendranagar district have been sent to Surat jail under 'PASA' and in a third incident, a man has been sent to Jamnagar Jail for attacking police in Palanpur, Banaskantha.

Mr. Jha said that cases of financial exploitation have also come into notice, in the process of direct deposit of assistance in the bank account by the government, 3 persons have been arrested in Vejalpur of Panchmahal for charging a commission of Rs. 20 to deposit Rs. 1000.

In Ahmedabad, Surat, and Rajkot, 198, 155, and 129 offenses of violation of curfew have been registered and 223, 178 and 143 individuals have been arrested respectively from the three cities. 49 people were arrested for 35 crimes through CCTV surveillance in various residential societies taking the total to 384 individuals for 224 crimes. So far, 544 accused have been arrested in 482 cases in the three curfew-hit areas. Out of these, 51 cases were registered with the help of drones and 6 cases with the help of CCTV surveillance.

Throwing light on the significant use of drones and CCTV during the lockdown, Mr. Jha said that, the cities and towns are being thoroughly observed through drone surveillance. Yesterday, 321 crimes were registered. A total of 16587 people have been arrested for 8171 offenses to date. Meanwhile, under the Smart City and VISWAS project, 77 individuals have been arrested for 77 crimes reported through the CCTV network.

For spreading fake messages and rumors on social media, a total of 437 crimes have been registered and 830 accused have been arrested. 115 and 430 offenses have been registered through videography and automatic number plate recognition.
(ANPR) respectively. 34 offenses have been registered to date through mounted cameras in special 'Prahari' Vans.

Cases that have been registered so far include 2361 cases of violation of lockdown, 807 against those violating home quarantine, and 464 other cases. 3261 vehicles have been seized in the state and 1,03,936 detained vehicles have been released so far, added Mr. Jha.

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