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Avoid unnecessary movement, lockdown will be strictly implemented
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Gandhinagar, Saturday: Director General of Police Mr. Shivanand Jha stated the mantra given by our Prime Minister, “Stay home, stay safe and healthy” and “Be responsible and make others responsible”. He reiterated that every effort is being made by the state police to ensure strict enforcement of the lockdown.

Talking about the decision of exempting shops from lockdown, Mr. Jha said that this decision is subjected to conditions. If more than four people gather and social distancing is violated then they may face strict action. It is also necessary to wear a mask as well as hand gloves if possible while buying essential items.

Despite relaxations, people should not loiter unnecessarily during the lockdown. Furthermore, legal actions will be taken if more than 1 person is traveling on two-wheelers and more than 2 people in four-wheelers.

With the beginning of Ramadan, Mr. Jha appealed to the citizens to not gather at religious places. The police will monitor these places with the help of drones and if people are found violating the lockdown then legal action will be taken against them. Patrolling is being done by the police in most areas while the interiors of the city are being patrolled on motorcycles.

He also asked people to dial police control number 100 if they find unnecessary gathering and the police will take adequate actions against those violating the lockdown. 29 offenses were registered in the state from the complaints received. 60 individuals were arrested for 33 crimes through CCTV surveillance in various residential societies taking the total to 444 individuals for 257 crimes. Police have also obtained details from the Intelligence Bureau in this regard and cases of lockdown violation are being registered.

Regarding attacks on Corona Warriors, Mr. Jha updated that the accused who was booked in connection with an attack on a policeman on 22nd April in Sardarnagar area of Ahmedabad has been sent to Surat Jail. In another case, a man who attacked a GRD jawan on 4th April in Patan district has been sent to Surat Jail under PASA. So far, a total of 35 people have been booked under PASA in 13 offenses in the state.

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. A total of 17190 people have been arrested for 8547 offenses to date. Meanwhile, under the Smart City and VISWAS project, 100 individuals have been arrested for 79 crimes reported through the CCTV network tallying up to 2569 individuals for 1629 crimes.

For spreading fake messages and rumors on social media, a total of 458 crimes have been registered and 876 accused have been arrested. 37 social media accounts have been blocked for spreading rumors. 757 and 480 offenses have been registered through videography and automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) respectively.
offenses have been registered to date through mounted cameras in special 'Prahari' Vans.

Cases that have been registered so far include 2263 cases of violation of lockdown, 991 against those violating home quarantine, and 413 other cases. 3599 vehicles have been seized in the state and 1,09,272 detained vehicles have been released so far, added Mr. Jha.

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