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Avoid unnecessary movement during lockdown: DGP

Gandhinagar, Sunday: Director General of Police Mr. Shivanand Jha said that people should avoid unnecessary movement and cooperate during the lockdown. Police are taking effective steps to enforce lockdown across the state and maintain social distancing. People who are roaming around unnecessarily, their vehicles will be detained as it violates the guidelines of the lockdown.

Briefing about lockdown in a press conference, Mr. Jha said that only private vehicles have been allowed to carry essential items during the lockdown. Passenger vehicles are not allowed for this purpose. Rickshaws and taxis will be detained in case they run on the roads.

A case has come to light where a vehicle designated for milk distribution was found to be smuggling liquor in Botad today. The vehicle has been detained.

Special vigilance and continuous monitoring is being done in the containment areas.

He also asked citizens to dial police control number 100 if they find unnecessary gathering of people. The police will take adequate actions against those violating the lockdown.

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. 363 crimes have been registered through drones. A total of 17768 people have been arrested for 8910 offenses till date. Meanwhile, under the Smart City and VISWAS project, 69 individuals have been arrested for 62 crimes reported through the CCTV network tallying up to 2638 individuals. Additionally, 291 crimes have been registered so far and 504 people have been arrested through CCTV’s in residential societies.

For spreading fake messages and rumors on social media, a total of 479 crimes have been registered and 938 accused have been arrested. 913 and 537 offenses have been registered through videography and automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) respectively. 334 offenses have been registered to date through mounted cameras in special 'Prahari' Vans.

Cases that have been registered so far include 2715 cases of violation of lockdown, 962 against those violating home quarantine, and 506 other cases. 10,488 vehicles have been seized in the state and 1,14,950 detained vehicles have been released so far, added Mr. Jha.