PRESS NOTE

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Attacks on Corona warriors, police and the government employees will not be tolerated

Gandhinagar, Saturday: Director General of Police Mr. Shivanand Jha said that police are committed towards the safety of the citizens and are making all efforts to enforce the lockdown to prevent further spread of the COVID-19. Mr. Jha reiterated that attacks on corona warriors will not be tolerated at any cost and the attackers will face strict actions.

During the lockdown, some people are making efforts to mislead the citizens of the state to protest against the lockdown while the lockdown is for the benefit of the citizens. Such individuals will be traced and subjected to legal action.

Two incidents, one at Sola police station in Ahmedabad city and the other at Paddhari in Rajkot district have been registered for attacking policemen. So far, 64 accused have been jailed for 28 offenses in the state. They have been booked under PASA.

Mr. Jha said that the migrants shall be patient and cooperative with the administration. Gujarat Chief Minister Mr. Vijay Rupani is personally supervising the arrangements made for them. In case of those trying to spread rumors or misleading messages with regard to these arrangements, the individuals will face legal action. Such rumors led to a mass gathering of workers at Gota in Ahmedabad and Ichhapore in Surat district. Mr. Jha appealed to the migrants to be patient and clam.

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. 175 crimes have been registered through drones. A total of 21078 people have been arrested for 11878 offenses to date. Meanwhile, under the Smart City and VISWAS project, 81 individuals have been arrested for 78 crimes reported through the CCTV network tallying up to 3989 individuals for 2856 crimes. Additionally, 23 crimes have been registered so far and 22 people have been arrested through CCTV’s in residential societies.

Similarly, for spreading fake messages and rumors through social media, so far 716 crimes have been registered and 1459 accused have been arrested. 13 accounts have been blocked. 204 and 36 offenses have been registered, respectively, through videography and automatic number plate recognition (ANPR). 1050 offenses have been registered so far with mounted cameras special 'Prahari' Van.

Cases that have been registered so far include 2036 of the violation of lockdown, 729 against those violating quarantine, and 565 other cases. 6136 vehicles have been seized in the state, added Mr. Jha. Police have released 2,06,544 detained vehicles so far.

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