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Police personnel are on toes to curb the spread of COVID-19, especially in Red zones and containment areas

Gandhinagar, Monday: Providing details on the preparedness of the State Police Department in fighting battle against Corona virus, especially in Red Zones and containment areas, Director General of Police Mr. Shivanand Jha said that strict lockdown is being implemented with the help of various police forces, including paramilitary. The forces have cordoned off Red zones and containment areas to prevent further transmission of COVID-19.

Mr. Jha acknowledged the importance of self-discipline and cooperation during the lockdown. Cooperating with the police will allow them to carry out their tasks effectively. He further added that along with keeping an eye on the movement of citizens, the police have also made checkpoints to prevent people from travelling unnecessarily. Likewise, the state police are ensuring that the decisions made by the state government to curb the spread of the virus are being implemented well.

Bus services have been started in various districts to carry people home safely. It is mandatory to follow social distancing throughout the travel. The police are now checking buses to make certain that social distancing is being followed and not more than 30 passengers are travelling in one bus.

The state government is making efforts to ensure that migrants reach their homes safely but it won’t be possible without the support of the migrant workers. Their patience and cooperation will help the administration in completing their work diligently. To keep a check on their well-being, police officers are making personal visits to the shelters where migrants are being hosted. Mr. Jha appealed all to us sanitizers, masks, and follow social distancing in everyday life.

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. 192 crimes have been registered through drones in a day. A total of 22,559 people have been arrested for 12,243 offenses to date. Meanwhile, under the Smart City and VISWAS project, 74 individuals have been arrested for 79 crimes reported through the CCTV network tallying up to 4,156 individuals for 3,032 crimes. Additionally, 16 crimes have been registered so far and 23 people have been arrested through CCTV surveillance in residential societies.

Similarly, for spreading fake messages and rumors through social media, so far 754 crimes have been registered and 1,561 accused have been arrested. 23 accounts have been blocked. 212 and 40 offenses have been registered through videography and automatic number plate recognition (ANPR), respectively. A total of 1,181 offenses have been registered with the help of mounted cameras on special ‘Prahari’ Van.

Cases that have been registered so far include 2,131 cases of violation of lockdown, 710 against those violating quarantine, and 479 other cases. 5,596 vehicles have been seized in the state, added Mr. Jha while the police have released 2,17,427 detained vehicles as well.

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