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It is imperative for citizens to strictly adhere to the guidelines and cooperate with the administration: DGP

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Gandhinagar, Sunday: Director General of Police Mr. Shivanand Jha said that it is necessary for citizens to adhere to the guidelines issued by the government especially in containment areas and they must cooperate with the administration to curb the spread of COVID-19. Constant surveillance is taking place to ensure that people are following the guidelines.

People must realize that containment areas have been isolated for their safety. As soon as cases in these areas decrease, they can function normally. Those violating norms of containment areas will face strict actions. In an incident in Rajkot, people created chaos by breaking police barricades in Jungleshwar area which has been declared a containment zone. The accused have also been arrested for creating havoc.

The state government has made arrangements to help migrants reach their homes safely through special trains. The workers shouldn’t panic and must cooperate with the authorities. Along with special trains, buses are also running to ensure their safe travel back home. Since approvals from other states take time, it is important that migrants remain patient. If they tamper with law, they will face strict actions. A case has been registered against few migrant workers in Rajkot who attacked police and media personnel upon cancellation of the train which was supposed to take them to their native place.

For those migrants walking to their native places, Mr. Jha appealed to them to stay where they are as other states might not allow them to enter without permit. Rather they must cooperate with the administration and the administration will provide them the necessary aid to reach home by buses or trains. Local authorities have been asked to accommodate these migrants at shelter homes and ensure that they have basic amenities.

Mr. Jha added that cyclonic storms have been declared by the meteorological department over the next 3 days. As the storm is likely to affect Orissa, trains to Orissa have been postponed for 3-4 days. Hence, those who want to travel to Orissa must remain patient and authorities will ensure their safe journey home once weather conditions are normal.

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. 165 crimes have been registered through drones. A total of 24009 people have been arrested for 13400 offenses to date. Meanwhile, under the Smart City and VISWAS project, 99 individuals have been arrested for 104 crimes reported through the CCTV network tallying up to 4749 individuals for 3608 crimes. Additionally, 744 crimes have been registered so far and 1004 people have been arrested through CCTV surveillance in residential societies.

Similarly, for spreading fake messages and rumors through social media, so far 824 crimes have been registered and 1679 accused have been arrested. 788 accounts have been blocked so far. 7624 offenses have been registered so far through videography, automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) and camera mounted special 'Prahar'i Van.
Cases that have been registered so far include 1682 of the violation of lockdown, 616 against those violating quarantine, and 691 other cases. 4368 vehicles have been seized in the state while 2,53,627 detained vehicles have been released so far.