PRESS NOTE

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Despite relaxations in Lockdown 4.0, citizens must adhere to guidelines and take precautions to curb the spread of COVID-19

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Gandhinagar, Tuesday: Director General of Police Mr. Shivanand Jha said that with regard to the relaxations given in the fourth phase of Lockdown, it is important that the citizens voluntarily comply with guidelines and take precautions to prevent corona from spreading further. Discipline can assist one in shielding themselves from the virus and as a result, the society will be benefitted collectively.

Wearing masks and maintaining social distance continues to be mandatory in this phase of the lockdown as well. Legal actions will be taken against those violating the guidelines. Night curfew will continue to be imposed across the state from 7 pm to 7 am during which all kinds of services will be prohibited. The police have also made changes according to the new guidelines issued.

Mr. Jha added that shops selling essentials will operate in containment zones from 8 AM to 4 PM. Shopkeepers have been requested to cooperate with the police and adhere to the time limit given. Rickshaws and taxis have been permitted to run in most places across the state with only two passengers. Schools, colleges, gyms, swimming pools, parks, shopping malls, and theaters will remain closed in all parts of the state and the police will keep a careful watch that no religious or cultural gatherings take place. While most zones have been given relaxations, containment zones will remain under strict lockdown.

Condemning attacks on Corona Warriors Mr. Jha said that this heinous act will not be tolerated and legal actions will be taken. Three cases have come to light of attacks on corona warriors. A case has been registered against each of the accused in Dindoli police station of Surat city, Kavi of Bharuch district, and A-division of Bharuch city, respectively. The accused have been arrested. So far, 94 accused have been booked under PASA for 40 such offences which include 28 cases of attack on Police, 6 on GRD/Home Guard, 2 on medical staff, 2 on Revenue officials, and 2 on Asha Workers.

Police and medical staff are working round the clock to prevent the transmission of COVID-19. The virus does not discriminate and two of Gujarat Police’s officers have lost their lives to Corona. The police department is deeply saddened by the incident and they observed a minute of silence at 12 noon today to pay homage to these brave officers.

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. 76 crimes have been registered through drones. A total of 24245 people have been arrested for 13589 offenses to date. Meanwhile, under the Smart City and VISWAS project, 104 individuals have been arrested for 84 crimes reported through the CCTV network tallying up to 4957 individuals for 3793 crimes. Additionally, 757 crimes have been registered so far and 1037 people have been arrested through CCTV surveillance in residential societies.
Similarly, for spreading fake messages and rumors through social media, so far 842 crimes have been registered and 1712 accused have been arrested. 813 accounts have been blocked so far. 8017 offenses have been registered so far through videography, automatic number plate recognition (ANPR), and camera mounted special 'Prahari' Van.

Cases that have been registered so far include 1043 of the violation of lockdown, 354 against those violating quarantine, and 495 other cases. 3075 vehicles have been seized in the state while 2,63,698 detained vehicles have been released so far.

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