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**Enhanced vaccination campaign to roll out in Assam on 21 June**

**Chief Minister takes stock of preparation through Video Conference**

**Guardian Ministers and their secretaries to oversee vaccination process in their respective districts**

Dispur, June 19: Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma took a detailed review of the preparedness made by the district administrations in view of the enhanced vaccination campaign in the state to be rolled out on 21 June.

Taking stock of the preparedness of the vaccination campaign through video conference with the DCs, SPs, Joint Directors of Health Services and other stakeholders, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that in view of the enhanced vaccination programme under which three lakh people in the state will receive vaccine doses everyday, the district administrations should ramp up the matching infrastructure to make the campaign a success. He also said that along with ramping up the man power, adequate infrastructure should be put in place so that inoculation of three lakh people can be achieved on a daily basis. He also asked Guardian Ministers and their secretaries to oversee vaccination process in their respective districts.

It may be noted that from June 21 onwards, the Centre would give free vaccinations to everybody above 18 years of age. Therefore, from June 21 onwards there will be categorization while vaccinating the people. He also asked Mission Director National Health Mission Dr. Lakshmanan S. to ensure adequate supply of vaccination doses to far flung districts. He also asked the concern authority of the health department to provide Rs. 100 to the paramedical staff engaged in vaccination for their transportation. He also asked the DCs to ensure proper food for them.

It may also be noted that there will be two thousand vaccination centres in the state. in the city areas there will be two shifts for vaccination starting from 8 am to 8 pm with one hour lunch break. On the other hand in rural areas, vaccination will be given from 8 am to 1 pm. To make this campaign a success, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma asked the health department to generate adequate awareness by adequate publicity. He also reiterated on the need of vaccinating all sections of the people right from government employees to vendors.

Chief Minister Dr. Sarma also asked all the stake holders to take steps for making the programme successful in the tea garden areas as well as other interior areas for the health of everybody. He also said that there should be a dedicated person who will be in charge of on spot registration for the category of people who can not afford on line registration.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Keshab Mahanta, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Samir Kumar Sinha, Mission Director Dr. Lakshmanan S and other senior officers of the health department were present during the conference.

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