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**KESHAB MAHANTA VISITS BISWANATH, REVIEWS COVID SCENARIO IN
THE DISTRICT**

Biswanath Chariali, 01 June: Health and Family Welfare Minister Mr. Keshab Mahanta today visited Biswanath and reviewed the Covid scenario of the district. Chairing a high-level meeting with the local MLAs, Deputy Commissioner and other top administrative as well as health officials at DC's Conference Hall, Mr. Mahanta took stock of the situation and measures being taken by the administration to fight the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Minister asked the administration to take all possible steps to ensure that death rate slows down soon. He said there should not be any delay in detecting positive cases and providing required treatment to them. "We will have to bring the death rate down at any cost. For that the only way out is to provide timely treatment to positive cases. We will have to efficiently work on detecting positive cases at the earliest through testing so that required treatment starts immediately," said Mr. Mahanta.

The minister also instructed formation of constituency level Covid monitoring committees under the chairmanship of the local MLAs within 3-4 days. He said such committees should work to find out the real Covid scenario in the interiors and help the administration cater to those places effectively.

Mr. Pallab Lochan Das, MP Tezpur, who was also present at the review meeting stressed on the need to ensure that the quality of food provided to Covid patients was up to the mark. He instructed the Circle Officers to pay personal visits to Covid Care Centres, particularly in tea gardens, and inspect the food quality. He also asked them to ensure that the relief material provided to economically poor people within containment zones were worth Rs. 2,000 as sanctioned by the government.

Prior to chairing the meeting, the minister visited Gohpur's Sub-Divisional Civil Hospital and oversaw the medical facilities therein. Thereafter, the minister came to Biswanath Chariali town and visited the Biswanath Chariali Civil Hospital. He enquired about the condition of patients admitted at hospital and also the facilities being extended to them. Later, he also inspected the site for the proposed medical college in Biswanath Chariali town. The minister during his visit was also accompanied by Gohpur's MLA Mr. Utpal Borah, Biswanath's MLA Mr. Promod Borthakur, Sootea's MLA Mr. Padma Hazarika, Mr. Anurag Goel, Principal Secretary of Health and Family Welfare Ministry and Deputy Commissioner of Biswanath Mr. Pranab Kumar Sarmah.

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