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CM reviews COVID-19 preparedness of South Salmara-Mankachar and Goalpara district

CM directs to maintain strict vigil at Indo-Bangladesh border

Dispur, April 10: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today directed the deputy commissioner of South Salmara-Mankachar district to take immediate steps for strict vigil at India-Bangladesh border adjoining the district boundary and to maintain regular interaction with the Border Security Force so that no person could move even to the "No Man's land" for farm activities during the lockdown period.

Chief Minister Sonowal directed this while reviewing COVID-19 preparedness of South Salmara-Mankachar district administration in a meeting held at Deputy Commissioner's conference hall at Hatsingimari in South Salmara-Mankachar district today.

Underlining the State Government's move to provide onetime financial assistance of Rs. 1000 to the families who are not included in the National Food Security Act, the Chief Minister emphasised on selection of beneficiary with utmost transparency. The Chief Minister also directed the Veterinary & Animal Husbandry department to arrange adequate feeds for animals in the district.

In view of the 21-day lockdown, the Chief Minister asked the Food & Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department to ensure uninterrupted supply of essential goods to people. He directed the departmental officials to take strict action against hoarding to check escalation of prices of essential commodities.

Moreover, in response to the request of the Deputy Commissioner of South Salmara-Mankachar district Atika Sultana to ensure adequate supply of fruits in the district in view of the forthcoming Ramadan month, the Chief Minister instructed the F&CS department to take necessary steps for the same. The Chief Minister also reviewed steps taken by various departments to tackle COVID-19.

F&CS Minister Phani Bhusan Choudhury, MLAs Dr. Motiur Rohman Mondal and Bimal Bora and senior officials of district administration and other departments were present in the meeting.

Later interacting with media persons, the Chief Minister thanked the people of the district for adhering to the norms of the lockdown and urged them to maintain the norm of social distancing till the lockdown period is over. The Chief Minister lauded media's role in taking the message of preventive measures to fight against COVID-19 at the grassroot level.

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The Chief Minister said that the State Health Department is fully geared up and adequate health facilities like isolation ward and special quarantine facilities have been developed for treatment of novel coronavirus infection. He also appreciated the role of health department functionaries saying that they are working 24x7 for rendering service to the needy people. The Chief Minister further said that police personnel and officials of F&CS, PHE, Power and various other departments are working with united efforts to tide over this crisis. The Chief Minister also urged people to maintain social distance to protect themselves from the novel coronavirus infection and advised people to abstain social gathering.

The Chief Minister also visited Goalpara district today and held a review meeting with the district administration to take stock of COVID-19 preparedness in the district apart from visiting a quarantine centre set up at Goalpara College.

F&CS Minister Phani Bhusan Choudhury, MLAs Dipak Kumar Rabha, Abul Kalam Rasheed Alam, Abdur Rashid Mandal, Sahab Uddin Ahmed and Bimal Bora and senior officials of district administration and other departments were present in the meeting. The Chief Minister later interacted with the media persons also.

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