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**Sonowal takes stock of COVID 19 situation in Guwahati as well as in State**

**Asks Health Department to take more stringent steps for health and wellbeing of people**

Dispur, June 25: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal along with Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sharma today took stock of the prevailing Covid 19 situation in the state particularly the abrupt spike in positive cases in the state especially in Guwahati.

While apprising the Chief Minister of the sequel of measures taken so far including containment zone and imposition of lockdown in 11 wards in Guwahati, Deputy Commissioner Kamrup Metro Biswajit Pegu gave a detailed account of all the safety norms put in place for the containment and control of corona virus positive cases.

Principal Secretary Health and Family Welfare Samir Kumar Singha informed the Chief Minister that for spreading the coverage of Covid 19 tests, the number of testing centres have been increased from the existing 12 centres in Guwahati. He also drew the attention of the chief Minister to the steps that the Health and Family Welfare Department taken so far throughout the state.

In view of the recent spike in Covid 19 positive cases, Chief Minister Sonowal said that though steps have been initiated to control positive cases in the state, he made it unequivocally clear that if need be government will take even more stringent steps to put a spanner on the spread of corona virus positive cases. He also said that for the health and wellbeing of the people, the Health and Family Welfare Department should take steps so that the pandemic does not slip into a catastrophic incident. He also stressed on the need of following the safety protocols of Covid 19 astutely throughout the state.

Chief Secretary Kumar Sanjay Krishna, Chief Minister's Principal Secretary Sanjay Lohiya, Principal Secretary Health Samir Kumar Sinha, CEO ASDMA S. Manivannan were present at the meeting.

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