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## **Sonowal assesses Covid 19 situation in the state**

### **Asks to ramp up Covid 19 testing**

Dispur, June 12: In view of sudden spike on Covid 19 positive cases in Assam, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today asked the Health and Family Welfare Department to ramp up Covid 19 testing in the state.

Convening a meeting to assess the Covid 19 situation in the state at the conference room of Chief Minister's office in Janata Bhawan today, Sonowal said that considering the fact that the viral infection is spreading to more number of people, the existing mechanism of health in the state needs to vigorously promote testing and identify emerging hotspots. He also emphasised on the need of adhering to the safety protocols in containment zone and quarantine centres to control the spread of the disease.

The meeting also discussed on the steps and protocols followed in providing clinical interventions to the positive cases and the facilities being given to quarantine centres, containment zones across the state. The meeting also reviewed the existing protocols in the face of sudden increase of infections in Guwahati and other towns of the state. Endorsing the steps taken so far by the Health and Family Welfare in dealing with the novel corona virus cases, Sonowal advocated on adding more teeth to deal with Covid 19 cases.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa while giving a brief overview of the steps taken by his department, said that in the next 3-4 days 15 more diagnostic centres will be empowered to ramp up state's bid to vigorous Covid 19 testing.

Principal Secretary Samir Kumar Sinha in the meeting said that to tackle positive cases apart from isolation beds for confirmed Covid 19 positive cases, isolation beds for suspected cases ICU, ventilators etc have been arranged.

Chief Secretary Kumar Sanjay Krishna, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Sanjay Lohiya, DC Kamrup (Metro) Biswajit Pegu, Mission Director NHM Dr. Lakshmanan S, and other senior officers were present at the meeting.

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