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CM reviews health department's preparedness on Coronavirus disease

CM urges people not to panic, emphasises on awareness

Dispur, March 7: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal reviewed the preparedness and monitoring mechanism of health department to deal with coronavirus disease in the State in a meeting held at his conference room at Janata Bhawan today.

In the meeting, Chief Minister Sonowal appealed people of the State not to panic and urged them to maintain personal hygiene to keep themselves safe from this virus. He further urged people not to be apprehensive about seeing any foreigner and directed the police department to take needful steps for their security.

Chief Minister Sonowal during review directed the health department to take steps for sensitizing all government officials from State Headquarter to panchayat level on the coronavirus disease and precautionary measures needed to be taken. He also asked the department to carry out extensive awareness activities among people of the State involving field level functionaries of the department. He also directed to impart training to staff of government and private health institutions.

Underling the importance of awareness among people, the Chief Minister asked the department to form dedicated teams at village level by involving ASHA and AWW who would visit all households and inform people about the preventive measures. Chief Minister Sonowal also stressed on implementing extensive awareness activities covering all panchayats, villages, towns and tea gardens within a week's time.

The Chief Minister further asked the ASTC to press into service its mechanism in generating awareness among commuters on coronavirus disease. He urged Railways to collaborate with the health department in dealing with the same. He also called for coordination among all government departments in the awareness generation activities.

Health department officials informed the Chief Minister that 100 percent screening of passengers of all international flights at LGBI are being carried out along with regular screening at other airports in the State. Already isolation ward has been set up at GMCH and places have been identified at all district hospitals for such wards. They further informed that regular trainings are being imparted to health officials through IDSP Units in the districts.



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Minister of State for Health Pijush Hazarika, Chief Minister's Legal Adviser Santanu Bharali, Chief Secretary Kumar Sanjay Krishna, DGP Bhaskarijoti Mahanta, Principal Secretary to CM Sanjay Lohiya, Principal Secretary of Health Department Sameer Sinha, Commissioner & Secretary of Health Anurag Goel, MD NHM Dr. S Lakshamanan, Principal and Superintendent of GMCH and senior officials of health department were present in the meeting.

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