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CM reviews COVID situation in Hailakandi

Dispur, April 8: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal during his one day tour to Barak Valley today visited Hailakandi district and reviewed the COVID-19 situation in Hailakandi district today.

Reviewing the preparedness of the district administration with senior officials of the departments and MPs and MLAs at the Deputy Commissioner's conference hall here, Chief Minister Sonowal asked everyone to work unitedly and resolutely in the fight against COVID-19. Sonowal said that since COVID 19 is a health hazard caused by a novel strain of virus whose well laid out treatment is not yet drawn out, the fight against the outbreak of the disease would be long drawn one and therefore, asked everyone to rise in unison to overcome the huge challenge posed by the virus.

Sonowal said that he is engaged in holding talks with religious leaders so that people of all faiths stick to the lockdown guidelines and not assemble in places of worship. The Chief Minister said social distancing and avoiding gatherings are the only way out to arrest the spread of the virus. "As there is no vaccine, the only way out to prevent spread of COVID-19 is maintaining social distancing and avoiding gatherings," he maintained.

Sonowal asked the administration to ensure uninterrupted flow of essential commodities and power supply during the lockdown period. He asked the administration to take stern action against those posting objectional posts in the social media that can flare up communal tension and create impediment in the fight against COVID-19.

He also asked the administration to reach out to the poorest of the poor and provide the much-needed respite during the unprecedented situation. Sonowal pointed out that the Rs.1,000 in cash to the people without ration cards should go to the genuine people only.

The Chief Minister directed the administration to ensure functioning of the DDMA control room 24x7 so that the problems of the people in distress are redressed immediately. Sonowal told the health authorities to provide proper training to the nurses and frontline workers to tackle COVID-19 pandemic and provide them the best of facilities during their quarantine period.

While appreciating the administration's slew of initiatives to deal with the pandemic, Sonowal called for stepping up of sanitisation drive in the market places and streets to keep the infection at bay. He asked the administration not to spare anyone indulging in black marketing and creating artificial scarcity to reap benefits at the cost of the general public.

Deputy Commissioner, Kirti Jalli said four quarantine facilities with 200 beds and one isolation ward with 50 beds have been set up. She also apprised the Chief Minister about steps taken to provide rations to the beneficiaries, along with other steps that the administration has taken up during the lock down period.

The Deputy Commissioner apprised the Chief Minister about the steps taken for screening of people who have come from outside and constant surveillance and monitoring of the over 1500 people under home quarantine.

The review meeting was attended, among others, by Minister for Environment and Forest, Parimal Suklabaidya, MP, Karimganj, Kripanath Mallah, MP, Silchar, Dr.Rajdeep Roy, MLA, Hailakandi, Anwar Hussain Laskar, MLA, Algapur, Nizamuddin Choudhury, former minister Gautam Roy.

Earlier, the Chief Minister inspected the isolation ward of SK Roy Civil Hospital and interacted with the doctors and nurses.

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