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CM reviews COVID-19 containment measures by city police

Assam Police has turned out to be the friend in need for people in distress: CM

Dispur, April 25: Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today held a review meeting of measures taken by Guwahati police in the fight against COVID-19 at police reserve in the city. Appreciating the steps taken by the city police to distribute foods to 5000 people daily in Guwahati with the help of NGOs, the Chief Minister hailed the action taken by Guwahati police to keep 3 people arriving from China in quarantine for 28 days in the last week of February, much before the pandemic took alarming proportions in the county.

Crediting the strict measures taken by Assam police for successful observance of lockdown in the state, Sonowal reiterated the crucial role of police in the execution of relaxation of certain sectors during the 2nd phase of lockdown and he said that Assam police has turned out to be the friend in need for the people in distress through their dedicated and exemplary service. People of the state would remember this dedication till eternity and the faith of the people in police would keep on motivating the police personnel to carry out their duties more vigorously in the future, he said.

During today's review meeting the Chief Minister also interacted Deputy Commissioners of Police and traffic police officials and asked about their difficulties and experiences while performing their duties. The Chief Minister also called on the city police to keep a close watch on violation of law and order cases like theft and robbery, drug paddling etc. in railway stations, bus stands, parks etc. He also directed the police to get in touch with leading citizens of the society while urging them to create awareness among the people of Muslim community to conduct Namaz rituals in their houses during the holy month of Ramadan.

Media Advisor to Chief Minister Hrishikesh Goswami, Legal Advisor to Chief Minister Shantanu Bharali, DGP Bhaskarjyoti Mahanta, ADGP (Law & Order) GP Singh and Commissioner of Police for Guwahati Munna Prasad Gupta along with other top police officials were present in today's meeting.

Later talking to the newsmen in the Police Reserve premises, the Chief Minister informed that the state government has taken steps for bringing back a total of 360 people, out of which 320 were students from Kota, Rajasthan by bus and the city police has taken adequate security measures in those quarantine areas where these returnees would be kept. Nearly 5000 people who were stuck in Guwahati due to the lockdown have been sent by 320 buses to their respective places and the police has played an important role in this as

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well, he said. The Chief Minister stressed on the need to maintain social distancing during the three days when state government has allowed inter district movement of people.

Notably, Guwahati police has registered 83 cases and arrested 490 people for violation of lockdown, apart from seizing of 9106 vehicles and levying a total of Rs. 57,19,100 as fines.

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