

**GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI
DELHI DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

F.No.1(579)/DDMA(HQ)/Meeting/Covid/2021-22

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**MINUTES OF THE 35th MEETING OF DELHI DISASTER MANAGEMENT
AUTHORITY (DDMA) HELD THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING ON
31.03.2022 (Thursday) AT 03:30 PM UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF
HON'BLE LT. GOVERNOR, DELHI**

1. The 35th meeting of Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) chaired by Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Delhi to discuss the COVID-19 pandemic situation in NCT of Delhi, was held on March 31, 2022 through Video Conferencing.
2. At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed all the participants and requested the Chief Secretary, Delhi to start the proceedings.
3. Thereafter, Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD made a presentation before the participants highlighting inter alia the management of current COVID-19 situation in Delhi and data on Testing and Positivity trends, Current situation and trend analysis, Hospitalization, Audit report of Covid deaths, Bed Escalation, Isolation, Covid Essential drugs stock availability, Oxygen Preparedness, CATS Ambulance Services, 1031 Helpline, Vaccination and Genome Sequencing. Details of hospitalized patients with reference to different kind of beds occupied were also shared.
4. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD informed that on 30.03.2022, a total of 24706 tests were done in Delhi, out of which, 18395 were RTPCR tests and remaining 6311 were Rapid Antigen tests. As on 30.03.2022 only 63 patients were hospitalized and out of these 41 patients needed oxygen, 14 patients were on ICU and only 9 patients were on ventilator. On Covid beds escalation plan, it was informed that out of 37,000 targeted Covid beds, 31622 beds were ready as on 30.03.2022, out of 10594 targeted ICU beds, 9274 beds were ready and 2328 pediatrics beds were ready as on 30.03.2022.
5. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD presented an update on Medical Oxygen Infrastructure in Delhi. It was informed that all 97 PSA Plants with total capacity of 116.06 MTs have already been commissioned. It was also informed that as on 30.03.2022, LMO storage tanks capacity of 953.14 MT have been installed with buffer reserve of 442 MTs and all the 8 tanks received PESO clearance. Oxygen capacity of 233.28 MT cylinders and Cylinders Reserve of 6000 (D type) + 9115 cylinders have been distributed in hospitals linked with Covid Care Centres. Further, 2 cryogenic bottling plants with capacity of 12.5 MTs have been installed and commissioned. PESO clearance has been received with capacity to refill

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1400 jumbo cylinders /day. It was also informed that work order has been awarded for delivery of 15 LMO tanks. Delivery of 1 tank has been received, delivery of 5 tankers will be received by 11th April, 2022, delivery of 5 tankers by 23rd April, 2022 and remaining 4 tanks by 10th May, 2022 would be made by the vendors.

6. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD informed that more than 325.98 lakh of vaccine doses have been administered as on 30th March, 2022 in Delhi. The 1st dose has been administered to 111% of the eligible population and the 2nd dose has been administered to 91% of such beneficiaries. It was also informed that a total of 4,92,998 precaution doses have been administered on 30.03.2022. 1st dose has also been administered in the 15-17 year age group to 94% and 2nd dose has been administered to 74% of such beneficiaries upto 30th March, 2022. The 1st dose has also been administered in the 12-14 years age group to 53%. Covid vaccine stocks available as on 30th March, 2022, were 13.59 lakh doses (Covishield- 8.99 lakh doses, Covaxin-1.83 lakh doses, Corbevax- 2.77 lakh doses).

7. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD informed that the present operational status of CATS ambulances as on 30.03.2022 was 625 (240 CATS Ambulances + 65 hired ambulances). The number of hired ambulances will be de-escalated to 320 w.e.f. 31.03.2022. After 31.03.2022 the total operational fleet under CATS operation will be 305 ambulances (240 CATS Ambulances + 65 Hired Ambulances).

8. On Genome Sequencing, Secretary (H&FW) informed that 776 samples were received by various labs such as ILBS, LNH & NCDC and out of these 442 samples were analyzed and detected with the Omicron variant and Nil with Delta variant. Ratio observed was 100% Omicron and 0% Delta and other variants.

9. After the presentation, Chief Secretary, Delhi requested the views of the experts:

10. Dr. Randeep Guleria, Director, AIIMS congratulated the Health & Family Welfare Department, Delhi Government for the excellent work in handling the Covid situation and has resulted in creating a good situation in Delhi. However, he advised caution and suggested strategic surveillance be continued. He stated that OPD based surveillance of cases of respiratory infections be closely monitored.

11. Dr. Sujit Kumar Singh, Director, NCDC agreed with the views expressed by Dr. Randeep Guleria, Director, AIIMS. He observed that the situation in Delhi was very good as both number of cases and positivity rate have substantially decline since middle of the February, 2022. He stated that despite the surge of cases in some parts of Europe and South East Asia he does not envisage any such

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scenario in Delhi due to exposure to the Omicron variant and wide coverage of vaccination. He endorsed that sentinel surveillance as suggested by Dr. Randeep Guleria, Director, AIIMS be pursued and other respiratory viruses may be monitored in the hospitals.

12. Dr. Samiran Panda from ICMR stated that the situation in Delhi was good. He suggested that attention to patients of the long Covid complications be given irrespective of the variant. He stressed that beneficial effects of masks be promoted.

13. Sh. Krishna Vatsa, Member NDMA observed that the situation was under control in Delhi due to excellent efforts of Delhi Government. He appreciated the sustained surveillance efforts and suggested that it was time to enhance socio economic activities. It is essential to provide relief to the people in general as Covid-19 has adversely affected the incomes.

14. Hon'ble Chief Minister, Delhi observed that situation in Delhi was well under control. He congratulated all the officers & medical staff of Delhi Government for their hard work in the times of crisis. However, he advised caution and suggested a continued watch of the situation so that, in the event of any need, immediate action could be initiated.

15. The Chief Secretary, Delhi asked for opinion of experts on the following points:-

(a) Referred to the order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 25.02.2022 received from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India vide which it has been directed that States and UTs may implement a risk assessment based approach on the opening of activities as conveyed in the advisory dated 18th February, 2022.

(b) Whether Delhi Government should also formally stop further directions from Delhi Disaster Management Authority under the Disaster Management Act, 2005.

(c) Since the number of cases and positivity rate have declined in Delhi there has been a demand to stop fining non-wearing of masks.

(d) Due to surge in cases in some countries of Europe and South East Asia whether the experts have given any advice to the Union Government.

(e) Whether any other action is required for Delhi.

16. Dr. Randeep Guleria, Director, AIIMS informed that no specific advice has been given in view of rising cases in some parts of Europe and South East Asia

except to closely monitor the situation. India has already seen the impact of Omicron in the last two months and situation has largely improved all over the country.

17. Dr. Sujit Kumar Singh, Director, NCDC agreed that situation does not warrant any specific advice because India has been through such a scenario. We have already have sufficient exposure to the virus and vaccination coverage has also been wide spread throughout the country.

18. Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Delhi said that the situation in Delhi is very good and number of cases and positivity have declined in the past one and half month. He suggested that there should be no fines or penalties for not wearing masks in public places.

19. Based on the discussions and expert opinion of the experts, it was agreed as under:

- a) That in terms of directions received from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India no formal orders under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 will be issued henceforth.
- b) That no fines would be imposed on not wearing of masks in public places. However, a strong advisory and IEC campaign on the beneficial effects of wearing masks would continue.
- c) Notwithstanding the decline in Covid positive cases after detailed discussions with experts, it was decided to focus on hospital based sentinel surveillance and on enhancing vaccination coverage of the targeted population.
- d) In view of the rising number of cases in parts of South East Asia such as China, South Korea and Vietnam etc. and some countries of Europe, monitoring of the situation is still needed. It was agreed to continue the services of all additional doctors & staff hired for vaccinations, testing, surveillance and management of Covid-19 in Covid hospital and DHCs of Government of India till 30.06.2022.

20. After detailed discussions with experts, in view of the decline in Covid positive cases and hospitalization, Hon'ble Lt. Governor, while appreciating the efforts made by all stakeholders in management of Covid-19, emphasized upon the need to follow the five fold strategy of Test, Track, Treat, Vaccinate and adherence to Covid Appropriate Behaviour as advised by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GoI. Hon'ble LG advised the Health Department officials to focus on enhancing the vaccination coverage and to ensure effective compliance

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of the advice of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Ministry of Civil Aviation etc. of Govt. of India as regards management of Covid-19. Further, to effectively meet any scenario in future that may arise Hon'ble Lt. Governor advised all agencies to remain vigilant without lowering the guard.

21. The members of Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) also resolved to ratify all decisions / orders issued since the last meeting.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the chair.

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5. Secretary to Hon'ble Minister of Health, GNCTD.
6. Secretary to Hon'ble Minister of Revenue, GNCTD.
7. OSD to Chief Secretary, GNCTD.
8. ACS (Power), GNCT of Delhi.
9. General Officer Commanding (HQ), Delhi Cantt. Area, Delhi.
10. Commissioner of Police, GNCT of Delhi.
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12. ACS (UD) & Director, Local Bodies, UD Department, Delhi Secretariat, Delhi.
13. ACS (Home) / State Nodal Officer, GNCTD.
14. ACS (H&FW), GNCTD.
15. Pr. Secretary (Revenue), GNCTD.
16. Prof. Balram Bhargava, DG-ICMR, Govt. of India.
17. Sh. Krishna Vatsa, Member NDMA.
18. Sh. Kamal Kishore, Member NDMA.
19. Dr. RandeepGuleria, Director, AIIMS.
20. Dr. Sujit Kumar Singh, Director, NCDC.
21. Director, Education Department, GNCTD
21. Sr. System Analyst, Revenue Department, GNCTD for uploading the Minutes of Meeting on the DDMA website.

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