

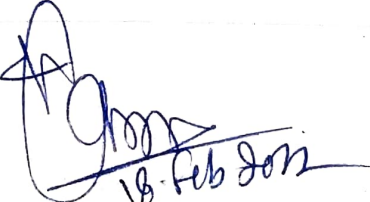
**GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI
DELHI DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

F.No.1(457)/DDMA(HQ)/Meeting/2020/601

Dated: 18/2/2022

**MINUTES OF THE 31st MEETING OF DELHI DISASTER MANAGEMENT
AUTHORITY (DDMA) HELD THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING ON
10.01.2022 (Monday) AT 12:00 Noon UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HON'BLE
LT. GOVERNOR, DELHI**

1. The 31st 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 January 10, 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 made a presentation before the participants. The presentation outlined the management of COVID-19 situation in Delhi and comprised data on Testing and Positivity Trends, Current Situation & Trend Analysis, Bed Escalation, Home Isolation, Human Resource, Availability of Covid Medicines, Oxygen Preparedness, Covid Helpline Status, Vaccination, Genome Sequencing. It was informed that the composition of the presentation has slightly been modified in view of the discussions in the last DDMA meeting and now includes information on bed occupancy based on COVID beds, oxygenated beds Covid ICU beds and Covid ventilator beds. Details of hospitalised patients from 5.1.22 to 9.1.22 with reference to different kind of beds occupied were also shared. Analysis of deaths the patients who died during the period was also presented before the participants.
4. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD informed that on 09.01.2022 a total of 96678 tests were done out of which 79954 were RTPCR tests and remaining 16724 were Rapid Antigen tests. Total active cases were 60733 and positivity rate was 23.5% on 09.01.2022. Covid bed capacity in the Government and Private hospitals on 09.01.2022 was 14222 and a total of 1618 Covid beds were occupied out of which 440 were Covid Oxygen Support beds, 310 ICU beds and 44 were ventilator beds.
5. On Genome Sequencing, Secretary (H&FW) informed that as per 511 samples analyzed by various labs such as ILBS, LNH & NCDC 402 samples were detected with a variant of Omicron and 89 with Delta variant. Ratio of this comes to 78.7% Omicron and 17.4% Delta variant.
6. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD also shared Covid beds escalation plan and informed that out of 37,000 targeted Covid beds, 31695 beds are ready as on 10.01.2022. Out of 10594 targeted ICU beds, 9844 beds are ready as on 10.01.2022 and 2328 targeted pediatric beds are ready.
7. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD presented an update on Medical Oxygen Infrastructure in Delhi. It was informed that a total 98 PSA Plants with total capacity of 116.96 MT are either installed or in the process of being commissioned. Total 90 PSA plants have already been commissioned. 8 PSA plants will be commissioned by 20th January, 2022. It was also informed that as on 10.01.2022, LMO storage tanks capacity of 900 MT have been installed with buffer reserve of 442 MT and 6 tanks have received PESO clearance and 2 hospitals have also applied, which is pending with


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PESO. Oxygen capacity of 227 MT cylinders (with Medical institutions) and Cylinders Reserve of 6000 (D type) + 9115 cylinders in possession of DTC (distributed amongst the CCC) has also been developed. Further, 2 cryogenic bottling plants with capacity of 12.5 MT have been installed and commissioned by 10th January, 2022 with capacity to refill 1400 jumbo cylinders in 24 hours. It was also informed that work order for the delivery of 15 LMO tanks has been issued. Delivery of 3 tankers will be made by 24th January, 2022, 6 tankers by 24th February, 2022 and remaining 06th tankers by 24th March, 2022 by the vendors.

8. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD informed more than 275.26 lakh of vaccine doses have been administered as on 09th January, 2022 in Delhi. 1st dose has been administered to 156.51 lakh and 2nd dose has been administered to 116.23 lakh such beneficiaries. 1st dose has also been administered in 15-18 year age group is 2,51,179 beneficiaries as on 09th January, 2022. In Stock of Covid vaccine available as on 09th January, 2022, was 20.14 lakh doses (Covishield- 15.71 lakh doses, Covaxin- 4.43 lakh doses).

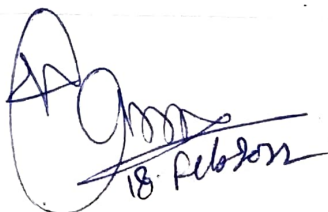
9. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD informed the current status of 1031 Covid helpline is managed by a call center M/s Germanium Technologies Ltd. engaged by Administrative Reforms Department and is based at Noida. Helpline is operational 24x7 and currently running with 25 operators alongwith 150 phone lines. Call center is to conduct a further training programme for 10 more executives on 10.01.2022 for any deployment as per need. All the operators are properly trained to receive the calls and to appropriately address the queries of the citizens. FAQs on various aspects of concerns of callers have been prepared and regularly updated in consultation with concerned HOD and vertical heads during last Covid crisis. Any new information not covered in the FAQs, if sought by any citizen is collected from the concerned Department / Vertical Head and added to the FAQs. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD also informed that the Tele medical consultancy service started with Log in IDs of 65 doctors are created for attending calls in four shifts.

10. After the presentation, Chief Secretary, Delhi asked the experts for their views.

The Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Delhi observed that considering the current trend of positivity rate, and as per past experiences the cases should start declining in coming 7-10 days. He asked the experts to assessment of the situation give there.

11. Dr. V.K. Paul, Member, Niti Aayog, GoI observed that the present action clearly suggest that a lot of efforts and systematic planning has been made. This is the kind of planning that all States needed to make. Referring to the points made by the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister regarding declining of cases, he observed that there was still 10-14 days of uncertainty and in his opinion cases should show a declining trend by that time. Following points were also made by him:

- a) He advised that there was need to augment human resources at hospital level. The Medical Superintendent of the hospitals should prepare their own plans so that in case of any emergency, Health Care Workers were available to meet any emerging situation. He suggested preparation of plans for prisons and such other areas like various homes of Social Welfare Department. A close watch is needed at all these places.
- b) He stressed that availability and stocks of common drugs such as Paracetamol should be ensured.



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- c) He stressed the need to fully vaccinate the elderly population with co-morbidities. He emphasized more efforts should be made to fully vaccinate this group.
- d) A campaign to popularize home care should also be carried out and facilities available there should also be promoted through Helpline.


12. Dr. Randeep Guleria, Director, AIIMS congratulated the Health & Family Welfare Department, Delhi Government for excellent micro-planning. Referring to the positivity rate of 25%, he observed that Health Care Workers and Front Line Workers would also be affected in similar proportions. He emphasized preparation of strategy for a back-up plan of Health Care Workers and Front Line Workers. He observed that the hospitalization data showed that this time people were not coming to hospitals with Covid pneumonia and hence ICU admissions were also lower compared to previous Delta surge. Therefore there has not been much requirement of oxygen as well. However, hospitalization might rise and a strategy has to be planned for hospitalization of elderly patients with co-morbidities. Death analysis showed that majority of deaths have occurred in elderly patients. It was, therefore, essential that management of co-morbidities with adequate drugs is done. He emphasized non Covid care should not suffer in the hospitals. He emphasized aggressive Covid Appropriate Behaviour in the community.

13. Prof. Balram Bhargava, DG-ICMR, GoI observed that plans made by Delhi Government were quite re-assuring. He suggested promotion of Rapid Antigen Tests. Home Isolation and home care also be promoted. For monitoring of home care patients, he suggested utilizing of Mohalla Clinic facilities for cases of oxygen drops and temperature persistence and taking them hospitals in time. In his opinion it would be a good model to follow.

14. Dr. Sujit Kumar Singh, Director, NCDC congratulated the Delhi Government for excellent planning in various sectors. He emphasized that effective Home Isolation support is the main pillar of support. Patients in Home Isolation be monitored and referral chain be developed from Home monitoring to the Health facility. He reminded that 74% of patients were found to be infected with Omicron and it was not correct to assume that Omicron was not leading to hospitalization. He suggested taking of samples of hospitalized patients for genome sequencing, it could be representative samples of hospitalized patients with mild samples but all samples of ICU patients must be taken.

15. Sh. Krishna Vatsa, Member NDMA complimented the Health & Family Welfare Department of Delhi Government. He observed that given the positivity rate, we are yet to reach peak level of cases. It was, therefore, necessary to step-up preparedness levels for various scenarios such as positivity ratio, daily cases and hospitalized cases. He suggested that the public be informed that people should not delay in reaching to hospitals as death data suggest that the majority of deaths occurred within 2 days of hospital admissions. He also advised free availability of drugs to the poorer sections of society.

16. Sh. Kunal Satyarthi, Joint Secretary, NDMA congratulated for having a comprehensive micro-planning keeping in view of various scenarios. Hospitalisation numbers have also been rising so to say that omicron was milder was not correct and hospital numbers also suggest that mildness myth was indeed not correct. Therefore, a strong message must go that that the infection should not be neglected. He referred to death data which reflected that nearly 75% of the deceased came either


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on same day or a day before. It meant that people were coming to hospitals very late. This aspect must be kept and monitoring of Home Isolation cases must be constant and regular.

17. Chief Secretary, Delhi at this stage asked Shri Sanjeev Khirwar, Divisional Commissioner to apprise the participants about the situation in terms of GRAP order and fast emerging situation. Shri Sanjeev Khirwar informed that as far as positivity rate and cumulative positive cases were concerned, we had already reached Level 4 of the GRAP and were in Level 3 on average oxygenated bed occupancy parameter. He further observed that given the recent rise in positive cases, rate of positivity and hospitalization cases, he was of the view that in the next 3-4 days, we would perhaps be in the Level 4 on all three parameters. He also briefed about the details of activities allowed and closed at Level 4 as per existing GRAP order.

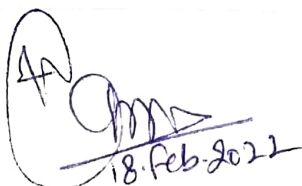
18. At this stage, Chief Secretary, Delhi requested Sh. Sanjeev Kumar Jindal, Joint Secretary, MHA, GoI who has been nominated as Nodal Officer for coordinating with the NCR states on Covid related restrictions in NCR region for his valuable views. Sh. Sanjeev Kumar Jindal, Joint Secretary, MHA, GoI assured that coordination as required from UP and Haryana could be worked out.

19. Chief Secretary, Delhi observed that Delhi has already reached Level 3 on hospital bed occupancy. He emphasized that restrictions imposed should be similar in entire NCR region as the whole area was one organic unit. The restrictions should be such as to have compliance to Covid Appropriate Behaviour without adverse impact on economic activities. Referring to the actions on clinical side, Chief Secretary, Delhi observed that people have been reaching hospitals late and death data suggest that most of the deaths have taken place within 24 to 48 hours of hospital admissions. He, therefore, emphasized monitoring of home care cases through health care mechanism. A campaign on full vaccination of persons with co-morbidities may also be considered. Chief Secretary also advised that a Committee comprising of doctors to analyze all deaths occurring in hospitals due to Covid-19 be constituted to find out any shortcomings at clinical level. Hon'ble Chief Minister, Delhi broadly agreed with most of points mentioned by Chief Secretary. Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister also completely agreed with the points highlighted by the Chief Secretary and also referred to the discussions in the meeting chaired by Home Secretary, GoI. He reminded that people go to NCR areas as Delhi had imposed more restrictions compared to same in the NCR region. He recalled that no weekend curfew has been imposed in UP or Haryana areas of NCR. He emphasized uniform action in the entire NCR area so as to have an effective impact over the entire area.

20. Shri Sanjeev Kumar Jindal, Joint Secretary, MHA, GoI stated that night curfew has been imposed in NCR area. He informed that he would take details of restrictions imposed and activities prohibited in Delhi from Shri Sanjeev Khirwar, Pr. Secretary (Revenue), GNCTD and share the same with the Coordination Group of MHA.

21. After detailed discussions with the experts, it was advised by Hon'ble Lt. Governor to adhere to the strategy of Test, Track & Treat emphasis on enforcement of Covid Appropriate Behaviour to contain the spread of infection. It was also advised to exercise vigil and constantly review the emerging data regarding positive cases, bed occupancy, geographical spread, number of deaths etc for appropriate action and containment measures to effectively tackle the situation.

In view of the increase in positive cases it was decided to close the restaurants and bars and to allow 'take away' facility only. It was also decided to allow operation

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of only one weekly market per day per zone. Authorities were asked to strictly ensure wearing of masks and adherence to social distancing by citizens in market places and public areas to break the chain of transmission. The Health Department was advised to make adequate arrangements for additional manpower in hospitals and to scale up the vaccination efforts including those in the population between 15-18 years. The Department was also suggested to take up positive messaging particularly through the vernacular media to elicit community support and to advise the citizens against any panic reaction.

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

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


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2. Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, GNCTD.
3. Secretary to the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi.
4. Dr. V.K. Paul, Member, NITI Aayog, GoI.
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.
11. The Addl. Secretary (Policy and Plan), NDMA, Ministry of Home Affairs, GOI.
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. SIO, NIC with the request to make necessary arrangement for Video Conferencing


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