

# Ensure participation of community in Kill Corona Campaign

Chronicle Reporter, Bhopal The Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has instructed District Collectors to ensure participation of other departments in Kill Corona Campaign underway in all districts of the state.

The Chief Minister gave this instruction while reviewing the situation of corona control in the state through video conference. The Minister for Public Health and Family Welfare Dr. Narottam Mishra, Chief Secretary Iqbal Singh Bains and DGP Vivek Johri were present on the occasion.

The Chief Minister Chouhan said that despite the success in curbing the pace of infection of Corona in Madhya Pradesh, there should be no lack in efforts.

The Health Department as well as Woman and Child Development Department have an active role in the state level Kill Corona Campaign starting from July 01. But at the same time it is also a people's campaign. Participation of other government departments, social organizations and community should be ensured in this campaign.

District Collectors are required to make necessary efforts in this direction. The campaign should be speeded up in consultation of the Crisis Management Groups at district level.

He further mentioned that the situation of increase in recovery rate and decline in growth rate should not be a matter of satisfaction. Efforts have to be made to totally



control the virus.

Every citizen should remain healthy. If positive cases are found at any place, the tracing of the first contact should be ensured with full efficiency. The Minister for Health Dr. Narottam Mishra said to increase efforts in view of the virus situation in Gwalior and Chambal region.

Separate review of Bhind and Gwalior district was conducted in the meeting.

While reviewing the Bhind district, the Chief Minister Chouhan sought detailed information from Officers In-Charge Nishant Varbade and Sanjay Goyal. The Officers informed that the number of positive

cases has increased in Bhind because of people came from Itawa and Agra of Uttar Pradesh. Full attention is given to the treatment of suspected patients. As per the requirement, arrangement of quarantine has been made in various hostels.

At present 67 patients are in district hospital. There are total 57 containment areas in the district. A total of 8 fever clinics are functioning. Treatment is being given to 190 patients at Covid Care Centre. Contact tracing work is underway, good work is being carried out under the Kill Corona campaign.

A meeting of Crisis Management Group



has already been held. Keeping in view the crowd at religious places, necessary arrangements are being made after discussing with the religious heads so that people visit the religious places for limited time and in limited numbers. Citizens are being advised constantly to use masks and gamchhas.

During the review of Gwalior district, the Chief Minister Chouhan said that in case of positive cases found in large number, we have not to remain silent. Administration should make best efforts. Full care should be taken to curb spread of virus anywhere. The Collector Gwalior said that

people have been advised not to move out of the house without any necessary work.

Continuous checking and health check-up of people entering from the border are also being done. Surveys are being conducted in slum areas. Apart from this, attention is also being paid on tracing of first contact. At present, the recovery rate of Gwalior is more than 66 percent. The testing facility in Gwalior is 13 thousand 656 per million, the highest in state.

District has total 27 containment areas and 30 fever clinics are functional in the district. Only 24 percent of the available bed capacity is being utilised. Use of Sarthak App in the district has helped in controlling corona to a great extent.

Moreover, in Gwalior, arrangements have also been made to keep markets closed totally on Saturdays and Sundays and to close the markets and malls etc. after 2:00 p.m. on other days.

During the review of Gwalior, Bhind and Morena, the Chief Minister Chouhan said that keeping in view the overcrowding in the markets of Gwalior-Chambal region, the market hours should be curtailed as per the advice, received at the meeting of the Crisis Management Group and wherever necessary markets should be closed for a full day.

As per the requirement, isolation centers should be increased in Bhind and checking of people entering from border should also be done.

## Rural Street Vendors will also be linked to Urban Street Vendors Scheme: CM

Chronicle Reporter, Bhopal The Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that rural street vendors will also be linked to Urban Street Vendors Scheme. They will also be provided Rs. 10 thousand from banks on state government's guarantee to enable them to restart their business.

Realizing the pain of urban street vendors, the Pradhan Mantri Atma-Nirbhar Swanidhi has been announced to provide working capital to enable them to start their business. The interest subsidy will be given by the Central and State government.

The Chief Minister reiterated that rural street vendors will also be included in the scheme.

It may be mentioned that the registration process was started on the Urban Unorganized Workers Portal by introducing the urban street vendor scheme first in Madhya Pradesh.

So far, over 85 lakh street vendors have been registered on the portal. Documents of the registered street vendors are being scrutinized. A target of loan over Rs. One thousand crore has been set in Madhya Pradesh.

This scheme will be launched in all 378 urban bodies. Such street vendors will be included in the scheme, who were working as street vendors in urban areas before March 24, 2020. The benefit of the scheme will be given on possession of town vending certificate of urban body and identity card.

Those street vendors who have left their places due to the corona pandemic will also be entitled for benefit under the scheme on their return.

The Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has inaugurated the Chief Minister Urban Unorganized Workers Integrated Portal and got the registration process started in the month of June itself.

constituted at the Urban Development and Housing Department for the implementation of the scheme. In the meeting of the State-level Bankers Committee held under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister, the process of bank-wise target setting and implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Atma-Nirbhar Swanidhi scheme for street vendors has been ensured.

Among the street vendors, who have registered themselves in the scheme, include about 28.36 vegetable sellers, 10.27 percent garments, 7.23 percent fruits and 6.84 percent food items and beverages sellers. Sixty two percent male and 38 percent female constitute the total registered street vendors.

The Chief Minister Chouhan has said that the officers concerned should ensure that the eligible street vendors do not have to visit from one office to another to avail the benefit of the scheme.

He said that realizing the pain of street vendors, necessary arrangements should be ensured to help them in restarting their businesses.

The Chief Minister Chouhan further said that a decision has also been taken to start Deendayal Antodaya Yojana Rashtriya Shahri Ajivika Mission in all 378 urban bodies in order to provide opportunities to women of urban areas for establishing self-employment through self-help groups. At present this scheme is operational in only 120 urban bodies.

The Chief Minister stated that this mission will provide means of livelihood to urban poor by undertaking activities like capacity building, self-employment training, skill development training, and social security and institutional development. Under the mission, shelter for homeless and hawkers' corners for street vendors will also be developed.

## Penetrating BJP's stronghold of Agar not easy for Cong

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In the changed political situation, it will not be easy for the Congress to penetrate the old stronghold of the BJP in the Agar Vidhan Sabha.

The by-election in Agar assembly constituency is due in September due to the death of Manohar Lal Untwal, a cabinet minister in Madhya Pradesh government and MP from Shajapur-Dewas parliamentary constituency. In the 2018 elections, Congress candidate Vipin Wankhede gave a strong fight to the BJP. Late Manohar Lal Untwal was able to win the last election with just 2500 votes. It is believed that the Congress will make Vipin Wankhede the candidate in this by-election.

Wankhede is considered a supporter of former Cabinet Minister Jayawardhan Singh. State Congress President Kamal Nath has made Jayawardhan Singh the election in-charge for Agar Vidhan Sabha. During the previous government, Jayawardhan Singh was the minister in-charge of Agar as the local government minister.

Whereas, the opinion of Union Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Thawarchand Gehlot will be almost decisive in the selection of BJP candidate. Mr. Gehlot has

Vipin Wankhede's candidature from Cong almost certain, Thawarchand Gehlot's opinion will be decisive for BJP's candidature



won the Lok Sabha elections four times from Shajapur-Dewas parliamentary constituency. He is the biggest leader of the Balai community at the national level. The names of old Jan Sangh leader and legislator Rekha Ratnakar, Lalram Ram Malviya, Gopal Parmar and

Ujjain MP Dr Chintamani Malviya and Manoj Untwal, son of late Manohar Lal are running for the BJP by-poll. Rekha Ratnakar has once been an MLA from Agar.

She is the sister of current Ujjain MP Anil Ferozia. While Lalaram Malviya and Gopal Parmar have also won elections once from Agar. Agar assembly constituency is reserved for scheduled castes. The Balai Dalit community dominates here. All the four contenders of the BJP come from the Balai Samaj. While Vipin Wankhede of Congress is originally from Indore and is non-Balai Dalit.

### Agar is old stronghold of Jansangh and BJP

Agar, the Scheduled Caste reserved assembly constituency, has been the stronghold of the Sangh Parivar since its existence in 1957. From here the Bharatiya Jana Sangh, Janata Party and BJP have always been victorious except for two occasions. The BJP has not lost from the 2003 assembly elections. According to caste equations, there are about 60 thousand Dalit voters here. Out of which the number of Balai Samaj is the highest. Sondhiya community is the most influential among other communities. Apart from these, Rajput, Patidar, Khati and Gujar communities are also having influence.

## Rs 700 per HP per year electricity bill on pumps up to 10 HP

Bhopal: Electricity is being given to agriculture consumers of the state at a rate of Rs 700 per horsepower per year at a pump up to 10 horsepower and flat rate consumers above 10 horsepower at the rate of Rs 1400 per horsepower per year. Along with this, free electricity is being provided in connection of up to 5 horsepower of SC / ST consumers having agricultural land up to one hectare.

Important decisions have been taken by the state government with a view to providing relief to the power consumers in view of effective lockdown in the corona epidemic. The recovery of permanent charge has been postponed in the low pressure non-domestic and low industrial consumers and high tariff payers of the state.

## Skies remains cloudy, drizzle makes weather pleasant

Chronicle Reporter, Bhopal

The skies remained mainly cloudy in the city on Saturday with drizzle and light showers making the weather pleasant. According to the SkyMet Weather, a monsoon depression may come up over Saurashtra & Kutch and adjoining the Arabian Sea between 6th and 8th July. An extremely wet and a pronged

spell is threatening deluge over parts of South Gujarat and Saurashtra & Kutch last till 9 July.

The weathermen said a cyclonic circulation is marked over South Gujarat & North Konkan and adjoining the Arabian Sea, more prominent in the medium levels of the atmosphere. This feature is going to become more orga-

nized and shift northward closer to the Saurashtra coast. Numerical models are displaying the potential of this system to strengthen to a possible depression between 6th and 8th July. High-velocity winds accompanied with torrential rains are going to lash South Gujarat on 4th and 5th July and later shift to Saurashtra & Kutch.

## Guru Purnima festival cancelled in Maa Chamunda Darbar

No fair will not be held in the month of Shravan

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The priest of Maa Chamunda Darbar Guruji Pt. Ramjivan Dubey and Jyotishacharya Vinod Rawat said that on July 5, Sunday, the 53rd Guru Purnima festival by Maa Chamunda Darbar has been canceled due to strict rules of central and state governments. Guruji had demanded that temples, mosques, churches, gurudwaras and religious places be opened. He said the demand was accepted but with strict conditions. Thousands of devotees are disappointed due to the cancellation of the programme. On Guru Purnima, there will be complete unknown abode of Guruji. Maa Chamunda Darbar Bhopal will be closed like every year.

Manas Bhawan Gufa Mandir programme cancelled

In Manas Bhawan Gufa Mandir, the stage is made with magnificent lighting every year. Thousands of chairs are used. Along with mike, DJ, crane photography done here



in the court of Matarani, Puja recitation, Guru Geeta recitation and Guru Charan are worshipped.

There are bhajan evening and cultural programmes. The programmes are inaugurated with plantation, Dharmadhwaaja, Shankhanad.

This time it has been made mandatory for every person to wash hands, put on masks, maintain a distance of 6 feet. In view of these rules, the above programme is being canceled. After the struggle to open the temple, Guruji started the second struggle from Guru Purnima to remove the strict rules of the central, state governments at temples, mosques, churches, gurudwaras, religious places.

No entry in temple without mask

Preparations have been completed in temples for the worship of Gurupurnima and Shravan month. In view of the coronavirus infection in the temples, the guidelines of the government have been taken care of. The devotees will not be allowed to enter the temples without a mask. The annual fair and swing programme in the cave temple has been postponed.

### Simple ceremony to mark Gurupurnima at Dadaji Dham

Following the government's health directives at Dadaji Dham Temple in Patel Nagar on 5 July, the Guru Purnima festival will be celebrated with simplicity and reverence. In this regard, Shivratnamdev, President of Dadaji Gurudev Charitable Trust and Trustees Jeevan Namdev, Akhilesh Shrivastava, Dhananjay Borkar, Shashi Kumar Gupta and Manoj Mohan Namdev have made a humble appeal to all the devotees.

This year the fair will not be held in the cave temple to be held in the month of Shravan. Swings will not be put. Wearing mask and social distance have been made mandatory for all devotees. Pandit Lekhraj Shastri, Chief Priest, Gufa Mandir

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