

Steps Taken by District Administration Goalpara in fight against COVID-19

1. Administrative set up

In times of crisis, its “All Hands on Deck” at Goalpara. The District administration has ensured the **convergence of the resources, manpower and efforts of all District Departments** to consolidate the response to the fight against COVID-19 pandemic:

- a. A District Level Task Force Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner, Goalpara under the chairmanship of the CEO, ZP with relevant officers from concerned departments of the district. The committee will implement all provisions of the Assam Covid-19 Regulation, 2020 and any other regulation(s) notified by the govt from time to time to control and contain the threat of spread of Covid-19.
- b. A **multi-disciplinary Central COVID monitoring Cell has been constituted by the Deputy Commissioner, Goalpara under the chairmanship of the CEO, ZP with handpicked officers** from various departments of the district to address the need for increased vigilance. **5 Flying Squads (one per Circle) act like action wing of this body** for go for swift interventions as and when required.
- c. Each officer of the administration has been assigned an Area of responsibility covering the district in grids to facilitate immediate response from the administration

Measures during 21 Day Lockdown

- a. An initiative of District Administration Goalpara - to provide **Home Delivery to help all stay safe indoors** has been taken up particularly to bolster the aged, women and others

For Home Delivery of Groceries/Essential Commodities during the 21-days lockdown period
Contact/WhatsApp on the following numbers.

VISHAL
Call/WhatsApp (9AM-5PM)
91016-80641 70023-54497
70027-39640 70024-51020
70028-08750 98542-27005

City hub
Call/WhatsApp (9AM-5PM)
97069-61978 84866-27569
86388-64262 91012-60299
60015-05204

GOALPARA FOOD BAZAAR
Call/WhatsApp App (10AM-3PM)
70021-53700
96780-93311
60021-45297

Amir Store
Call/WhatsApp (10AM-3PM)
60026-45107
60032-63557

Iman Store
Call/WhatsApp (10AM-3PM)
70027-31039
91010-86766

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@DCGoalparaAssam

Home Delivery Service
A Goalpara District Administration Initiative

- b. To address the two pronged problems of: Loss of livelihood due to non-sale of produce like fruits, veggies, milk, eggs etc and to provide people access to these: We are providing facility to sell Vegetables, Fruits and Milk on alternate days by small Van covering each Ward. This has now been extended to each GP. Schedule is provided through social media, miking & FLS. To address demand for egg (the main diet of the people being non-vegetarian) – tie up was done by District administration with the bigger essential commodities outlets to stock Eggs. Longer shelf life veggies like Potatoes, Onions, Ginger etc also made available through these stores



- c. As **water** is an essential commodity in short supply in some areas during the 21 day Lockdown period, Nodal Officer assigned and number widely publicised through social media, facebook, twitter, miking, Fixed Loudspeakers etc. Anyone with water related problems can call and arrangements are made to provide drinking water through Public Health Engineering Dept.



- d. Another major issue is to **streamline the requirement of passes**. **Nodal officers** have been assigned for passes for Essential Commodities, Medical Personnel and Supplies, Emergency Vehicle and numbers publicised. System made to collect details **online or through whatsapp**.
- e. On 24th March, discussion was held with leading suppliers, wholesalers etc and following directions were issued:
- i. Rationalize the sale of goods to every buyer as a step against panic purchasing
 - ii. During this period maintain the operations with minimum no of staff
 - iii. To display in front of their shops the Stock and Price Display Board in Form 'E' as per provision of Assam Trade Articles (Licencing and Control) Order/1982.
 - iv. The traders are also strictly directed not to hoard any good.
 - v. The traders agreed not to charge extra profit margins and ensure prices are maintained



Medical Measures

Goalpara district administration has engaged all its ways and means to contain the corona virus from becoming a ravage in the district. Following are the proactive measures taken by the district administration in coordination with the health department-

- a. Thorough screening of passengers at the railway station and bus stops has already been done prior to the lockdown; a total of over 2145 passengers have been screened so far.
- b. Identification of all individuals coming from outside the district is done through exhaustive house to house survey and use of various field level functionaries of departments – Ashas, AWW, VDP, Lot Mandals etc. The efforts of various field level functionaries like Ashas, Anganwadi workers, Gram Panchayat Secretaries, Lot Mandals, etc have been combined to identify people with travel history and people with symptoms.

- c. All identified individuals with such travel history or health symptoms or both have been home quarantined through stamping on left hand and notice pasted on their house.
- d. A total of over 85 isolation beds have been identified in the various govt and private healthcare facilities of the district.
- e. Quarantine facilities are identified and kept in clean condition for use if need be along with designated Building in-charges
- f. Use of google spreadsheets to record and track movements of Ashas
- g. Galvanising local resources to bolster the availability of hospital beds etc
- h. Medical mattresses have been provided by using of rexine covers over mattresses is another innovation taken
- i. Grid wise system of data collection by Ashas for people with travel history and symptoms to ensure exhaustive coverage of whole District and creation of database of persons with travel history or symptoms

Control Measures

- a. Handwash facility is being provided at essential services outlets.



- b. Clearly earmarked circles are being marked at grocery shops, ATMs, pharmacies to maintain the system of social distancing.
- c. Sanitization activities is being carried out by district administration with the cleaning of town areas of Goalpara, Lakhipur, DC's Office and other public offices regularly



- d. Goalpara district administration in its commitment to put in best efforts to fight covid19 is producing WHO recommended handrub/hand sanitizer with Goalpara College to produce

hand rub/hand sanitizer distributed free of cost at civil hospital, DC's Office, SP's Office and banks etc

- e. While the huge demand of masks is on the verge of creating havoc in the stores across the country, Goalpara has taken the initiative of preparing masks locally to address the scarcity. What started as NITI Aayog Aspirational District initiative to Promote a Plastic Free Green Goalpara, gives multiple shots in the Arm in war against COVID-2019. A Group of Specially Abled persons had been given special training at RSETI for creating plastic alternatives with upstream (tie-up with merchants for cloth at affordable prices) and downstream (Tie up with shops to provide cloth bag alternatives to plastic) assistance and sewing machines from #CSR funding. Scheme was launched by Hon CM Assam in Nov 2019. □

Today these beneficiaries are making good quality masks, headcovers etc to plug shortages in supply. This will also provide them livelihood income during the 21 day lockdown period. District Administration is arranging to collect and sell and also distribute to police and administrative personnel.

The district administration has extended all the logistical support for the preparation and distribution of the masks.

- f. The ASRLMS and ASULMS (Assam State Rural/Urban Livelihood Mission) network of SHGs have been tapped into for production of masks, footcover, headcover etc

2. Awareness and Publicity

As the role of responsible and cooperative public is inevitable for the lockdown to fructify, district administration has taken the following steps to create awareness amongst general public that will help them become active participants in containing this global pandemic-

- a. **On 24th March, just prior to lockdown a meeting (maintaining social distancing) had been held with the mosque and other religious institutions so that public gatherings are not allowed. The Mosque associations agreed for non gathering of huge masses during jumma namaaz.**
- b. **The mosques also agreed for Use of their PA system. Use of this PA system of mosques (which is used for azan) for repeated broadcasting of message of no violation of lockdown and maintenance of distance of 2 kms has yielded very beneficial results.**
- c. Besides, Regular miking is being done through mobile van and Fixed Loud Speakers to circulate information related to social distancing, home quarantine, lockdown, opening and closing hours of markets, home delivery of essential goods, etc.
- d. Social media channels have been activated to report any violation of lockdown or home quarantine.

- e. **IEC activities are being done by field level functionaries of all Departments - Asha workers, Angadwadi workers**, hoardings, banners, leaflets, miking, fixed loudspeakers, etc.
- f. As a means for the public to easily reach out to the district administration on any matter related to the current state of affairs the DDMA, Goalpara control room has been made available 24*7 at the numbers 1077 and 03663-243043, 03663-240003, 9435737450 with help of officers and officials of various departments. Other nos have also been added: 8876642492, 8638409072, 7099343998 (with whatsapp facility)