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ENFORCEMENT OF SOCIAL DISTANCING:

Introduction of Marking &Token System: To avoid large crowds of people in front of fair price shops, ATMs, Bank Branches, milk booths etc. for the collection of food grains, withdrawal of money distributed under the PM Garib Kalyan Yojana, milk etc. the police introduced marking and token system to ensure that people standing in queues observed social distancing norms.

B. Managing the Vegetable Market: Hapa vegetable market is one of the biggest markets in Jamnagar which caters to the needs of the entire city and nearby villages. Shri Safin Hasan,ASP (Under Training) and his team moved the market to an open ground to ensure the access control, arrangement of stalls in a systematic manner and to ensure social distancing among the customers lining up for the purchase of vegetables. 8 sq ft area was demarcated for each vendor. The entry, exit, parking area etc. were clearly marked and police deployment streamlined the entire operation of arrival of vehicles, unloading of vegetables, parking of vehicles, setting up of stalls, lining up of customers etc.



Pic-1: Vegetable Market, Hapa, Jamnagar

The above model was replicated at several places. All the vendors and customers time and again were

screened and briefed on Do's and Don'ts about keeping the market safe from virus infection.

2. Ensuring supply of essential items : There was difficulty in ensuring supply of essential commodities including food grains, vegetables, milk, medicines etc. to people especially to senior citizens, people suffering from illness, Divyanga's and other needy people etc. A group of young volunteers from different localities named '**Corona Veer**' were identified and their contact numbers were widely circulated among people. They served as a link between shopkeepers and customers thereby facilitating supply of essential goods without requiring people to go out of their homes.

This initiative succeeded in minimizing crowds at the shops and helped people in distress to get essential items delivered on the door step. It was deeply appreciated as a good example of police-community partnership.

3. Use of Technology : Ahmadabad City Police was coordinating the department concerned in carrying out contacts tracing and home quarantining of identified persons. To ensure and monitor quarantine, an app COVID-19 was developed by Sh. Ravi Teja DCP Ahmadabad City. It took online attendance three times a day with a picture upload facility.

It captures the location of the person as soon as he installs the application and creates a geo fence around his latitudes and longitudes. The person can update the COVID-19 symptoms periodically. It generates alerts whenever a person moves out of his location which helps in ensuring a legal action in case of violation of quarantine protocol.

4. Community Kitchen and Mask Making:

The people belonging to lower income groups found it hard to get hygienic food and masks. The lady wives of police officers living in police lines of Mehsana District Police started a community

kitchen for making hygienic food for the police officers deployed in the field and also for the poor people living in the neighborhood. The lady wives prepared food for 1000 to 1500 persons every day.

The lady wives drawing inspirations from the clarion call of Hon. PM of India started a mask making unit in District Police HQ, Mehsana. They were able to make 500 to 750 masks daily thereby meeting the demands of the police force and the poor people in the neighborhood. They made over 30,000 masks and the initiative of the police received appreciation from the general public.

5. Food for Migrant Labour:

Shri Omprakash Jat, IPS, ASP(Under Training), Dungra Police Station, District- Valsad developed a system for pooling resources to provide food and essential goods to 13,000 families during lockdown.

The needy families among migrants, laid off labourers and other poor families in the neighborhood were identified through helpline, village panchaya to members and other public spirited persons. An online platform was created for facilitating donors to sponsor ration kits and a list of donors was prepared. A team of volunteers along with police officers were lined up for distributing the ration kit to the needy families. 10,000 ration kits worth Rs.90.00 lakhs were distributed.

6. Shelter Home Management:

There is a large number of migrant labourers working in industrial units in Vapi, Umargam, Bhilad, Pardi, Gundlav of District- Valsad and they were displaced during the lockdown due to layoffs. They were taken to shelter homes. Shri Sunil Joshi, SP, Valsad and Shri Omprakash Jat, IPS, ASP had designed a system for people living in shelter homes. A police officer interacted and had food with the inmates to build personal rapport. The police also met requirements such as medicines, ration kits, health services to be delivered to their parents, families living in their home states.

A database containing basic information of migrants, place of residence etc. was created and Shramik Express Trains were booked based on the preferred destinations. Arrangements were made for a medical screening, transportation, boarding of trains, distribution of food packets etc. in coordination with civil administration.



Pic-11: Migrant Labour boarding the Bus

The above initiative of Valsad Police helped in retaining the migrant labourers, facilitation of their coming home in Shramik Express Trains and maintenance of law and order in the district during the lockdown. There were no attempts by the migrant labourers to go home on foot, on motorcycles etc. as it happened in several parts of the state.

7. Police Health Tracker:

The police officers and members of the auxiliary forces were vulnerable to COVID-19 infection as they had to interact with people during their deployment. Shri Vasamsetty Ravi Teja, IPS, DCP, Ahmedabad City had developed Police Health Tracker Google Spreadsheet. The police officers showing multiple symptoms such as fever, cough, breathlessness etc. were given immediate medical attention and hospitalization.

8. Working Despite Personal Hardship & Tragedies:

Shri A. B. Saiyad, Deputy SP (HQ), District: Jamnagar lost his sister Smt. Mehrunnisa Saiyad on 02/05/2020 at Civil Hospital, Ahmedabad due to pneumonia. However, he continued to work while mourning the death of his sister. He set an example for all the police officers by holding duty above his personal commitments.



Shri A. B. Saiyad, Dy. SP (HQ), Dist: Jamnagar



Shri Sanjaybhai V. Babariya, PC, RanavavPS, Dist: Porbandar



Shri S. S. Jadeja, PC, Malaviya Nagar PS, Rajkot City



Smt. Jyotiben M. Parikh, ASI, Raopura PS, Vadodara City

Shri Sanjaybhai V. Babariya, PC, Ranavav PS, Dist: Portbandar was deployed for COVID-19 bandobast. His pregnant wife complained of labour pains and was admitted to Mangalam Hospital, Porbandar on 13/04/2020. However, Shri Sanjaybhai V. Babariya coordinated her admission over the telephone while continuing to be on duty. He was blessed with a baby girl.

Similarly, Shri S.S. Jadeja, PC, Malaviya Nagar, PS, Rajkot City was on COVID-19 bandobast. He received a call from his wife regarding labour pains. However, Shri S.S. Jadeja stayed back and coordinated her admission to Krishna Hospital, Bopal, Ahmedabad. She delivered a baby boy by caesarean. He saw his new born baby through video calling!

Smt. Jyotiben M. Parikh, ASI, Raopura PS, Vadodara City was on COVID-19 bandobast at Dandiya Bazar Cross Roads, Vadodara City. She met with a road accident on 04/04/2020 while on her way back home and sustained head injuries. She was administered treatment at Global Hospital, Vadodara and reported to duty the next day without leave thereby displaying courage and dedication to the nation.

9. Brave Act to Save Life:

Shri H. N. Ajra, PSI, Kim PS, Dist: Surat (Rural) was on duty at Kim Railway Station, Surat on 12/05/2020 around 08.30 hrs coordinating the movement of migrant labourers from Odisha by Shramik Express Trains. A large number of people gathered at the railway station stranded on railway tracks. A goods train appeared from the opposite side and the crowd started running towards the train thinking that it was a passenger train. An old lady, Smt. Valiben Ranabhai Bharvad, aged 68yrs, r/o Kim, Surat was trying to cross the railway track to buy milk and

vegetables. Shri H. N. Ajra saw the lady stuck on the track, he rushed to her and had pulled her away just before the train passed on the track. The brave act of Shri H. N. Ajra saved the life of the lady.



Shri H. N. Ajra, PSI, Kim PS, Dist: Surat (Rural)

TWITTER

Ahmadabad Police @AhmedabadPolice May 30

Ahmedabad Police distributing masks in order to help needy ones in their fight against Covid19.



Raja Banthia @rajabanthia Apr 10

Information was received that stranded students & workers from Arunachal were under distress in Gujarat. We immediately contacted @SPWestKutch @SPAmdRural & @AhmedabadPoliceDCP Zone-II who personally connected with them & rendered required assistance. @DgpPradesh