MEASURES TAKEN TO TACKLE COVID-19 IN SOUTHERN RANGE

The Lockdown to limit the spreading of COVID19 virus was announced on 24.03.2020. It was further extended till 03.05.2020. Third phase was extended till 17.05.20. Since then, Southern Range, Delhi Police (South & South-East District) has taken multiple measures to ensure that Lockdown is effectively implemented which are as follows:

- Continuous round-the-clock presence of police staff with 83 permanent pickets (47 South and 36 South-East).
- Regular meetings & interactions are being conducted with the members of RWA to maintain Lockdown. WhatsApp groups with them are also in use for dissemination of information.
- As Lockdown bans all religious congregations, meetings are held with religious leaders to persuade people to stay indoors ahead of major religious events such as Shab-e-Baraat, Ramzan.
- For smooth functioning of essential services, Curfew passes have been issued.
- Fleet of 85 new bikes (40 South & 45 South-East) - #COVID_Patrol, launched to maintain presence around the district on the main roads and also in the interior areas. Frequent mega patrols led by senior officers are undertaken to persuade citizens to stay indoors
- Installation of PTZ cameras at interstate borders and their live feed connected to seniors officials. IP based cameras with remote monitoring on mobile by ACsP have been installed at crucial pickets.
- Distribution of food and ration in the Jhuggi clusters and shelter homes with the assistance of Good Samaritans, RWAs, NGOs and philanthropists. Details of which are as follows:

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<th>District</th>
<th>No. of persons to whom food was distributed</th>
<th>No. of persons sent to Night Shelters</th>
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<td>During last 24 hours</td>
<td>Cumulative (data since 23.03.2020)</td>
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<td>SOUTH</td>
<td>18,900</td>
<td>6,83,959</td>
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<td>SOUTH EAST</td>
<td>12,961</td>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
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- Stern legal action is being taken against violators of Lockdown, the details of which are as following –

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<th>Persons arrested</th>
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<td>2951</td>
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- Besides prosecuting offenders, the services of those who are found flouting social distancing norms or other minor violations, are used for checking at pickets or to ensure social distancing in markets.
SOCIAL DISTANCING

Medical experts have advised Social distancing as the most effective way to reduce the spread of the disease. Following measures have been taken to this effect:

- Delhi civil Defence Volunteers, Police Mitras and Social Distancing volunteers have been deployed for maintaining social distancing.
- Leveraging services of able-bodied young citizens as Covid Volunteers to enforce social distancing in mandis and markets. They’ve been given kits containing T Shirt, mask, visor and sanitizer.
- Meetings with MWAs, Mandi Pradhans to ensure full cooperation of vendors in markets. All shops, medical stores, 24/7 stores, super-marts have also drawn social distancing circles and they are being continuously monitored through patrolling.
- Circles are earmarked at the pickets to ensure social distancing among the police personnel and between the police personal and public as well.
- To ensure social distancing while patrolling smaller customized vehicles are built to ensure their passage into narrow pathways, where police personnel shall fit inside the vehicle and they shall be covering the more area during their patrolling.
- Use of drones, which have temperature sensors and announcement facility into it, for surveillance.
- ”Zoomstick” was innovated to overcome the problem of personnel touching the documents while checking at pickets and to ensure social distancing. Equipped with a magnifying glass and LED light, it is effective during day and night.
A handsfree pedal operated water and soap dispensing machine was installed on a pilot basis in PS Sangam Vihar. It is now being replicated through the range.

There are many fruit/vegetable mandis in the Southern range. Most of the mandis have been shifted to more manageable locations where social distancing can be easily implemented during the Lockdown phase. Steps taken at some major mandis are: -

- **Okhla Mandi**
  - One of the biggest mandi of Southern range, it had problems regarding social distancing. Delhi Police have taken several measures such as
    a) Only wholesale buyers were allowed inside the mandi.
    b) Tokens were issued for all the people who were entering into the Mandi premises
    c) Sanitizer tunnel was placed at the entry.
    d) Social distancing circles were marked
    e) Constant surveillance and announcement using drones
    f) Odd-even system has been implemented in the operation of shops.
    g) Presence of senior officials round the clock.

- **Mehrauli Mandi**
Mehrauli Mandi has been shifted to Mehrauli bus terminal where space has been allotted to particular vendors, maintaining at least 3 meters distance between the two vendors.
• Effective social media campaign for enhanced outreach. Extensive use of Twitter by DCsP to persuade residents of the range to stay indoors.

MIGRANT LABOUR MANAGEMENT

To ensure that inter-state movement of migrant labours does not vitiate the purpose of Lockdown, Southern Range has effectively responded with following measures –

• **Sealing of interstate border**-
  • All the 08 interstate borders (3 South & 5 South-East) have been sealed and round the clock arrangement have been deployed there under the supervision of 01 Inspector.
  • 83 round the clock pickets at strategic locations in the whole Southern Range to ensure that every movement is monitored.
  • Continuous dialogue and counseling of migrant labour in the area to assure them of all help from the district Police.
  • The landlords were sensitized to waive off the rent for their tenants and the contractors were asked to pay the financial benefits to their labourers
  • Vehicles suspected of carrying the labours clandestinely are being thoroughly checked.
• Distribution of food to the migrant labour at their place of stay such as construction sites, shelter homes etc is being done with help of Good Samaritans to ensure that they do not migrate for the want of basic necessities.

• Senior officers regularly visit such camps and redress grievances of migrant labourers in coordination with the civil administration.

• To help Migrant labour cope with these times of uncertainty, entertainment options are being provided in the form of screening of movies, magic shows etc. Stress management classes and Yoga classes are also conducted for the inmates by volunteers and NGOs.

• Efforts are also being made to partner with Good Samaritans to provide them local cuisine to overcome homesickness.

• Tie ups with local NGOs to distribute colouring kits, hygiene kits and milk formula for women and child welfare.

• **Shifting of migrant labourers to shelter homes through buses:** Whenever migrant labour movement is detected, they are either sent to shelter homes in the district or their residence in Delhi by using hired buses. All are sent to shelter homes or their residences in Delhi.
CONTAINMENT ZONES

Southern range has **17** containment zones - **4** in South District and **13** in South East District. Southern range has taken multiple measures to further limit the spread of disease from these zones to the nearby areas which are as following –

- These areas are completely sealed with proper barricading and round the clock deployment of the police personnel along with Civil Defence Volunteers (CDV). Essential items are being supplied by the administration.
- Staff has been provided with **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Kit** and body worn cameras to respond to any emergency effectively

- Staff is continuously briefed and motivated in these areas by senior officers.
- Grocery/Essential Commodities Shops in these areas are taking order through WhatsApp Group and delivering the goods at door steps. In some areas where home delivery is not being done, social distancing among the customers is being ensured at the shops.
- Drone surveillance to keep a check on the situation.
- Customised vehicles for constant patrolling and to reach the distressed people in containment zone where surveillance was difficult earlier.
PERSONNEL WELFARE

- Staff are provided with face masks, goggles, gloves and hand sanitizers.
- Police Stations have procured sanitization equipment and are diligently using it twice a day especially in barracks, duty officer desk etc.
- Disinfection tunnels are being setup to disinfect any person who comes to the Police station.
- To ensure the safety of our staff in high risk areas such as containment zones, hospital duty, pickets, frequent sanitization of barricades is done at the picket with spraying of sodium hypochlorite solution.
- Distribution of vitamin C tablets and oranges are being made to help boost immunity of our personnel.
- Partnership with hotels and guest houses has been made to provide rooms for the police staff to be placed under quarantine.
- To deal with the rising mercury levels- Tents, umbrellas and fans have been provided at the pickets. Pickets staff is provided with water, buttermilk, coconut water, etc. to ensure they stay hydrated.
- Launch of Ayuraksha – modified Delhi Police vehicle that distributes protective equipment as well as AYUSH approved immunity boosters to staff deployed on the ground.
- The staff are also encouraged to download Arogya Setu app to provide them with COVID-19 related health services.
- Also Police stations are encouraged to adopt a model where
  -> There is no rotation between the field staff and staff working inside the police station.
  -> Provisions are made for the field staff to stay outside and the staff in the PS are encouraged to stay near the police station premises
  -> Minimal interaction between the field staff and the PS staff is aimed at, so as to prevent spread of COVID-19 among staff.
Southern Range is effectively addressing the grievances of the people and taking strict actions against those violating the Lockdown orders. It is committed to tackle every arising challenge during the Lockdown in consultation with all the stakeholders.