

PM chairs meeting with CMs on COVID-19 vaccination

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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi chaired a high level meeting with Chief Ministers and Administrators of all States and Union Territories to review the status and preparedness for COVID-19 vaccination on 11th January, 2021, via video conferencing.

Coordinated battle against the virus

Prime Minister paid obeisance to former Prime Minister Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri on his death anniversary. He lauded the constant coordination and communication between the Centre and the States, and timely decision making, which has played a big role in the fight against the virus. As a result, the spread of the virus has been contained vis-a-vis several other countries. Prime Minister noted that the fear and apprehensions that citizens had at the start of the pandemic have now ebbed, and the growing confidence has reflected positively on the economic activities also. He also appreciated the State governments for working zealously in this battle.

World's biggest vaccination campaign

Prime Minister said that the country is in a decisive

phase of this fight, with the start of the world's biggest vaccination campaign from 16th January. He underlined that it's a matter of pride that both the vaccines for which Emergency Use Authorization has been given are made in India. He highlighted that both the approved vaccines are highly cost effective in comparison to other vaccines from across the world, adding that India would have faced great difficulty if it would have had to depend on foreign vaccines.

Prime Minister noted that India's vast experience with vaccination will prove handy in this endeavour. He said that the priority of vaccination has been decided as per advice of the experts and scientific community after consultation with the States. Health workers, from both government and private sector, will be the first ones to receive the vaccine. Along with them, Safai Karmacharis, other Front Line Workers, police and paramilitary, Home Guards, Disaster Management Volunteers and other jawans in Civil Defence, and Revenue Officials associated with containment and surveillance, will also receive the vaccine in the first stage. The total number of such personnel is around 3 crore. Prime Minister announced that State govern-



ments will not have to bear any cost towards vaccinating these 3 crore people in the first stage. Centre will bear this cost, he added.

In the second stage, those above 50 years of age, and those below 50 years of age with comorbidities or with high risk of infection, will be vaccinated. Preparation for infrastructure and logistics has been done with all States and UTs, the Prime Minister said, adding that dry runs for vaccination have also been done across the country. He said that our new preparations and SOPs for COVID have to be linked up with our old experiences of running universal immunization programmes and conducting elections throughout the country. He noted that the booth level strategy used for elections needs to be used here as well.

Co-Win

Prime Minister remarked that the most important factor

in this vaccination drive is identification and monitoring of those who need to be vaccinated. For this, Co-Win digital platform has been created. With the help of Aadhaar, beneficiaries will be identified as well as timely second dosage will be ensured. Prime Minister underlined the significance of ensuring that real time data related to vaccination gets uploaded on Co-Win.

After a person receives the first dose of vaccination, Co-Win will immediately generate a digital vaccination certificate. This certificate will also act as a reminder for the second dose, after which, a final certificate will be given.

Target of 30 crore in next few months

Prime Minister said that the vaccination drive in India is also significant since several other countries are going to follow us. He said that vaccination for COVID-19 has been going on in about 50 countries since past 3-4 weeks, and till now, only about 2.5 crore people have received vaccination. India aims to achieve vaccination for 30 crore people in the next few months, he said.

Prime Minister further said that proper mechanisms have been put in place in case a person feels discomfort due to the

vaccine, adding that such a mechanism is already in place for universal immunization programme, and it has been further strengthened for this vaccination drive.

Prime Minister underlined the significance of following the COVID related protocols throughout this endeavour, adding that even those who are receiving the vaccine should continue to follow these precautions to prevent any spread of the virus. He said that all States and UTs will have to put in place mechanisms to keep rumours related to vaccination in check. For this, help from religious and social organizations, NYK, NSS, SHGs etc should be taken.

Tackling the Bird Flu Challenge

Prime Minister also discussed the spread of Bird Flu in nine States including Kerala, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Delhi and Maharashtra. He said that the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has put in place a plan to tackle the problem, in which District Magistrates will have a key role. He asked Chief Ministers of the affected States to guide their DMs in this endeavour. He added that other States where Bird

Flu is yet to reach should be on a constant vigil. He expressed hope that through proper coordination between Forest, Health and Animal Husbandry Departments, we will be able to overcome this challenge soon.

Vaccination preparedness and feedback

Union Home Minister said that the country has performed better than most of the other countries in facing COVID under the leadership of the Prime Minister and the Chief Ministers. He added that the coordination displayed by the States in this endeavour till now should also continue in the vaccination drive as well.

The Chief Ministers expressed happiness at the rollout of vaccination. They discussed some issues and concerns about vaccines, which were clarified in the meeting.

Union Health Secretary gave a presentation on preparedness for the vaccination drive. He outlined that vaccination would be based on Jan Bhagidari, and there would be orderly and smooth implementation without compromising on the existing health-care setup.

He also gave an overview of logistics preparedness for the drive.

University blessed with Ved mantras

Udaipur: All India Vedic Conference was organized on Monday under the joint aegis of Department of Arts and Culture, Rajasthan, Mohanlal Sukhadia University Udaipur, and Kailaji Vedic University Nimbahera.



Speaking as the chief guest, Governor Shri Kalraj Mishra said that India's biography and real introduction is hidden in the Vedas. It is tough to understand Indian philosophy and traditions without knowing the Vedas. He called for the creation of an academic structure of Vedic studies at the University.

Governor Shri Mishra called for the need to work together to preserve these traditions of Vedakaparayan for thousands of years. He also suggested the need to translate the Vedas into a simple language to understand the Vedas and to bring the public welfare ideas contained in the Vedas to the masses. He expressed heartfelt happiness for the unprecedented event of the conference.

He was presiding over the program, Arts and Culture Minister Dr. B.D. Kalla said that his department is operating 25 Vedic gurukuls in 18 districts. Faith in knowledge is the introduction of India and Vedas, the origin of experience. Dr. Kalla also proposed merging the handwritten museum of Rajasthan Oriental Vidya Pratishthan with the University.

Distinguished guests of the program were Vice-Chancellor Prof. Amarika Singh of M.L.S.U. And Prof. IV Trivedi, of Govind Guru Tribal University. Banswara V.C. Prof. Amarika Singh expressed the idea of establishing a Faculty and Chair at the University of Sukhadia for public research, development, and expansion of Vedic education. Also, I advised state universities to add Vedas as add-on courses in science and technical courses. V.C. Prof. Singh, along with Brahmakumari University, pledged to organize an International Vedic Conference covering 144 countries. Sanskrit Department Chairman Prof. Neeraj Sharma stated the need for influence, experimentation, and present-day mantras' academic practice. Pro. Sharma also informed the subject of the description of all the Vedpaths. Mugdha Sinha, Government Secretary, Department of Arts and Culture, and Dr. Samiti Sharma, Divisional Commissioner, Jaipur, and Administrator of Sanskrit Academy, proposed a vote of thanks.

Corona Positive's positive thinking defeated the virus

Sriganganagar: (Hritu Sodhi) Sunil Sihag is a reporter of First India in Sriganganagar District and is considered to be a very successful journalist.

Sunil Sihag has been a sports person and still coaches cricket in Sriganganagar district. He made a name for himself by joining journalism and moving quickly in a new field. Where the Corona era affected everyone badly, Sunil Sihag kept reporting continuously and carried out his duty very well. Not even a successful journalist was left untouched by Corona, one day he too felt that he had developed a corona infection. He got his test done immediately and made himself home quarantine. After Sunil Sihag's report came positive, he remained home quarantine for fifteen days and followed the corona guidelines.

During this time he got the full support of the District Administration. District Collector Shri Mahavir Prasad Verma kept in constant contact with him on the phone and kept him aware of his condition.

PMO Dr. KS Kamra gave him constant guidance over the phone and provided him medicines from the District hospital. Sunil Sihag feared his two-year-old daughter Sejal might get a corona infection too. At such a time, he kept himself completely apart and took care of health in every way. He took vitamins and mineral pills as advised by Doctor Kamra at the time.

Drinking lime juice and lemon tea continuously, he also consumed the decoction available by the Ayurveda department and kept himself away from the whole family. The result of his positive thinking was that his health soon improved. I interacted with him and wrote a success story based on his experience so that the war he fought from corona could be carried out to the common man. Those people who are fighting with corona or are still afraid of corona infection, can take fear out of their mind and this story will make them aware.

Sunil Sihag said that the arrangements at the District hospital are very good and in no way inferior to private hospitals. He said that if he did not get medicines and guidance on time, he would have trouble recovering quickly. He said that the most important thing in fighting corona infection is to keep your mind strong, do light exercises and follow the corona guidelines completely.

Due to this positive thinking, the corona infection did not spread in his family. Today Sunil Sihag is healthy as before and continues to do his work.

Two ureters in a kidney had stones, removed by RIRS laser

Udaipur: At GBH American Hospital, there was an operation on a young man having two ureters in one kidney and stones with both kidneys. In this, the stones were removed by performing retrograde intrarenal surgery (RIRS) laser without tearing. The 24-year-old youth, a resident of Dungarpur, was brought to Dr. Pradeep Sharma, a urologist at GBH American Hospital. Stones were detected in both kidneys of the young man, in CT urography was found to have a duplex ureter in the right kidney. Of the young man. Also, in both of his kidneys, stones were found in two ureters connected to the right kidney and the ureter of the left kidney. Using a laser from RIRS, broke the stone out of the young man and removed it. Director Dr. Surabhi Porwal said that Dr. Pradeep Sharma at GBH American Hospital had performed more than a hundred surgeries using this technique in the last one and a half years.

The young man had two ureters in a kidney in this operation, so this case was the most different and complicated. This is medically termed retrograde intrarenal surgery (RIRS). In this, surgery is done by reaching the path of the urinary tube without making an incision.

13 Madhya Pradesh Districts Come Under Avian Flu Risk

- Arkaprava Das

Till January 10, 2021, confirmed traces of Avian Flu Virus are detected in the samples collected from the birds found dead in the 13 districts of Madhya Pradesh. So far, these affected 13 districts are Indore, Neemuch, Mandasaur, Agar Malwa, Dewas, Guna, Khadwa, Kargone, Shivpuri, Raigarh, Shajapur, Ujjain and Vidisha. The test report is published from the National Institute of High-Security Animal Diseases (NIHSAD), Bhopal based on the study done with the dead birds of these areas.

State Government was first alarmed with its probable chance in December 29, 2020,

when 2 out of 50 dead crows from Indore were identified to contain the Bird Flu Virus. Concern grew more on last Thursday, when samples collected from poultry tools of the shops located in Indore and Neemuch showed signs of Avian Flu Virus.

To stay protected, State Government has ordered 1 week ban on the sale of poultry products in the shops within 1 km around the risky areas. No imports of chicken is allowed from Haryana and Southern States in Indore for 10 days. Sale of eggs and meat, including mutton, chicken and fish is banned in entire Neemuch District. Poultry market of Agar



Malwa is also closed for 1 week after the examination report confirmed Avian Flu signs in the specimens of these poultry shops.

About 70,000 people living in suspected parts of Indore from where dead crows were

found, such as, Palda Naka, Residency, Musakhedi, Azad Nagar, Chauhan Nagar, Snehlatajanj were screened by the State Health Department to ensure their fitness status. Medical Team operating in this task has stated that NO symptom of Avian Influenza is identified among them till the last check done.

Later, till Saturday this year, about 1,100 crows and wild birds are reported to be dead and are sent for analysis.

As mentioned by a public health spokesperson, District administration has started culling and burying poultry birds following valid regulation to keep safe human health.

MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA AT PRATAPNAGAR, UDAIPUR

- Ashok mathur

Out of 19 government museums in the state, the Udaipur division has four-situated in Ahar, City Palace, Dungarpur, and Chittorgarh. Udaipurites are lucky to have a special museum at the Anthropological Survey of India, Western Regional Center at Pratapnagar that was inaugurated in March 2018. The popularity of the museum was evident from the fact that it was visited by no less than 9000 persons in the very first year. The diverse ways of life followed by various communities such as Kotwalia, Naika, Varli, Rabari, Marwara, Meghwal, Rathwara, Tadvli, Bhil, Gameti, Ahir and Jat of Gujarat as portrayed in the museum, make it a special one.

As also communities such as Sahariya, Damor, Bhil, Brahman, Jain, Rajput, Bhangi, Bhopa, Jogi, Langa, Lohar, Mangniyar, Muslim, Kumar, Prajapat, and Suthar of Rajasthan. Lifestyles of groups are presented in the museum so as to highlight the different socio-economic milieus with the help of specimens, sketches, charts, maps and photographs. Specimens exhibited to help in the understanding of various cultural adaptation not only show their exotic appearance but also showcase the bio-cultural richness of the people of Western India.

In the form of charts and texts in the museum are shown languages and dialects that are an important factor for the identification of any community. As many as 325 languages and 25 scripts that have been derived from various linguistic families namely the Indo-Aryan, Tibeto-Burman, Dravidian, Austro-Asiatic, Andamans, Semitic, Indo-Iranian and Indo-European are in use in our country. More than 65.5% of 4635 communities studied by the Anthropological Survey of India are bilingual and most of the tribal communities are trilingual. The numerous mother tongues are important instruments of cultural expression and the manifestation of linguistic diversity among the Indian population.

Also known for their cultural diversity in adapting various ecosystems of the region are the people of Western India, Mewar, Marwar, Dhundhari, Shekhawati, and Hadoti that are the main eco-cultural zones of Rajasthan. And in the same way, Gujarat can be divided into North Gujarat, South Gujarat, Saurashtra, and Kutch. Each cultural zone has its own distinct ecology, landscape, dialect, cultural traits, beliefs, customs, and traditions. Reflected on their social life, economic activities and even their political organizations are these variations. The museum has presented a Panorama and activities of some of the coastal, desert dwellers, and nomadic communities who have retained age-old knowledge about local ecology and livelihood strategies. People adjust themselves to their environment in order to meet their requirements for food, water, and shelter. Essential for survival, adaptation is a continuing process.

The photography unit of the Regional Centre has a big collection of nearly 7000 negatives covering varied aspects of life and culture of the people of this region. These collections of photographs are valuable assets of visual records of the life and the distinctive cultural features of the Western region. The photography unit of the center has also undertaken documentation of Kolgha, Kotwalia, Kathodi, Sidda, and Padhar of Gujarat and Saharia of Rajasthan and collected about 1800 digital photographs.

Till date, the regional center has collected about 6000 ethnographic objects from different districts of Gujarat and Rajasthan from all communities including tribals. The specimens can be functionally classified as agriculture, hunting, fishing, etc. bows and arrows, ornaments, musical instruments, crafts objects, ritual objects, pre-historical material, and so on. The center arranges exhibitions on various themes at different locations such as Udaipur, Jaisalmer, Jaipur during Shilpgram Utsav, and other occasions.

Under the collaborative programmes, an ethnographic gallery was set up at the campus of the Shilpgram in Udaipur in 2001 in collaboration with West Zone Cultural Centre. The Regional Centre has a rich reference library that has a vast collection of about 7000 books on various subjects, including many Indian and foreign journals.

Such museums in Udaipur are readily available rich sources to create awareness and enhance one's interest in and knowledge of our ancient cultural heritage and a boon for curious students and researchers.

Veteran journalist Ashok Mathur's blog (ashokmathuronudaipur.com) with over forty articles on Udaipur's palaces, temples, lakes, gardens, festivals, fairs, wildlife etc. is getting very popular. It has interesting content for Udaipurites as well as tourists.

Poetry Corner The Republic

Public is Marching on the Rajpath
The Nation is observing
The Republic Day!
The troops salute the President
The President salutes the government
Who will salute the public
On the Republic Day ?
On thirty Eighth Day of the Agitation
Fortieth Death was announced-
It was a suicide
And the deceased said,
He didn't like the way
The government treated the farmers-
Those who die on the roads
Do not get gallantry awards, they say.
Human lives do not matter
Deaths' count is just a number,
"The Prime Minister will not
Cow down before any Pressure",
says the Agriculture Minister
And says in the same vein,
"The government is with the farmers".
The crop of lies is flourishing in this regime,
The agitation is misguided, they say.
An American survey says,
"Our PM is the most popular one
in the whole world."
The smoke rises up the tents,
At 4 degree Celsius,
Old Men, women and Children
Brave the weather in the capital under open sky.
The Republic Day is being observed
While the Public fasts unto death.

-Dr. H.S.Chandalia

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