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Covid-19 Virus Infection: SPs in charge of Air Ports in the State; Border Checking to be Intensified

Officers in the rank of SP have been deputed in four Airports in the State to coordinate the activities of monitoring travelers to the State in the wake of Covid-19 Virus infection. DySPs concerned will execute the same at the railway stations in their jurisdiction. All vehicles including private vehicles will be strictly checked at borders. Police will conduct checking in coordination with Health Department. The State Police Chief Loknath Behera has directed all police personnel in all wings to be ready to face any situation in the wake of Covid-19 infection.

Anup Kuruvila John, DIG, has been entrusted with the overall charge of all the four Airports in the State. K S Vimal, Commandant, SAP, will be in charge of Thiruvananthapuram Airport till 16th March. Thereafter D Shilpa, Commandant, Women Battalion will be in charge of Thiruvananthapuram Airport. Vaibhav Saxena, Commandant, KAP 1st, will be at Kochi Airport, Chaithra Theresa John, SP, Operations will look after Karipur Airport and Navneeth Sharma, Commandant, KAP 4th Battalion, will be in charge at Kannur Airport. DIG, Kochi Range will evaluate the activities at Kochi Airport and will give guidelines considering the fact that it is the airport with more travelers in Kerala. These officers will work along with DMOs and other officers in Health Department. Dr. Shaik Darvesh Sahib, ADGP, has been deputed to coordinate the activities with the Health Department. Police will work along with Emigration, CISF and Customs Department.

The travelers to Kerala by trains will also be checked at the Railway Stations near Border. The passengers in trains which do not have stops at Border Stations will be checked at the first Railway Station where it stops in Kerala. A team including one Policeman, one officer from Health Department and one Health

Volunteer will check two compartments each in Trains. Presence of officers will be ensured 24 hours at Railway Stations. DySPs in Railway Stations should assure security of medical teams at Railway Stations.

The concerned District Police Chiefs are responsible for checking all the Vehicles entering Kerala. DySPs concerned will be in charge of checking centres in Kerala. A team of two police personnel and officers from Health Department will conduct checking under his leadership. Vehicle Checking should be conducted without traffic congestion. District Police Chiefs should be vigil at areas where there is a possibility of people entering Kerala through Sea.

District Collector, District Police Chief, DMO and District Panchayath President will evaluate the situation every day. The services of Additional SPs will be used for district level activities. Senior Police Officers in every district will be deputed to give awareness to the leaders of various religious organizations in the light of the State Government direction to get rid of religious meetings, gatherings and other festivals. District Police Chiefs have been entrusted to conduct checking at Parks, Play Grounds, Mall, Bus Stands and such places.

ADGP, L&O, Zones IGPs, Rangesn DIGs and District Police Chiefs will provide necessary help to the Health Department officials.

Directions have been given to Janamaithri Police to provide security to all organizations fighting against Covid-19 Virus infection and to help the Health Department. Janamaithri Police Personnel and Volunteers from Panchayath will provide medicines and all necessary things to senior citizens who scare to come out from homes.

Tourism Police have been asked to give awareness on Covid-19 Virus at tourist places. If they found any foreigner in any suspicious condition they should immediately contact the concerned District Police Chief or Health Department. Police will not give permission to conduct unnecessary meetings to avoid gatherings of people.

IPS officers will be deputed to give awareness regarding Covid-19 Virus infection at places where migrant workers live in groups. Vijay Sakhare, City Police Commissioner, Kochi City, has been deputed to provide awareness to the migrant workers at Perumbavoor in their regional language regarding Covid-19. Senior Police Officers will visit the virus infected places. All police personnel will be co-operated in such activities.
