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233 TESTED IN 2 DAYS, 7 OF THEM FOUND POSITIVE; TOTAL COVID+ CASES IN STATE STANDS AT 38

CM AUTHORISES SARPANCHES TO USE PANCHAYAT FUNDS FOR CURFEW RELIEF & TO ISSUE PASSES FOR MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

HOLDS VIDEO CHATS WITH POLICE PERSONNEL & DOCTORS IN FIELD FOR ON-GROUND ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION

Chandigarh, March 27:

Even as the Punjab government stepped up testing and setting up of isolation facilities for COVID-19, Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh on Friday expanded the relief operations amid the curfew restrictions by authorising Sarpanches to use Panchayat funds to provide emergency relief to the poor and needy.

The Sarpanches have been authorised to spend Rs. 5,000 per day, subject to a maximum of Rs. 50,000, out of their Panchayat Funds, and have also been given powers to issue passes/letters for medical emergencies in their respective villages from 7 pm to 6 am every day, to allow people to visit doctors or hospitals for treatment and medicines.

An official spokesperson said the initiatives were part of the government exercise to reach out to the maximum number of people across the states, down to every village, in order to minimise the inconvenience caused to them as a result of the curfew/lockdown imposed in the light of COVID-19 crisis.

The Chief Minister, who is personally monitoring the situation in the state, has also ordered intensification of testing for COVID-19, and in the last two days alone, as many as 233 samples have been tested, of which 7 have tested positive. With this, the total number of samples tested so far has gone up to 789, of which 38 have tested positive, 480 are negative and results of 271 tests are still awaited.

Till date, there has been one death out of 38 positive cases and one case is cured. All the confirmed cases are doing well with no complications so far, said the spokesperson.

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Punjab Chief minister Relief fund- COVID- 19



CHIEF SECRETARY ISSUES DETAILED DIRECTIONS FOR CONTAINMENT OF COVID-19

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According to the spokesperson, Captain Amarinder is also closely monitoring the position with regard to the supply of logistics, to ensure that frontline staff, including doctors, paramedics, police personnel, etc, have adequate supplies of PPE kits, N-95 masks, triple layer masks, sanitizers and gloves etc. He has directed strict adherence to the Protocol of Health Department regarding use of protective gear, said the spokesperson, adding that instructions had been issued by the Health department regarding use of masks and PPE kits during patient care, sample collection and transportation, disinfection etc.

All steps are being taken to strengthen the infrastructure needed to deal with any eventuality, said the spokesperson, adding that the Department of Health & Family welfare had identified 20 isolation facilities with a cumulative bed strength of 2,708 beds for isolation and treatment of COVID-19 positive persons. The Chief Minister has directed the department to further scale up the bed strength to 5,000 by adding more facilities.

The Chief Minister lauded the work being done by the medical and paramedical staff of Health department, and also appreciated the cooperation and assistance offered by the private sector, as many private health facilities had volunteered ICU beds and ventilators. Mapping of such facilities has been done by the Department of Health and Family Welfare. A total of 889 ICU beds and 387 ventilators are available in Government and private facilities for care of critical patients if the need arises, said the spokesperson.

The Chief Minister meanwhile today held video chats with some police personnel and doctors on duty in the battle against the Coronavirus in the state. He inquired about the situation on the ground, and advised them to reach out to the maximum number of people, urging the police personnel to remain polite and humane in their dealings at all time.

Captain Amarinder asked these doctors and police personnel to take full precautions, including wearing of masks, in the implementation of their duty. He also asked them about any problems faced in the execution of the government's orders, and offered full support from the state government to meet any contingency. The Chief Minister conveyed to them, and their families, his best wishes, said the spokesperson.

Captain Amarinder later tweeted: "Spoke to Doctors & Punjab Police jawans on duty. I salute all heroes who are working day & night to ensure we defeat #Covid19. Let's all comply by the rules because that's how we can help them in this difficult time."

The Chief Minister has assured the people that the state is fully geared to contain the spread of COVID-19. Pointing out that control rooms have been set up at State and district level to provide any kind of assistance pertaining to this situation, the spokesperson further said the 104 medical helpline was available 24X7 to address queries of general public.

Meanwhile, as part of the government's efforts to track down each of the 90,000 persons who had returned from abroad and visited Punjab villages after February 15, 2020, the Chief Minister has directed the Rural Development Department to compile the information relating to all such persons. He appealed to all the Sarpanches to provide this information to the Department within the next two days, said the spokesperson, adding that while the exercise to compile this list was almost complete, the Department had been asked to reach out to the Sarpanches as a matter of abundant caution.

Further, in a bid to mitigate the hardships faced by the poor amid COVID-19 crisis, the Chief Minister Captain has also urged the Centre to extend the distribution of additional allocation of foodgrain from the earlier announced three to six months. This was imperative to ensure that the underprivileged and daily wagers, who had lost their daily employment as a result of the pandemic, do not suffer from a nutritional crisis.

GALLERY



Corona Mobile APP



Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh Released A Booklet 'Because We Haven't Forgotten...' Along With A CD Of Documentary Film 'Jallianwala Bagh Punjab Da Dil' In Punjabi And Hindi Dedicated To Jallianwala Bagh Centenary Commemoration



PUNJAB INKS MoU WITH SINGAPORE'S CIG TO EXPLORE LEADERSHIP TRAINING, SHOWCASE STATE AS INVESTMENT DESTINATION



Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh During Fourth Day Of Budget Session Of Punjab Vidhan Sabha On Wednesday.



CAPT AMARINDER CONFERRED WITH 10th BCS 'IDEAL CHIEF MINISTER' AWARD FOR UNIQUE INITIATIVES TO BOOST STATE'S HOLISTIC GROWTH



Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh Receiving Cheques Worth US Dollar 16,000 From Chicago-Based NRIs Zorawar Singh Natt And Arjinder Singh Sandhu Towards The Chief Minister's Relief Fund, As Monetary Assistance To The Families



CAPT AMARINDER ANNOUNCES BRAVERY AWARD, FREE EDUCATION FOR AMANDEEP KAUR



Decrease In Arrival Of Migratory Birds In Country Is A Matter Of Concern: Sadhu Singh Dharmasot



Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh Presenting A Memento To A Group Of Specially-Abled Children Which Performed National Anthem During 71st Republic Day Function At SAS Nagar (Mohali) On Sunday.



Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh Presenting A Memento To The Budding Gatka Players On 71st Republic Day Function At SAS Nagar (Mohali) On Sunday.



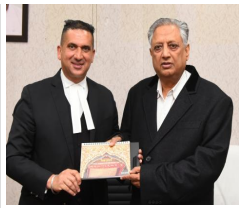
Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh Along With Dignitaries Witnessing The Cultural Programme On 71st Republic Day Function At SAS Nagar (Mohali) On Sunday.



PUNJAB CEO DR. S. KARUNA RAJU RECEIVES BEST CEO NATIONAL AWARD- 2019 FROM HON `BLE PRESIDENT OF INDIA RAM NATH KOVIND DURING NATIONAL VOTERS' DAY FUNCTION AT MANEKSHAW CENTRE NEW DELHI ON SATURDAY.



CAPT AMARINDER MEETS NHAI CHAIRMAN, BOTH AGREE ON EXPEDITIOUS COMMENCEMENT OF WORK ON DELHI-AMRITSAR-KATRA EXPRESSWAY PROJECT



Speaker Rana KP Singh Release Table Calendar Dedicated To Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji



Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh On Saturday Released The Punjab Government's Diary And Calendar For The Year 2020. The New Year Calendar Is Dedicated To The Khulle Darshan-Didar Of Sri Darbar Sahib In Kartarpur, Pakistan.



AT PUNJAB CONGRESS PROTEST DHARNA, CM DECLARES `WE WILL NOT TOLERATE ANY ATTEMPT TO TINKER WITH CONSTITUTION'S PREAMBLE'



Chief Guest Punjab Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu And His Wife Mamta Ashu Being Honoured During The State-Level Function Organised On The Occasion Of National Consumer Day At Dr Manmohan Singh Auditorium, PAU



Dr. Ram Lal Jassi Assumes Charge As Vice Chairman Punjab Scheduled Castes Land Development & Finance Corporation In Presence Of Sadhu Singh Dharamsot



Mohinder Singh KP Assumes Charge Of Chairman Technical Education Board In The Presence Of Cabinet Ministers Channi & Aruna Chaudhary



2nd KPS Gill Memorial Lecture NOTED US TERROR EXPERT DR CHALK WARNS OF USE OF SOCIAL PLATFORMS BY PAK TO ATTACK INDIAN ECONOMY, SAYS US PLAYING DOUBLE ROLE ON ISLAMABAD



JAPANESE AMBASSADOR MEETS CAPT. AMARINDER, DISCUSSES INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN PUNJAB



PUNJAB GOVT COMMITTED TO TRANSFORMING MSMEs INTO INDUSTRIAL GIANTS: VINI MAHAJAN



PPIS 2019 KICKS OFF WITH EXHIBITION SHOWCASING PRODUCTS OF TOP INDUSTRIES, MSMEs & STARTUPS



VIRASAT-E-KHALSA BAGS ANOTHER AWARD, GETS LISTED IN 'WORLD BOOK OF RECORDS'



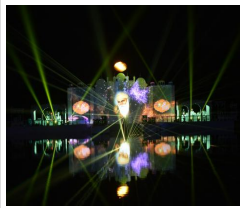
HIGH COMMISSIONER OF INDIA TO UK RUCHI GHANASHYAM PRESENTING A HAND PAINTED PHOTOGRAPH OF SRI KARTARPUR SAHIB GURDWARA TO PUNJAB CHIEF MINISTER CAPTAIN AMARINDER SINGH



Health Minister S. Balbir Singh Sidhu Hands Over Appointment Letters To 74 Medical Lab Technicians



STUPENDOUS FLOATING MULTIMEDIA LIGHT AND SOUND SHOW DRAWS UNPRECEDENTED RUSH OF PEOPLE



Floating Light And Sound Show At SUKHNA LAKE Chandigarh



The President Of India Ram Nath Kovind, Governor Punjab VP Singh Badnore And Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, Patiala Member Parliament Preet Kaur, Cultural Affairs Minister Charanjit Singh Channi



DURING A SPECIAL FUNCTION ORGANIZED BY INDIAN DIASPORA TO MARK 550TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi Being Received By Punjab Governor Mr. VP Singh Badnore And Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh At Bussawal Village In Sultanpur Lodhi On Saturday.



CAPT AMARINDER SINGH HOPES CORRIDOR WOULD LEAD TO PEACEFUL ENVIRONMENT BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES LEADING TO EASY ACCESS TO OTHER GURDWARAS



Prime Minister Narendra Modi Along With Punjab Governor VP Singh Badnore And Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh Inaugurating The Integrated Check Post At Dera Baba Nanak To Mark The Opening Of Kartarpur Corridor On Saturday.



PM ALONG WITH CAPTAIN AMARINDER PARTAKES LANGAR IN PUNJAB GOVERNMENT PANDAL



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CAPT AMARINDER USHERS IN WEEK-LONG 550TH PRAKASH PURB CELEBRATIONS AT SULTANPUR LODHI WITH GURU GRANTH SAHIB SAROOP SEWA



PUNJAB GOES TOTALLY HI-TECH AS CAPT AMARINDER LAUNCHES OFFICE FOR ELECTRONIC FILE MOVEMENT



CAPTAIN AMARINDER SINGH LAUNCHES VERKA'S PVO NATURAL VANILLA MILK & CHEALTD MINERAL MIXTURE



Balbir Singh Sidhu Gives Appointment Letters To 519 Community Health Officers



CAPT AMARINDER LAUNCHES 1ST OF ITS KIND 'PUNJAB JOB HELPLINE' FOR UNEMPLOYED YOUTH



A ROOM SEEPED IN VALOUR - CAPT AMARINDER'S ODE TO 2 SIKHS



MANPREET BADAL SEEKS EARLY RELEASE OF GST ARREARS FROM NIRMALA SITHARAMAN



CAPT AMARINDER SEEKS WB SUPPORT TO HELP PUNJAB'S FARMERS SHIFT TO ALTERNATE CROPS TO

**BOOST INCOME & SAVE WATER**



PUNJAB INKS MoU WITH INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATIONS & GNDEC-LUDHIANA TO PROMOTE RESEARCH & INNOVATION



MORE THAN 8800 VISITORS VISIT LIGHT & SOUND SHOW ALONG WITH DIGITAL MUSEUM IN LUDHIANA



CABINET MINISTER CHARANJIT SINGH CHANNI AND BALBIR SINGH SIDHU LAUNCHED 4-MONTH ELABORATE PROGRAMME TO COMMEMORATE GURU SAHIB'S MEMORY



PUNJAB CM SEEKS INVESTMENT FROM US COMPANIES IN MEETING WITH NEW JERSEY SENATOR



Ghar Ghar Rozgar & Karobar Mission' Scheme, Punjab Chief Minister On Saturday Declared All-Out Efforts To Identify The Poorest Of The Poor Jobless In Villages For Employment, Even As He Announced A Free Coaching Scheme For Candidates To Prepare For Group



CAPT AMARINDER MOOTS A PUNJAB IRAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO BOOST TRADE, INVITES IRANIAN ENVOY TO 550TH PRAKASH PURB



Manpreet Badal And Vijay Inder Singla Invite Punjabi Community To Attend Guru Nanak Dev Ji's 550th Prakash Purb Celebrations



DELEGATION OF PUNJAB GOVERNMENT HOLDS PRE-SUMMIT INTERACTION WITH INDUSTRY

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