

Press Note

In view of the increasing number of positive cases of COVID-19, the Government of Karnataka is taking steps to control and contain the spread of the virus. In this regard, the Government has formed a task force under the Chairmanship of BBMP Commissioner, vide Government order, No. KM 158 TNR 2020, dated 15.06.2020. There are 17 task teams looking at the various aspects of controlling and containing the COVID-19. Once such team is formed for creation of COVID Care Centres (CCC) across the city to cater to 20,000 asymptomatic COVID positive patients. This Task team is headed by Sri. Rajender Kumar Kataria, IAS., Secretary to Government, Horticulture and Sericulture.

The task team has derived a 3-fold strategy to identify and establish 20,000 bed facility for the proposed Covid Care Centre. In the First Phase the task team has identified three centres to operationalize Covid Care Centres viz., Haj Bhavan with 400 bed facility, Sri SriSriRavishankar Ayurveda Hospital with a capacity of 400 beds and Medsol Hospital in Kengeri Satellite Town with 200 bed capacity are ready to occupy.

To-day Covid Care Centre at Haj Bhavan is made operational. In this Centre, Doctors, Nurses, Marshals and Housekeeping Staff from BBMP have been deployed as per Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). All essential equipments, medicines and other facilities have been made available in adequate numbers in this Centre.

In the Second Phase, the task team has identified hostel rooms of around 7 Engineering Colleges with a capacity of 3200 bed facility. The private hotels with 1500beds are being identified and will be made available soon for Covid Care Centre. And in the same Phase the task team is in the process of identifying more such Hotel/ Hostel rooms facilities in and around Bengaluru.

In the Final Phase, facilities like Palace Grounds, Bengaluru International Exhibition Centre, Indoor Stadiums at Koramangala and Kanteerva will also be converted as Covid Care Centres by providing necessary infrastructure. These facilities will be created on need base.

The Department of Medical Education and The Department of Health are providing all the medical support in the Covid Care Centres. BBMP is providing all administrative, food, boarding, cleaning, sanitization and waste management support to these centres. The local Police is taking care of the security aspects in the CCCs. All the patients will be provided with Break-fast, lunch and dinner apart from tea/coffee, snacks, etc.

A team of 08 Senior officers from Horticulture and Sericulture Departments are deputed to each zone of BBMP to co-ordinate with the 08 Zonal Joint Commissioners in identifying and selecting places for Covid Care Centres. They are also responsible for providing all support and co-operation at the Covid Care Centres and will help implement all the orders/directions issued by the Government.



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