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Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah said “The entire nation rallies behind Prime Minister in the fight against Corona”

Certain incidents in Delhi led to panic and uncertainty among the public, our efforts will improve the situation in Delhi and the figure of 5.5 lakh cases by 31st July will not be breached

Delhi has not reached community transmission stage, situation far better today in Delhi compared to June beginning, public need not to panic

Union Home Ministry slashed treatment costs by almost two-thirds in Delhi as recommended by Committee headed by NITI Aayog member Dr. VK Paul

Testing scaled by four times and beds availability to touch almost 30,000 by 30th June from 9,500 on 14th June

We have provided Delhi with 10,000 Pulse Oxymeters, 440 Ventilators and 500 Oxygen cylinders and directed more Ambulances for Delhi

Common strategy soon for tackling Corona crisis in Delhi NCR

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Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah has said that “Modi Government is handling the Covid situation very appropriately and the situation in Delhi is under control”. In an interview to a news agency, Shri Amit Shah said “there is no community spread in Delhi and there is no reason to worry”.

Union Home Minister said “Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi, Shri Manish Sisodia, in a statement made during the second week of June, had said that the situation in Delhi is bad and that by the end of July the Covid infected population in capital Delhi would rise to 5.5 lakh, causing anxiety among the residents”. Shri Amit Shah said “normally it is the responsibility of the Delhi Government to take necessary steps to tackle the Covid situation, but Government of India stepped in to coordinate the efforts after the comments made by Deputy CM”. Considering the gravity of the situation, Shri Amit Shah said “he convened a coordination meeting on 14th June so that Central Government could help the Delhi Government in tackling the situation. Due to more testing now, there is a jump in the infection rate, but on the flip side there is an advantage that those who have been tested and found positive will be kept in isolation, which will help in checking the spread of infection”.

Decisions	Then	Now
Multiple fold increase in Testing Total test: 4.15 Lakhs	From 25 March to 14 th June total tests done 2,41,000 Which means 2.41 lakh tests in 82 days	Tests done between 15 to 25 June=1,75,141 Which means 1,75,141 tests in just 11 days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily more than 16,000 tests
Cost of Corona Test	Rs.5000 approx	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rs. 2400/ Test • Also 200 Rapid Antigen Test centres were also made

Union Home Minister said “he visited LNJP Hospital, to give a boost to the morale of the health workers and create confidence among the people. Various steps were also taken during the visit, such as installation of CCTV cameras in each ward, provision of secondary canteen to ensure continuous supply, psycho-social counselling of health workers and real time bed status information. Interaction with doctors over their difficulties helped in providing inputs for future strategies”.

Shri Amit Shah said “there are 30,000 beds available today compared to 9,937 beds as on 14th June. As a result, we are in a much better situation today as against the situation that prevailed in the beginning of June”. Union Home Minister said “House-to-house survey in all Containment Zones in Delhi will be completed by 30th June. Besides, serological survey has also been started”. Shri Amit Shah said “Efforts have been launched in collaboration with Delhi Government and MCD to check the spread of Coronavirus before infection. Reiterating that Delhi has not yet reached the stage of Community Transmission, he said testing is being scaled up, there is no need to panic”.

Delhi Government had announced a ban on treatment of outside patients in hospitals run by the Delhi Government. Shri Amit Shah said “Delhi being the national capital, people from different states come here for treatment. Central Government overturned this decision to make sure that the rightful treatment is given to everyone”, the Union Home Minister said.

	Then	Now
Beds Availability	9,937 beds were available on 14 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30000 beds to be available by 30 June • 503 train coaches to add 8000 beds • DRDO’s 1000 bedded hospital with 250 ICU ventilators to be managed by Army & CAPF Medical personnel (Will be operational on 2 July) • 10000 Bed Covid facility at Radha Soami Ashram to be managed by ITBP

Union Home Minister said “Earlier last rites were not being conducted in the rightful manner so at the meeting held with Delhi Government it was decided that the last rites of all the deceased lying in hospitals would be done within two days according to the customs of the religion to which they belonged to, and now there is no pendency on this account”. Shri Amit Shah said “the high rates of COVID-19 treatment in private hospitals was bothering the citizens of Delhi. Therefore, a decision was taken to reduce the rates for beds and treatment which provided relief to the people of Delhi. It was also decided to involve NCC, NSS, Scouts and NGOs in the battle against the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cost of Corona treatment in Delhi’s private hospitals decreased by two-third		
Category	Then (Without PPE kits & medicines)	Now (With PPE kits & medicines)
Isolation Bed	Rs.24000-25000	Rs. 8000-10000
ICU without ventilator	Rs.34000-43000	Rs.13000-15000
ICU with ventilator	Rs.44000-54000	Rs.15000-18000

Shri Amit Shah said that “the Government of India has been successful in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic. Our figures are much better compared to global context. Under the leadership of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, there has been a partnership between the Union Government, the state governments and 130 crore citizens of the country in the battle against this pandemic. Union Home Minister said that “the nation is standing united as one in this battle and is constantly encouraging our Corona Warriors”. Shri Amit Shah said “the global rate is 1,250 per 10 lakh persons while the infection rate in India is only 357. The Union Home Minister said “today the recovery rate in India is 57 percent, while in the month of March it was 7.1 percent”.

People affected per 1 million population due to Covid

India: 357 people	Global Average: 1250 people
US: 7,569 people	Britain: 4,537 people
Brazil: 5,802 people	Russia: 4,254 people

Mortality rate per 10 lakh population

India: 11	Global Average: 63.2
US: 383	Britain: 637
Brazil: 259	Russia: 60

Therefore, Union Home Minister said “India has done much better in comparison with the developed nations”. Union Home Minister said that “if a person has even slightest of symptoms then they should get tested and in cases of people developing very serious symptoms, they should shift to isolation centres in the interest of their families. This will help in stopping the COVID-19 infections.

Shri Amit Shah said “along with the announcement of the Lockdown, the Centre and states were in discussion. Nearly all states had made arrangements for food for 2.5 crore migrants. Arrangements had been made for hospitals and quarantine facilities”. Union Home Minister said “63 lakh migrants travelled on about 4,594 trains to their native places. Around 42 lakh migrants travelled through various forms of transport and in total about 1.20 crore people were moved from one place to another”. Shri Amit Shah also said “recently the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi had announced an employment scheme for migrants. Government of India has started a special scheme for the employment of migrants. Wages under MNREGA have been increased. Union Home Minister said “Under the leadership of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, a series of reforms were announced soon after the pandemic began. These reforms will bring long term benefits. The global economy has been affected by the pandemic and various steps have been taken to minimise its effect on the Indian economy. Under Modi ji’s leadership, India’s economy is still in a better condition.

Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah appealed to the people of Delhi to go to the nearest testing centre if they develop symptoms, and they should not be worried about institutional quarantine if they test positive, as this is necessary for their and their families’ safety and would play a huge role in stopping the infection.

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