SUCCESS STORIES OF THE ANDAMAN & NICOBAR POLICE PERSONNEL, WHO HAVE SHOWN EXEMPLARY DEDICATION IN DISCHARGING THEIR DUTIES

AWARENESS SONGS ON COVID-19 BY ANDAMAN & NICOBAR POLICE

Apart from arduous duties 24X7, the Andaman & Nicobar Police took various initiatives for the awareness of general public of these Islands during the Pandemic (COVID-19) disease for safety of the people. One of the major steps taken was creation of songs related to COVID-19 and circulating videos of these songs through Social Media platforms like WhatsApp, Youtube etc. for consciousness of the public of these Islands.

Shri Naveen Kumar, Assistant Commandant, India Reserve Battalion played a key role in creating these songs for the people which exemplify the norms of social distancing, frequent hand washing and self Isolation. During Lockdown 1.0, a song written and sung by him titled “Mera Mulk” was released, which can be watched on [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h79XffvrR60]. In this song the female voice was given by Miss Noor Nisha, a Home Guard personnel. This song was also telecasted by the local Doordarshan channel, Port Blair. The song was very well received by the people and it was able to influence people to a great extent.

During lockdown 2.0 and 3.0 two more songs titled “Haarega Corona” and “Fateh Corona Jung” was released, which can be viewed in Youtube links [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9HeskDz1Goo] and [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v4InAWVbLOM] respectively. The commentary in both songs was given by HG Noor Nisha and in the song Fateh Corona jung the female voice was given by Sangeeta Sarkar, Police Constable/ 2456. These songs were also written by Sh. Naveen Kumar. These songs also influenced wider section of the society. Moreover, the song “Haarega Corona” was appreciated by the Hon’ble Lieutenant Governor of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

The three songs received many views as well as acclamation too. The main objective behind the release of these songs was to aware people of these Islands about the preventive measures that they should adopt, in order to be safe from Corona virus disease and to encourage them to be safe at home and follow the practice of frequent hand washing and sanitizing. All these songs were edited by the team of Police Entertainment Team (PET) of A & N Police and the CID photographer under the overall supervision of Shri Vijay Singh, IPS, DIGP (Intel.).
Shri Sushanto Debnath, Sub-Inspector, In-charge Out Post Betapur

On 22/04/2020, a distress call from a girl whose father is a cancer patient from a far flung village Dhani Nallah was received wherein she urged for immediate help to evacuate her father to hospital. Sea route is the only way to reach the village. Due to lockdown, no means of transportation was available. Showing the outstanding humanity, SI Sushanto Debnath took one constable namely PC/2842 Abdul Shahid from his Out Post and decided to evacuate the patient by small wooden dinghy by rowing himself. Timely decision and his efforts to evacuate the patient to hospital saved the life of patient. His outstanding efforts during the arduous time of lockdown were highly appreciated by the local residents and doctors.

In another incident, Sub – Inspector Sushanto Devnath discharging his outstanding humanitarian service by shouldering a dead body of a poor villager of Panchawati to handover to deceased family.

Police personnel contributed towards PM’s Cares Fund/LG relief fund

- Shri J. Bhima Rao, Head Constable - 860 has donated his one month salary of an amount of ` 58,409/- to LG Relief Fund, Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
- Shri Sambhu Murthy, Police Constable - 2794 has donated ` 21,835/- being his half month salary for LG Relief Fund, Andaman & Nicobar Islands. He also donated blood to a pregnant lady who was admitted at G.B Pant Hospital.
Further, during COVID-19 law & order duty, he noticed that one family having no food articles, on which he had provided some money as well as ration articles to them. He along with his family has also distributed some ration articles to needy people of his locality during the lockdown.

- Shri V. D Sajendra Babu, Head Constable – 1412 has contributed a sum of ` 25, 000/- towards LG Relief Fund, Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Also distributed ration articles of an amount of ` 35,000/- to 30 families in his locality.

- Shri Narasimha Murthy, Assistant Commandant, has donated a sum of ` 10,000/- towards LG relief fund.

- Shri Kamal Kumar Gupta, Assistant Commandant has provided 438 meter of cotton cloth worth ` 37,000/- by which more than 5,000 masks have been stitched by the Police personnel and distributed among the Police personnel for their safety and security.

- Insp. Mohd. Ali (IRBn), Sub - Inspector Raja Rao, PC (Bugler) Bahadur and LPC/641 Hemlatha donated money to provide essential commodities and vegetables to the needy poor families.
• The staff of PS Bambooflat collected an amount of `10,000/- with the help of shop owners, 50 kits containing ration, grocery and sanitary items and the same was distributed to families of remote villages of Shoal Bay where there is no connectivity and transport facility available. Further, cooked food was also served to old aged personnel.

• The staff of Police Station Ograbraj identified needy families and distributed the ration articles and essential commodities to the needy families. Apart from this, the ration articles were also distributed among the specially-disabled and orphanage children.
• During the lock down 56 families of Badakhadi village, Rut Land have been provided ration packets arranged by SHO PS Humfrigunj and staff.

• Amid lockdown in anticipation to need and importance of face masks, all villagers of Shaheed Dweep were provided free handmade masks. Also provided ration article to the needy and poor people who depending on their daily wages.

• As a noble deed towards the civil society, the South Andaman Police took initiative to provide foods, drinking water, mask and hand sanitizer to the needy in different part of South Andaman District. Apart from this, the South Andaman Police also encourage and appeal the general public and NGOs to extend their help for the needy/poor people of their locality.
Provided life saving Medicines to the needy people

During the lockdown the general public were restricted to venture outside from their home which caused difficulties to the peoples who were suffering from various diseases such as blood pressure, sugar etc. Hence, the police staff of PS Baratang helped those needy peoples by providing medicines at their door steps.

Distribution of Homemade masks by PS Kadamtala

The staff of police station Kadamtala distributed homemade masks to the general public and made them aware about use of mask to fight against the COVID-19 disease.

Police vehicles used for transportation of general public

During the first two phases of lockdown, private vehicles were not allowed to ply on the roads, except those on essential duties. It caused difficulties to the public who ventured out to purchase various essential
articles, especially the people coming from remote areas. The vehicles of PS Kadamtala were utilized to help those peoples for conveyance and for transportation of ration articles. All social distancing norms were followed during this.

**Police vehicles provided to carry ration articles**

During the lockdown the general public from far flung areas were facing difficulties to carry their ration articles from shops. In order to facilitate the general public for carrying the ration articles the Rangat police provided the police van to the needy people.

**Old age person saved by the help of Ps Rangat staff**

On 9/05/2020 an old age person fell unconscious, his relatives immediately called the ambulance services from CHC, Rangat. But due to late response from the hospital the relatives called the Police Station and requested to evacuate the old age person. The police immediately rushed to the spot and evacuated the old age person and saved his life.

**DISTRIBUTION OF MASKS**

The staff of police station Rangat distributed locally made masks to the general public and made them aware regarding use of mask to fight against the COVID-19 disease.
Distribution of ration articles to the needy person

The staff of PS Billiground distributed food packets/ration articles to the widows/old aged persons in their police station jurisdiction. The act of police personnel was highly appreciated by the local residents.

Distributed Homemade masks to general public

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PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION FOR GENERAL PUBLIC
In order to implement the nationwide lockdown, a private conveyance was restricted to ply on the road. This caused great difficulties to the peoples who reside in far flung areas. PS Mayabunder provided police bus and van which helped them to buy ration articles and get the medical checkups done.

**Distribution of masks & ration articles**

The staff of police station Diglipur distributed locally arranged masks to the public at market and made them aware regarding use of mask to fight against the COVID-19 disease. Also distributed ration articles to the families of far flung areas, like Pan Nallah, under PS Diglipur jurisdiction.

**Distribution of ration articles to needy Tribals**

SHO PS Car Nicobar, in assistance with the local shopkeepers distributed ration articles to the poor and needy Tribals at Car Nicobar

The staff of PS Car Nicobar distributed handmade cloth face masks to the commuters apart from imposing fines for not wearing face masks.
Token system has been introduced at shops, banks so that customers follow social distancing diligently and Shri Rajeev Kumar, IPS, Superintendent of Police himself ensured enforcement of social distancing in true letter and spirit in the market areas of Car Nicobar assisted by SDPO Shri Prashant Choudhary, DANIPS.
Thermal scanners are being used at the police pickets to ascertain symptomatic individuals and they referred to local hospital for further course of action. It also helped identification of people on random basis having any symptoms of COVID-19 with the help of medical staff.

**Distribution of ration articles and face masks**

The Station House Officer PS Nancowry distributed ration articles to the needy persons in the PS limits in assistance with the local shop-keepers. The lady staff of the PS made face masks and the same were distributed to the commuters, villagers who were found without face masks. It helped to expose the soft side of policing during the lockdown.
At Police Station Campbell Bay, social distancing was maintained among the customers who came to buy essential commodities.

Distribution of face mask to commuters of Campbell Bay for subsequent distribution to their family members

In the remote Islands and parts of Nicobar District where limited or no mobiles/TV connectivity available i.e. Afra Bay, Makachua, Chowra etc. Nicobar police is continuously doing house to house awareness campaign so that in the fight against corona virus, every citizen is well informed.

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