

STATE H1N1 MONITORING TASK FORCE

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- I. State's response: State Level Meeting chaired by Hon'ble Minister of Health was held on 12/8/09 for the preparedness for prevention & of *Influenza A (H1N1)* pandemic in the state. Besides taking stock of the situation a *State Task Force* was constituted to prevent and control H1N1 in the Sikkim.
- II. Notifications issued by Health Department for ensuring disease surveillance and control in the state.
- III. Mr. Tarun Sridhar, Jt Secy, Ministry of Agriculture, GOI visited the state on 14/8/09 as the Nodal Officer H1N1 for Sikkim, held a meeting with the Health Department officials and the members of the *State Task Force*, Secy Animal Husbandry, DC (East), and discussed various issues related to Influenza A (H1N1) situations.
- IV. Regional Team from NICED, Kolkata, and NCDC, New Delhi for control of H1N1 and In-Charges for Sikkim visited Singtam, CRH and STNM Hospital on 19/8/09 to evaluate the state's preparedness for H1N1 containment. The team was very satisfied seeing the readiness of the Department and establishment of facilities (at STNM Hospital Complex, including H1N1 *Screening Centre, Isolation Wards, etc*) to deal with cases of Influenza A (H1N1). Their remark was that this should be a *model* for others to adopt.
- V. *H1N1 Screening Centre, Isolation Ward, ICU* established at STNM Hospital Complex (European Commission Building)
- VI. Case Tracking of Date:
 1. Number of suspected cases (patients with *flu like illness* & coming from areas with H1N1 outbreaks or history of contact with such cases) : 03
 2. Gender : 2 Males; 1 Female
 3. Age range : 20s – 40s
 4. Number of cases hospitalized : Nil
 5. Samples (throat swabs) collected : 03
 6. Samples sent to NICED, Kolkata : 03
 7. Number of confirmed cases : Nil (all NEGATIVE)

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