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GOVERNMENT APPEALS -

To encourage those involved with the manufacturing, transportation and distribution of medicines and medical equipment to resume work during lockdown, the state government recorded an appeal and circulated it in WhatsApp groups. Appeals were made through print and other news media, highlighting the equal importance of these workers in the fight against COVID as health professionals. In cases where workers in pharmaceutical and related industries were forbidden from going to work by RWAs, local administration adopted a mix of persuasion and enforcement. WhatsApp groups were also formed to ensure an immediate response by the administration in cases of overreach by RWAs.

PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES -

During the national lockdown period, Goa's state administration issued permissions to liquor manufacturing units for producing hand sanitizers, including for Government departments such as health, police and disaster management. Upon meeting the local demand, sanitizers were exported out of the state.

COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS -

The state made efforts to facilitate easy communication between citizens and doctors by leveraging technological innovations such as CallDoc and tele-consultations.