

## PUDUCHERRY

### **SURVEILLANCE -**

COVID surveillance is conducted by health workers going door-to-door and through screening booths. COVID relevant data, details of potential comorbidities, immunization and antenatal history were recorded during surveillance. Data of vehicles travelling into Puducherry were forwarded to all concerned institutions. Circulars were issued to all pharmacists and single practitioners for sharing data about customers buying medicines for ILI and fever. Lists of such cases were forwarded to the respective PHCs. To check community transmission, samples for COVID testing were taken with the help of ENT specialists in designated PHCs which functioned as collection centres, while adjoining PHCs were instructed to send ten cases each.

### **MONITORING AND REVIEW -**

Teams led by a medical officer were constituted early on during the COVID outbreak by identifying officials from various government departments and volunteers. A medical team visited new arrivals and officials from the Revenue Department pasted stickers on their places of residence for identification. The Police Department monitored individuals in home quarantine whilst data was collected and tracked by the Social Welfare Department alongside the IDSP team. A daily list of individuals in home quarantine was provided to the DC's office and municipality to ensure safe management of medical and household waste. A Core Committee was constituted and nodal officers were appointed to handle aspects of managing a COVID positive case. Medical Officers trained on coordinating with other stakeholders for managing different aspects of the outbreak. Daily review meetings were held with the Health Minister to decide future courses of action to tackle the pandemic.