

Southern Army Commander Lt Gen JS Nain reviews facilities of Covid Hospital being Operationalised By the Army at Pune

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On 27 Apr, Lt Gen JS Nain, GOC-in-C, Southern Command visited the old Command Hospital complex at Pune to review the dedicated medical facility established for treatment of COVID cases only. Substantial capacity at the old Command Hospital has been created for treatment of civil patients referred by the District Medical Officer, Pune. During the visit he interacted with the medical staff at the hospital and appreciated them for their yeomen service to the Nation in fight against the pandemic and stated that, "We are fully geared up for extending medical aid to the State Government and people of Pune at this facility. A dedicated team of Doctors and Nursing assistant have been placed at the hospital to take care of COVID patients".

With the surge in the COVID-19 cases in India, the Pune based Southern Command has come forward yet again to provide assistance to Maharashtra and other state governments to tackle the situation. Already assistance has been provided by the Army for opening up of a 900 bedded hospital at Ahmedabad, Gujarat. A 100 bedded isolation facility at Barmer, Rajasthan. Similar efforts have also been made at multiple locations in Madhya Pradesh wherein a 100 bedded facility at Bhopal and two 40 bedded facility at Gwalior and Saugor. While continuous monitoring and capability build up is in process in complete Southern States. Another action by Lt Gen JS Nain in reaching out to all the veterans & their families during this pandemic has brought confidence & succour to specially those in far flung areas.

A statement issued by a Senior Officer part of the Core group coordinating the medical assistance said "Southern Command has been historically linked with various Humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations in its area of responsibility spread over 11 States and 4 Union Territories including an island territory covering almost 40 percent of the Indian landmass. Clear directions have been given by the Army Commander, Southern Command to all formations under Command to be prepared to provide appropriate COVID medical facilities to assist the citizens in need, while remaining fit to meet various contingencies.



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