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**From health surveys to testing and cap on in-patient private hospital costs, COVID-19 management in Delhi streamlined on directions of the Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah**

**Charges for isolation beds in private hospitals for COVID patients slashed to about one-third**

**House-to-house health survey in 242 containment zones of Delhi completed; a total of 2.3 lakh people surveyed**

**Cheaper and faster Rapid Antigen testing started; a total of 7,040 people tested in 193 testing Centres; testing to be ramped up in coming days**

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Demonstrating the Modi Government's commitment to provide relief to the people of Delhi, the Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah has been personally monitoring the COVID-19 situation in Delhi, on the advice of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. As per directions given by the Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah in a series of meetings chaired by him over last few days in regard to Covid-19 situation in Delhi, house-to-house health survey in 242 containment zones of Delhi has been completed yesterday. A total of 2.3 lakh people were surveyed.

Further, on directions of the Union Home Minister to increase testing capacity & quick delivery of results in Delhi, testing via Rapid Antigen testing methodology was started yesterday. A total of 7,040 people have been tested in 193 testing Centres. Testing will continue with increased numbers in coming days.

Sample testing has been doubled immediately following decisions taken by Shri Amit Shah. A total of 27,263 testing samples have been collected in Delhi from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020 against the daily collection which varied between 4,000-4,500 earlier.

To provide relief to the common man in Delhi, the Home Minister Shri Amit Shah constituted a committee under Dr. VK Paul, Member, Niti Aayog to fix rates charged by private hospitals in Delhi for 60 percent beds for COVID-19 patients in various categories therefore; isolation beds, ICUs without ventilator support & ICUs with ventilator support.

### **New Rate list for Covid-19 treatment in Delhi's private hospitals**

<b>Category (Private Hospitals)</b>	<b>New Rates (per day) (Including PPE and Medicines)</b>	<b>Old Rates (per day) (Excluding PPE)</b>
<b>Isolation beds</b>	<b>Rs 8000 – 10000</b>	<b>Rs 24000 - 25000</b>
<b>ICUs without ventilator</b>	<b>Rs 13000 – 15000</b>	<b>Rs 34000 - 43000</b>
<b>ICUs with ventilator</b>	<b>Rs 15000 – 18000</b>	<b>Rs 44000 - 54000</b>

The Committee has recommended a range from Rs 8,000-10,000 per day (including PPE and medicines), 13,000-15,000 per day (including PPE and medicines) & 15,000-18,000 per day (including PPE and medicines) for Isolation beds, ICUs without ventilators and ICUs with ventilators respectively for all private hospitals (depending on whether the private hospital is NABH accredited or not). This is as compared to the current charges ranging from Rs 24,000-25,000 per day (excluding PPE), 34,000-43,000 per day (excluding PPE) & 44,000-54,000 per day (excluding PPE).

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