'5 T plan' to fight coronavirus crisis in Delhi

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A 'five T plan' - testing, tracing, treatment, team work, and tracking and monitoring, to tackle Covid-19.

Chief Minister said along with these steps, the government is well prepared in dealing with up to 30,000 active cases in the city. Explaining each T, he said corona test will be the first step, under which the government will go for mass random tests. "If there is no testing, how will we know who is infected and who is not? We will do mass tests for coronavirus like South Korea did." He said South Korea identified every single patient through mass tests.

The next step will be tracing, after a person tested positive. "We will trace his/her movement. Their contacts will be asked for quarantine. Many people in Delhi were asked for self-quarantine.

The Delhi government will make arrangements in hospitals, hotels, and even banquet halls to quarantine/isolate the patients. "We will have 8,000 beds in hospitals, 12,000 hotel rooms and 10,000 rooms at banquet halls and guesthouses. The most serious -- those already suffering from other disease and above the age of 50 --- will be kept in hospitals while others will be accommodated elsewhere," Not just rooms but the government will need more ventilators, oxygen and other equipment. "We have made the calculations and are ready." The PPE kits were a major issue but the Centre has helped in this regard. Also, the Delhi government has asked for the kits from some companies. "We will get the kits directly from companies from the next week."

The fourth T, he said, is teamwork. "No one can fight COVID-19 alone. All governments are working as a team. The people and government should also work as a team. Doctor and nurses are the most important part of the team." The opposition and ruling party are working together.

On the fifth T, tracking and monitoring, CM said he will personally track everything and ensure things fall in line. "I am personally monitoring the situation and the preparations. I am sure if we are well prepared, we will be able to win this fight against coronavirus."