CM Ashok Gehlot chairs a meeting where Rajeeva Swarup, Kuldeep Ranak, Bhawani Singh Detha, Mahendra Soni, Rajesh Gupta, Niranjan Arya among others were present.

Abhishek Shrivastava

Jaipur: Taking another step towards realising the resolve of ‘no one sleeps hungry’, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has instructed to start Indira Rasoi Yojana in the urban areas of the state from August 20. Gehlot said that the great leader of the country, Late Mrs Indira Gandhi’s entire life was devoted to welfare of poor.

“The state government is going to start such a scheme of human service in the name of such a great personality in which poor and needy people will get pure nutritious food for just 8 rupees,” Gehlot said while reviewing the preparations for the scheme on Sunday at the Chief Minister’s residence.

He said that the scheme should be implemented with the spirit of public service, transparency and public participation so that it becomes an example in the direction of providing food security to the poor people across the country.

The Chief Minister said that the state government will spend 100 crore rupees per year on this scheme. Participation of service-oriented institutions and voluntary organizations should be ensured in the operation of the scheme,” Gehlot directed officials and instructed the district collectors to select such institutions as soon as possible. “Also, select appropriate places for establishing kitchens. Such institutions and voluntary organizations should be encouraged to work in the field of human services with selfless spirit,” he said.

The Chief Minister also directed to constitute a committee at the state and district levels to ensure the quality of food.

Urban Development Minister Shanti Dhariwal, connected through video conference in the meeting, said that Indira Rasoi Yojana is being started by incorporating studies and experiences of other states of the country where such a scheme is going on.

“Under this, both the meals will be provided at a discounted rate. The state government will give a grant of 12 rupees per plate. In all 213 urban bodies of the state, 358 kitchens will be run, where needy people will be seated and fed with respect,” Dhariwal said.

Giving the presentation of the scheme, Secretary for Local Self Government Bhawani Singh Detha said that 4 crore 87 lakh people will be provided food every year.

CM’s LETTER TO PM URGING FOR VC WITH CMs

Jaipur: CM Gehlot, on Sunday, shot a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, urging him to hold a video conference with Chief Ministers, yet again, in view of the Corona pandemic. Lauding PM Modi’s earlier effort to interact with CMs, Gehlot, through the letter, also informed of the measures taken by Rajasthan in combating the pandemic and hoped that with cooperation and better coordination, nation will overcome this crisis.

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VARIOUS EVENTS TO MARK RAJIV’S BIRTH ANNIV

Jaipur: Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot announced on Sunday that various programmes will be held across the state on August 20 & 21, on the 75th birth anniversary of former PM, late Rajiv Gandhi. Under this, painting competition on behalf of Rajasthan Lalit Kala Academy, essay on behalf of Rajasthan Urdu Academy, poster and slogan competition, online theater performance on behalf of Ravindra Manch Jaipur, music and tribute

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