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Delhi extends Covid curbs till 7 June; manufacturing, construction ops allowed. Details here

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The Delhi government on Saturday extended the Covid curfew on the movement of individuals in the city till 5 am on June 7 (Monday).

However, it has exempted essential activities' movement during the curfew period. Additionally, the national capital has allowed the operations of manufacturing/ production units within closed premises in approved industrial areas. Besides, construction activities have also been allowed outside the containment zones during the curfew period.

In an official order, the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) said the following activities will be allowed outside the containment zones during the curfew period: "Operation of manufacturing/production units within closed premises in approved industrial areas and construction activities within their working sites".

The owners of the manufacturing or the production unit, as well as, the employers of construction activities will be responsible for ensuring strict compliance with the directives, the DDMA added. Yesterday, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal stated that process of lifting the lockdown gradually in the capital will begin from Monday, May 31.

The phase-wise unlocking process in Delhi will begin after over six weeks of lockdown enforced in view of the second wave of Covid-19 pandemic.

Noting that Delhi somehow gained control over the second wave of COVID-19 with the positivity rate coming down to 1.5%, the chief minister said the fight against the deadly disease has not ended yet.

Kejriwal also stressed that if cases start rising again, the unlock process will have to be stopped.

The national capital recorded 956 fresh COVID-19 cases, the lowest in over two months on Saturday, and the positivity rate slumped to 1.19%.

This is the first time the case count has gone below the 1,000-mark since March 22 when the tally was 888.