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Testing to go up to 1 lakh a day in city

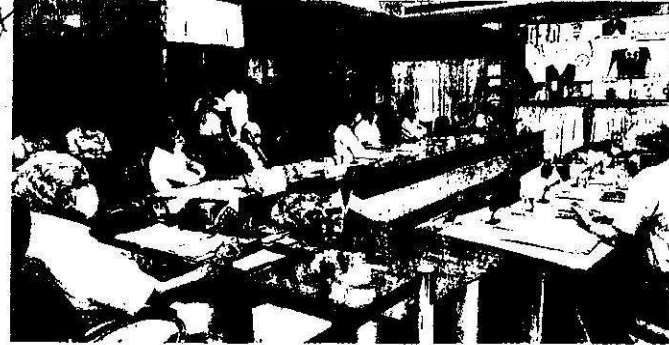
Booth-level committees to be revived, says Health Minister K. Sudhakar

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Health Minister K. Sudhakar, who chaired a review meeting with officials from Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru (Urban) and Bengaluru (Rural) districts, said, "The earlier target for testing for the BBMP was 40,000 a day. But there is a need to increase this to 1 lakh, since the target for contact tracing for every positive case is also 20," he said.

There are more than 8,500 booths across the city. Last year, during the first wave, efforts were made to have booth-level committees comprising health officials, local residents and



Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and Health Minister K. Sudhakar attend a virtual meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

members of self-help groups, non-governmental organisations etc.

'Door-to-door survey'

"This was, however, not activated 100% earlier. Now, these committees will be responsible for conducting a door-to-door survey at the booth level, ascertain how many citizens have been

vaccinated, how many have symptoms and ensure they get tested, how many have tested positive and ensure that they have been isolated, apart from checking their health parameters," he said. He added that the existing fever clinics, local pharmacies, private clinics and hospitals had already been directed to report any ILI/ SARI cases.

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