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# Go to districts, focus on curbing Covid, CM tells ministers

## Ministers haven't visited hospitals, says DKS

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BENGALURU, DHNS

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa has directed all his Cabinet colleagues to turn their focus on the Covid-19 situation in districts where they are in charge.

Yediyurappa's directive came in the form of a letter to each minister, a day after they received a dressing down from the Opposition during the all-party meeting chaired by the governor, for being 'in-

active' during the pandemic situation.

"You already know that the government is taking all necessary steps to tackle the second Covid-19 wave that is spreading all over the country. As part of containing the spread of the virus, it is necessary to take quick steps in every district," Yediyurappa said in his letter.

The CM has directed all district incharge ministers to remain in touch with deputy commissioners and create



B S Yediyurappa

awareness among citizens on precautionary measures to control the virus spread. He also asked the ministers to ensure Covid-19 patients get necessary medical attention. By doing all this, the ministers should see to it that the situation in their districts does not deteriorate, the CM said.

Earlier in the day, state Congress president D K Shivaku-

## Declare health emergency, says Deve Gowda

Former prime minister HD Deve Gowda, in two separate letters to Yediyurappa, urged the government to declare a health emergency and ramp up beds and oxygen supply at hospitals for Covid-19 treatment.

Citing media reports,

the JD(S) supremo said several ventilators procured last year lay unused.

In another letter, Gowda urged the government to provide financial aid to health workers in private hospitals as they are not covered under the government's insurance scheme.

mar kept up his attack on the government over its handling of the pandemic.

"People are sick of ministers. That's why they're making the chief secretary speak. The government has completely

failed," he said.

"Show me, which minister has gone where? There are some 30 ministers. Have they gone to districts, to hospitals, to patients? Have they seen the suffering?"