

‘Clampdown on information will be treated as contempt of court’: SC

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With social media becoming the new ‘SOS’ platform for many people during the second COVID-19 wave in India, the Supreme Court on Friday said “don’t want any clampdown of information. The court will treat it as a contempt if such grievances are considered for action.”

Key Highlights

- Confirming that the ground reality in most states is the lack of medical oxygen not meeting the excessive demand, the SC asked the state governments to come up with a plan of action.
- The court, taking cognizance of the current Covid-19 crisis, said “Governments need to tell what difference they can make between today and the next date of court hearing,” especially in Delhi, Gujarat and Maharashtra.
- Further, the court observed that the situation was ‘indeed grim’ as even doctors and healthcare workers are not getting beds.
- The court said the Centre should adopt a national immunization model as poor people will not be able to pay for vaccines.
- The court also said the government must consider a National Immunisation Programme for various vaccines and must think of providing free of cost vaccination to all citizens.

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