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Weather

Dry weather is most likely to prevail over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 31°C and 24°C respectively on Tuesday 24/03/2020.

Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 31.5
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 23.5
Relative Humidity(%) at 0830 IST 07
Relative Humidity(%) at 1730 IST 07
Sunrise Time for tomorrow (in IST): 0521
Sunset Time for tomorrow (in IST): 1730
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs)- in mm: 000.0
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 000.0
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 1.3 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm

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Media should counter pessimism through positive communication: PM

New Delhi, Mar 23

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has said that media should counter pessimism and panic through positive communication. Interacting with key stakeholders from Electronic Media Channels through video conference today to discuss the emerging challenges in light of the spread of COVID-19, Shri Modi thanked the media for understanding the gravity of the pandemic threat from day one and appreciated the role played by the channels in spreading awareness. He asked the channels to spread scientific reports, involve informed people in their discussions and counter the spread of misinformation. He

emphasized the importance of discipline from citizens and maintaining social distancing to counter the spread of the virus.

The Prime Minister commended the dedication and commitment of the reporters, camera persons and technicians who are working tirelessly in the

field and in newsrooms across the country, calling their work as service to the nation. Shri Modi also praised innovative ideas of some channels like making arrangements for anchoring from home.

Terming COVID-19 a lifetime challenge, he said that it needs to be tackled

through new and innovative solutions. The Prime Minister said, a long battle lies ahead of the country whereby awareness for social distancing has to be spread and information about latest developments and key decisions needs to be

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PM urges media to launch 'Stay Home' campaign

New Delhi, Mar 23

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi urged the media representatives to launch 'Stay Home' campaign so that citizens can understand the gravity of the situation and take the lockdown seriously. Prime Minister today interacted with media heads through video conferencing over COVID-19 outbreak. Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Shri Prakash Javadekar was also present. They discussed the ways to tackle the crisis and role of media in creating awareness about it. Prime Minister also urged the media personnel to take due precautions.

Administration appeals citizens to give full disclosure of travel history

Stringent action against those flouting directions

Port Blair, Mar 23

The A&N Administration is fully dedicated to the cause of public health safety and has taken vigorous steps in view of the threat of COVID-19. The A&N Administration has issued several instructions in view of the directives and advisories issued by GoI for social distancing, full truthful disclosure of information of travel history or knowledge of contact with any known case of corona virus and for strict observation of home

isolation where ever required.

The Administration is determined to take all necessary steps to take stringent action against those flouting such directions. In one such incident reported from Lamba Line, Port Blair a 62 years old resident is known to have concealed his travel history to USA. Such irresponsible act can endanger the health and life of several others which is a punishable offence. Hence, the resident has been booked

under Section 188, 269, 271 and 455 of the Indian Penal Code for his disobedience of orders promulgated by the Administration and negligent act that can spread disease dangerous to life.

The A&N Administration has made a sincere appeal to all citizens to give full disclosure of their travel history or if they come in contact directly or indirectly with a known case. The community at large should encourage their friends, neighbours

to obey home isolation for atleast 14 days upon their arrival to Andamans.

If someone is engaged in provision of essential services they are to exercise all possible precautions of hygiene and social distancing as far as possible. In case of any difficulty or any other information that needs to be brought to the notice of the Administration, one may contact State Helpline No. 03192-234287/232102, a communication from the Director of Health Services said here today.

COVID-19; Tourism Deptt issues advisory Entry of tourists to all beaches, museums, including Chatham Saw Mill, Mount Harriet, Wright Myo Eco-tourism sites etc. suspended

Port Blair, Mar 23

To check the spread of COVID-19 in the Islands, A&N Administration had earlier decided to suspend all Tourism activities on all Jetties and Beaches etc. from 17th March till 26th

March, 2020.

On account of the existing situation and as a mark of precaution in the wake of the threat from the Novel Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19), it has been decided that all the tourism

activities on all Jetties, Beaches, Eco-tourism Sites, Museums, Cellular Jail including Light & Sound Show, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Island including Light & Sound Show, Baratang etc.

and Water Sports activities at all sites will now be suspended till 31st March, 2020, a communication from the Director (Information, Publicity & Tourism) said here today.

Advisory by Labour Commissioner All employers advised not to terminate services of regular/part time/casual/daily wagers or contractual workers

Port Blair, Mar 23

Andaman and Nicobar Islands is facing a situation of almost lockdown considering the impending risk of spread of Corona virus and threat of COVID-19 in these Islands. The Administration has already taken a number of steps in safeguarding public safety and healths including imposition of Section 144 of Cr.P.C vide DCs orders with effect from 19th March, 2020

which lead to closure of commercial establishments and other non essential activities including construction activities in the entire UTs.

The Government of India has been issuing various advisory instructions and orders etc. to contain the spread of Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) in the nation, these include shut down of shop and establishments other than

essential activities to ensure maintaining social distancing for members of the public etc. and to control spreading of Corona virus.

With a view to safeguard public health and in interest of public Safety and in order to prevent any outbreak of the disease in the A&N Islands, the market activities involving shops and Commercial Establishments came to a standstill except few essential

establishments dealing with chemist and pharmacy, grocery, milk, bakery, fuel station of ANIIDCO.

In the backdrop of such a challenging situation, all employers Public/Private establishment are advised to extend their coordination by not terminating the services of Regular/Part time/Casual/daily wagers or contractual workers from job or reduce their wages. It is further

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संदेश

प्यारे द्वीप वासियों,

जिस कोरोना वायरस के कारण विश्व एक भयानक संकट के दौर से गुजर रहा है उससे हमारा देश और यह द्वीप समूह भी अछूता नहीं है। इस वायरस से अभी तक पूरे विश्व में 12944 लोगों की तथा भारत में ही 07 लोगों की मृत्यु हो चुकी है। इससे घबराने की नहीं लेकिन हम सबको मिलकर संयम के साथ, कोरोना वायरस हमारे द्वीप में न आ सके, के संकल्प की पूर्ति के लिए लगातार प्रयास की आवश्यकता है।

प्रशासन ने इसके लिए अनेक कदम उठाए हैं जिनकी जानकारी आपको निरन्तर दी जा रही है। इससे जनता को थोड़ी परेशानी होगी परन्तु समस्या की गम्भीरता को देखते हुए यह कदम आवश्यक हैं।

हम भारत सरकार के उच्चतम कार्यालयों से Video Conferencing से लगातार सम्पर्क में हैं। इसमें जहाँ हमारी तैयारियों का विश्लेषण किया जा रहा है, वहीं इस आपदा से निपटने के लिए निर्देश भी प्राप्त हो रहे हैं। केन्द्र ने एक वरिष्ठ प्रतिनिधि को भी नियुक्त किया है जो Port Blair में उपस्थित हैं। इसके अलावा भी हम सारे inputs ध्यान में रखते हुए अपने लिए जो Global Best Practices हों उन्हें कार्यान्वित करने का प्रयास कर रहे हैं। इसके चलते हो सकता है कि शायद कुछ लोगों को लगे कि हमारे द्वीपों में कुछ अधिक ही सावधानियाँ बरती जा रही हैं। लेकिन हमारा उद्देश्य है कि हमारे यहाँ एक भी कोरोना का Case न हो, क्योंकि अगर यह हो गया तो द्वीपों के संबंध में उसका परिणाम एक और भी गम्भीर चुनौती बन जाएगा। इसलिए भले ही कुछ कदम बाद में लगे कि शायद इनकी आवश्यकता नहीं थी, पर ऐसा बिलकुल भी न हो जो कि Too Little Too Late या "बहुत कम किया गया बहुत देर बाद" वाली श्रेणी में आ जाये। मैं समझता हूँ कि यह भी आवश्यक है कि संयम की परिभाषा में हम "सहनशीलता" भी सम्मिलित करें व कुछ असुविधाओं को हमारा उद्देश्य क्या है, इस पृष्ठभूमि में देखें। प्रशासन के निर्देशों को खुद का योगदान व भागीदारी के दृष्टिकोण से देखें जो हमारे उद्देश्य की प्राप्ति के लिए आवश्यक है। अपने घरों में सक्रिय रहें व योग तथा अन्य व्यायाम करते रहें जिससे Life Style रोगों की रोकथाम भी होती रहे। जैसा कि कल के 'जनता Curfew' में आप सब का सहयोग रहा, मैं चाहूँगा कि आप सभी इसी भावना से इस मुहिम में अपनी भागीदारी निभाते रहें। यह तो ज्ञात हो गया होगा कि social distancing या व्यक्तिगत संपर्क को घटाना तथा संक्रमण की कड़ी को तोड़ना इस विषय में सबसे सफल कदम माने जा रहे हैं। प्रशासन के लगभग सारे निर्देश इसी दिशा में जारी किए गए हैं। यह विशेष ध्यान रहे कि सारे निर्देशों का तत्परता व पूरी तरह से सारे नागरिक पालन करें। प्रशासन के अधिकारियों को उलंघन करने वालों पर कड़ी कार्यवाही करने की आज्ञा दी गई है।

हमारे द्वीपों में कोरोना जाँच की सुविधा आई.सी.एम.आर. में उपलब्ध है, किसी भी संभावित मरीज के इलाज के लिए जी.बी.पन्त अस्पताल में एकांत वार्ड (आइसोलेसन वार्ड) की व्यवस्था भी की गई है जहाँ पर वेंटिलेटर की सुविधा भी उपलब्ध है।

प्रशासन ने आम जनता की रोजमर्रा की जरूरतों को पूरा करने के लिए आवश्यक वस्तुओं के आपूर्ति की समुचित व्यवस्था की है। आम जनता से अनुरोध है कि अनावश्यक तरीके से इन वस्तुओं का संग्रहण न करें। अंत में मैं आप सबसे फिर से अपील करता हूँ कि इस संकट की घड़ी में जब तक बहुत जरूरी न हो अपने घरों से बाहर न निकले। आइए हमसब मिलकर इस द्वीप में इस वायरस को न आने देने व न फैलने देने में अपना सहयोग जारी रखें। स्वस्थ रहें व औरों के स्वस्थ रहने की प्रक्रिया में अपनी भागीदारी निभाएँ।

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पीवीएसएम, एवीएसएम, वाईएसएम, एनएम, वीएसएम (अ.प्र.)

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एवं उपाध्यक्ष, द्वीप विकास एजेंसी

People identified for home quarantine under COVID-19 directed to stay at their premises

Port Blair, Mar 23

Various directives have been issued by the GoI & A&N Administration regarding procedure for home quarantine or isolation. The individuals identified for home quarantine or isolation under COVID-19 have been directed to stay at their premises and not to leave the premises in order to contain the spread of COVID-19.

Therefore, such persons identified for home quarantine or isolation under COVID-19 have been directed not to leave the designated

premises under any circumstances, till final clearance from the Health Department and orders by the District Office. Non compliance of this order will entail strict legal action as per law.

Further, in case of any emergency/request they may contact the District Office South Andaman on ph no. 03192-240127/238881 or contact their respective area officer as per the enclosed list, the order issued by the Deputy Commissioner (SA)/DM said.

(List given on page 3)

BSNL customers urged to avail online facility

Port Blair, Mar 23

In view of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the BSNL has decided to extend the pay by date for mobile, landline and broadband bills of Feb, 2020 upto March 31, 2020. All the bill payments and recharges can be availed online on BSNL official website www.bsnl.co.in or MY BSNL App. The customers can also reach through Whatsapp on 9434290005, 24x7 basis for tariff related info and links to recharge, bill payments etc, a communication said.

Addendum to order for COVID-19 regarding 'Work from Home'

Port Blair, Mar 23

In partial modification of the Order of Secretary (GA) dated 22.03.2020 regarding operational staff of Departments rendering essential services, it is informed that operational staff of Animal Husbandry Department and Directorate

of Accounts & Budget/PAO are also included in the list of Departments "rendering essential services".

The other contents of Order dated 22.03.2020 shall remain the same, a communication from the Secretary (GA) said here today.

Health Deptt. issues list of people in home isolation

Port Blair, Mar 23

For the Health and Safety of your loved ones, the A&N Administration has desired that individuals as per list, phone numbers and addresses who has returned from mainland on 23.03.2020 to stay at home isolation for a period of 14 days as

protective measures for COVID19. The Panchayats, active civil society members and community at large have been requested to encourage these people to remain at home during these 14 days.

(List given on page 2)

DO NOT PAY HEED TO RUMOURS ON CORONA VIRUS: CLARIFY YOUR DOUBTS BY DIALING STATE HELPLINE NO: 03192-232102

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT OF SOUTH ANDAMAN

Port Blair, dated the 23rd March, 2020

ORDER

It is brought to the notice of the general public that the World Health Organization has declared the recent Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) as a Pandemic. Till date it has affected more than 187 countries including China, USA, Germany, Italy, United Kingdom and Japan among others. Worldwide, a total of 2,94,110 cases and 12,944 deaths have been reported so far. In India a total of 402 cases have come positive so far.

The Government of India has been issuing various advisories, instructions, orders etc. to contain the spread of Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) in the nation. These include restrictions on movement of flights, railways, advisory on maintaining social distancing measures amongst members of the public etc.

The Andaman and Nicobar Administration is closely monitoring the situation and in order to place strict measures of isolation and social distancing in the South Andaman District and in the interest of public health, prevention of outbreak of the disease in the South Andaman District and to prevent any disturbance of peace and tranquility, I, Abhishek Dev, IAS, District Magistrate, South Andaman, in exercise of the powers vested in me u/s 144 of Cr. P.C., do hereby direct the following:-

1. All Shops and establishments to remain shut with effect from midnight of 23rd March, 2020 except the following:-
 - a. Chemists and pharmacies shops.
 - b. Grocery /Kirana shops.
 - c. Milk Shops/Bakeries.
 - d. Vegetable/Fruit/Meat Shops.
 - e. Fuel Stations of ANIIDCO and APWD Bunk.

The establishments listed above shall strictly follow norms of Social Distancing of maintaining a distance of at least 1 (one) meter from a person as prescribed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India, maintaining proper queue system, and not allowing more than 4 persons at a time inside the premises.

2. All private offices to be shut with effect from midnight of 23rd March, 2020. However, cable TV operators, DTH operators, may be allowed to run their offices following strict norms of Social Distancing of maintaining a distance of at least 1 (one) meter from a person as prescribed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India and not allowing more than 4 persons at a time inside the premises.
3. All public places of worship like Temples, Mosques, Churches, Gurudwaras etc. shall be closed from the midnight of 23rd March, 2020 till the midnight of 31st March, 2020.
4. The operations of the government departments shall be on the basis of directions of the General Administration Department, Andaman and Nicobar Administration from time to time. However, all government departments to strictly abide by the norms of Social Distancing of maintaining a distance of at least 1 (one) meter from a person as prescribed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India.
5. All Banks functioning in the district shall only provide essential services to the customers and shall strictly abide by the norms of Social Distancing of maintaining a distance of at least 1 (one) meter from a person as prescribed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India, having a proper queue system, and not allowing more than 4 customers at a time inside the premises.

And whereas, this order shall come in force from the Midnight of 23rd March, 2020 and shall be effective till the midnight of 31st March, 2020. The earlier order issued by the undersigned vide Order No. 412 dated 19th March, 2020 is hereby superseded.

And whereas, in view of the emergent circumstances, this order is being issued ex-parte and is addressed to public in general. This order shall be promulgated by announcement through publicity vans and affixing of copies thereof at notice boards of the Office of the District Magistrate/Sub-Divisional Magistrates as well as public places of prominence, and publication in the newspapers having circulation in the area.

Any disobedience of the above order will invite penal action u/s 188 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 against the violator(s).

Given under my hand and seal of this Court on 23rd March, 2020.
(Abhishek Dev, IAS)
District Magistrate
South Andaman District

Revised guidelines for movement of convoy on ATR issued

Port Blair, Mar 23
As per the decision taken in the High Level Meeting held on 22.3.2020 on the threat of Novel Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19), the following is hereby directed to be implemented in respect of movement of convoy on Andaman Trunk Road passing through Jarawa Tribal Reserve with immediate effect:-

1. One convoy per day from Jirkatang to Middle Strait and one convoy per day from Middle Strait to Jirkatang is allowed from 22.03.2020 till 31.03.2020.
2. The timing of convoy will be 1200 hrs from Jirkatang to Middle Strait.
3. The timing of convoy will be 1500 hrs from Middle Strait to Jirkatang.
4. The following vehicles will be allowed in the convoy:-
 - a) State Transport Buses with 50% occupancy. Permission of Deputy Commissioner (N&MA) will be required for travel from Middle Strait to Jirkatang for each individual.
 - b) All POL/Diesel tankers.
 - c) All LPG trucks.
 - d) Vehicles carrying essential supplies/medicines.
 - e) All Ambulances, Fire, Police, Hearse vehicle, Disaster Management vehicles.
 - f) Vehicles of Tribal Welfare Department, in case of emergency after taking approval of Secretary (TW).
 - g) Vehicles of Forests&Env. Department, in case of emergency after taking approval of Commissioner-cum-Secretary

(Forests&Env.)
h) Government utility vehicles, Government vehicles on duty after obtaining permission of Deputy Commissioner (SA)/Deputy Commissioner, (N & MA), as the case may be.
i) Private vehicles in case of emergency/exigency, on case to case basis after obtaining permission of Deputy Commissioner (SA)/Deputy Commissioner (N&MA), as the case may be.
5. This Order will be reviewed on 29th March, 2020, a communication from the Secretary (TW) said here today.

All employers advised....
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advised that the employees may be treated on duty when the place of employment becomes non operational due to COVID-19.

For the employees over one year of service, the Shop and Commercial Regulation, 2004 has provided that the employers are liable to pay 12 days sick leave with wages to their workers who are employed continuously for last one year. In view of emergent shut down due to pandemic as narrated above, the employers of the shops and Establishments are hereby appealed to provide 12 days sick leave with wages to their employees and produce paid voucher after 31st March, 2020 to the Labour Commissioner for his verification, a communication from the Labour Commissioner & DET said here today.

ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE
NORTH AND MIDDLE ANDAMAN

Mayabunder, dated the 23/03/2020.

ORDER NO.1456

Whereas, it is brought to the notice of the general public that the World Health Organization has declared the recent Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) as a 'Pandemic'. Till date it has affected more than 187 countries including China, USA, Germany, Italy, United Kingdom and Japan among others. Worldwide, a total of 2,94,110 cases and 12,944 deaths have been reported so far. In India a total of 402 cases have come positive so far.

And Whereas, the Government of India has been issuing various advisories, instructions and orders etc. to contain the spread of Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) in the nation. These include restrictions on international passenger traffic, advisory on maintaining social distancing measures amongst the members of the public etc.

And Whereas, the Andaman and Nicobar Administration is closely monitoring the situation and in order to place strict measures of isolation and social distancing in North and Middle Andaman District and in the interest of public health, prevention of outbreak of the disease in the North and Middle Andaman District and to prevent any disturbance of peace and tranquility, I, Awanish Kumar, IAS, District Magistrate, North and Middle Andaman, in exercise of the powers vested in me u/s 144 of Cr.P.C., do hereby direct the following :-

1. All shops and establishments to remain shut with effect from midnight of 23rd March, 2020 except the following :
 - a. Chemist and pharmacy shops.
 - b. Grocery /Kirana shops.
 - c. Milk Shops/Bakeries.
 - d. Vegetable/Fruit/Meat Shops.
 - e. Fuel Stations of ANIIDCO/Sherryl Auto, Nimbotala.

The establishments listed above shall strictly follow the norms of Social distancing of maintaining a distance of at least 01(one) meter from a person, as stipulated by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, maintaining proper queue system, and not allowing more than 04 (four) persons at a time inside the premises.

All private offices to be shut with effect from the midnight of 23rd March, 2020. However, cable TV operators, DTH operators, Telecom service providers shall be allowed to run their operations strictly complying with the norms of social distancing of maintaining a distance of at least 1(one) meter from a person, wherever applicable, as stipulated by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, and not allowing more than 04 (four) persons at a time inside the premises.

2. All public places of worship like Temples, Mosques, Churches, Gurudwaras etc. shall be closed from the midnight of 23rd March, 2020 till the midnight of 31st March, 2020.

3. The operations of the Government departments shall be on the basis of directions of the General Administration Department, Andaman and Nicobar Administration from time to time. However, all Government departments/ CPSUs shall strictly abide by the norms of Social distancing by maintaining a distance of at least 01(one) meter from a person, as stipulated by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, wherever applicable.

4. All Banks/ATMs functioning in the district shall only provide essential services to the customers and shall strictly abide by the norms of Social distancing by maintaining a distance of at least 01(one) meter from a person, as stipulated by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, having a proper queue system and not allowing more than 04 (four) customers at a time, inside the premises.

And Whereas, this order shall come in force from the midnight of 23rd March, 2020 and shall be effective till the midnight of 31st March, 2020. The earlier order issued by the undersigned vide Order No.1442 dated 19th March, 2020 is hereby superseded.

And Whereas, in view of the emergent circumstances, this order is being issued ex-parte and is addressed to the public in general. This order shall be promulgated in the North and Middle Andaman District by announcement through publicity vans and affixing of copies thereof at notice boards of the Office of the District Magistrate/Sub-Divisional Magistrates/Tehsildars as well as public places of prominence, and publication in the newspapers having circulation in the district.

Any violation of the above order shall invite penal action u/s 188 of Indian Penal Code, 1860, against the violator(s).

Given under my hand and seal of this Court on the 23rd of March, 2020.
(Awanish Kumar, IAS)
District Magistrate
North and Middle Andaman District

Media should counter....

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communicated swiftly and professionally by the channels through easy to grasp language.

Shri Modi said, the channels not only have to ensure that people don't let their guard down and become careless, but also need to counter pessimism and panic through positive communication. He said, it is necessary to keep the doctors and health care workers motivated since they are at the forefront of this fight.

The Prime Minister said that the news channels serve as a vital means of feedback and the government is constantly acting on this feedback. He also gave suggestions to the channels to provide dedicated boom mikes to reporters in the field and take precautions like maintaining a distance of at least one metre while conducting interviews. The media representatives thanked the Prime Minister for his leadership and hard work in tackling the challenge. They assured the Prime Minister of working with him in countering the pandemic.

Citing the emotional connect of the Prime Minister with the people, the representatives requested him to address the nation more frequently and to include positive stories especially the experiences of those who have recovered from COVID-19, in his address. They said that a dedicated department with doctors available 24X7 can be set up to check on the reporters and also to help combat rumours. It was also suggested that Prasar Bharati can give out authentic information twice a day, which can be used by other TV channels. The Prime Minister thanked them for the suggestions and valuable inputs. He requested the channels to spread awareness about digital payment mechanisms to avoid spread of the virus through currency notes. He also asked the channels to also counter the spread of superstitions through scientific reportage.

Sailing of MV Swaraj Dweep postponed

Port Blair, Mar 23
In view of the lockdown declared by the West Bengal Government from March 22, 2020, the scheduled sailing of MV Swaraj Dweep from Kolkata to Port Blair via Mayabunder on March 26, 2020 has been postponed, till further notice, a communication from the Deputy Director (SS) said.

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
NICOBARS DISTRICT

Car Nicobar, dated 23rd March 2020

ORDER No. 865

It is brought to the notice of the general public that the World Health Organization has declared the recent Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) as a Pandemic. Till date it has affected more than 187 countries including China, USA, Germany, Italy, United Kingdom and Japan among others. Worldwide, a total of 2,94,110 cases and 12,944 deaths have been reported so far. In India a total of 402 cases have come positive so far.

The Government of India has been issuing various advisories, instructions, orders etc. to contain the spread of Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) in the nation. These include restrictions on movement of flights, railways, advisory on maintaining social distancing measures amongst member^ of the public etc.

The Andaman and Nicobar Administration is closely monitoring the situation and in order to place strict measures of isolation and social distancing in the Nicobars District and in the interest of public health, prevention of outbreak of the disease in the Nicobars District and to prevent any disturbance of peace and tranquility, I, Dr. Monica Priyadarshini, IAS, District Magistrate, Nicobars, in exercise of the powers vested in me u/s 144 of Cr. P.C., do hereby direct the following:-

1. All Shops and establishments to remain shut with effect from midnight of 23rd March, 2020 except the following:-
 - a. Chemists and pharmacies shops.
 - b. Grocery /Kirana shops.
 - c. Milk Shops/Bakeries.
 - d. Vegetable/Fruit/Meat Shops.
 - e. Fuel Stations of ANIIDCO and EHL.

The establishments listed above shall strictly follow norms of Social Distancing of maintaining a distance of at least 1 (one) meter from a person as prescribed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India, maintaining proper queue system, and not allowing more than 4 persons at a time inside the premises.

2. All private offices to be shut with effect from midnight of 23rd March, 2020. However, cable TV operators, DTH operators, may be allowed to run their offices following strict norms of Social Distancing of maintaining a distance of at least 1 (one) meter from a person as prescribed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India and not allowing more than 4 persons at a time inside the premises.
3. All public places of worship like Temples, Mosques, Churches, Gurudwaras etc. shall be closed from the midnight of 23rd March, 2020 till the midnight of 31st March, 2020.
4. The operations of the government departments shall be on the basis of directions of the General Administration Department, Andaman and Nicobar Administration from time to time. However, all government departments to strictly abide by the norms of Social Distancing of maintaining a distance of at least 1 (one) meter from a person as prescribed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India.
5. All Banks functioning in the district shall only provide essential services to the customers and shall strictly abide by the norms of Social Distancing of maintaining a distance of at least 1 (one) meter from a person as prescribed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India, having a proper queue system, and not allowing more than 4 customers at a time inside the premises.

And whereas, this order shall come in force from the Midnight of 23rd March, 2020 and shall be effective till the midnight of 31st March, 2020. The earlier order issued by the undersigned vide Order No. 853 dated 19th March, 2020 is hereby superseded.

And whereas, in view of the emergent circumstances, this order is being issued ex-parte and is addressed to public in general. This order shall be promulgated by announcement through publicity vans and affixing of copies thereof at notice boards of the Office of the District Magistrate/Sub-Divisional Magistrates as well as public places of prominence, and publication in the newspapers having circulation in the area.

Any disobedience of the above order will invite penal action u/s 188 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 against the violator(s).

Given under my hand and seal of this Court on 23rd March, 2020.
(Dr. Monica Priyadarshini, IAS)
District Magistrate
Nicobar District

SEVASUCHNAYEIN

ALL THE SAILINGS ARE SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITION
(SHIPPING HELPLINE NO. 245555)

MAYABUNDER & DIGLIPUR
MV Coral Queen will sail for Diglipur via Mayabunder on 25.03.2020 (Wed) at 2100 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and the vessel will sail back to Port Blair on 26.03.2020 (Thurs) at 1600 Hrs from Diglipur via same route.
MV Rani Lakshmi will sail for Diglipur via Rangat & Mayabunder on 25.03.2020 (Wed) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail back to Port Blair on 30.03.2020 (Mon) at 0700 Hrs from Diglipur via same route.
Note: Passenger tickets for the above voyage will be issued from STARS ticketing counter on 24.03.2020 (Tue) from 0930 Hrs.
24.03.2020 (TUESDAY)
SWARAJ DWEEP & SHAHEED DWEEP
MV North Passage will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 24.03.2020 (Tue) at 0800 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1400 Hrs via Shaheed Dweep.
MV Bambooka will sail for Shaheed Dweep on 24.03.2020 (Tue) at 0830 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1200 Hrs via Swarajdweep.
MV Rani Changa will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 24.03.2020 (Tue) at 1800 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 25.03.2020 (Wed) at 0500 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.
25.03.2020 (WEDNESDAY)
SWARAJ DWEEP & SHAHEED DWEEP
MV Bambooka will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 25.03.2020 (Wed) at 0800 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1400 Hrs via Shaheed Dweep.
MV North Passage will sail for Shaheed Dweep on 25.03.2020 (Wed) at 0830 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1200 Hrs via Swarajdweep.
MV Rani Changa will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 24.03.2020 (Tue) at 1800 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 25.03.2020 (Wed) at 0500 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.
RANGAT
MV Wandoor will sail for Rangat via Shaheed Dweep, Swaraj Dweep, Strait Island, and Long Island on 25.03.2020 (Wed) at 0730 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 26.03.2020 (Thurs) at 0730 Hrs from Rangat via same route.

Walk-in interview postponed

Port Blair, Mar 23
The Advertisement published in the newspaper 'The Daily Telegrams' dated 28/02/2020 for the Walk-in Interview of Counselor and Lab Technician, A&N AIDS Control Society scheduled on 25/03/2020 at Directorate of Health Services has been postponed due to administrative reasons, subsequent date shall be intimated.