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Weather

Dry weather is most likely to prevail over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 32°C and 24°C respectively on Thursday 26/03/2020.

Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 32.5
 Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 24.2
 Relative Humidity(%) at 0830 IST: 059
 Relative Humidity(%) at 1730 IST: 064
 Sunrise Time for tomorrow (in IST): 0520
 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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NDMA directs Ministries/Departments of GoI, State/Union Territory Governments and State/Union Territory Authorities to take effective measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19

Chief Secretary issues various directives to be implemented in A&N Islands for a period of 21 days

■ All Govt. offices to remain closed ■ Employees to 'work from home' ■ Transport services shall remain closed ■ All educational institution closed ■ Places of worship closed

Port Blair, Mar 25
 In exercise of the powers under Section 6(2)(i) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has issued an Order directing the Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, State/ Union Territory Governments and State/ Union Territory Authorities to take effective measures so as to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the country which has already been declared as a pandemic by the World Health Organization. Experts, keeping in view the global experiences of countries which have been successful in containing the spread of COVID-19 unlike some others where thousands of people died, have recommended that effective measures for social distancing should be taken to contain the spread of this pandemic.

Consequent upon this, the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Chetan B. Sanghi has ordered that the following directions will be applicable throughout the State with immediate effect from 25th March, 2020 for a period of 21 days. The directions to be implemented are:

- ❖ Offices of the Government of India, its Autonomous/ Subordinate Offices and Public

Corporations shall remain closed. **Exceptions:** Defence, Central Armed Police Forces, Treasury, public utilities (including petroleum, CNG, LPG, PNG), Disaster Management, Power generation and transmission units, Post Offices, National Informatics Centre, Laboratories, Early Warning Agencies.

- ❖ Offices of the A&N Administration, its Autonomous Bodies, Corporations, etc. shall remain closed.
- ❖ **Exceptions:** Police, Home Guards, Civil Defence, Fire and Emergency services, Disaster Management and Prisons, District Administration and Treasury, Electricity, Water And Sanitation, Municipal / Local bodies - only staff required for essential services like sanitation, personnel related to water supply etc., Health, Transport, Shipping, ANIIDCO (only essential services).

The offices mentioned above shall work with minimum number of employees. All other offices may continue to work-from-home only as per the guidelines and instructions of the Department of General Administration, A&N Administration.

- ❖ Government Hospitals and all related government medical establishments, including their manufacturing and distribution units, such as dispensaries, chemists and medical equipment shops, laboratories, clinics,

nursing homes, ambulances, etc. shall continue to remain functional. The transportation of all government medical personnel, nurses, para-medical staff, other hospital support services shall be permitted. All private hospitals and private clinics shall be shut down.

- ❖ **Exceptions:** In-patient wards catering to the patients already admitted shall remain functional with the required bare minimum staff.
- ❖ All commercial and private establishments, including all construction works, shall be closed down.
- ❖ **Exception:** Banks and ATMs - only staff required for essential services shall be utilized and as far as possible, to work from home, print and electronic media, telecommunications, internet services, broadcasting and cable services, IT and IT-enabled services only (for essential services) and as far as possible, to work from home, delivery of all essential goods, including food/ ration items, LPG cylinders, pharmaceuticals and medical equipment, ANIIDCO Petrol Pumps, APWD Fuel Bunks, EHL pumps in Nicobars, Sherryl Auto (Fuel Station) Nimbudala (N&MA district), cold storage and warehousing services, private security services.
- ❖ Industrial Establishments shall remain closed.

Exceptions: Manufacturing units of essential commodities, production units, which require continuous process, after obtaining required permission from the District Administration.

- ❖ All transport-services - air, road and waterways - shall remain suspended.
- ❖ **Exceptions:** Transportation for essential goods only, including water tankers, fire, law and order and emergency services, movement of airport and airline staff and crew for maintaining specific minimum facilities/ services, public transport with a maximum of 15 persons in a bus, ferry services to ferry passengers at 50% capacity, these will transport staff on duty only/ engaged in essential services/exempted activities, Helicopter/ Dornier service for emergency cases only, Government vehicles assigned to Departmental Secretaries/ HoDs, Government/private vehicles attached with the District Administration, Ambulances, operational vehicles of the Health Department, Hearse vehicles, Sanitation and Conservancy vehicles, any other vehicles allowed by the A&N Administration.
- ❖ Hospitality services to remain suspended.
- ❖ **Exceptions:** Establishments used for quarantine facilities, at the time of actual use only.

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21 days lockdown People in home isolation asked to stay indoors: strict action against defaulters

Port Blair, Mar 25
 The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has called for a nationwide lockdown for the next 21 days from the midnight of March 24, in an effort to contain the COVID -19 pandemic. The National Disaster Management Authority has issued the directions to all States/UTs to take effective measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and the National Disaster Management executive committee has issued guidelines to be observed during these 21 days with directions for their strict implementation. It categorically allows only the bare minimum of services and people to move outside their homes, only for providing essential

or emergency services. As part of these measures, 1586 people who have arrived from mainland have been put under mandatory isolation of 14 days. All these people have been requested to cooperate fully and refrain from venturing out of their houses or come in contact with people within their home. All the houses under quarantine are being marked and the community is being involved in ensuring that home quarantine is being complied with. Special teams have been constituted by the Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman for tracking all the people under home quarantine. Any persons found violating their mandated quarantine are strictly being proceeded against. On the 24th of March, legal action was taken against 03 persons found outside their homes. Further on the 25th of March, FIR was lodged against 02 persons from Mithakhari village for the same violation. The general public is also requested to maintain the lockdown and not leave houses until absolutely necessary. Any person violating the containment measures will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51-60 of the Disaster Management Act apart from legal action under Section 188 of the IPC. Any irresponsible behavior poses a grave

Distribution of essential items at door steps; people advised not to gather for collection

Port Blair, Mar 25
 As a precaution in the wake of the threat from the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), under the aegis of A&N Administration, PBMC is taking initiative to distribute essential commodities to each and every household at their door steps under its jurisdiction. The essential items, as a package, selected within 24 hrs. The above service will start from 26th March, distributed on a cost to

households directly by the retailers specifically identified for this purpose. The household requirement shall be conveyed to their respective Ward Councillors/Nodal Officer who in turn will communicate the same to the retailers and the package containing groceries will be delivered within 24 hrs. The above service will start from 26th March, 2020.

The package costing Rs 875/- contains :

1. Rice-5 Kg
2. Dal- 1Kg
3. Atta-2Kg
4. Salt-1/2 Kg
5. Sooji - 2 Kg
6. Mix Masala - 1 pkt
7. Oil (Sunflower) - 1ltr
8. Haldi-1 pkt

The entire process will be completed via SMS/ whatsapp and phone calls. This is planned to restrict the public movement and the retailers have been advised to strictly follow the A&N Administra-

tion's directives in letter and spirit. Andaman and Nicobar Administration's endeavour is to make delivery of essential commodities at the doorstep of each household, through this mechanism. People are advised not to gather for collection of the same and in case such incidents are noticed, Administration may review the delivery mechanism and may take a call to discontinue.

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BSNL connectivity restored in N&M Andaman

Port Blair, Mar 25
 BSNL had brought to the notice of A&N Administration that few undesirable elements have disconnected the Optical Fibre Cable connecting Port Blair with North and Middle Andaman. BSNL with help of the A&N Administration has repaired the cable and successfully restored the connectivity in North & Middle



Andaman today. has taken a serious view on such undesirable act at the

time when support from all quarters is required. The Police is investigating the matter. All the citizens have been informed to cooperate with Govt. and other agencies who are putting relentless efforts to provide essential services during the current situation, a communication from the Special Secretary (IT) said.

Distance medical care to be provided to patients through Tele-Consultancy

Port Blair, Mar 25
 In view of the prevent spread of COVID-19, the National Disaster Administration has taken various steps to ensure supply of essential medicines and implement the norms of

social distancing to prevent spread of COVID-19, the Administration has taken various steps to ensure supply of essential medicines and implement the norms of consultation with Doctors. The following steps have been taken by the Administration to provide distance medical care to the patients:-

- ❖ 8 Doctors will remain available for

Tele-Consultancy for PBMC area of South Andaman District. The people can contact these Doctors by way of tele consultancy from 8.30 am to 1.30 pm in the

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COVID-19 Employees of the UT Administration to 'Work from Home' till April 14

Port Blair, March 25
 As a mark of precaution in the wake of the threat from the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), the UT Administration has decided

that all the employees of the UT Administration of Andaman and Nicobar Islands shall 'Work from Home' till April 14, 2020 (Tuesday) with the exception of operational staff of Departments rendering essential services, as mentioned in order dated 22.03.2020 and subsequent Addendum Order dated 23.03.2020. Rest of the contents of

Order dated 22.03.2020 and Addendum Order dated 23.03.2020 shall remain same, an order to this effect issued by the Secretary (GA) said here today.

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

COVID-19

First phase of Census 2021 & updation of NPR scheduled to begin in A&N Islands from 1st April, 2020 postponed

Port Blair, Mar 25
In view of the outbreak of COVID-19, the first phase of Census 2021 and updation of NPR, which was to begin on various dates decided by the State/UT Governments beginning 1st April, 2020 and various related field activities, have been postponed until further orders.

It may be recalled that the Census 2021 was scheduled to be conducted in two phases, viz., (a) Phase I i.e. House listing & Housing Census during April-September, 2020 and (b) Phase II i.e. Population Enumeration from 9th to 28th February, 2021. The updation of NPR was also proposed to be done along with the Phase I of Census 2021 in all the States/UTs, except Assam.

Since the outbreak of COVID-19 has been declared pandemic, high alert has been declared by the

Government of India as well as the States/Union Territories. The Ministry of Home Affairs vide order dated 24th March, 2020 has issued Guidelines with the directions for their strict implementation, on the measures to be taken by the Ministries/Departments of Government of India and State/ Union Territory Governments for containment of COVID-19

People in home....

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social distancing.

All the above measures are to minimize the need of people to venture out of their homes.

Lastly, people have been urged to refrain from spreading unverified rumors on social media as they jeopardize the efforts put in for controlling the spread on Corona virus. Social media is an important tool in the fight against this pandemic and its misuse may lead to grave consequences for the society in general and invite penal provisions for the sender, a communication from the Secretary Disaster Management said.

Epidemic in the country. Lockdown has also been declared countrywide. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India has issued advisories for various precautionary measures, including social distancing, a press release issued by the Office of Registrar General & Census Commissioner, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India said.

Control Room set up in PBMC office to address grievances relating to water supply through tankers

Port Blair, Mar 25

A Control Room has been set up in PBMC office to address the grievances relating to water supply through tankers. The Control Room will function from 6 am to 6 pm on all days. The Contact Number of the Control Room is 245798. People can contact the control room and register their request for supply of water which will be attended by the PBMC/APWD based on the area jurisdiction. The In-charge of the Control Room Shri Ashok Anand can also be contacted on Mobile No. 9933219260 for water supply issues. In order to ensure water supply to the needy areas, Port Blair Municipal Council has deployed 5 tankers and APWD has deployed another 23 tankers to supply water to various areas throughout the day. Through deployment of these tankers, 4 lakh litres of water are being supplied every day, an official communication said..

COVID-19

All existing licenses & registrations issued by Departments extended till 30th April

Port Blair, Mar 25

As a mark of precaution in the wake of the threat from the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), various directives have been issued to all concerned for strict implementation of lockdown in A&N Islands, which will be in force till 14th of April, 2020.

Some of the licenses and registrations issued by various Departments under A&N Administration to various persons, authorities, establishments etc. may get expired during the lock down period or soon thereafter. In order to remove any difficulty to common people, it has been notified that all the existing licenses and

registrations issued by all the Departments under A&N Administration, getting expired till 30th April, 2020 shall be deemed to have been extended till 30th April, 2020.

It has also been clarified that automatic renewal of the licenses and registrations, however shall not empower any persons or

establishment to perform any act on the basis of such licenses and registrations in contravention of various orders issued by all the Departments of A&N Administration implementing lockdown period regarding COVID-19, an order to this effect issued by the Secretary (GA), said here today.

Advisory Issuance/renewal of license for fishing boats suspended

Port Blair, Mar 25

In continuation to the advisory issued by Fisheries Directorate of Fisheries dated 17.03.2020 and in view of the several advisories issued by the A&N Administration, to contain the spread of

Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19), the issuance/renewal of license of fishing boats for the year 2020-21 shall remain suspended till April 30, 2020, a communication from Directorate of Fisheries said here.

Chief Secretary issues....

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- All educational, training, research, coaching and tuition classes etc. shall remain closed.
- All places of worship shall be closed for public. No religious congregations will be permitted, without any exception.
- All social/ political/ sports/, entertainment/ academic/ cultural/ religious functions/ gatherings shall be barred.
- In case of funerals, congregation of not more than twenty persons shall be permitted. These shall strictly follow the norms of social distancing of maintaining a distance of at least 1 meter from each other, as prescribed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India.
- All persons who have arrived into India after 15.02.2020 and all such persons who have been directed by the health care personnel, to remain under strict home/ institutional quarantine for a period as decided by local Health Authorities, failing which they will be liable to legal action under Sec. 188 of the IPC.
- Wherever exceptions to above containment measures have been allowed, the organizations/ employers must ensure necessary precautions against COVID-19 virus, as well as social distance measures, as advised by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India from time to time.
- In order to implement these containment measures, the District Magistrates will deploy Executive Magistrates who will be responsible for the overall implementation of these measures in their respective jurisdictions. All other line department officials in the specified area will work under the directions of such Executive Magistrates. The A&N Administration will authorize specific Officers to issue passes for enabling essential movements as explained. The passes for the Executive Magistrates and Officers under the District Administration shall be issued by the Deputy Commissioners.
- All enforcing authorities to note that these, strict restrictions fundamentally relate to movement of people, but not to that of essential goods.
- The District Magistrates will in particular ensure that all efforts for mobilization of resources, workers and material for augmentation and expansion of hospital infrastructure shall continue without any hindrance.
- To reach out to the public and to receive information/ feedback from them, the A&N Administration has setup Control Rooms with the following contact numbers:-

DETAILS OF CONTROL ROOMS

Sl. No	Department	Contact No. Of Control Room	In-charge of control room with contact No.	Second Supervisory officer	Next higher Authority	Remarks
1.	Disaster Management / District Control Room	240126/ 1077, 1070	TKS Aijan, AD (Ops), ANI Mobile No. 9434280357	Dr. Omkar Singh, DHS Mobile No. 9476078444	Smti. Kriti Garg, IAS Secretary (Health) Mobile No. 8900910321	24/7
2.	ERSS Control Room	112	Shri. K.P Abdul Aziz, Sub Inspector Mobile No. 9531802354	Shri. C.Manoj, IPS SP (S/A) 9434288536	Shri. Vijay Singh IPS, DIG Mob. No. 9531856174	24/7
3.	Police Control Room	100	Smti. Kavita Kirtonia, Inspector Mobile No. 9476082332	Shri. C.Manoj, IPS SP (S/A) 9434288536	Shri. Vijay Singh IPS, DIG Mob. No. 9531856174	24/7
4.	Traffic Control Room	243812	Smti. Santi Arjun, Inspector Mobile No. 9474222800	Shri. Anant Mittal, IPS SP 8900910418	Shri. Vijay Singh IPS, DIG Mob. No. 9531856174	24/7
5.	Ambulance Control Room/ Main Control Room of Health Department including availability of medicine	102	Dr. Sunil Kumar, DD (family Welfare) Mobile No. 9933279669	Shri. Omkar Singh, DHS Mobile No. 9476078444	Smti. Kriti Garg, IAS Secretary (Health) Mobile No. 8900910321	24/7
6.	Water Supply/PBMC Control Room	245798	Shri. Ashok Anand, A.O Mobile No. 9933219260	Shri. Suneel Anchipaka, IAS Secretary (PBMC) Off. No.232576 Mobile No.9434282277	Dr. V Candavelou, IAS Comm-cum-Secretary Mobile No. 8056622722	6 am to 6 pm 5 Tankers All demands are sent to J.E for disposal/decision
7.	Civil Supply	18003453197 /230337/ 234062	Shri. Anish Chatterjee Asst. Director (Enforcement) Mobile 9476000005	Smti. Anjali Sherawat, Secretary (CS) Mobile No. 8900918001	Shri. Sudhir Mahajan, IAS, Secretary Off. No.232623 Mobile No.9811268681	6 am to 6 pm.
8.	Electricity	235250	Surjit Choudhary, Asst. Engineer Mobile No. 9434270676	Shri. Karunajoydhar, Executive Engineer Mobile No. 9434262900	Shri. Sudhir Mahajan, Secretary (Power) Off. No.232623 Mobile No.9811268681	24/7
9.	Transport	231216	Shri. Biju Samuel, Asst. Director Mobile No. 9434260316	Dr. Navendra Kumar Singh, Director (Transport) Mobile No. 9434288242	Smti. Nikita Pawar, Secretary (Transport) Mobile No. 8510890851	6 am to 6 pm.
10.	Labour Department	9434270182	Shri Madhu Sudan Vaidya Labour commissioner	Shri Krishan Kumar Secretary Labour 9474211400	Dr.V Candavelou, IAS Comm-cum-Secretary Mobile No. 8056622722	6 am to 6 pm

In case a caller is not satisfied with the response of the Control Room, he/she may contact next higher authority on their contact no. given above. First Supervisory officer will check the log book on daily basis and may call back some of the callers for feed back.

Any person violating these containment measures will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Sections 51 & 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action under Section 188 of the IPC.

The above containment measures will remain in force, in all parts of the A&N Islands, for a period of 21 days with effect from 25.03.2020, the order to this effect issued by the Chief Secretary added.

Distance medical care...

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normal OPD hours. The details of Doctors are as below:-

Sl.No.	Name	Designation	Phone No.
1.	Dr. M K Saha	Consultant (Obst&Gyne)	9434283599
2.	Dr. H C Bandu	Professor (Obst&Gyne)	9403571091
3.	Dr. Amit Roy	Professor (Orthopedic)	8900909303
4.	Dr. S S Singh	Consultant Medical Specialist	9434282123
5.	Dr. S Patra	Associate Professor (Surgery)	7063956237
6.	Dr. Pragathesh	Associate Professor (Pediatrics)	9442034167
7.	Dr. Anurag	Associate Professor (Medicine)	8764112434
8.	Dr. T Mohd. Shameem	Specialists Gr. II (Surgery)	9531877000

The Doctors will obtain detail of the person/patient including the address and Phone Nos. of patient and prepare a prescription.

The hospital staff will collect these prescription from the consulting Doctor at the closure hours of OPD i.e. 1.30 pm and obtain medicines from the pharmacy counter of the hospital and distribute the same to the patient at his/her door steps. The Administration is also motivating the Private Doctors and private Chemists shops to join tele-consultancy and door step delivery of medicine by private chemist shops. The ACCI and A & N Islands Association of Private Practicing Doctors Association have been approached. The same facility will be extended to all rural areas of three districts from 27th March 2020, a press release issued by the Principal Secretary (Health) said here today.

Distribution of essential

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The Ward wise contacts details (Councillors/Nodal Officers/Retailers) are given under.

1.	Shri. S. Karunakaran Shri. Zahir Ali JE	9679531101 9933242566	M/s. Hanifa 9332531531
2.	Shri. Someshwar Rao Shri. Satyajit Naskar, S.I.	9933209266 9679531286	T. Rama Rao & Sons 9932457429
3.	Shri. Ramjan Ali Shri. Sameer Chandra Das, S.I.	9933220181 7063903921	Rajkumar Stores- 9933219200
4.	Smti. E.Rani Shri. Sudeep Singh, S.I.	9476009999 9434289509	R. K Super Market 9434281694
5.	Smti. S.Selvi Shri. Ashish Mondal, J.E	9434281289 9531828478	R.S.N 9434283047
6.	Smti. Protima Benerjee Shri. D.Rajeevan, J.E	9476013471 9434287192	S. Mart 9840192921
7.	Shri. Indrapal Singh Shri. Rudriah, S.I.	9434283197 9474204001	Saravana Stores 9474222555
8.	Shri. K. Ganeshan Shri. Vijay Kumar, S.S.I.	9434280989 9734481765	Andaman General Stores - 9434282185
9.	Smti. Anusiya Devi Shri. Rama Krishna	9679586950 9474280439	Murugan General Store 9933251895
10.	Smti. Sheela Singh Shri. Ramaiah, S.I.	9932080474 9434281480	GS Stores 9932489485
11.	Smti. Vinita Malhotra Shri. Sukumar Chowdhary	9933290929 9933286481	PagamPriya 9933207874
12.	Shri. S.N. Gregory Shri. Joseph	9434281926 9679528352	Pavitra General Stores 9434283194
13.	Smti. Upasna Prasad Shri. Shailender Bihari, S.I.	9933214447 9474252171	Venkateshwara Stores 9679564155
14.	Shri. Ishwar Rao Miss. Priti Roy, J.E	9434262256 9531813549	Kavi General Stores 9434260828
15.	Shri. C.H.Babu Smti. Marry Bhutto, J.E	9932080153 9933274035	Hasmat Ali 9933213690
16.	Smti. S.Usha Shri. Raghubeer Singh, S.I.	9434261379 9933234774	Avtar Singh 9932489513
17.	Shri. Dharmendra Narayan Shri. Athikesavan, J.E	9474203506 9933270663	Jousna 9933222365
18.	Smti. Rubana Aziz Shri. Amit Bhattacharya, SI	9679574787 9933214316	Gokulam Store 9933251075
19.	Shri. K.Muttu Shri. Umran Ali, S.I.	9474260848 9679516100	Green Sales Marketing 9434263449
20.	Shri. M.Arumugam Shri. Thomas Vergese, S.I.	9933202608 9434285993	Amman Stores 9933269984
21.	Shri. K.Arubadai Shri. Mohammed Nadeem, J.E	9679552970 9434281246	Arun Kishore 9732470044
22.	Smti. Vaishali Rani Dayal Shri. Biswajit Das, J.E	9434263826 9474210286	James Stores 9474241268
23.	Shri. Sanjay Meshak Shri. Satish Kumar, S.I.	9434281791 9434260152	Nadan Home Needs 9434278284
24.	Shri. N.K.Udhaya Kumar Shri. Anil Bahadur Rai, J.E	9933296280 9474233545	Daily Needs 9933210485 9933266555