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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 Monday 23/03/2020.

Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 31.6
 Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 23.8
 Relative Humidity(%) at 0830 IST 061
 Relative Humidity(%) at 1730 IST 076
 Sunrise Time for tomorrow (in IST): 0522
 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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Chief Secretary takes stock of measures taken in combating threat of COVID - 19 in A&N Islands

People coming from mainland to stay in home isolation for 14 days

Ample supply of essential items available in Isles

Port Blair, Mar 22

A high level meeting was chaired by the Chief Secretary, Andaman and Nicobar Administration, Shri Chetan B. Sanghi today to take stock of measures taken so far by the UT Administration in combating the threat of the Novel Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19). The meeting was attended by Director General of Police, Pr. Secretary (Health), DC (South Andaman), Secretary (GA), Secretary (Health), SP (South Andaman), DHS, Dr. Avijit Roy, Dy. Director (Health)/Nodal Officer (COVID-19).

In light of the present emergent situation which was also reviewed by Cabinet Secretary to Govt. of India with all the States/UTs today in the morning, it has been decided that all the orders/circulars/directions issued by UT Administration in relation to COVID-19 such as work from home, restricting the movement by convoy will be extended from 26.03.2020 to 31.03.2020. Necessary orders will be issued by concerned Department immediately.

The Administration is enjoined to take all the necessary safeguards for public safety and public health and accordingly, has appealed to the general public to refrain from making non-essential travel and trips outside their residence, except for essential/emergency needs for coming days.

Further, in continuation of the ongoing efforts of social distancing, the Administration has also appealed to all the individuals who have come from mainland to stay in home isolation for 14 days from their return to Port Blair as a preventive measure for Corona Virus disease. Civil Society/Community/Association/Panchayat and family members have also been requested to persuade such individuals to remain under home isolation

for 14 days. Health Department will also make telephonic calls to such individuals on frequent intervals to ascertain their health status.

As a multi-pronged action in various directions, the Administration also decided that no foreign Ship/Yacht etc will be allowed in the islands. The entry of all vessels from International Ports are suspended till further orders. Shipping Department has also issued necessary protocols for allowing Cargo Ships and the owners of Cargo Ships have been briefed by Shipping Department to follow the protocol. Further, Administration is also finalizing the modalities for chartering of Private flights by Civil Aviation Department, in case of emergency.

The existing stocks of various essential items was also reviewed and public have been reassured that ample supply of essential items is available in the Islands and there is no need of any apprehension in this regard. As advance measures, the Administration has also decided to augment the stock of already available essential items. The Shipping Department will make necessary arrangements to bring the essential items from mainland, so as to augment the stock already available.

Since, the restrictions for movement are increasing day by day in the country in view of the evolving situation, the Administration has decided to formulate action plan for services rendered by the Social Welfare Department, Civil Supplies Department and Labour Department etc. The Departments are working jointly and modalities are being worked out. The Administration will also take steps for providing pension to old age persons etc including ration for Anganwadi Centres, Department run Child Care Institution, Senior Citizen Home and Home for Destitute Women

for two months period. Details are being worked out in this regard.

The Administration has earnestly appealed that efforts from citizen are also required in addition to various steps taken by the Administration. It was decided by the Administration that 2000 volunteers will be engaged for meeting out any exigency. Various organizations, civil society etc will be requested by the Administration to provide support in this regard. Interested citizens may contact helpline No. 1077. The citizens who are coming from mainland are duty bound to inform the exact details of the travel history

of the past. The Director General of Police impressed upon that suppressing the information shall invite strict action against the larger public interest.

Further, it was decided that all the logistic supports will be provided to Health Department to continue the effort of the Health Department for public safety and public health.

All the citizens have also been requested to remain inside their homes from 9.00 pm on 22.03.2020 till 9.00 am on 23.03.2020 and not to come out on street unless there is exigency, a communication from the Secretary (GA) said here today.

Precautionary measure in the wake of threat from COVID-19

All employees of UT Administration shall 'work from home' till March 31

Port Blair, Mar 22

As a mark of precaution in the wake of the threat from the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), the UT Administration had decided to implement "work from home" from 20th March, 2020 till 26th March 2020.

On account of the existing situation, it has been decided that all the employees of the UT Administration of Andaman and Nicobar Islands shall "work from home" till 31st March, 2020 (Tuesday) with the exception of the operational staff of Departments rendering essential services i.e. Health, Police, Transport, Civil Supplies, Electricity, Sanitation, Water Supply, Civil Aviation, Fire Services, Shipping, PMB and Disaster Management. For all other Departments, not mentioned in para 2 above, only those employees whose

presence in offices is essential, as determined by Secretary/ HoD of concerned Department, may be called to office.

The officials who are working from home shall be available on their mobile phone/landline and on being called to the office, shall immediately come to the office for urgent official work. They shall not leave the station and this period shall not be considered as leave. In so far as Secretaries/ HoDs to the UT Administration are concerned, it is left to the discretion of the concerned Officer to operate from office or home. This Order will be reviewed on 29th March, 2020, an order to this effect issued by Secretary (GA) said here today.

Health Deptt. issues list of people in home isolation

Port Blair, Mar 22

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 21.03.2020 and 22.03.2020 to stay in home isolation for a period of 14 days as protective measures for COVID19. (List given on page 2)

Live phone in prog. on COVID -19 by AIR

Port Blair, Mar 22

All India Radio Port Blair in association with Andaman Nicobar Administration is broadcasting a live phone in programme titled 'Fight against Corona' daily from 17th March 2020 onwards. Tomorrow i.e. on March 23, 2020, the guest of this programme will be Principal Secretary (Health) Shri. Vikram Dev Dutt. It will be broadcast from 7.15 am to 7.55 am. Listeners can call on phone number 232336 or 232558 to ask queries regarding the steps taken by A&N Administration to fight against COVID-19. This programme will be available on MW 684 KHz and FM 100.9 MHz, a communication said.

COVID-19; PMB issues directives

Port Blair, Mar 22

In view of the prevailing scenario and to contain the spread of Corona Virus in A&N Islands, the Port Management Board has issued the following directives to be implemented with immediate effect for strict compliance at all A&N Ports and all ships entering A&N Islands: -

- Passenger Handling by DSS:**
 - * All Masters of DSS vessels are to strictly comply with MS Notice 02 of 2020 of DG Shipping to contain the spread of corona virus.
 - * Passenger occupancy in DSS vessels will be restricted to 50% of their carrying capacity in all sectors so that safe distance is maintained between passengers.
 - * Travel by Non-Islander passengers in DSS vessels to be restricted.
 - * All passenger vessels/offices/ticketing counters

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Overwhelming response in Isles to 'Janta curfew' call given by Prime Minister Islanders show social responsibility; express gratitude by clapping & ringing bells

Port Blair, Mar 22

People of all ages in Andaman Nicobar Islands today remained indoors showing a sense of responsibility in view of the 'Janta Curfew' call given by Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi to make the fight against corona virus a success.

There was an overwhelming response to 'Janta Curfew' call given by the PM as people volunteered to stay at home during the 'Janta Curfew'. Public transport and movement of ships remained suspended throughout the Islands today.

All the three Districts in A&N Islands implemented a complete ban on movement of vehicles except those on emergency duty and providing essential services. Sunday prayer services at churches were also cancelled in support of the 'Janta Curfew' all over the Islands. As appealed by the Prime Minister, the Islanders also expressed their gratitude at 5 PM today, towards those working round the clock to keep the nation healthy. They expressed their gratitude by

standing in the balconies and at the doors of their houses and clapped and rung bells for five minutes as a show of appreciation. Clapping of hands, ringing of bells and beating of plates reverberated in the atmosphere. Siren was blown across the Islands sharp at 5 pm on March 22, reminding all Islanders to pay their respect to the brave people who are in the forefront of fighting the COVID-19 pandemic. Even small children were seen participating in the event by beating steel plates showing their solidarity with these people.



CBSE launches toll-free helpline on coronavirus safeguards for students

New Delhi, Mar 22

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has launched a toll-free helpline on coronavirus safeguards for students. The facility is available on helpline number 1800118004 from 8 am to 8 pm, initially up to 31st March. CBSE Secretary Shri Anurag Tripathi said the dedicated coronavirus safeguard tele-counselling service will be provided by trained counsellors who will deal with students and parents for

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

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are to be sanitised regularly.

- * Need based service of DSS vessels across all sectors to be implemented.
- * Special teams are to be constituted for crowd management at all ticketing counters and Jetties.

2. Cargo Handling:

2.1 Cargo Vessel from Indian Ports:

- * The vessel is to be brought to inner anchorage on arrival.
- * The PHO/MO i/c at the respective Port will thereafter certify the vessel as Healthy or Suspected and issue a Certificate in this regard to PMB.
- * Certified Healthy vessels will be given clearance for Port Operations and Suspected vessel will be kept at anchorage for facilitating boarding of the PHO/MO i/c for further necessary action.
- * No crew will be allowed to disembark until 14 days have elapsed. The crew can disembark on expiry of 14 days only after subsequent clearance by the PHO/MO i/c of the respective Port.
- * Cargo discharge is to be permitted after the vessel has been declared Healthy and on receipt of Ship Sanitation Certificate, Medicine Chest Certificate & Evidence Report Form (ERF), if issued, on the sanitary control measures undertaken in the previous ports and also a declaration that the cargo on board has been disinfected from Master of the vessel.
- * Before discharge of cargo (Container/Bulk/Break bulk), it is to be ensured that the same is disinfected.
- * The Stevedoring Agencies are directed to use Personnel Protection Equipment (PPE) while engaging their employees for cargo handling.
- * Port Authorities are to ensure that the Stevedoring Labourers handling cargo do not come in contact with the crew on Board.

2.2 Cargo Vessel from International Ports:

- * On arrival, the vessel will be kept at outer anchorage till completion of 14 days from last international Port of departure (Mandatory Quarantine)
- * The PHO/MO i/c at the respective Port are to certify the vessel as Healthy or Suspected and issue a Certificate in this regard to PMB.
- * Certified Healthy Vessel Certificate will be given clearance for Port Operations and Suspected vessel will be kept at anchorage for facilitating boarding of the PHO/MO i/c for further necessary action.
- * No crew will be allowed to disembark until 14 days have elapsed. The crew can disembark on expiry of 14 days only after subsequent clearance by the PHO/MO i/c of the respective Port.
- * Cargo discharge is to be only permitted after the vessel has been declared Healthy and on receipt of Ship Sanitation Certificate, Medicine Chest Certificate & Evidence Report Form (ERF), if issued, on the sanitary control measures undertaken in the previous ports and also a declaration that the cargo on board has been disinfected from the Master of the vessel.
- * Before discharge of cargo (Container/Bulk/Break bulk), it is to be ensured that the same is disinfected.
- * The Stevedoring Agencies are directed to use PPE while engaging their employees for cargo handling.
- * Port Authorities are to ensure that the Stevedoring Labourers handling cargo do not come in contact with the crew on Board.

3. Pilots.

All Pilot Officers will board the vessel with PPE and are directed not to have any physical contact with any member of the crew on Board. All communication is to be restricted to VHF.

4. Cleaning Crew.

Cleaning Crew and Shore supporting staff are to be permitted on board only with PPE.

5 Cargo Handling Equipment.

All Cargo Handling Equipment will be sanitized before and after operations.

6. Passenger Handling by Port:

- * All vessels from International Ports are suspended till further orders.
- * Master of the vessels are to provide Ship Sanitation Certificate, Medicine Chest Certificate & Evidence Report Form (ERF) if issued on the sanitary control measures undertaken in the previous ports.
- * All passengers (Islanders) and crew arriving from Mainland will be screened at the respective Ports of Disembarkation by the Medical Authorities, a communication from the Chief Port Administrator, Port Management Board, A&N Islands said here today.

CBSE launches ...
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preventive interventions, reducing transmission and counsel on first-aid to stop corona spread. They will also assist students to engage in useful and productive activities while at home. The board has postponed all exams till March 31 and evaluation work has also been suspended.

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

LITTLE ANDAMAN
Due to Administrative reasons the scheduled sailing of MV Coral Queen for Little Andaman on 23.03.2020 (Mon) at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and return for Port Blair on the same day at 2100 Hrs from Little Andaman has been postponed to 24.03.2020 at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and return on the same at 2100 Hrs from Little Andaman respectively. Passengers holding the tickets of MV Coral Queen for the voyage on 23.03.2020 are advised to either cancel their tickets or avail the above sailing of MV Coral Queen on 24.03.2020.

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 (Thu) 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.

23.03.2020 (MONDAY)
SWARAJ DWEEP & SHAHEED DWEEP
MV Bambooka will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 23.03.2020 (Mon) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.
MV Wandoor will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 23.03.2020 (Mon) at 0900 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1130 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.
MV North Passage will sail for Shaheed Dweep on 23.03.2020 (Mon) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep.
MV North Passage will sail for Shaheed Dweep on 23.03.2020 (Mon) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep.
MV North Passage will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 23.03.2020 (Mon) at 1300 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep Jetty and will sail back to Shaheed Dweep on the same day at 1430 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.
MV Bambooka will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 23.03.2020 (Mon) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.
MV Wandoor will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 23.03.2020 (Mon) at 1800 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 24.03.2020 (Tue) at 0500 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.

RANGAT
MV Rani Lakshmi will sail for Rangat via Shaheed Dweep, Swaraj Dweep, Kadamtala and Long Island on 23.03.2020 (Mon) at 0615 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 24.03.2020 (Tue) at 0615 Hrs from Rangat via same route.


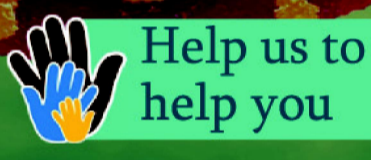
24.03.2020 (TUESDAY)
SWARAJ DWEEP & SHAHEED DWEEP
MV North Passage will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 24.03.2020 (Tue) at 0800 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1400 Hrs via Shaheed Dweep.
MV Bambooka will sail for Shaheed Dweep on 24.03.2020 (Tue) at 0830 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1200 Hrs via Swaraj Dweep.
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 Swaraj Dweep.
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 (Thu) at 0730 Hrs from Rangat via same route.

DIGLIPUR VIA RANGAT & MAYABUNDER
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.

26.03.2020 (THURSDAY)
SWARAJ DWEEP & SHAHEED DWEEP
MV North Passage will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 26.03.2020 (Thu) 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 26.03.2020 (Thu) at 0830 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1200 Hrs via Swaraj Dweep.

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Protect yourself and others!





WHEN TO GET TESTED FOR COVID-19?

- You are **not required to get tested** for COVID-19 if you **do not have any symptoms** (Cough, fever or difficulty in breathing)
- If you have any of the above symptoms and have travelled to any of the COVID-19 affected countries including Italy, Iran, Republic of Korea, France, Spain, Germany, UAE etc or you are a contact of a laboratory confirmed positive case immediately call the State Helpline Number or Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India's **24x7 helpline 011-2397 8046**
- The helpline service will note down your contact details and contact you with the **testing protocols** of COVID-19
- If you qualify as a case for testing as per the protocol, you will be tested at a **Government approved lab only.**

- List of Government approved labs is available at <https://www.icmr.nic.in/>
- Currently, **no private hospital/private laboratory** is authorized to test for COVID-19

Together we can fight Coronavirus

For further information call Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India's 24X7 control room number **+91-11-23978046** or email at ncov2019@gmail.com

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