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**Weather**

Dry weather likely over port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 33°C and 26°C respectively on Friday 24/04/2020.

Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 32.9  
 Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 26.4  
 Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST: 069  
 Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST: 071  
 Sunrise Time for tomorrow (in IST): 0503  
 Sunset Time for tomorrow (in IST): 1732  
 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 3.6 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm

## President gives assent to Ordinance making acts of violence against healthcare workers cognizable, non-bailable offence

**PIB**

New Delhi, Apr 23  
 During the current COVID-19 pandemic, there have been instances of the most critical service providers i.e. members of healthcare services being targeted and attacked by miscreants, thereby obstructing them from doing their duties. Members of the Medical community, even as they continue to perform relentlessly round the clock and save human lives, have unfortunately become the most vulnerable victims as they have been perceived by some as carriers of the virus. This has led to cases of their stigmatization and ostracization and sometimes worse, acts of unwarranted violence and harassment. Such a situation tends to hamper the medical community from performing their duties to their optimum best and

### Our Frontline Corona Warriors

Ordinance Promulgated to Amend Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 Approved



- Acts of violence against healthcare workers made **cognizable & non-bailable offences**
- Investigation to be completed within **30 days & judgment within 1 year**
- Imprisonment upto **7 years & fine upto Rs 5 lakh** in case of grievous injuries
- Accused to pay compensation **twice the market value of damaged property**

maintaining their morale, which is a critical need in this hour of national health crisis. While healthcare service personnel are duty bound to serve with out discrimination, the cooperation and support from society is a fundamental need for them to perform their duties with confidence.

## LG appeals people to contribute generously to 'Lt Governor's Relief Fund'

Port Blair, Apr 23

In the wake of COVID-19 epidemic in the Islands, the Lt Governor's Relief Fund has been getting generous contributions from people across the Islands. In addition to contributions previously acknowledged, the persons who have contributed to Lt Governor's Relief Fund from 08.04.2020 to 20.04.2020 is as follows:-

Sl. No	Name & Address of the donor	Date	Amount (in Rs.)	Amount in words
1.	By CLG-Zero Float SBI	13.04.2020	11,000.00	Rs. Eleven thousand only
2.	Shri Gaurang Mishra	13.04.2020	5,000.00	Rs. Five thousand only
3.	Shri Sree Valsan	13.04.2020	5,000.00	Rs. Five thousand only
4.	Mrs & Mr T.K.Mathew, R/o Garacharama	14.04.2020	25,000.00	Rs. Twenty Five Thousand only
5.	By CLG-Zero Float-SBI	15.04.2020	30,000.00	Rs. Thirty thousand only
6.	M/s. Nice Arts	15.04.2020	3,000.00	Rs. Three thousand only
7.	G.Dhana Raj	18.04.2020	5000.00	Rs. Five Thousand only

While thanking profusely for the contributions made to the Lt Governor's Relief Fund in the fight against COVID-19, Hon'ble Lt Governor has appealed to every Islanders including Government Servants, private entrepreneurs, philanthropists and voluntary organizations and general public to contribute generously to this fund. Contributions to this fund are voluntary and not compulsory and this fund are fully exempted from Income Tax under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act. The Permanent Account Number (PAN) of the Fund is AAAGL0242G.

Contribution to "Lt. Governor's Relief Fund, Andaman and Nicobar Islands" can be made through cheque, bank draft, cash or electronic transfer to Syndicate Bank, Port Blair Main Branch A/C No. 99002010002104 (IFSC Code: SYNB0009900), which will be duly acknowledged.

All contributors to the Fund who transfer the amount through Online/electronic transfer are requested that they may submit their details viz., name, address & amount deposited, etc. by e-mail to secytolg.and@nic.in, LG's Secretariat, Raj Niwas, so that it could be properly acknowledged & accounted in the Lt Governor's Relief Fund Account, a press release from Secretary to Lt. Governor, Shri Kulanand Joshi said here today.

## Finance Ministry freezes DA, DR hike for Central Govt. employees & pensioners till July 2021

New Delhi, Apr 23

In view of the crisis arising out of COVID-19, it has been decided by the Govt. that the additional installment of Dearness Allowance payable to Central Govt. employees and Dearness Relief to

Central Govt. pensioners, due from 1st of January 2020 shall not be paid. The additional installments of Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief due from 1st July 2020 and 1st January 2021 shall also not be paid. However, Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief at current rates will continue to be paid. As and when decision to release future installment of Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief due from 1st July 2021 is taken by the

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## संदेश

प्यारे द्वीपवासियों,  
 द्वीपों में COVID के पहले 11 positive cases के पूरी तरह से recover होने के बाद अब 11 और नये positive cases का, जो एक ही परिवार से सम्बन्धित हैं, सामने आना हम सभी के लिये चिन्ता का विषय है। यह दर्शाता है कि Lockdown व Social Distancing के लिये अतिरिक्त प्रावधानों की व इन्हें और भी अधिक गम्भीरता से लेने की आवश्यकता है। हमारे स्वास्थ्य अधिकारी शुरू से ही कहते आ रहे हैं कि ये सावधानियाँ घरों के अन्दर भी उतनी ही आवश्यक हैं, जहाँ तक बाहर से आ रहे लोगों का प्रश्न है जो उस परिवार का हिस्सा नहीं है। इसका दायित्व पूरी तरह हम द्वीपवासियों को स्वयं ही निभाना है। माननीय सांसद व सम्बन्धित निर्वाचित जनप्रतिनिधियों से चर्चा के बाद अब दक्षिण अण्डमान जिले में Social Distancing व Stay At Home सम्बन्धित अतिरिक्त दिशा - निर्देशों का और उनका अधिक सख्ती से पालन किये जाने की आवश्यकता है। इसके लिये अलग से निर्देश जारी किये जा रहे हैं। हम सबका दायित्व बनता है कि संक्रमण को और आगे न बढ़ने के लिये इनका पूरी तरह से पालन किया जाये।



हमें आगे और भी अधिक सचेत रहते हुए संक्रमण के इस बढ़ते क्रम को साथ मिलकर तोड़ना है। साथ ही Health care professionals व अन्य frontline कर्मचारियों को जो हम सभी की सेवा व सुरक्षा में तत्परता से लगे हुए हैं, उनका पूर्ण सहयोग करना है। Social Distancing का पालन करते हुए अपने घरों की लक्ष्मण रेखा का अन्यथा उल्लंघन न करें व स्वयं एवं अपने प्रियजनों का ध्यान रखते हुए प्रशासन का सहयोग करें, तभी इस आपदा से विजय हो सकेगी।

जय हिन्द!

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 (एडमिरल दे. कु. जोशी)

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 उप राज्यपाल  
 अंडमान तथा निकोबार द्वीपसमूह  
 एवं उपाध्यक्ष, द्वीप विकास एजेंसी

## Chief Secretary orders for additional conditions to contain further spread of COVID-19 epidemic and to ensure public safety in whole of South Andaman District

Port Blair, Apr 23

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 10(2)(I) of the Disaster Management Act 2005, the Union Home Secretary, in his capacity as Chairperson, National Executive Committee, issued an Order dated 14th April, 2020 that the lockdown measures stipulated in the Consolidated Guidelines of Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) for containment of COVID-19 epidemic in the country, will continue to remain in force up to 3rd May, 2020 to contain the spread of COVID-19 in the country.

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 10(2)(I) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the Union Home Secretary, in his capacity as Chairperson, National Executive Committee, issued directions to all the Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, State / Union Territory Governments and State/ Union Territory Authorities for the strict implementation of consolidated revised guidelines.

The consolidated revised guidelines will not apply in containment zones, as demarcated by States/ UTs/ District Administrations. If any new area is included in the category of a containment zone, the activities allowed in that area till the time of its categorization as a containment zone, will be suspended except for those activities as are specifically permitted under the guidelines of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India.

Clause 4(ii) of the consolidated revised guidelines provides that State/ UT Governments, may however, impose stricter measures than these guidelines as per requirement of the local areas.

Several instances have come to notice that the norms of social distancing are not being observed.

The increase in number of COVID-19 positive cases has made it imperative to invoke the aforesaid Clause

4(ii) of the consolidated revised guidelines and impose stricter measures than the guidelines.

Now therefore, in view of the objective to contain the further spread of COVID-19 epidemic and to ensure public safety, the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Chetan B. Sanghi has ordered the following additional conditions to be imposed in the whole of South Andaman District with immediate effect.

### Additional conditions/guidelines on the measures to be taken by UT/District Administration for containment of COVID-19 in South Andaman District

- Conditions stipulated for containment zones as stipulated by District Magistrate, South Andaman from time to time.
  - No inter-village movement shall be allowed except in case of medical emergencies.
  - All shops and establishments shall remain closed for retail including private health services and pharmacies. Home/ Mobile delivery shall be allowed.
  - Medical facilities shall be provided to the extent possible through Tele consultancy and in case of requirement Ambulance services shall be made available to the patients to reach the Health Centre.
  - Essential services like sanitation, water supply, electricity, telecom, cable/ DTH etc. would be functional based on special permit issued by the District Magistrate/SDM (SA).
  - For movement of staff/ enforcement officers special permits shall be issued by the District Magistrate/ SDM (SA).
  - Any other measure deemed fit by the District Administration for the containment of COVID-19

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**Chief Secretary orders for additional conditions to contain further spread of COVID-19 ....**

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in the area from time to time.

II. Conditions stipulated for outside containment zones in South Andaman District.

- a) Shops and establishments extending essential supplies shall open four days in a week i.e. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
- b) Banks including cash management agencies shall function on four days in a week i.e. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 am to 2 pm. ATMs to remain functional at all times on these days.
- c) All Departments shall rationalize the passes issued to staff as well as to private individuals. Fresh passes shall be issued by the District Magistrate.
- d) Misuse of passes by any staff of the Administration or failure to inform the authorities in case of knowledge of misuse by others shall render such staff liable to stringent disciplinary action.
- e) LPG supplies shall be made from Monday to Friday only.
- f) Movement of Cargo Trucks shall be allowed from Monday to Friday only.
- g) Movement of trucks carrying perishable goods shall be permitted on all days.
- h) All social / political/ sports/ entertainment/ academic / cultural/ religious functions/ any other gathering shall remain prohibited.
- i) All religious places/ places of worship shall be closed for general public. Religious congregations are strictly prohibited.
- j) In case of funerals, congregation of more than ten persons shall not be permitted.
- k) All persons / authorities/ establishment to strictly comply with the National directives for COVID-19 management issued by the NDMA vide No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 15th April, 2020. Anybody found violating these directives shall be liable to pay fine as prescribed by the Deputy Commissioner (SA) vide Order No. 454 dated 21st April, 2020.

**President gives assent to Ordinance making acts of violence....**

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workforce and others working to contain the spread of the disease has been taking place at all fronts, in various places including even cremation grounds. The existing state laws do not have such a wide sweep and ambit. They generally do not cover harassment at home and workplace and are focused more on physical violence only. The penal provisions contained in these laws are not stringent enough to deter mischief mongering.

In this context, the Union Cabinet in its meeting held on 22nd April 2020 has approved promulgation of an Ordinance to amend the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 to protect healthcare service personnel and property including their living/working premises against violence during epidemics. The President has given his assent for promulgation of the Ordinance. The Ordinance provides for making such acts of violence cognizable and non-bailable offences and for compensation for injury to healthcare service personnel or for causing damage or loss to the property in which healthcare service personnel may have a direct interest in relation to the epidemic.

The current Ordinance is intended to ensure that during any situation akin to the current pandemic, there is zero tolerance to any form of violence against healthcare service personnel and damage to property. The general public fully cooperates with healthcare personnel and have expressed their gratitude in a very organized manner several times during the past month. Nevertheless, some incidents of violence have taken place which has demoralized the medical fraternity. It is felt that separate and most stringent provisions for emergent times are needed to act as effective deterrents to any such incidents of violence.

Violence as defined in the Ordinance will include harassment and physical injury and damage to property. Healthcare service personnel include public and clinical healthcare service providers such as doctors, nurses, paramedical workers and community health workers; any other persons empowered under the Act to take measures to prevent the outbreak of the disease or spread thereof; and any persons declared as such by the State Government, by notification in the Official Gazette.

The penal provisions can be invoked in instances of damage to property including a clinical establishment, any facility identified for quarantine and isolation of patients, mobile medical units and any other property in which the healthcare service personnel have direct interest in relation to the epidemic.

The amendment makes acts of violence cognizable and non-bailable offences. Commission or abetment of such acts of violence shall be punished with imprisonment for a term of three months to five years, and with fine of Rs.50,000/- to Rs.2,00,000/-. In case of causing grievous hurt, imprisonment shall be for a term six months to seven years and with fine of Rs.1,00,000/- to Rs.5,00,000/-. In addition, the offender shall also be liable to pay compensation to the victim and twice the fair market value for damage of property.

Offences shall be investigated by an officer of the rank of Inspector within a period of 30 days, and trial has to be completed in one year, unless extended by the court for reasons to be recorded in writing.

Looking at the interventions required during the current COVID-19 outbreak, the Central Government has been given a concurrent role with the State Governments to take any measures that may be needed to prevent the outbreak of an epidemic or the spread thereof. In addition, the scope of inspection of vessels arriving or leaving the country has been enlarged to include road, rail, sea and air vessels.

The health workforce are our frontline soldiers in battling the spread of COVID-19. They put their own lives at risk in order to ensure safety of others. They deserve our highest respect and encouragement at this moment rather than being harassed or being subjected to violence. It is hoped that this Ordinance will have the impact of infusing confidence in the community of healthcare service personnel so that they can continue to contribute to serving mankind through their noble professions in the extremely difficult circumstances being witnessed during the current COVID-19 outbreak.

**Finance Ministry freezes DA, DR hike ....**

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Government, the rates of DA and DR as effective from 1st January 2020, 1st July 2020 and 1st January 2021 will be restored prospectively and will be subsumed in the cumulative revised rate effective from 1st July 2021. No arrears for the period from 1st January 2020 till 30th June 2021 shall be paid. These orders shall be applicable to all Central Govt. employees and Central Govt. Pensioners, an order to this effect released by Ministry of Finance said.

**Exorbitant charging over prevailing market rates by Millers**

**Millers directed to display rate of services provided; stringent action to be initiated against violators**

Port Blair, Apr 23

Various complaints have been received by the Department of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs from the general public regarding exorbitant charging over the prevailing market rates by the Millers in the UT for grinding of whole wheat and rice into flour. This act is not only unethical but also is a gross violation of various Acts and Rules framed by the Government of India in this regard to safeguard the interest of the public.

Taking a serious note of this matter and to clarify further, all the Millers engaged in grinding of whole wheat and rice in this UT have been directed to charge not more than Rs. 7/- per kg from the customers. It is also directed to display the rate of all the services provided by the Millers at their premises in a conspicuous manner for the information of the

general public. The Enforcement Team of this Department will be undertaking vigorous drives to discourage any unfair trade practices. The traders have also been strictly warned to refrain themselves from such malpractice or else stringent penal actions would be taken against the violators under provisions of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and the Rules framed there under.

The Consumers of this UT have also been advised to inform/complaint regarding any malpractice by any person/shop/establishment coming to their notice to the Director (CS&CA) via text message only on mobile number 9434266828. The same can also be brought to the notice of the Department of CS&CA in writing or over Toll Free No. 18003453197 or Control Room Telephone No. 03192-234062, an official release from CS & CA said here today.

**Health Bulletin For Containment Of Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)**  
(No. 24/ 23<sup>th</sup> April 2020)  
**COVID-19 STATUS AS ON 23.04.2020**

<b>&gt; Andaman &amp; Nicobar Islands:</b>	
Total Confirmed cases	22
Cured/Discharged from Hospital	11
Death	00
Admitted at Hospital	11
Migrated out of Country	00
Outside Resident	00

<b>&gt; Status of Hospitals:</b>			
Name of Hospital	Isolation Beds Available	Occupied	Positive Cases Admitted
G B Pant Hospital, Port Blair	50	11	11

\* No cases are admitted at Private Hospital.  
\* The Health Condition of all +Ve cases are Normal and Stable.

<b>&gt; Status of Sample Testing:</b>	
Total Samples sent till date	2537
Total Reports received till date	2377
Total Pending Reports	160

- > House to House surveillance in Containment Zone i.e. Atlanta Point, Round Basti, Sisti Nagar, Mohanpura, Dignabad, Biggiline, Bambooflat and Teylerabad area are being conducted by District Administration with the help of Health Workers. As on today 135044 population surveyed in these Zones.
- > There are 11 (Eleven) Active cases in the Islands, out of which 05 (Five) are from One family and 06 (Six) are the Contacts of that family. Two members of these families have history of travelling Chennai.
- > Intensive awareness is continued through print and electronic media.
- > 2020 passengers screened at VSI Airport till 24.03.2020 by medical teams.
- > Calls received at 102 - 271 calls.
- > 15 lines are activated in State Head Quarter Control Room and District Headquarter Control Room also set up at North & Middle Andaman District and Nicobar District.
- > 11 COVID-19 patient cured and now under observation.
- > 890 persons put under Institutional Quarantine as on today which includes passengers as well as contacts.

<b>SURVEILLANCE DATA</b>	
Contacts put under Home Quarantine till date	664
Contacts under Home Quarantine as on today	480
Contacts completed 14 days period of Home Quarantine	184
Persons under Institutional Quarantine as on today	543 **
Persons completed 14 days period of Institutional Quarantine	347
Passengers completed 14 days period of Quarantine	1812

\*\* The figure contains institutional Quarantine persons from passengers as well as contacts both.

**Zero tolerance to any form of violence against healthcare service personnel and/or damage to property**

**under the Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020**

24x7 CONTROL ROOM NUMBERS: 240126/232102/1077/1070

(Source: Principal Secretary (Health), A&N Administration)



