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Weather Report
Light to moderate rainfall very likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 31°C and 26°C respectively on Monday 31/08/2020.
Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 31.2
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 25.2
Relative Humidity(%) at 0830 IST: 080
Relative Humidity(%) at 1730 IST: 095
Sunrise time on 31.08.2020 (in IST): 0509
Sunset time on 31.08.2020 (in IST): 1730
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs)- in mm: 013.1
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 027.0
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 20 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm: 1576.8 mm

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Unlock 4 Guidelines issued; to be inforce upto Sept. 30

Chief Secretary issues Order for phased reopening Unlock-4 guidelines to be applicable to whole of A&N Islands

- Schools, Colleges, Educational and Coaching Institutions to remain closed
- Cinema halls, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theatres and similar places to remain non functional

Port Blair, Aug 30

The Union Home Ministry has issued new guidelines yesterday for opening up of more activities in areas outside the Containment Zones and the process of phased reopening of activities has been extended further in Unlock-4, which will come into effect from 1st September. Consequent upon this Order, the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration in the capacity as Chairperson, Union Territory Disaster Management Executive Committee for the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands

has ordered the guidelines for phased reopening (Unlock-4) and National Directives for COVID -19 Management, for public and work places, issued by MHA dated 29.08.2020 which shall be applicable for the whole of Andaman & Nicobar Islands till 30.09.2020. The Deputy Commissioners and Departments concerned may issue necessary Standard Operating Procedures to implement the orders. As per the order, schools, colleges, educational and

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GREETINGS

On the auspicious occasion of "Onam", I extend my warm wishes to all the residents of A&N Islands. May the festival of harvest and prosperity make mutual brotherhood and religious harmony prevailing in the Island more strong. On this festive occasion, I wish that the festival of 'Onam' brings prosperity and happiness in the life of every Islander, and our Islands move ahead continuously on the path of progress.



(Admiral D K Joshi)

PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.)
Lieutenant Governor
Andaman & Nicobar Islands
&
Vice Chairman, Island Development Agency

Plethora of steps taken to streamline functioning of COVID Management at GB Pant Hospital



Port Blair, Aug 30

In pursuance of Order of the A&N Administration designating the ADM (SA) as Nodal Officer to oversee the functioning of COVID Management at GB Pant Hospital, the District Administration, South Andaman has taken plethora of steps to streamline the functioning of COVID Management at GB Pant Hospital. Having consulted various stakeholders in the process and taking into consideration the difficulties faced by the patients as observed during multiple visits to the hospital as well as taking feedback from all concerned, umpteen number of measures and steps have been put into place to ensure that the patients admitting to the hospital get a reasonably high standard of treatment. As an immediate measure, the following steps

- have been taken in this regard.
- Police deployed at GB Pant COVID Centre along with Parakram to stop unauthorised/ illegal access.
- Roster for doctor/ paramedical staff/ sanitary staff prepared along with reserved/link In-charge.
- 6 Dedicated ambulances placed round the clock at GB Pant COVID Centre.
- Exclusive teams made for bed sheet/ pillow changing, sanitation of COVID ward, washroom and hospital area.
- Daily chart made and put up outside the washroom for cleaning staff.
- Complete cordon off the area designated as COVID Management Centre at GB Pant.
- Calling bells has been placed in wards of COVID positive patients.
- Continuous photographic update received of the cleanliness in wards/ washroom and food distribution etc. with feedback loop.
- Timing along with menu of diet has been prepared and duly followed and arrangement for the same is being monitored continuously.
- Duty roster for helpline 102 prepared.
- Provided 50 jugs for distribution of tea/ milk for COVID patients twice a day.
- Temperature screening alongwith roster of screening staff for all incoming patients/staff/doctors etc. at OPD and COVID ward of G.B.Pant Hospital has been setup.

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DC (SA) appeals for Community ownership during visit to Swaraj & Shaheed Dweep

Port Blair, Aug 30

The Deputy Commissioner (SA), Shri Suneel Anchipaka, along with Shri Hari Kallikkat, SDM (SA) & Shri Lakshay Singhal, IAS (P) visited Swaraj & Shaheed Dweep to oversee the status of COVID-19 management wherein DC (SA) interacted with the Health Officials, Police, PRI members, market association and community representatives. During the visit, DC (SA) appealed to the PRIs and others to extend full support to mobilize community resources and supplement the efforts of health authorities. During the interaction with the PRI members and general public of Shaheed Dweep, various issues pertaining to the Island were raised which include COVID-19 preparedness, schedule of ships, facilities at Hospital, supply of seeds, pesticides & fertilizers, non-availability of cash in ATMs. The DC has assured to resolve the issues by taking up with the respective departments.



Thereafter, the team visited Swaraj Dweep and interacted with the Pradhans, Pramukh, Zilla Parishad Member, Samiti Member & other PRIs. During the interaction, the PRIs and general public have raised issues related to COVID-19 management & other developmental works. The DC (SA) deliberated on the issues and directed for immediate action, to resolve the matters and assured follow up.

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GREETINGS

I extend my warm greetings and good wishes to the people of these Islands, especially to my sisters and brothers of Kerala, on the auspicious occasion of Onam.

Onam is celebrated to honor the memory of King Mahabali, the most renowned ruler of Kerala, whose compassionate and peaceful supremacy is believed to have brought peace and prosperity to the kingdom. Onam is a celebration of material prosperity as well as values of honesty, integrity, kindness, sacrifice and happiness.

May this joyous festival usher in a new era of peace, prosperity and happiness in our Islands.

Sd/-
(Kuldeep Rai Sharma)
Member of Parliament
A&N Islands

From the words of COVID Survivor: A story of resilience and recuperation People advised to seek timely medical assistance on the onset of symptoms & ensure regular intake of medicines: Dr. Omkar Singh, DHS

The world is battling corona virus and during this testing time, the need of the hour is to restrain ourselves from demoralizing the efforts of our frontline workers who have gone out of way in rendering selfless service to save humanity from this deadly pandemic. Here is a one on one experience narrated by a COVID survivor, who himself is a COVID warrior. The excerpts of the recovery story and the basic etiquettes to be followed will motivate us to have faith in the medical fraternity and the Administration, is as follows....

I, Dr. Omkar Singh, Director, Health Services, A&N Administration, wish to share some of my experience with you. I was also infected with corona and was admitted in COVID Care Center for 20 days. My lungs were infected and it had swollen due to accumulation of water, but gradually it became normal. In the meantime, I also developed breathing problem due to low oxygen level in my body but through regular breathing exercise and prone position (i.e. to lie down on stomach or belly), I was able to control it. I was also taking timely medicine through which I could recover from corona virus. During my stay in hospital, along with my colleagues at GB Pant hospital, we were also monitoring the corona situation in these Islands. One thing that came to fore during the monitoring process, was that many were of the opinion that people were dying due to corona. The social media was also abuzz with the news about increasing number of COVID related

death. This prompted me to ponder over the issue and the need to express my opinion or thoughts over it. The first thought which came to my mind was that why I did not succumb to corona virus? I am 62 years old and suffering from ailments like diabetes, hypertension and coronary heart disease. With these ailments, I was in the high risk category and was not administered any special medicine but was treated as any normal COVID patient.

It is pertinent to mention that my life was saved not because of any special treatment but solely due to the fact that I, in the first instance itself, had gone to the hospital and diligently monitored my oxygen level while ensuring proper intake of medicine regularly. The recent death of some patients could be attributed to late reporting to the hospital while in some cases patients who tested positive for corona were already under medication for various other ailments too. In some cases, the

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PBMC team undertakes field visit Reviews status of various developmental works under progress

Port Blair, Aug 30

To review the status of various developmental works under progress by PBMC, a field visit was conducted by Chairman, Secretary and officials of PBMC yesterday. They visited Garacharama, Ram Mandir and Loknath colony of Ward Number 24 and 17. The work for construction of motorable road at Ram Mandir and remaining portion of the C.C. storm water drainage at Loknath colony (under AMRUT) are likely to commence in the first week of September,



PBMC is preparing to reinitiate the pending

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Andaman Fights COVID 19 Use face mask & maintain 'do gaz ki doori' - Together we will fight COVID-19

Chief Secretary issues Order for phased

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coaching institutions will continue to remain closed for students and regular class activity up to 30th September, 2020. Online/distance learning shall continue to be permitted and shall be encouraged. All activities, except the following, shall be permitted outside containment zones:

- i. Cinema halls, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theatres (excluding open air theatre) and similar places.
- ii. International air travel of passengers, except as permitted by MHA.

National Directives for COVID-19 management shall continue to be followed throughout the country, with a view to ensure social distancing. Shops will need to maintain adequate physical distancing among customers.

Vulnerable persons i.e. persons above 65 years of age, persons with co-morbidities, pregnant women, and children below the age of 10 years are advised to stay at home, except for meeting essential requirements and for health purposes.

The use of Aarogya Setu mobile application will continue to be encouraged.

People advised to seek timely medical assistance

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patients were aged and few others were having ailments such as heart, kidney and diabetes. Due to corona, their ailments got further aggravated. Even if they had not contracted corona, with their existing disease and symptoms, there was possibility of them succumbing to the prevailing ailments; while in some cases, patients were brought dead to GB Pant Hospital.

The fact of the matter is basically confined to two cardinal reasons firstly, either they approach the hospital way too late or secondly, before the onset of corona, if a person dies, he was not brought to G B Pant Hospital but was taken to the nearest Health Center or after informing the health worker, the last rites of the deceased are performed. Now, during this corona period, people who die at home are being brought to the hospital to ascertain whether the cause of death was due to corona or not.

Friends, the data from all over the country reveals that more than 60000 deaths have occurred due to corona virus and at the same time each day 60000 new cases are emerging. Here, I would like to ask whether the A&N Islands are witnessing more cases than the national average? Whether the deaths due to corona in our Islands is more when compared to other places? We are of the opinion that there is shortage of infrastructure or shortage of experts; however, we must ask whether this shortage is prevailing all over the country? or whether there is shortage of experts who can control the spread of this pandemic? Further, if this corona virus is so infectious, then how come, the recovery rate is very good, with almost more than 79% recovery while the death rate is only 1.6 %.

Recently, the Central Govt. has deputed a special medical team to the Islands, to take stock of the arrangements/preparation made by the A&N Administration, in its fight against COVID-19 and the team has expressed satisfaction over the arrangements put in place. Often, it is said that the A&N Administration is not taking adequate steps/measures to restrict the spread of COVID-19. But, we have to think what is the treatment to be rendered to COVID-19 patients? Whether the medication to be administered is anti viral, anti fungal, anti protozoa, antibiotic or plasma therapy? What it is actually? As on date, there is no specific medicine that has been discovered or specified for the treatment of COVID-19, nor can we claim that by taking any particular medicine, corona will be cured.

Recently, claims have also been made that medicine for treating 'cyanide' poisoning, can be tried for curing corona cases. In the case of T.B, a patient can be cured after taking medicines regularly for six months, but in the case of corona, we cannot say with precision, until a vaccine is developed.

Another misconception is that enough testing is not being done. The question that arises is "What kind of test can be done? RTPCR or Rapid Test?" Corona has made many people 'Subject Experts' where it has been noticed that many are giving their advice by claiming that there are lacuna in some test while some come up with suggestion like how the test should be done etc.

It can be noticed that in the National and International level, the guidelines on treatment of COVID-19 are changing every now and then. We must understand that when we undertake some task, there is a purpose behind it. When we give any statement in the national or international or administration level, it is to be ascertained that it is done in the interest of the country and its citizens. The saying of Sadhguru Sant, who has a huge fan following is being circulated in WhatsApp. According to him, "If you start believing that 'your life is your responsibility', then, there won't be any room for resentment." This saying is relevant in the present scenario.

We believe that providing oxygen therapy has proved to be beneficial for the COVID patients. For this, the existing piped system oxygen supply available in different wards in GB Pant Hospital has been diverted to COVID Wards and for which some criticized the move. It is to mention the Administration is working with a positive mindset and is always open for positive criticisms. Any suggestion which is in the larger public interest is being taken note of and will be adhered to.

The world is busy combating the corona virus and in this fight, we should not indulge in any such activities which can demoralize the spirit of Corona Warriors in the fight against COVID-19. It is such a fight in which, the support of everyone is paramount. We have to rise above our selfish attitude and also at times render help to our neighbors in need. The basic principle to safeguard our self from this disease is to "maintain social distancing", "wear mask", "stay at home" and "avoid unnecessary travels". These are easy etiquettes to adhere to, to keep the corona virus disease at bay. During these testing times, we must refrain from spreading rumors and create panic among people. If we come across any information, our primary duty is to verify whether it is factually correct before forwarding/circulating it to others. We have to work in tandem and shoulder the responsibility in our fight against corona virus.

Lastly, I request the Islanders to support our corona warriors and frontline workers in this fight against COVID-19 and I firmly believe, with collective efforts, we can overcome this trying times.

अंडमान तथा निकोबार प्रशासन
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
सचिवालय/SECRETARIAT

Health Bulletin For Containment Of

नोवल कोरोना वायरस रोग (COVID-19)

(No. 153/30th August 2020)
COVID-19 STATUS OF ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS AS ON
30.08.2020

> Status of COVID-19 Cases :

Total Confirmed Cases	3104
Cured/Discharged from Hospital	2586
Death	45
Active Cases	473

> Clinical Management of Cases :

Name of District	Isolation Beds Available	Occupied	Positive Cases Admitted
North & Middle Andaman	123	17	17
South Andaman	890	286	286
Nicobar	26	01	01
Home Isolation	00	169*	169*

* Includes four cases of Nicobar District.

> Status of Sample and Testing for COVID 19:

Total Samples sent till date	32674
Total Reports received till date	32470
Total Pending Reports	204
Rate of Testing Per Million	81175

- > House to House surveillance throughout South Andaman District including Containment Zones (Garacharma, Bathu Basti, Dairy Farm, Junglighat, Phoenix Bay, Haddo, Shadipur) are being conducted by District Administration with the help of Health Workers. 71591 population is being surveyed daily.
- > Intensive awareness is continued through print and electronic media.
- > 20305 incoming Passengers screened at VSI Airport and 871 screened at Haddo Wharf by medical teams since 25.05.2020.
- > 25701 outward Passengers screened at VSI Airport and 928 screened at Haddo Wharf by medical teams since 25.05.2020.
- > 10140 samples of vulnerable passengers (Persons of the age of 65 years and above, persons with co-morbidity, children age below 10 years, pregnant women, persons coming from mainland after treatment alongwith their attendant and persons who are destined to tribal areas of Islands) collected at VSI Airport/Harbour since 30.05.2020.
- > 14844 Calls received by Health Department through Helpline 102 till date to avail health services.
- > Tab Azithromycin 43050 Nos. and Tab HCQs 90140 Nos. are available in stock of G B Pant Hospital

SURVEILLANCE DATA (w.e.f 25.05.2020)

1.	Asymptomatic Passengers (Flight) under Self-Monitoring for 14 days till Date	1365
2.	Asymptomatic Passengers (Flight) completed 14 Days Self-Monitoring	18814
3.	Asymptomatic Passengers (Ship) in isolation in Govt. Facilities.	00
4.	Asymptomatic Passengers (Ship) put in Home Quarantine as on date	00
5.	Asymptomatic Passengers (Ship) completed 14 days Quarantine inclusive of journey period/isolation period	1700
6.	Symptomatic Persons isolated in Health facility as on date	89
7.	Symptomatic Persons under Home Isolation as on date	00
8.	Symptomatic Persons completed 07 days in Home Isolation	11
9.	Contacts put under Home Quarantine till date	4585
10.	Contacts completed 14 days period of Home Quarantine	3550
11.	Contacts (Symptomatic) put under Isolation in Government Facilities	00
12.	No. of Passengers (Flight) of Outlying areas quarantined in Govt. Facilities as on today	12
13.	No. of Passengers (Flight) of Outlying areas released from quarantined after they tested Negative as on today	314

24x7 CONTROL ROOM NUMBERS: 240126/ 232102 / 1077/ 1070
(Source: Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Health))

Reviews status of various developmental ...

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projects at the earliest possible while # A n d a m a n F i g h t s COVID19. Besides sanitation and sanitization, restarting of developmental works are being prioritized, a press release from PBMC said.



DC (SA) appeals for Community ownership during the visit....

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Apart from the above, during the visit, the DC (SA) and the team inspected PHCs of both the Islands and interacted with the medical officials and provided oximeters, thermal scanners, surgical masks, N-95 masks & gloves. Further, DC (SA) has ensured that separate isolation wards are functional to tackle emergency situation at both the PHCs.



The DC (SA) directed the revenue officials to deal encroachment activities with zero tolerance and, if anyone found encroaching, action should be taken as per law without any leniency. DC (SA) has also requested PRI members to restart MGNREGA, PMAY, NRLM & other developmental schemes at the earliest with strict adherence to COVID-19 protocols. During the interaction with PRIs and general public at both the Islands, DC (SA) has appealed to follow the two Golden Principles "Wear Mask Properly & Maintain Social Distancing/Do Gaz Ki Doori", a press release from Deputy Commissioner (SA) said.

Plethora of steps taken to streamline functioning

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- > 4 trolley type dustbins and 20 static dustbins has been installed for proper disposal of medical and bio-medical waste alongwith dedicated staff for waste segregation and scientific disposal placed on duty.
- > Setting up of testing facility for incoming patients with co-morbidities in G.B. Pant OPD ward started.
- > In and Out register with monitoring of all staff/doctors/patients etc. entering and exiting the COVID Ward of G.B. Pant hospital is being maintained.
- > A dedicated room for ambulance driver has been setup.
- > A special ward along with signages for suspected COVID patient has also been setup within COVID Management Centre.
- > Regular inspection by Officers of District Administration is being done to ensure proper management of COVID Centre in G.B.Pant Hospital.

Needless to mention that these steps are primarily taken to keep the patients at ease coupled with providing a congenial environment for proper treatment. However, they are not final in itself. There is adequate scope to further improve the services. If, any member of the family of the patient or any member of general public intending to avail the service of hospital, encounter any problem, they have been advised to immediately contact 1070/ 238881 which is functional 24x7. The District Administration, SA shall make all possible endeavour to ensure hassle free treatment at GBPH, COVID wards. Separate night inspection has been carried out by DC (SA), ADM, SDM, elected representatives viz. Chairperson (PBMC), Adhyaksh ZP (SA) & Ward Councillors and they have expressed satisfaction regarding the arrangements of COVID Ward at GB Pant Hospital, a press release from Dy. Commissioner (SA) said.



CONDOLENCE/APPEAL

The Health Department, A&N Administration expresses its deep grief and condolences to the bereaved members of the families who have lost their loved ones due to COVID-19. It is to mention that those who died due to corona were mostly old aged persons aged between the age group of 72 & 77 years and were co-morbid patients suffering from diabetes, hypertension and heart disease. It is observed that such co-morbid patients are more susceptible to the disease.

Further, it is observed that those with such ailments are not taking their medicines as prescribed, despite being provided with medicines by the Health Department even during the lockdown including the containment zones.

With corona, we must also pay equal attention to other ailments such as diabetes and hypertension by keeping it under control through proper medication. In case of any health issue, one should immediately contact doctors for their advice. To defeat corona, we should be cautious about our health.

(Issued in public interest by Directorate of Health Services)

ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
SECRETARIAT

Port Blair, dated the 30th August, 2020

ORDER

Whereas, an Order of even number dated 29.07.2020 was issued for containment of COVID-19 in the country, for a period upto 31.08.2020;

Whereas, in exercise of the powers under section 6(2)(i) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has directed the Union Home Secretary to issue an order to re-open more activities in areas outside the Containment Zones and to extend the lockdown in Containment Zones upto 30.09.2020;

Whereas, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 10(2)(1) of the Disaster Management Act 2005, the Union Home Secretary has directed vide order dated 29.08.2020 that the guidelines on Unlock - 4, as annexed, will be in force upto 30.09.2020;

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 24(1) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the undersigned in his capacity as Chairperson, Union Territory Disaster Management Executive Committee, for the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands hereby orders that the Guidelines for Phased Re-opening (Unlock-4) and National Directives for COVID-19 management, for public and work places, issued by MHA dated 29.08.2020 shall be applicable for the whole of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The Deputy Commissioners and Departments concerned, may issue necessary Standard Operating Procedures to implement the orders.

-Sd/-

Chetan B. Sanghi
Chief Secretary
(F. No. CS.Sr.PS/05/2020)

Annexure I

National Directives for COVID-19 Management

- 1. Face coverings:** Wearing of face cover is compulsory in public places; in workplaces; and during transport.
- 2. Social distancing:** Individuals must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet (2 gaz ki doori) in public places.
Shops will ensure physical distancing among customers.
- 3. Spitting in public places** will be punishable with fine, as may be prescribed by the State/ UT local authority in accordance with its laws, rules or regulations.
- Additional directives for Work Places**
- 4. Work from home (WfH):** As far as possible the practice of WfH should be followed.
- 5. Staggering of work/ business hours** will be followed in offices, work places, shops, markets and industrial & commercial establishments.
- 6. Screening & hygiene:** Provision for thermal scanning, hand wash or sanitizer will be made at all entry points and of hand wash or sanitizer at exit points and common areas.
- 7. Frequent sanitization** of entire workplace, common facilities and all points which come into human contact e.g. door handles etc., will be ensured, including between shifts.
- 8. Social distancing:** All persons in charge of work places will ensure adequate distance between workers, adequate gaps between shifts, staggering the lunch breaks of staff, etc.

Annexure II

Offences and Penalties for Violation of Lockdown Measures

A. Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005

- 51. Punishment for obstruction, etc.-**Whoever, without reasonable cause -
(a) obstructs any officer or employee of the Central Government or the State Government, or a person authorised by the National Authority or State Authority or District Authority in the discharge of his functions under this Act; or
(b) refuses to comply with any direction given by or on behalf of the Central Government or the State Government or the National Executive Committee or the State Executive Committee or the District Authority under this Act,
shall on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine, or with both, and if such obstruction or refusal to comply with directions results in loss of lives or imminent danger thereof, shall on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years.
 - 52. Punishment for false claim.-**Whoever knowingly makes a claim which he knows or has reason to believe to be false for obtaining any relief, assistance, repair, reconstruction or other benefits consequent to disaster from any officer of the Central Government, the State Government, the National Authority, the State Authority or the District Authority, shall, on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, and also with fine.
 - 53. Punishment for misappropriation of money or materials, etc.-** Whoever, being entrusted with any money or materials, or otherwise being, in custody of, or dominion over, any money or goods, meant for providing relief in any threatening disaster situation or disaster, misappropriates or appropriates for his own use or disposes of such money or materials or any part thereof or wilfully compels any other person so to do, shall on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, and also with fine.
 - 54. Punishment for false warning.-**Whoever makes or circulates a false alarm or warning as to disaster or its severity or magnitude, leading to panic, shall on conviction, be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to one year or with fine.
 - 55. Offences by Departments of the Government.-**(1) Where an offence under this Act has been committed by any Department of the Government, the head of the Department shall be deemed to be guilty of the offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly unless he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or that he exercised all due diligence to prevent the commission of such offence.
(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), where an offence under this Act has been committed by a Department of the Government and it is proved that the offence has been committed with the consent or connivance of, or is attributable to any neglect on the part of, any officer, other than the head of the Department, such officer shall be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.
 - 56. Failure of officer in duty or his connivance at the contravention of the provisions of this Act.-**Any officer, on whom any duty has been imposed by or under this Act and who ceases or refuses to perform or withdraws himself from the duties of his office shall, unless he has obtained the express written permission of his official superior or has other lawful excuse for so doing, be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine.
 - 57. Penalty for contravention of any order regarding requisitioning.-**If any person contravenes any order made under section 65, he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine or with both.
 - 58. Offence by companies.-**(1) Where an offence under this Act has been committed by a company or body corporate, every person who at the time the offence was committed, was in charge of, and was responsible to, the company, for the conduct of the business of the company, as well as the company, shall be deemed to be guilty of the contravention and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly:
Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall render any such person liable to any punishment provided in this Act, if he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or that he exercised due diligence to prevent the commission of such offence.
(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), where an offence under this Act has been committed by a company, and it is proved that the offence was committed with the consent or connivance of or is attributable to any neglect on the part of any director, manager, secretary or other officer of the company, such director, manager, secretary or other officer shall also, be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.
*Explanation.-*For the purpose of this section-
(a) "company" means anybody corporate and includes a firm or other association of individuals; and
(b) "director", in relation to a firm, means a partner in the firm.
 - 59. Previous sanction for prosecution.-**No prosecution for offences punishable under sections 55 and 56 shall be instituted except with the previous sanction of the Central Government or the State Government, as the case may be, or of any officer authorised in this behalf, by general or special order, by such Government.
 - 60. Cognizance of offences.-**No court shall take cognizance of an offence under this Act except on a complaint made by-
(a) the National Authority, the State Authority, the Central Government, the State Government, the District Authority or any other authority or officer authorised in this behalf by that Authority or Government, as the case may be; or
(b) any person who has given notice of not less than thirty days in the manner prescribed, of the alleged offence and his intention to make a complaint to the National Authority, the State Authority, the Central Government, the State Government, the District Authority or any other authority or officer authorised as aforesaid.
- B. Section 188 in the Indian Penal Code, 1860**
188. Disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant.- Whoever, knowing that, by an order promulgated by a public servant lawfully empowered to promulgate such order, he is directed to abstain from a certain act, or to take certain order with certain property in his possession or under his management, disobeys such direction, shall, if such disobedience causes or tends to cause obstruction, annoyance or injury, or risk of obstruction, annoyance or injury, to any person lawfully employed, be punished with simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to one month or with fine which may extend to two hundred rupees, or with both; and if such disobedience causes or tends to cause danger to human life, health or safety, or causes or tends to cause a riot or affray, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or with both.
*Explanation.-*It is not necessary that the offender should intend to produce harm, or contemplate his disobedience as likely to produce harm. It is sufficient that he knows of the order which he disobeys, and that his disobedience produces, or is likely to produce, harm.
Illustration
An order is promulgated by a public servant lawfully empowered to promulgate such order, directing that a religious procession shall not pass down a certain street. A knowingly disobeys the order, and thereby causes danger of riot. A has committed the offence defined in this section.

Guidelines for Phased Re-opening (Unlock 4)

[As per Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I (A)
Dated 29th August, 2020]

1. Activities permitted during Unlock 4 period outside the Containment Zones

In areas outside the Containment Zones, all activities will be permitted, except the following:

(i) Schools, colleges, educational and coaching institutions will continue to remain closed for students and regular class activity up to 30th September 2020. However, following will be permitted:

a. Online/ distance learning shall continue to be permitted and shall be encouraged.

b. States/ UTs may permit upto 50% of teaching and non-teaching staff to be called to the schools at a time for online teaching/ tele-counselling and related work, in areas outside the Containment Zones only, with effect from 21st September 2020 for which, Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) will be issued by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW).

c. Students of classes 9 to 12 may be permitted to visit their schools, in areas outside the Containment Zones only, on voluntary basis, for taking guidance from their teachers. This will be subject to written consent of their parents/ guardians and will be permitted with effect from 21st September 2020 for which, SOP will be issued by MoHFW.

d. Skill or Entrepreneurship training will be permitted in National Skill Training Institutes, Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), Short term training centres registered with National Skill Development Corporation or State Skill Development Missions or other Ministries of Government of India or State Governments.

National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD), Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE) and their training providers will also be permitted.

These will be permitted with effect from 21st September 2020 for which, SOP will be issued by MoHFW.

e. Higher Education Institutions only for research scholars (Ph.D.) and post-graduate students of technical and professional programmes requiring laboratory/ experimental works. These will be permitted by the Department of Higher Education (DHE) in consultation with MHA, based on the assessment of the situation, and keeping in view incidence of COVID-19 in the States/ UTs.

(ii) Metro rail will be allowed to operate with effect from 7th September 2020 in a graded manner, by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MOHUA)/ Ministry of Railways (MOR), in consultation with MHA. In this regard, SOP will be issued by MOHUA.

(iii) Social/ academic/ sports/ entertainment/ cultural/ religious/ political functions and other congregations with a ceiling of 100 persons, will be permitted with effect from 21 st September 2020, with mandatory wearing of face masks, social distancing, provision for thermal scanning and hand wash or sanitizer.

However, marriage related gatherings with number of guests not exceeding 50 and funeral/ last rites related gatherings with number of persons not exceeding 20 will continue to be allowed upto 20th September 2020, after which the ceiling of 100 persons will apply.

(iv) Cinema halls, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theatres and similar places will remain closed. However, open air theatres will be permitted to open with effect from 21st September 2020.

(v) International air travel of passengers, except as permitted by MHA.

2. National Directives for COVID-19 Management

National Directives for COVID-19 Management, as specified in Annexure I, shall continue to be followed throughout the country.

3. Lockdown limited to Containment Zones

(i) Lockdown shall remain in force in the Containment Zones till 30th September, 2020.

(ii) Containment Zones shall be demarcated by the District authorities at micro level after taking into consideration the guidelines of MoHFW with the objective of effectively breaking the chain of transmission. Strict containment measures will be enforced in these containment zones and only essential activities will be allowed. There shall be strict perimeter control to ensure that there is no movement of people in or out of these zones, except for medical emergencies and for maintaining supply of essential goods and services. In the Containment Zones, there shall be intensive contact tracing, house-to-house surveillance, and other clinical interventions, as required. Guidelines of MoHFW shall be effectively implemented for the above purpose.

(iii) These Containment Zones will be notified on the websites by the respective District Collectors and by the States/ UTs and information will be shared with MOHFW.

4. State/ UT Governments shall not impose any local lockdown (State/ District/ sub-division/City level), outside the containment zones, without prior consultation with the Central Government.

5. No restriction on Inter-State and intra-State movement

There shall be no restriction on inter-State and intra-State movement of persons and goods including those for cross land-border trade under Treaties with neighbouring countries. No separate permission/ approval/ e-permit will be required for such movements.

6. Movement of persons with SOPs

Movement by passenger trains; domestic passenger air travel; movement of persons on Vande Bharat and Air Transport Bubble flights; and sign-on and sign-off of Indian seafarers will continue to be regulated as per SOPs issued.

7. Protection of vulnerable persons

Persons above 65 years of age, persons with co-morbidities, pregnant women, and children below the age of 10 years are advised to stay at home, except for essential and health purposes.

8. Use of Aarogya Setu

(i) Aarogya Setu enables early identification of potential risk of infection, and thus acts as a shield for individuals and the community.

(ii) With a view to ensuring safety in offices and work places, employers on best effort basis should ensure that Aarogya Setu is installed by all employees having compatible mobile phones.

(iii) District authorities may advise individuals to install the Aarogya Setu application on compatible mobile phones and regularly update their health status on the app. This will facilitate timely provision of medical attention to those individuals who are at risk.

9. Strict enforcement of the guidelines

(i) State/ UT Governments shall not dilute these guidelines issued under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, in any manner.

(ii) For the enforcement of social distancing, State/ UT Governments may, as far as possible, use the provisions of Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) of 1973.

(iii) All the District Magistrates shall strictly enforce the above measures.

10. Penal provisions

Any person violating these measures will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action under Section 188 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable. Extracts of these penal provisions are at **Annexure II**.

-Sd/-

Union Home Secretary
and, Chairman, National Executive Committee

SOME HELPLINE NUMBERS

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Fire Service : 101
Coastal Security : 1093
PBMC Control Room : 245798
State control Room: 1077/234287
Extn : 328 / 231179

Shipping : 245555
Women : 1091
Children : 1098
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District Control Room : 1070 / 238881
Ambulance : 102

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- Nasal application** - Apply sesame oil / coconut oil or Ghee in both the nostrils (Pratimarsh Nasya) in morning and evening.
- Oil pulling therapy** - Take 1 table spoon sesame or coconut oil in mouth. Do not drink, Swish in the mouth for 2 to 3 minutes and spit it off followed by warm water rinse. This can be done once or twice a day.

During dry cough / sore throat

- Steam inhalation with fresh Pudina (Mint) leaves or Ajwain (Caraway seeds) can be practiced once in a day.
- Lavang (Clove) powder mixed with natural sugar / honey can be taken 2-3 times a day in case of cough or throat irritation.
- These measures generally treat normal dry cough and sore throat. However, it is best to consult doctors if these symptoms persist.



Directorate of Health Services and Andaman & Nicobar State AYUSH Society, A & N Administration




OBITUARY




We deeply mourn the sad and untimely demise of **Smt. Jolly Verghese**, Assistant Director of Fisheries who had expired on 30.08.2020 at G. B. Pant Hospital. We express our heartfelt condolence to the bereaved family members.
May her soul rest in peace.
Inserted by:
All Officers and Staff of Fisheries Department.


1st DEATH ANNIVERSARY
On 31-08-2020
In Loving Memory of our
AMMA
LATE ANNAMMA
"Amma you are forever in our heart until we meet again"
Inserted by: A Loknathan (Son) Laxmi, Parvathi (Daughters) & Family Members.



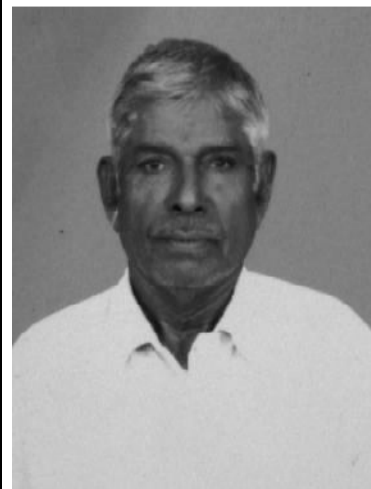
1st Death Anniversary
On 31.08.2020
Late R. Appal Swamy
(Retd Head Master)
"One year has passed, not a single day has gone without remembering you. We deeply miss you; Your memories will stay forever in our hearts. We pray that your soul may get rest and you will bless us forever"
Inserted by:
Wife, R. Ravi Shankar (Son) and all family members



3rd Death Anniversary
On 31-08-2020
Late Palasi Deus
"Those we love don't go away They walk beside us everyday..... Unseen, unheard, but always near, Still loved, still missed and very dear.
Remembered by:
Smt. Salena Secunda (Wife), Rajesh Kumar, Advocate (Son), Ajay Kumar (Son) & family members.




OBITUARY



We deeply mourn the untimely demise of **Shri. L.Yaku (Retd., APWD Driver)**, R/o Bathu Basthi, Who expired on 28.08.2020 at G.B. Pant Hospital. **May his soul rest in peace.**
Where a million words fail to describe the pain, of the kindest soul and departing as our broken hearts faint,
We seek the creators comfort like dewdrops of rain, to beston peace to our everloving & Caring grandpa...
Inseterd by: Daughters, Sons family , relatives & friends
Contact: 7063920072/ 9474227476

SHRADH CEREMONY



It is the time to express our heartfelt gratitude to our relatives, friends and well wishers, who stood with us at the time of grief on the sudden demise of my Father **Late S. Samundram**, aged 81 years who left for heavenly abode on 20/08/2020 at G.B Pant Hospital, Port Blair.
As Part of his last rites, I along with my family members, relatives and friends cordially invite you to attend his **"ShradhCeremony"** on **Wednesday (02/09/2020)** at our residence, Dignabad, Port Blair.
Inserted by: - Daughters, Son, Son-in-laws, Daughter-in-law, Grandsons, Grand daughters and all family members.




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