COVID 19
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<td>Ministry of Home Affairs issues an order for Constitution of the Empowered Groups under the Disaster Management Act 2005 (29.03.2020)</td>
<td>The Government of India has constituted 11 Empowered Groups of Officers under the Disaster Management Act, 2005. The objective is to augment and synchronize efforts cutting across various Ministries/Departments as well as ensure comprehensive action and integrated response in context to COVID-19 related activities. These Groups are empowered to identify problem areas and provide effective solutions therefor; delineate policy, formulate plans, strategize operations and take all necessary steps for effective and time-bound implementation of these plans/policies/strategies/decisions in their respective areas. In matters involving procurement, the concerned Ministries/Departments shall take immediate action to implement all the decisions/recommendations of the Empowered Group. During the deliberations, if any of the Empowered Groups is of the view that a particular aspect is not within the domain of that Group and falls within the scope of any other Group(s), they may seek the guidance of the Cabinet Secretary.</td>
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| 2. | The Ministry of Home Affairs issued an order stating the following: | • To allow transportation of all goods, without distinction of essential and non-essential, during the national lock-down to check the spread of COVID-19.  
• State governments have been asked to ensure availability of temporary shelters and provision of food for the need including migrant labourers in their respective areas.  
• Migrant people who have moved out to reach their home states, must be kept in the nearest shelter by the respective state/union territory’s quarantine facilities after proper screening for a minimum period of 14 days.  
• If any landlord is forcing any student or laborer to vacate their premises, he/she shall be liable for action |
| 3. | Ministry of Home Affairs Notification on authorizing states to use State Disaster Response Fund for relief measures for migrant workers (28.03.2020) | Home Secretary has written to all State Govts and has advised to set up relief camps along highways, to provide food & shelter to migrant workers returning to their domicile States. |
| 4. | Office Memorandum issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs on clarification on contributions to PM CARES Fund as eligible CSR activity (28.03.2020) | Any contribution made by companies to PM CARES Fund shall qualify as CSR Expenditure under the Companies Act 2013. |
5. **Ministry of Home Affairs letter to all Chief Secretaries of States (28.03.2020)**

Ministry of Home Affairs directs States/UTs to include ‘Provisions for temporary accommodation, food, clothing, medical care etc. for homeless people, migrant laborer’s, stranded due to lockdown & sheltered in relief camps’ under SDRF fund allocations in wake of COVID-19.

6. **Ministry of Civil Aviation issues a Notification (27.03.2020)**

An Air Cargo Management Group for COVID19 has been created with a dedicated team for smooth movement of cargo. The Ministry of Civil Aviation is adopting a hub & spoke approach to move essential commodities across the country. Resident Commissioners of States/UTs are part of the group.

7. **MHA issues second Addendum to the guidelines issued regarding lockdown in India (27.03.2020)**

MHA issues second Addendum to the guidelines issued regarding the lockdown and lays down additional categories of essential goods and services, related to agricultural operations, exempted under the Disaster Management Act.

8. **Advisory issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs (27.03.2020)**

MHA issues advisory to States/UTs to take immediate steps to provide adequate support - food & shelter - to migrant agricultural laborers, industrial workers & unorganized sector workers, for preventing the spread of Coronavirus.

9. **Advisory on essential services (27.03.2020)**

MHA has advised that hotels, rented accommodations, hostels etc., continue to remain functional and delivery of essential items is streamlined, so that students, working women hostel inmates etc. are allowed to continue in existing facilities, while observing precautions.

10. **Circular issued by the DGCA (27.03.2020)**

The ban on domestic flight operations across India has been extended till April 14 from March 31 as the country steps up efforts to fight COVID-19, the aviation regulator DGCA said today. International flights in and out of India were already stopped till April 15 before the 21-day pan-India shutdown that was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his second address to the nation on the coronavirus pandemic.

11. **Measures by RBI’s Monetary Policy Committee to Relieve Financial Stress (27.03.2020)**

The following were some key measures taken by RBI aimed at minimising the financial stress emerged due to the coronavirus outbreak:

- Policy repo rate has been reduced by 75 basis points from 5.15 per cent to 4.4 per cent. The Monetary policy committee voted 4:2 majority to cut repo rate by 75 basis points.
- Reverse repo rate reduced by 90 basis points to 4 per cent. This will incentivize banks to lend.
- Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) of all banks have been reduced by 100 basis points to 3 per cent of net demand and time liabilities with effect from the fortnight beginning March 28 for a period of one year.
- All lending institutions are permitted to allow 3-month moratorium on payment of term loan installments. In other words, no EMI would be deducted for the next three months from the account of anyone who has a loan outstanding.
  - Moratorium on term loan, deferring of interest on working capital will not be classified as default, not to impact credit history of borrower.
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|  » The 3-month moratorium will apply to corporate loans, home loans, car loans and even personal loans. However, credit card dues won’t be part of this moratorium as it’s not a term loan.  
* RBI injected a total of INR 3,74,000 crore into the country’s financial system.  
» Auction of targeted long-term repo operations of 3-year tenor for total amount INR 1,00,000 crore at floating rate.  
» Reduction of CRR for all banks by 100 basis points. It will release INR 1,37,000 crore across banking system.  
Accommodation under Marginal Standing Facility to be increased from 2% from SLR to 3% with immediate effect till June 30. It will release INR 1.37 lakh crore into the system. |
| 12. | Restriction on sale and distribution of “hydroxychloroquine” (27.03.2020) | The Centre has restricted sale and distribution of “hydroxychloroquine” declaring it as an essential drug to treat the COVID-19 patients and meet the requirements of emergency arising due to the pandemic. |
| 13. | Department of Science and Technology sets up task force for mapping of technologies by start-ups on COVID-19 (26.03.2020) | The Department of Science and Technology (DST) is coordinating an effort to upscale appropriate technologies and manufacturing available in India for addressing a plethora of issues related to COVID-19, as well as scout for new and developing solutions more relevant to the country to help prepare the country for exigencies arising out of COVID-19 pandemic.  
DST has set up a COVID 19 Task force for mapping of technologies from R&D labs, academic institutions, startups, and MSMEs to fund nearly market-ready solutions in the area of diagnostics, testing, health care delivery solutions, equipment supplies. Some of these solutions include masks and other protective gear, sanitizers, affordable kits for screening, ventilators and oxygenators, data analytics for tracking, monitoring, and controlling the spread of outbreak through AI and IOT based solutions, to name a few. |
| 14. | Travel and Visa restrictions related to COVID-19 (26.03.2020) | International flights will remain banned till April 14, the government announced amid a complete national lockdown to fight coronavirus.  
A weeklong ban imposed last week has been extended, the civil aviation ministry has decided. The ban will not apply to cargo flights or those specially permitted by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation. Domestic flights have been banned till March 31. |
| 15. | Relief package under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana for the poor (26.03.2020) | Following are the key highlights of the relief package:  
* Insurance cover of Rs 50 Lakh per health worker fighting COVID-19 to be provided under Insurance Scheme.  
* 80 crore poor people will get 5 kg wheat or rice and 1 kg of preferred pulses for free every month for the next three months.  
* 20 crore women Jan Dhan account holders to get Rs 500 per month for next three months.  
* Increase in MNREGA wage to Rs 202 a day from Rs 182 to benefit 13.62 crore families. |
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<td><strong>16.</strong> Helpdesk operationalized by DGFT for COVID-19 related Export or Import issue (26.03.2020)</td>
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<td><strong>17.</strong> DPIIT sets up a Control Room to monitor the status of transportation and delivery of goods (26.03.2020)</td>
<td>Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, has set up a control room to monitor in real time the status of transportation and delivery of goods, manufacturing, delivery of essential commodities to common man and the difficulties being faced by various stakeholders during the lockdown period from 25.3.2020 to 14.4.2020.</td>
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<td><strong>18.</strong> Addendum to the Order issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs dated for the 24th of March (25.03.2020)</td>
<td>A separate addendum issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs has specified various categories of services that will be given exceptions under the lockdown. The list included IT vendors for banking operations, veterinary, hospitals, pharmacies and pharmaceutical research labs, among others.</td>
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| **19.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s Address on Covid-19 (24.03.2020) | On 24th March Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the nation on India’s response to the coronavirus outbreak:  
Complete National Lockdown: The PM has announced a complete lockdown across the country starting midnight of 24th March 2020. The nationwide complete lockdown will be in place for 21 days.  
Rs 15,000 crore corpus: PM Modi also announced a Rs 15,000 crore corpus for the virus testing facilities, PPEs, ICUs, ventilators and training medical workers.  
The following are the key highlights of the Nation-wide lockdown:  
- Hospitals and all related medical establishments, including their manufacturing and distribution units, both in public and private sector, such as dispensaries, chemist and medical equipment shops, laboratories, clinics, nursing homes, ambulance, etc. will continue to remain functional.  
- All commercial and private establishments shall be closed. Some of the exceptions include:  
  » Shops dealing with food, groceries, fruits and vegetables, dairy and milk booths, meat and fish, animal fodder. District authorities have been encouraged to facilitate home delivery to minimize public movement.  
  » Banks, insurance offices, ATMs  
  » Print and electronic media  
  » Telecommunications, internet services, broadcasting and cable services, IT and ITes |
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<td>Advisory regarding operational continuity of telecom services (24.03.2020)</td>
<td>The Secretary of the Department of Telecommunication has written to Chief Secretaries of all State and Advisors to administrators of UTs asking them to facilitate the operational continuity of telecom services.</td>
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| 21. | Advisory to state governments to permit IT/ITeS industry to carry out essential functions (24.03.2020) | In order to deal with the crisis situation, the Ministry of Electronics and IT has asked the state governments to suitably consider the following requests:  
  - Employees who are certified as ‘Mission Critical’ and associated with essential services by the top management may be permitted to operate from the company offices on the basis of such certificate issued.  
  - A reasonable time of three days may be given to people who will operate from home, to enable shifting of necessary equipment.  
  - State governments are requested to take measures to ensure uninterrupted IT/ITeS services. |
| 22. | Notification issued by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (24.03.2020) | Government asks States/UTs to ensure operational continuity of Print and Electronic Media in view of threat of Coronavirus outbreak. |
| 23. | Letter of Cabinet Secretary to State Chief Secretaries (24.03.2020) | Cabinet Secretary writes to all State Chief Secretaries to further enhance efforts w.r.t. surveillance and contact tracing of positive cases, in order to break the chain of transmission of Coronavirus. |
| 24. | Advisory issued by the Government of India (23.03.2020) | Government of India issues advisory to all social media platforms in order to curb the Misinformation/fake news on Coronavirus. |
| 25. | Circular on spending of CSR funds for COVID-19 | The circular issued by the Ministry of Corporate affairs stated that spending of CSR funds for COVID-19 is an eligible CSR activity. |
| 26. | Advisory issued by Ministry of Labour & Employment (23.03.2020) | Advisory has been issued by the Ministry of Labour & Employment to all the employers of Public/Private establishments to not cut salaries or resort to layoffs of their employees. |
| 27. | Notification issued by Ministry of Civil Aviation (23.03.2020) | Domestic scheduled commercial airlines to cease operations w.e.f. 23:59 hours IST, on 24/3/2020. Airlines have to plan operations to land at their destination before 23:59 hours on 24/3/2020. The restrictions to not apply to solely cargo flights. |
| 28. | Cabinet Secretary writes letter to State Chief Secretaries (23.03.2020) | Cabinet Secretary writes letter to State Chief Secretaries highlighting the following:  
  - States must monitor situation 24x7  
  - Additional restrictions if necessary, may be imposed;  
  - All current restrictions must be enforced strongly  
  - All violations should be met with legal action |
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| 29. | Ministry of Human Resource and Development Notification (22.03.2020) | The ministry issued the following notification:  
- The Teachers/Researchers/Non-Teaching staff of schools/organisations are permitted and highly advised to work from home till 31st March 2020.  
- The said period shall be counted as being on-duty for all Faculty members/Teachers/Researchers and Non-Teaching staff.  
- The same is applicable for Ad-hoc Teachers & Contact Teachers too, provided their contract is still valid up to 31st March 2020. |
| 30. | Notification (22.03.2020) | List of 75 Indian districts where only essential services will be operational from till March 31. |
| 31. | Complete stoppage of Delhi Metro service (22.03.2020) | Delhi metro has suspended all operations till the 31st of March. |
| 32. | Cancellation of all train services by Indian Railways (22.03.2020) | Indian Railways has decided that no passenger train will run up to 31st March. |
| 33. | Cabinet Secretary reviews COVID status with State Chief Secretaries (22.03.2020) | Important decisions were taken to check the Coronavirus outbreak including suspension of movement of all passenger trains, metro trains and interstate passenger transport till 31st March 2020. The state governments were also advised to completely shutdown 75 districts across the country where coronavirus cases have been reported and only allow essential services to be run in those districts. |
| 34. | Revised Strategy of COVID-19 testing (21.03.2020) | The revised strategy was issued by the Indian Council of Medical Research. Below is a summary of the notification:  
**Current Scenario**  
- All individuals requiring to be tested are being offered at no cost.  
- Accessibility and availability of the test is being increased every day by adding optimum numbers of testing laboratories every week.  
- Currently, the cost of the first step screening assay is INR 1500 and additional confirmatory assays is INR 3000.  
**Current Strategy**  
- All asymptomatic people who have undertaken international travel in the last 14 days should be advised to stay in home quarantine for 14 days and should be tested only if they become symptomatic.  
- All symptomatic contacts of laboratory confirmed cases, all symptomatic health care workers, all hospitalized patients with Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (fever AND cough and/or shortness of breath), asymptomatic direct and high-risk contacts of a confirmed case should be tested once between day 5 and day 14 of coming in his/her contact. |
| 35. | Government of India grants consular services on gratis basis to foreign nationals presently residing in India affected by travel restrictions due to Coronavirus (20.03.2020) | The Centre has decided to extend till April 15 the regular visa and e-visa of those foreigners who are currently in India and unable to leave the country due to the novel coronavirus pandemic. According to a Union Home Ministry notification, a number of foreign nationals are in the country since imposition of travel restrictions and are unable to exit the country during the validity of their visa. It has been decided to provide the essential consular services by the office of the Foreigners Regional...
Registration Officers and Foreigners Registration Officers to foreign nationals, presently in India. “Regular visa, e-visa or stay stipulation of all foreign nationals which have expired or would be expiring during the period from March 13 (midnight) to April 15 (midnight) would be extended till midnight of April 14 on ‘Gratis’ basis after making online application by the foreigner. “Exit of such foreign nationals, if so requested by them during this period, will be granted without levy of overstay penalty,” the ministry said.

36. Universal screening extended to all passengers from Australia, UK and USA, along with risk profiling them. (20.03.2020)

The Indian Ministry of Health and Family welfare on Friday mandated for universal screening of all passengers coming from Australia, the UK and the US. In a letter, addressed to all Additional Chief Secretaries, Principal Secretaries and Secretaries of Ministry of Health, besides all airport health Officials and other concerned officials, Joint Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, Alok Saxena, said: “In view of local transmission of the disease, increase in number of cases and deaths being reported in Australia, the UK and USA, it has now been to expand the universal screening for all passengers coming from Australia, the United Kingdom and USA and risk profiling them for either quarantine or isolation based on risk assessment.”

37. Instructions to all major and minor ports for dealing with novel coronavirus (20.03.2020)

The spread of the COVID-19 pandemic across large number of nations is an unprecedented situation in recent times. To slow the spread of the disease and mitigate its impacts, travel advisories have been issued by many jurisdictions including India. However, shipping services are required to continue to be operational so that vital goods and essential commodities like fuel, medical supplies, food grains etc., are delivered and to ensure that the economic activity of the nation is not disrupted. It is, therefore, important that the flow of goods by sea should not be needlessly disrupted without compromising the safety of life and protection of the environment. In view of the same, it has been decided that for the continued operation of vessels and ports, certain instructions shall be complied with by all stakeholders till further orders.

38. Advisory issued by Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (20.03.2020)

Delhi Metro Advisory issued various guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

- Random thermal scanning of passengers will be carried out at all metro stations.
- Incase anyone has fever or is observed to have any symptom of coronavirus infection, he or she will be referred for medical tests and quarantine to the authorities.
- In view of this pandemic, the metro travellers are advised that they should use metro network for essential travel only and should travel by the metro only when it is “essential and unavoidable”.
- Maintain at least 1 m distance from each other while travelling in the metro or at the station i.e. standing passengers are not allowed and alternate seats be left vacant
- Trains may not stop at such stations which may be having crowding i.e. less than the expected distance of 1 m between passengers, it said, adding that this may be altered depending upon the exigencies of the situation.
• In course of the journey and stay within the metro premises, passengers are requested to follow the advisory issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, from time-to-time to contain the spread of the virus.
• Any passenger who has symptoms similar to those infected by the virus are strictly advised to avoid travel by the metro or any other mode of public transport.

39. Advisory issued by Delhi Metro (20.03.2020)
• In the wake of ‘Janta Curfew’ to be observed on 22nd March 2020, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has announced to keep its services closed. The move is aimed at encouraging public to stay indoors and maintain social distancing, which is essential in the fight against Covid-19.

40. PM’s address to the nation on combating COVID-19 (19.03.2020)
Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the nation on combating the challenge of COVID-19. Brief summary of the address:
He requested citizens to follow certain measures to ensure the containment of the fast spreading virus. He emphasized on the importance of not taking the pandemic lightly and the need to be aware and proactive towards prevention of COVID-19.
He stressed on the importance of following self imposed norms like ‘social distancing’. Requesting citizens to patiently abide by the norm, he urged the need to isolate oneself and come out of the house only if imperative, while trying to work from home and avoid unnecessary travel. He also urged that senior citizens above the age of 60 should not come out of their homes for the coming few weeks. Highlighting the stress on the hospitals, he urged everyone to avoid routine check ups during this time and to extend the date of surgeries scheduled, wherever feasible.
‘Janta Curfew’
Prime Minister urged citizens to follow the concept of ‘Janta Curfew’ on 22 March, 2020 from 7 AM to 9 PM, wherein no one apart from those involved with essential services is supposed to venture out of home. He said that the success of such a people’s movement and the experiences gained from it will prepare the country for the challenges ahead
Urging the state governments to take the lead, Prime Minister asked all youth organizations including NCC and NSS, civil societies to generate awareness among people about the ‘Janta Curfew’. He urged everyone to try to inform at least ten other people over phone about this self imposed curfew.

Meeting the Economic Challenges
To deal with the economic challenges caused by the pandemic, Prime Minister announced the creation of ‘COVID-19 Economic Response Task Force’ under the Union Finance Minister. The Task Force will consult stakeholders, take feedback, on the basis of which decisions will be taken to meet the challenges. The Task Force will also ensure implementation of the decisions taken to meet these challenges.
Prime Minister also urged the business community and higher income groups to look after the economic needs of those from lower income groups, from whom they take various services, urging them not to cut their salary on the days they are unable to render the services due to inability to come to the workplace. He stressed on the importance of humanity during such times.

He also assured the countrymen that there would not be any shortage of essential items like food, milk, medicines etc. He urged people to not resort to panic buying.

Prime Minister exhorted everyone to work together and contribute fully to overcome the crisis of COVID-19. He urged the citizens not to fall prey to misinformation. Prime Minister said that during the time of such a global pandemic, it is important to ensure that ‘humanity wins, and India wins.’

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<td><strong>High level Group of Ministers review current status, and actions for prevention and management of COVID-19. Brief summary of the steps taken are listed below:</strong></td>
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<td>• No scheduled international commercial passenger aircraft shall be allowed to land in India from March 22, 2020 for one week.</td>
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<td>• State Governments shall issue appropriate directions so that all citizens above 65 (other than for medical assistance) except for public representatives/govt. servants/medical professionals are advised to remain at home.</td>
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<td>• Similarly, all children below 10 should be advised to stay at home and not to venture out.</td>
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<td>• Railways and civil aviation shall suspend all concessional travel except for students, patients and divyang category.</td>
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<td><strong>The Ministry of Human Resource and Development issued the following advisory:</strong></td>
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<td>• All Universities have been requested to take the following precautionary measures:</td>
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<td>• All evaluation work may be rescheduled after 31st March 2020.</td>
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<td>• All Educational Institutions to maintain regular communication with the students and teachers through electronic means and keep them fully informed so that there is no anxiety amongst the students, teachers and parents.</td>
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<td>• Some of the measures announced by the Indian Railways are as follows:</td>
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<td>• To discourage unnecessary travel and to prevent the vulnerable category of Senior Citizens from undertaking unnecessary travels, concessional booking of all tickets except Patients, students and Divyangjan category for Unreserved &amp; Reserved segment are being suspended form 00:00 hrs of 20th March till further advisory.</td>
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• As a precautionary measure and to discourage nonessential travel and overcrowding of trains, so far total 155 pairs of low occupancy trains are cancelled up to 31.03.20. Trains are cancelled keeping in view the availability of alternate trains for passengers and ensuring that no passenger shall remain stranded. Full refund is being given to all the passengers whose train has been cancelled.

• Indian Railways has also facilitated return of students stranded in Northern part of country due to sudden closure of Educational Institutions to their homes in Southern, Northern-Eastern and Eastern regions of India.

• Advisories are being issued to passengers to avoid non-essential train journeys and to ensure that they do not have running fever while they are commencing the journey. At any point of journey if passenger feels that he is having fever, he can contact the Railway Staff for medical attention and further assistance.

• To avoid unnecessary crowding at Railway Stations in wake of spread of COVID 19. It has been instructed to DRMs to review the situation over railway stations and raise the price of Platform Ticket to Rs. 50 wherever necessary.

• Regular Announcement are being done on PA System of Railway Stations & Trains to sensitize the public about various Do’s & Don’ts highlighting:
  • Keeping hands clean by frequent washing of hands;
  • Maintain social distance & covering the mouth while sneezing and coughing;
  • Precautions to be taken if one has running fever-(don’t travel and report immediately to the Doctor);
  • Not spitting anywhere in the public place and Railway premises and
  • Avoid overcrowding & to ensure distancing between passengers in trains including suburban trains.

44. Office Memorandum regarding preventive measures to be taken to contain the spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) (18.03.2020)

The following directions have been issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs:

• All Ministries/Departments are advised to discourage, to the maximum extent, entry of visitors in the office complex. Routine issue of visitors/temporary passes should be suspended with immediate effect. Only those visitors, whom have proper permission of the officer who they want to meet, should be allowed after being properly screened.

• Henceforth only Joint Secretary & above level officers in the Ministries/Departments are authorized to allow visitors to the minimum extent due to spread of Novel Coronavirus till further orders. The visitors pass will be issued by Reception Officer on receipt of a written request in prescribed format.
Standard Operating Procedure for Passenger Movement post Disembar- 
kation (18.03.2020)

- Ministry of Civil Aviation would instruct the Airport Authorities to 
stagger the arrival of flights from COVID19 affected areas so that the 
flow of passengers is maintained for the screening of passengers.

- From the dedicated aerobridges, the passengers will arrive escorted 
by Airline Staff to the APHO Health Counters for Initial Thermal 
Screening, where symptomatic passengers would be isolated and 
moved to designated hospital as per the existing SOPs.

- After screening, the remaining asymptomatic passengers will be 
allowed to move to the designated Immigration Counters with 
passports and a copy of the SRF (Self-Reporting Form) as per the 
existing SOP. A Note: Airlines staff in the aircraft and at ground will 
ensure that the arriving passengers have filled their SRFs properly.

- Though the passengers will be directed to the designated Immigration 
Counters, in case any passenger presents himself at any other counter, 
the Immigration staff would direct him to the designated counters.

- After clearance of immigration, the passport of the passengers shall 
be retained by the Immigration officials.

- Passengers in batches of 30, will be handed over to the escort 
team (24x7 - 5 member Team, Headed by CISF and comprising 
representative from DIAL, Airlines and Delhi Police). The passports of 
these passengers would be handed over by the Immigration staff to 
the Team Lead (CISF officer). THE PASSPORTS SHALL NOT BE HANDED 
OVER TO THE PASSENGERS, AT ANY COST.

- The Team, along with the passengers shall move to the luggage belts 
to collect the luggage. If there is any delay/missing luggage in the case 
of any/few passengers, the respective passenger shall stay behind 
along with a team member and the rest of the team and passengers 
shall proceed further through the customs.

- If there is any delay in the Customs Clearance, the respective 
passenger shall stay behind along with a team member, while the 
rest of the team and passengers shall proceed further.

- The team along with the passengers shall move to the designated 
triage area manned by Delhi State Govt. Officials with logistics 
like Laptops, etc. The Control Room In-charge would perform the 
functions of supervision and coordination.

- There would be a control room at the triage area and 5 screening 
counters manned by medical officers and para-medical staff deputed 
by Delhi Government.

- The escort team would report to the control room in-charge who will 
assign a counter to the batch.

- At the assigned counter, the passports of the entire batch will be 
handled over by the Team Lead to the Medical Officer in-charge of the 
counter. Here the passengers would be screened and those without
any risk factors would be sent for home quarantine after providing them with their passports, the Home Quarantine Advisory and collecting a declaration from them, to remain strictly under Home Quarantine, or else face penal action, as per the rules. The possibility of stamping the passengers, as done in Maharashtra, with Home Quarantine Stamps would be explored. These passengers would be linked to the IDSP, surveillance system. Delhi Government would depute Delhi State IDSP team for this purpose.

- The High Risk Passengers identified for quarantine at the facilities would be first asked to fill up a declaration opting for paid hotel facility/ Govt. Quarantine Facility (based on availability) and subsequently would be quarantined as per availability list of quarantine Facilities given by the State Government.

- The escort team would escort these passengers to the transport provided by the State Govt.

- The Passengers shall be quarantined as per the laid down guidelines.

**SOPs for Quarantine**

**LUGGAGE COLLECTION AND CUSTOMS LUGGAGE COLLECTION AND HEALTH SCREENING**

- From the dedicated aerobridges, the passengers will arrive escorted by Airline Staff to the APHO Health Counters for Initial Thermal Screening, where symptomatic passengers would be isolated and moved to designated hospital as per the existing SOPs. Note: Airlines staff in the aircraft and at ground will ensure that the arriving passengers have filled their SRFs properly.

- After screening, the remaining asymptomatic passengers will be allowed to move to the designated Immigration Counters with passports and a copy of the SRF (Self-Reporting Form) as per the existing SOP.

**IMMIGRATION**

- The passengers will be directed to the designated Immigration Counters, in case any passenger presents himself at any other counter, the Immigration staff would direct him to the designated counters.

- After clearance of immigration, the passport of the passengers shall be retained by the Immigration officials.

- Passengers in batches of 30, will be handed over to the escort team (24x7 - 5 member Team, Headed by CISF and comprising representative from DIAL, Airlines and Delhi Police). The passports of these passengers would be handed over by the Immigration staff to the Team Lead (CISF officer).

**THE PASSPORTS SHALL NOT BE HANDED OVER TO THE PASSENGERS**

**LUGGAGE COLLECTION AND CUSTOMS**

- The Team, along with the passengers shall move to the luggage belts to collect the luggage. If there is any delay/missing luggage in the case of any/few passengers, the respective passenger shall stay behind along with a team member and the rest of the team and passengers
shall proceed further through the customs.

- If there is any delay in the Customs Clearance, the respective passenger shall stay behind along with a team member, while the rest of the team and passengers shall proceed further.

**CONTROL ROOM**

- The Control Room In-charge would perform the functions of supervision and coordination.
- The escort team would report to the control room in-charge who will assign a counter to the batch.

**TRIAGE ROOM**

- The team along with the passengers shall move to the designated triage area manned by Delhi State Govt. Officials with logistics like Laptops, etc.
- There would be 5 screening counters manned by medical officers and para-medical staff deputed by Delhi Government.
- At the assigned counter, the passports of the entire batch will be handed over by the Team Lead to the Medical Officer in-charge of the counter.
- Passengers would be screened and those without any risk factors would be sent for home quarantine after providing them their passports, the Home Quarantine Advisory and collecting a declaration from them, to remain strictly under Home Quarantine, or else face penal action, as per the rules. These passengers would be linked to the IDSP, surveillance system. Delhi Government would depute Delhi State IDSP team for this purpose.
- The High-Risk Passengers identified for quarantine at the facilities would be first asked to fill up a declaration opting for paid/Govt. Quarantine Facility (based on availability).
- The escort team would escort these passengers to the transport provided by the State Govt.

| 46. | Ministry of Health and Family Welfare releases toll free National Helpline Number (18.03.2020) | A 24x7 toll free National Helpline Number 1075 has been activated for support, guidance, and response to health-related queries on COVID19. |
| 47. | Additional Travel Advisory for Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) (17.03.2020) | In continuation of the travel advisory issued on March 11, 2020 and March 16, 2020, the following additional advisory is issued:
- Travel of passengers from Afghanistan, Philippines, Malaysia to India is prohibited with immediate effect. No flight shall take off from these countries to India after 1500 hours Indian Standard Time (IST). The airline shall enforce this at the port of initial departure.
- This instruction will be temporary measure and shall be in force till 31st March 2020 and will be reviewed subsequently. |
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<td><strong>53.</strong> Preventive measures to be taken to contain the spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) (16.03.2020)</td>
<td>The Dept. of Personnel and Training (DoPT) under the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions has issued an advisory for all government employees. Among the measures proposed, the relevant ones include: <strong>(i)</strong> Discouraging, to the maximum extent, entry of visitors in the office complex. Routine issue of visitors/temporary passes will be suspended with immediate effect. <strong>(ii)</strong> Only those visitors who have proper permission of the officer who they want to meet will be allowed after being properly screened. <strong>(iii)</strong> Further, meetings, as far as feasible, will be done through video conferencing.</td>
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<td><strong>54.</strong> Advisory on Social Distancing (16.03.2020)</td>
<td>Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has issued an advisory on Social Distancing Measure in view of the spread of COVID-19 disease. All the proposed interventions under the advisory will remain in force till the March 31, 2020 and they will be reviewed as per the evolving situation by the Ministry after March 31.</td>
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<td><strong>55.</strong> Additional Travel Advisory for Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) (16.03.2020)</td>
<td>In continuation of the travel advisory issued on 11th March 2020, the Ministry of Health and Family welfare has issued the following additional advisory: • Compulsory quarantine has been expanded for a minimum period of 14 days for passengers coming from/transiting through UAE, Qatar, Oman, and Kuwait. This will come into effect from 1200 GMT on 18th March 2020 at the port of first departure.</td>
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<td>The Reserve Bank of India has asked banks to take measures and put in place business continuity plans to prevent any disruption of services due to coronavirus outbreak.</td>
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<td>The RBI asked banks to take these measures as part of their existing operational and business continuity plans. According to the central bank’s notification released:</td>
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<td>• Banks have been asked to devise strategy and monitoring mechanism concerning the spread of the disease within the organization</td>
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<td>• RBI asked banks to take stock of critical processes and revisiting business continuity plan (BCP) with the aim of continuity in critical interfaces and preventing any disruption of services.</td>
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<td>• Banks have been asked to taking steps of sharing important instructions/ strategy with the staff members at all levels.</td>
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<td>• Finance institutions have been asked to encourage their customers to use digital banking facilities as far as possible.</td>
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<td>57.</td>
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<td>States/UTs empowered by Centre to tackle COVID-19 outbreak</td>
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<td>The Cabinet Secretary conferred with Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs on Saturday (March 14) to review preparedness. Salient points as below:</td>
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<td>• States have utilised the enabling provision for infectious disease management as provided under Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, whereby States may empower any person to take specific measures to tackle the outbreak and may prescribe temporary regulations to be observed by the public</td>
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<td>• States/UTs can draw funds from the State Disaster Response Fund under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, in addition to funds from the State governments and the National Health Mission.</td>
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<td>• Indian nationals have again been strongly advised to avoid all non-essential travel abroad and refrain from travelling to countries reporting high cases and deaths. All incoming international passengers returning to India to self-monitor health and follow the dos and don’ts prescribed by the government earlier.</td>
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<td>Disaster Management Act invoked to regulate prices and ensure availability of surgical and protective masks, hand sanitisers and gloves</td>
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<td>The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has requested the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) to notify surgical and protective masks, hand sanitisers and gloves as drugs to regulate prices and availability. Invoking Clause (I) of sub-section (2) of section (10) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, MoHFW has mandated the NPPA to undertake the functions of price regulation and availability. The NPPA has directed State/UT governments to monitor production and distribution of these items to ensure there is no hoarding, black marketing or profiteering is happening.</td>
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| 59. | **Masks and hand sanitisers brought under Essential Commodities Act (13.03.2020)** | Government notified an Order on March 13, 2020, to declare 2 ply and 3 ply masks, N95 masks, and hand sanitisers as essential commodities under the Essential Commodities (EC) Act June 30, 2020, by amending the Schedule of the EC Act, 1955. It has also issued an advisory under the Legal Metrology (LM) Act. Under the EC Act, after discussions with the manufacturers, States can ask them to enhance their production capacity of these items to make the supply chain smooth while under the LM Act the States can ensure sale of both the items at MRP.

The States/UTs can take action against offenders under the EC Act and Prevention of Black Marketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities (PBMMSEC) Act. An offender under the EC Act may be punished with an imprisonment up to 7 years or fine or both and under the PBMMSEC Act, they can be detained for a maximum of 6 months.

The decision was taken to enhance the availability of both items to the general people at reasonable prices or under MRP. The States have also been advised to give publicity of State Helplines for registering complaints by the consumers of the above two items. |
| 60. | **Standard Operating Procedure (Sop) to Handle Coronavirus (Covid-19) For International Cruise Ships at Major Ports of India (10.03.2020)** | The following SOPs shall be in place with immediate effect for all international cruise ships, who had planned and intimated their call to Major Ports of India in advance:
- Only those international cruise ships which had planned and intimated their call to an Indian Port not later than 1st January, 2020 will be allowed to call on such port.
- Any international cruise ship or any member of its crew or any passenger therein having a travel history of visiting any of the Covid-19 affected countries mentioned in the adjoining link (https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports) since 1st Feb, 2020; will not be permitted to enter any Indian port till 31st March, 2020.
- International cruise ships will be allowed only on the ports having thermal screening facilities for passenger and crew.
- Shipping Agent/Master of Vessel to submit all documents related to crew and passengers regarding their travel to/from the COVID-19 affected countries. No sick passengers/crew will be allowed to board the ship by Shipping agent/Master of Vessel.
- The updated information on COVID-19 shall be provided to each international cruise vessel and should be as per guidelines of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoH&FW), Govt. of India. (https://www.mohfw.gov.in/).
- All passengers and crew members will have to fill the Self Reporting Form as prescribed by MoH&FW (copy attached at Annex-1) and submitted to PHO.
- Port Health Officer (PHO) will carry out thermal screening of all the passengers and crew members on board ship. Until clearance by PHO, passengers will not be allowed ashore. Port / Local hospital to assist PHO by supplying additional doctors and medical staff and logistics etc. |
• If any passengers/crew show symptoms of the disease, disembarking of such passengers/crew will not be permitted. The passenger will be quarantined on the ship. Samples of the patient will be collected and sent to designated hospital/lab for testing. If sample is tested positive, the passenger will be taken to the isolation facility attached to the Port and the ship will be asked to move out. If sample is negative, the passengers and crew will be allowed shore excursion. A declaration to follow this procedure will be taken from all ships before they are allowed to enter the Port.

• Cruise ships need to take special measures to prevent coronavirus affected patients to board the ships in the first place. Some of these steps will include:
  
  a. Any cruise guests who have traveled through China, Hong Kong, Iran, South Korea and Italy and other affected countries (as defined by WHO in their daily reports https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports) in the past 14 days are automatically denied boarding by the cruise lines.
  
  b. Any person having contact with anyone within the last 14-days prior to travel who has travel history to mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, Iran, South Korea, or Italy or any other affected countries is automatically denied boarding.

  c. Mandatory screenings are performed of persons with influenza like illnesses (ILIs) in boarding ports terminals.

  d. All guests onboard have to fill out self-declaration health forms.

  e. At the check-in counter of the boarding ports, the guest’s passports are verified for any stamps from COVID-19 affected countries.

  f. The passports are double checked by cruise vessel personnel inside the terminal at Boarding ports to ensure nothing is amiss.

  g. All passports are also checked onboard by cruise vessel staff alongside Indian Immigration Officers, wherever the Immigration Officers boarded in the previous foreign ports for enroute clearance.

  h. The ship should be regularly sanitized.

  i. All cruises carry out daily examination of all passengers for symptoms for COVID-19.

  j. All cruises should have sufficiently oriented health staff with adequate logistics like masks, personal protection equipment’s etc. along with sufficient isolation beds where any crew/passenger suspects can be isolated in case of detection of any symptoms.

61. Force Majeure (FM) Clause (19.02.2020)

The Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure Procurement Policy Division) has issued an office memorandum that coronavirus will be covered in the force majeure clause (FMC) and should be considered as a case of natural calamity. Further, the ministry has stated that this clause can be invoked wherever appropriate.

A force majeure (FM) clause means that if there are extraordinary events like those beyond human control such as wars, riots, crimes, or natural calamities, then this clause can free both the parties from contractual liability from fulfilling their obligations under the contract.
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GUIDELINES ON THE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN FOR CONTAINMENT OF COVID-19 EPIDEMIC IN THE NCT OF DELHI WERE ISSUED BY THE STATE. KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE GUIDELINES ARE:

- Offices of GNCT of Delhi/ Autonomous Bodies/ Corporations shall remain closed except the following:
  - Police, home guards, fire and emergency services, civil defence, disaster management and prisons.
  - District administration and Pay & Accounts Office.
  - Electricity, water and sanitation.
  - Municipal bodies- only staff required for essential services like sanitation. personnel related to water supply, sewerage etc.
- Hospitals and all related medical establishments, including their manufacturing and distribution units, both in public and private sector, such as dispersaries. chemist and medical equipment shops. laboratories, clinics, nursing homes. ambulance etc. will continue to remain functional. The transportation of all medical personnel, nurses. paramedical staff. other hospital services be permitted.
- Commercial and private establishments shall he closed down except the following:
  - Shops, including ration shops (under PDS), dealing with food, groceries, fruits and vegetables, dairy and milk booths, meat and fish, animal fodder. However, district administration may encourage and facilitate home delivery to minimize the movement of individuals outside their homes.
  - Banks. Insurance offices and ATMs.
  - 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 work from home.
  - e. Delivery of all essential goods including food, pharmaceuticals, medical equipment through e-commerce.
  - Petrol pumps. LPG, CNG, Petroleum and gas retail and storage outlets.
  - Power generation, transmission and distribution units and services.
  - Capital and debt market services as notified by the SEBI
  - Cold storage and warehousing services.
  - Private Security Services
- Wherever exceptions to the 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 Health Department from time to time.
Any person violating these containment 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.

The above containment measures will remain in force in all parts of NCT of Delhi till midnight of 14th April. 2020.

UPDATE (24.03.2020)

For the better facilitation and smooth and uninterrupted operations of all essential services and establishments, the Delhi government issued Standard Operating Procedures.

UPDATE (22.03.2020)

As the number of coronavirus cases in the national capital rise, Section 144 CrPC will be imposed in Delhi from 9:00 pm, to midnight March 31.

The Health and Family Welfare Department of the government of NCT Delhi ordered a complete lockdown of the state. The government ordered:

No public transport including operation of taxis, auto-rickshaws will be permitted. Only DTC buses shall operate at not more than 25% capacity to cater to essential services.

All shops, commercial establishments, offices and factories, workshops, godowns etc. shall close their operations except for specified essential services.

All domestic/international flights arriving in Delhi shall be suspended.

Movement of inter-state/buses/metros shall be suspended.

Effective from 0600 hrs 23rd March to midnight of 31st March.

UPDATE (20.03.2020)

In exercise of the powers conferred by the Delhi Epidemic Diseases, COVID-19, Regulations, 2020 under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, the following directions are have been issued by the Delhi government for the prevention and control of the outbreak of epidemic disease namely COVID-19 in NCT of Delhi, with immediate effect :

All Shops in the Shopping Malls in NCT of Delhi shall remain closed till 31st March 2020 except shops dealing with items of daily needs (i.e. groceries, pharmacy, vegetables/fruits).

Following decisions were taken to provide the weaker section some relief-

- Rs 4000- 5000 pension will be paid to 8.5 lakh beneficiaries by 7 Apr
- Free rations, with 50% more quantity than normal entitlements, to 72 lakh beneficiaries
- Lunch and dinner will be served free to each and every person at all Delhi govt night shelters
- For those who need to be quarantined and are opting for the paid hotel facility, GST will be waived to make it more affordable
UPDATE (19.03.2020)

**Update 1:** The commissioner of Delhi Police issued an order regarding assembly of people and activities. The order stated that:

- All members of the public are to remain indoors, as far as possible, and should not come outside unnecessarily for leisure or entertainment activities which involves close contact with more than 5 people at any place.
- People should not assemble in excess of 5 persons at any place for any protest, dharna, rally, or any such activity, whether in closed space or outside.
- People should not assemble for public entertainment activities in excess of 5 persons.

**Update 2:** In a press conference, Chief Minister of Delhi orders shutting down of restaurants and bars gathering over 20 people.

**Update 3:** The Health and Family Welfare department of Delhi ordered all schools, colleges and universities in Delhi to be shut down completely both for students & staff until 31st March. All exams, including Board exams will take place after 31st March.

**Update 4:** The Delhi government has issued an advisory for the private sector to allow their employees to work from home till March 31 in the wake of the coronavirus outbreak. In the advisory, the government also asked people, particularly senior citizens, pregnant women and those affected with hypertension and diabetes, to remain at home.

**Update 5:** Delhi government announced that those in-home quarantine will now be stamped to discourage them from mingling with the public.

UPDATE (17.03.2020)

The Delhi government has set up quarantine centers:

- The Delhi government is offering pay and use quarantine facilities in three premier hotels in the Aerocity near the airport for people.
- While the government quarantine facilities are available, the Delhi government has also arranged three hotels -- RedFox, IBIS and Lemon Tree -- situated near the Indira Gandhi International Airport as the pay and use quarantine facilities.

UPDATE (16.03.2020)

Delhi Government, in exercise of the powers conferred by the Delhi Epidemic Diseases COVID-19 Regulations 2020 under the Epidemic Diseases Act 1897, has issued the following directions:

- The operations of all gymnasiums and spas in NCT of Delhi to be suspended till March 30, 2020.
- The operations of all-night clubs and theaters in NCT of Delhi to be suspended till March 30, 2020.
- The operations of all weekly bazaars in NCT of Delhi to be suspended till March 30, 2020.
- Any gathering Social/ Cultural/ Political/ Religious/ Academic/ Sports/ Seminar/Conference/ family mass gathering (except marriages) is restricted to maximum of 50 persons in NCT of Delhi till March 30, 2020.
• All shopping malls in NCT of Delhi should be disinfected daily and shall also make provisions of availability of ample number of hand sanitizers at main entrance and individual shops for visitors. All entry should be allowed only after cleaning of hands with hand sanitizers.

**UPDATE (12.03.2020)**

The government of the national capital declared an epidemic on March 12. The order, which contains regulations valid for one year, can be found here.

The following directions have been issued in exercising the powers conferred by the Delhi Epidemic Diseases, COVID-19 Regulations, 2020 under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897:

• All classes of schools, colleges, ITIs, polytechnics (Government/ Aided/Private/ MCD/NDMC/Delhi Cantt. Board/Universities/Private Coaching Centres/ Tuition Centres) in the national capital territory (NCT) of Delhi is suspended till March 31, 2020.

• Schools/colleges examinations will be continued as per schedule.

• The operations of all cinema halls are suspended till March 31.

• The operations of all public swimming pools suspended till March 31.

• All sports gatherings are prohibited.

• All conferences/seminars beyond 200 people are prohibited.


2. Haryana

**UPDATE (29.03.2020)**

Following the Ministry of Home Affairs’ order, directing the state authorities to make provisions for temporary accommodation for migrant laborer’s, Panchkula Administration late Saturday notified as many as 12 schools as temporary shelter homes to facilitate accommodation for the laborer’s.

**UPDATE (28.03.2020)**

The Registration of all Kirana (Grocery) stores, Milk suppliers, vegetables vendors, medicine shops and other essential item retailers can be done through the web portal - http://covidssharyana.in for homedelivery

**UPDATE (26.03.2020)**

**Update 1:** Gurugram Police have been directed by the state that exemption of services of technical hands required for essential services/maintenance of households/buildings shall be allowed free movement. It was later clarified by the MCG that the services of technical hands can be availed by the elderly or persons with disability if they are staying alone.

**Update 2:** The district administration has decided to launch a web portal from where residents can get curfew passes during the lockdown period. The administration has clarified that any violation of the passes and usage beyond the specified time or for reasons other than claimed in the form will invite stern action, including jail. The residents can go to the website www.ggncurfewpass.in to submit a form citing the reason required for travel. The form will be evaluated and can be rejected or approved depending on the reason given.

**UPDATE (25.03.2020)**

**Update 1:** The Haryana government issued an order clarifying the industries which can operate during the lockdown.
Update 2: An order was issued that permitted certain online delivery services of goods which shall be allowed to operate

UPDATE (23.03.2020)

In furtherance to the last order of the lockdown, the order now has been extended to the remaining 15 districts of the state. After the issuing of this order, the entire state of Haryana is under lockdown.

UPDATE (22.03.2020)

The Health and Family Welfare department of Haryana Government issues lockdown orders for 7 districts of Haryana, including Gurugram, applicable from 22nd March to 31st March 2020.

UPDATE (21.03.2020)

Update 1: No person shall be allowed to enter the Parks/Community Centres within the limit of MCG (Municipal Corporation of Gurgaon)

Update 2: The District Magistrate of Gurugram under the Epidemics Act of 1897 issued certain directions to regulate various operations as containment measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

UPDATE (20.03.2020)

As a precautionary measure to keep a check on the spread of COVID 19, Haryana Government has decided to impose section 144 in both urban as well as rural areas of the state under which gathering more than 20 people has be prohibited. However, in Gurugram and Faridabad permissible gathering is only allowed up to 5 people.

It was also decided that the respective General Managers of Haryana Roadways in the districts would be authorized to take decision regarding reducing the frequency of Intra-State and Inter-State public transport depending upon the number of passengers on day to day basis. Though the frequency of buses could be reduced upto 40 per cent. The City Bus service in Gurugram shall be curtailed till further orders. The police department would also set up quarantine facilities and isolation wards on the pattern of Health Department. It was also decided that dry ration would be distributed to the beneficiaries of Angwanwadi Centres at their doorstep. It was informed that bio metric system in all the fair price shops has been suspended for this month and the beneficiaries under the Public Distribution System could take ration without biometric authentication.

UPDATE (19.03.2020)

Update 1: The Haryana government has decided that all government and private schools in the state will remain completely closed till March 31, 2020 and now academic and non-academic staff will also do home-based evaluation and other work till further orders.

Update 2: A direction has been issued by the Haryana State Agricultural Marketing Board for the closure of apni mandis / Kissan Bazar. The direction is only for the unorganised mandis that function at various places. All regular grain and vegetable markets will function as usual.

UPDATE (18.03.2020)

To prevent COVID 19’s spread, an order was issued by the District Magistrate to suspend the following activities till 31st March 2020:
- Operations of all gymnasiums, swimming pools and spas.
- Operations of all-night clubs, lounges & bars, cinema halls, theatres and multiplexes.
- Operations of all weekly bazaars, shopping malls (except pharmacies & Medical Establishments, Grocery stores and supermarkets).

**Additionally, the following directions have been issued:**

- Any gathering such as social/cultural/political/religious/academic/sports/seminars/conferences and family mass gathering (including marriages) is restricted to maximum of 50 people.
- All restaurants having in-dining facility are restricted to the capacity of less than 50 seats.
- The public dealings at government offices should be minimized while not impacting time bound & essential services.
- Owner of saloons, beauty parlours, grooming centres are directed to decontaminate and sanitize their premises frequently and regularly and ensure availability of hand sanitizer at entry gate.
- Private cab operators are directed to decontaminate & sanitize their cabs frequently and regularly and ensure availability of hand sanitizer in cabs.

These directions shall come into force with immediate effect till 31st March 2020.

**UPDATE (17.03.2020)**

District Magistrate’s Office Advisory (Gurugram): All MNC, IT firms, industries, BPOs, corporate offices situated in Gurugram district advised to allow their employees to work from home till March 31, 2020 with immediate effect.

**UPDATE (16.03.2020)**

**Update 1:** Municipal Corporation of Gurugram’s Order: that malls, shopping complexes, shopping plaza in Gurugram city should carry out cleaning and disinfection of all public areas and make a provision to provide sanitizers to all employees and visitors till March 31.

**Update 2:** Advisory issued by the Director General of Health Services for malls:

**Some of the measures that malls have been directed to adopt are as follows:**

- To use Thermal Scanners at the entry points with immediate effect and if any person is found having flu like symptoms, he must be referred to the nearest health care facilities.
- To frequently sanitize/disinfect the premises, especially doors handles, railings, floors and other contact points.
- Provide Hand Sanitizers and Hand washing facility in the premises for general public and also ensure use of the same by employees working in all shops.
- Display IEC material (like Do’s/Don’ts) as advised by Health Department at prominent places for awareness of public and employees regarding COVID-19.

**UPDATE (15.03.2020)**

**Update 1:** The government of Haryana has issued an advisory banning mass gathering of more than 200 people for all social, cultural, sports, political, religious, political, academic and religious events.
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<td>• Along with rice Rs.1500, cash will be provided per family.</td>
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**UPDATE (21.03.2020)**

The state’s labor department requested all private and public establishments not to remove any temporary and contractual employees from their jobs or cut their wages.

**UPDATE (20.03.2020)**

The Maharashtra state government has ordered a partial shutdown in Mumbai, Mumbai Metropolitan Region, Pune, Pimpri-Chinchwad and Nagpur till March 31, 2020. It was also announced that the government offices will work at 25 percent capacity during this period.

However, shops selling essential commodities, including foodgrains, milk and medicines, would remain open. Banks, stock exchanges, clearing corporations, depositories, stockbrokers and SEBI-registered participants operating through these institutions will also be exempted from the shutdown.

**UPDATE (18.03.2020)**

The Municipal Commissioner of Mumbai issued the following order:

- The Municipal Commissioner has passed an order directing all the Assistant Commissioners of the wards in the city of Mumbai to identify the roads on which all the shops and commercial activities are to be kept closed on alternate days to reduce large crowds.

**UPDATE (17.03.2020)**

**Update 1:** Greater Mumbai Municipal Commissioner Pravin Pardeshi issued an order to all hospital and airport officials that all people undergoing home quarantines will have their left palms stamped with ink that lasts 14 days.

- The State government has also made it a punishable offence for any person who attempts to evade the compulsory quarantine or breaks the home quarantine. Such a person will forcibly be moved to a government isolation facility.

- Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation issued a circular urging private and public sector companies to encourage their employees to work from home. It advised non-essential service provider companies to work at 50 per cent staff capacity and making staff work in rotation.

**Update 2:** The Municipal Commissioner of Mumbai issued the following order:

- All non-essential service providing offices have been ordered to function at only 50% staff capacity.

- Schools, cinema halls, gyms, swimming pools, clubs, discotheques etc. have been asked to shut down. Mass congregations and functions have been banned.

**UPDATE (16.03.2020)**

The Government of Maharashtra has released the guidelines regarding closing of shopping malls (excluding groceries, medical, milk and vegetable shops inside malls). Please find the relevant note here.

**UPDATE (14.03.2020)**

The Chief Secretary of the Maharashtra Government ordered for the closure of all educational institutions in rural and urban areas:
All government and private schools, universities, vocational training institutions across all municipalities, nagar parishads, rule and urban areas have been asked to shut down till 31st March.

**UPDATE (13.03.2020)**
The government of Maharashtra declared an epidemic on March 13. In the state assembly on March 13, Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray stated the following:

- Schools, colleges in Pune, Pimpri-Chinchwad to remain closed until further orders.
- Wherever possible, private firms should allow employees to work from home.
- Theatres, gyms, swimming pools and public parks will be closed till March 30.
- People should also avoid visiting malls, hotels, restaurants, other crowded places.
- Social, political and religious events barred. Prior permissions stand cancelled.

**UPDATE (03.03.2020)**
Guidelines for quarantine of passengers coming from 6 international countries.

4. **Karnataka**

**UPDATE (25.03.2020)**
The state issued two types of persons for the regulation of movement in the state.

**UPDATE (24.03.2020)**

**Update 1:** An order was issued clarifying the industries which are allowed to operate during the lockdown period.

**Update 2:** In furtherance to the Section 144 order, certain provisions were further added.

**UPDATE (23.03.2020)**
In Furtherance to the lockdown orders issues, the state government issued a revised order that puts the orders of the lockdown till 1st of April as opposed to the earlier order of 31st of March.

**UPDATE (22.03.2020)**
A complete lockdown was imposed in 9 districts of the state. Section 144 is to be imposed in stated from 9 PM till 12 PM after Janata curfew ends. All commercial activities except medical stores, groceries and agricultural services in the districts specified by the Government are suspended till 31st March. Industrial establishments in the above districts that employ large number of people are instructed to deploy them in half numbers on alternate days. Interstate and inter-district services shall not be operated from the districts notified by the government.

**UPDATE (20.03.2020)**

**Update 1:** Further Regulations were issued under the Epidemic Diseases Act 1897 by the Government of Karnataka. The Summary has been given below:

- All hospitals have been directed to have Flu Corners for screening the suspected case of Covid-19.
• No person, institution or organization, shall use any print or electronic media for regarding Covid-19, without prior permission of the Department of Health and Family Welfare. Any entity or individual found indulging in such activity, shall be punishable under the Indian Penal Code (Central Act No 45 of 1860)

Update 2: Advisory for shopping malls and online marketing/delivery services was issued by the Directorate of Health and Family Welfare the summary of the advisory has been given below:

• All shopping malls, supermarkets, medium and major markets have been directed to take all steps necessary to reduce peak hour crowding.

• Management of all online marketing/delivery services have been directed to mandatorily provide masks to the delivery executives working with them. The masks have to be replaced every 4-6 hours or as and when they get soiled. Delivery executives must also be provided with hand sanitizers.

Update 3: In furtherance to the update on the 18th, the task force held a meeting on the 19th and decided to extend the time period of closure from the 31t of March to 4th of April. The task force also recommended the inclusion of certain activities/ institutions such as bars, dining outside etc.

UPDATE (18.03.2020)

Update 1: In furtherance to the update on the 13th, the conditions and directions have been extended till March 31. Chief Minister Yediyurappa informed the Legislative Assembly after an emergency Cabinet meeting where the COVID-19 situation was discussed at length.

The Cabinet has decided to form a task force dedicated to tackle the COVID-19 epidemic. The task force will have Health Minister B Sriramulu, Medical Education Minister K Sudhakar, Deputy Chief Minister CN Ashwath Narayan, Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Chief Secretary TM Vijay Bhaskar. It will function under Sriramulu.

The Cabinet also decided to “immediately” set aside Rs 200 crore to meet the expenses in tackling COVID-19. All international passengers will be screened and isolated for 15 to 16 days.

Update 2: Instructions for stamping of international passengers were issued by the Health and Family Welfare Department:

Commissioner of Health and Family Services, Karnataka has passed an order directing all health officers, deputed for segregating and quarantining passengers coming from Covid-19 affected countries, to stamp the back of the palm of such passengers to enable easy identification. This order will be implemented with immediate effect and will continue till 15th April 2020.

UPDATE (17.03.2020)

An Advisory for P.G Accommodation and Hostels was issued by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagar Palike which stated that:

• Students residing in PGs and Hostels have been advised to return to their homes if their educational institutions have declared holidays.

• In case the occupants choose to stay back, he/she should be made aware of the personal hygiene measures.
• Sanitation and cleaning of the facilities have been made a mandatory responsibility of the owners and managers of such properties.

• Owners and managers have been forbidden from forcing occupants out without giving them suitable time to look for alternate accommodation.

UPDATE (16.03.2020)
An Advisory for shopping centers/MARTS was issued by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagar Palike which stated that:

• Time bound sales promotion that have the potentiality of drawing large crowds to outlets has been strictly prohibited.

• Government has advised shopping centres to introduce ‘time bound token system, to reduce overcrowding.

• Additionally, the advisory comments on the precautions required to be taken, frequency of cleaning and sanitation process, training and sensitization of staff and other hygiene requirements.

UPDATE (13.03.2020)
A circular issued by the Bengaluru Commissioner’s Office on March 13 outlined actions that were to be enforced between midnight of March 14 and midnight of March 21. These include:

• IT/BT companies are advised to allow their employees to work from home and avoid international travel

• Places of mass gatherings such as cinema theaters, marriage halls, malls, and night-clubs to be closed

• Schools, colleges, universities, and coaching classes to be closed

• Swimming pools and multi-sports facilities to be closed

• Major sports events being held in stadiums like cricket, football, hockey etc. to be cancelled

• Conferences, workshops, marriages, jathras etc. which involve big gatherings to be cancelled

• Exams, government offices and legislative assembly to continue working

UPDATE (11.03.2020)
The government of Karnataka declared an epidemic on March 11.

UPDATE (03.03.2020)
Advisory to IT/BT company employees and staff issued by the Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Karnataka stating the following:

• Avoid non-essential travel to COVID-19 affected countries and refrain from travel to China, Iran, Republic of Korea, Italy, Japan and Iran.

• Employees other than those restricted Countries arriving directly or indirectly from China, South Korea, Japan, Iran, Italy, Hong Kong, Macau, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Nepal, Thailand, Singapore, Taiwan, UAE & Qatar must undergo medical screening at airport entry.

• Employees arriving through all international flights entering India from any port are required to furnish duly filled self-declaration form (including personal particulars - phone numbers and address in India) and travel history to health officials and immigration officials.
Those employees having flu like symptoms may be allowed to work from home with advice of standard hand hygiene and cough etiquette.

- Promote regular and thorough hand washing at workplace.
- Put sanitizing hand rub dispensers (alcohol based) in prominent places and provide access to places where staff can wash their hands with soap and water.
- Surfaces (Example: Desks & Tables) and objects (eg: Telephone, Keyboards) should be wiped with disinfectants regularly.

**5. Rajasthan**

**UPDATE (30.03.2020)**
The Rajasthan government has issued an order to acquire all private hospitals under the purview and control of the state government.

**UPDATE (26.03.2020)**
The state government has issued guidelines issued for the supply of essential food items during the lockdown period. The state government has given directions to the district collectors with immediate effect to ensure supply of essential food items to the common man during the period of lock-down declared due to Kovid-19 corona virus in the state. Home delivery to be encouraged: home delivery of groceries, essential commodities and medicines should be encouraged in the state, so that maximum social distancing is maintained.

**UPDATE (24.03.2020)**
During the 21-day lock down due to the Coronavirus, the state government announced that their foremost priority would be to ensure nobody goes hungry in the state. The state ensured that it would do everything possible so that all poor, deprived & daily wagers get food and rations.

**UPDATE (22.03.2020)**
Rajasthan government ordered the complete lockdown of the state till the 31st of March. Essential services such as grocery stores, fruits and vegetable stores and chemists were allowed to operate. Certain important decisions were taken in the interest of BPL families, social security pensioners, laborers etc.

**UPDATE (20.03.2020)**

*Update 1:* The state has issued important instructions to keep people safe from infection. Spas, clubs, bars will remain closed in the state and action will be taken against those who do not maintain home isolation.

*Update 2:* Prohibitory orders under Section 144 of the CrPC were imposed in Rajasthan’s Bhilwara district from Friday onwards after a doctor at a private hospital was tested positive for COVID-19, taking the total number of confirmed cases to 10 in the state. Markets were shut down post-noon to implement the prohibitory orders in the wake of the coronavirus threat.

*Update 3:* The Rajasthan government-imposed Section 144 of the CrPC across the state in order to contain the spread of coronavirus outbreak after three members of a family were tested positive for the infection in Jhunjhunu district. Chief minister Ashok Gehlot held a high-level review meeting on Covid19 to take stock of state’s preparedness.
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<td>Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot imposed Section 144 in the entire state which prohibits the gathering of five or more persons at any place. The chief minister has also directed the government and private schools to stop parent-teacher meetings and the admission process till March 31. In addition to this, all passengers returning from abroad will be taken to three hotels designated for quarantine and screened there. Those who are found with primary symptoms will be asked to stay in home-isolation with their hands stamped and a notice pasted outside their home so that visitors and neighbours remain cautious. Religious places have been also asked to make announcements on loudspeaker urging people not to gather in big numbers anywhere. Gehlot has also directed to close public and government libraries.</td>
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<td>Schools, colleges, cinema halls, coaching centres, gymnasiums etc. will be closed in Rajasthan till March 30 in view of the coronavirus outbreak. However, the ongoing school and college examinations will continue, and the functioning of medical and nursing colleges will also remain unaffected, they added. The decision was taken at a high-level review meeting called by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot late in the night. Musical events and other such programmes will also be postponed. The CM appealed to people to invite a limited number of guests to marriage and other functions.</td>
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<td>The government of Rajasthan declared an epidemic on March 12.</td>
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<td>The Government of Madhya Pradesh has approved an order of using Hydroxy Chloroquine for the prophylaxis of nCoVID-19 in at risk patients.</td>
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<td>The Government of Madhya Pradesh keeping in mind the growing transmission cases in the state has released a “Containment Plan-B Strategy”. The strategy focuses on Containment Area, Combat Response, Perimeter Control, Contact Tracing, and Buffer Zone Surveillance.</td>
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<td>The government of MP have created guidelines to control the spread of nCoVID-19 by equipping district medicals with adequate equipment and ICUs.</td>
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A dedicated district taskforce headed by the DM will conduct the walk-in interview to operate such centers.

**UPDATE (23.03.2020)**

Over 35 districts in Madhya Pradesh have so far declared lockdown in view of the growing threat of coronavirus in the state. The lockdown period in districts varies from 72 hours to April 3, official sources said. State capital Bhopal, Tikamgarh, Dindori, Raisen, Rajgarh, Chhatarpur, Datia, Morena, Hoshangabad, Umaria and Anooppur will remain under lockdown till March 31, while Narsinghpur will remain so till April 3. Besides, Sehore, Shajapur, Agar Malwa, Rewa, Shivpuri, Katni, Gwalior and Bhind will be locked down till March 24, Shahdol, Alirajpur till March 23, Dewas, Neemuch, Singrauli, Guna, Ratlam, Mandla, Mandsaur, Balaghat, Seoni, Ujjain, Sheopur, Jhabua, Vidisha till March 25, Jabalpur till March 26. Betul and Chhindwara will be under lockdown till further orders, the sources said. Prohibitory orders under Section 144 of CrPC have also been imposed in all these districts, they said.

**UPDATE (22.03.2020)**

**Update 1:** In view of the rising threat of coronavirus infection, acting Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath directed state Chief Secretary and Director General of Police to maintain complete shutdown by closing all business establishments in the state as per the requirement.

**Update 2:** The Madhya Pradesh School Education Department has asked the teachers to work from home in view of coronavirus spread. Earlier, when the schools were ordered to be kept shut, the teachers had been asked to visit their school during the regular duty hours.

**Update 3:** In a separate order, the Madhya Pradesh government directed the employees and officials of all its departments, except to the departments providing essential and emergency services, like health, police, fire brigade, electricity supply and sanitation, to work from home starting Monday till March 31.

**Update 4:** In view of the inconvenience caused to the poor families due to the lockdown, the caretaker Chief Minister Mr. Kamal Nath has instructed to provide ration free of cost to be distributed this month from shops of fair price in Bhopal and Jabalpur districts.

**UPDATE (21.03.2020)**

Total lockdown has been ordered for Jabalpur, Rewa, Seoni and Narsinghpur. MP CS M Gopal Reddy took stock of the situation in a video conferencing with district collectors on Saturday. Narsinghpur would be placed under 14-day lockdown from midnight on Saturday. Jabalpur and Rewa would be under lockdown for three days and in Seoni became effective from noon on Saturday. The decision was taken in emergency meeting held in midnight of district and police administration after four cases of coronavirus were found positive in Jabalpur. Section 144 has been imposed to implement the total Lock down.
**UPDATE (19.03.2020)**
The Madhya Pradesh government on Wednesday declared novel coronavirus as an infectious disease for the entire state. In the midst of political crises in the state, making a disease legally notifiable allows for intervention to control the spread of highly infectious diseases. A notifiable disease is any disease that is required by law to be reported to government authorities. The collation of information allows the authorities to monitor the disease and provides early warning of possible outbreaks. Any failure to report a notifiable disease is a criminal offence and the state government can take necessary action against defaulters. According to the notification issued by the Department of Public Health and Family Welfare, the action has been taken under Section 50 of the Madhya Pradesh Public Health Act 1949.

**UPDATE (18.03.2020)**
The Madhya Pradesh government has ordered the closure of state-protected monuments and all archaeological museums till further notice as a preventive measure to avoid the spread of the contagious virus. Pankaj Rag, Commissioner of Archaeology Archives and Museums said that museums and monuments will be closed for the visitors till further order, but staff will remain present on duty.

The government also announced the closure of malls, sanctum-sanctorum of prominent temples, public gardens, marriage halls in Indore till March 31. Besides, coaching centres, gyms, amusement parks, water parks, libraries, pubs, and discotheques will also be closed till March 31.

**UPDATE (13.03.2020)**

**Update 1:** The minutes of meeting chaired by Hon’ble CM on COVID-19 preparedness.

Key measures to be adopted:

- Suspending schools and colleges except board exams
- Closing cinema halls, suspending bio-metric attendance of employees,
- Stopping official travel, postponement of official meetings and trainings, and public gatherings
- Urging religious heads to reduce or curtail religious gatherings
- Keep close watch on the situation in the neighboring states of Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan
- Ensure adequate funds are made available for handling the situation.

**Update 2:** The Madhya Pradesh government on Friday ordered closure of schools as well as cinema halls in view of the coronavirus threat.

While schools, both government and private, will remain closed indefinitely till further order, cinema halls will remain closed till March 31, or as per further order.

An order issued by the Commercial Tax Department and signed by deputy secretary S D Richharia said all cinema halls across the state have been asked to remain closed from March 14 to March 31 or till further order.
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The Kerala government announced care for guest workers, that hosts a large number of migrant workers from other Indian States. The state has opened 4603 camps for the 44,145 guest workers providing them facilities of masks, soaps & sanitizers and free food from community kitchen |
| **UPDATE (28.03.2020)**  
Update 1: Kerala government has started delivering cooked foods to the financial weak people at their doorsteps free of cost by setting up community kitchens at all the 941 panchayats in the state in view of the lockdown.  
Update 2: The Kerala government has started stamping Covid-19 stickers on houses of families directed to remain home quarantined to monitor their movements and enforce total isolation. The sticker with serial number reveals number of persons under home quarantine, the date of quarantine started and date of ending isolation. |
| **UPDATE (27.03.2020)**  
The Kerala Government announced the formation of Youth Volunteer Force of 2.36 lakh volunteers after the high-level review meeting in Thiruvananthapuram. The plan is to mobilise a volunteer army youths between the age of 22 and 40 to take up various necessary services that have cropped up in the wake of the outbreak. All the 941 panchayats in Kerala have been asked to identify 200 volunteers each, the 87 municipalities will pick 500 each, the six corporations will pick 750 each. |
| **UPDATE (26.03.2020)**  
The Kerala Government has opted for the legislative route to strengthen prohibitive measures and the Cabinet meeting approved the replacement of the Travancore Epidemic Diseases Act, Cochin Epidemic Diseases Act and the Epidemic Diseases Act (1987) in force in Malabar with “Kerala Epidemic Diseases Ordinance 2020” on Wednesday, which will give the government greater powers to act in the face of a pandemic. It enables the government to adopt stringent measures like closing down the state's borders, restricting public and private transportation, and bringing in additional guidelines for social control. |
| **UPDATE (25.03.2020)**  
Kerala government enforced total prohibition in the state to prevent people from queuing up in front of State-run liquor outlets during the COVID-19 outbreak. |
| **UPDATE (23.03.2020)**  
The state government has decided to impose a lockdown till March 31. All border roads of the state would be closed. Kerala State Road Transport Corporation and private buses will not ply, but private vehicles would be allowed. Petrol stations would not be shut, and LPG distribution will be allowed. |
| **UPDATE (22.03.2020)**  
The office of the Chief Minister of Kerala, Pinarayi Vijayan, on Sunday dismissed news reports that the government planned to bring more districts in the State under total lockdown. In a statement here, the office stated that the government had stringently regulated public life only in Kasargode for now. |
Chief Secretary Tom Jose said of the seven new fresh COVID-19 cases that were detected in the State on Sunday, five were from Kasargode. Those infected had recently returned from the Gulf. Given the gravity of the epidemic situation in Kasargode, the government was constrained to impose a total shutdown without disrupting essential services and procurement of food, milk, medicine and other commodities, he said.

The Centre had advised the Kerala government to lockdown at least seven districts which had reported COVID-19 infections. However, it had given the State considerable latitude in making its own decisions.

**UPDATE (19.03.2020)**
The state government has announced 20,000 Cr financial package to fight the pandemic. Some key features of the financial package are:

- Loans worth 2000 Cr through Kudumbashree
- 2000 Cr for employment guarantee programme
- 2 months welfare pensions in advance
- 500 Cr health package
- 2000 Cr for MNREGS
- ₹50 Cr for Subsidized meals at ₹20

**UPDATE (15.03.2020)**
The Government of Kerala has released the Advisory for Airport arrangements along with flow chart depicting screening of passengers.

**UPDATE (10.03.2020)**
The government decided to impose severe restrictions, including closure of educational institutions and cinema houses till the month end

**UPDATE (04.03.2020)**
After three people from the state tested positive for coronavirus, the Government of Kerala declared the lethal disease caused by the novel coronavirus as a “state calamity”.

**8. Andhra Pradesh**

**UPDATE (30.03.2020)**

**Update 1:** The Andhra Pradesh government has now decided to reduce the relaxation time given to citizens for buying essentials during lockdown by two hours in urban areas. Now, public can only go out to buy essential commodities between 6 am to 11 am every day and afterwards the government authorities will ensure strict lockdown in the state.

**Update 2:** In the wake of the lockdown, the Andhra Pradesh government has introduced an (Emergency) e-pass system in the state to facilitate the manufacturing and transport of essential goods. The government has made it clear that all essential goods companies and suppliers can avail the e-pass by applying online. These passes will be issued under the supervision of District Joint Collector.
UPDATE (29.03.2020)

**UPDATE 1:** The AP Government is making sure that vulnerable sections of the society aren’t hit the hardest. In a meeting with the concerned officials today, CM Reddy announced that pension will be door delivered as usual to all the eligible beneficiaries.

**Update 2:** In view of the lockdown, all BPL households will get ration along with a kg of dal thrice - on March 29th, April 15th & April 29th. Financial assistance of Rs 1000 will also be provided to these families on 4th of April, with the help of village volunteers.

UPDATE (28.03.2020)

A joint quarantine operation was carried out by the Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka governments in order to help 1334 migrant laborer from various districts of Andhra Pradesh. The migrant workers were not permitted to enter AP due to the lockdown and the guidelines of the Union as well as state government. Instead, both the governments decided to initiate a Joint Quarantine operation in Kolar in order to take care of their stay for the time being while taking precautionary measures to ensure none of them are Covid-19 carriers.

UPDATE (27.03.2020)

The Andhra Pradesh government will bring in an Ordinance for voting on the account budget for the three-month period up to June 30 for all Departmental expenses in wake of the Covid-19 crisis. The Cabinet has approved the Ordinance for withdrawal of money to meet the State’s expenses for the next three months, and once it gets the Governor’s nod, the details would be revealed.

UPDATE (26.03.2020)

The Andhra Pradesh government has announced that final exams for students from class 6 to 9 are to be cancelled, and all students are to be passed and promoted to the next grade. Exams for classes 1 to 5 have already been conducted, while the SSC (Secondary School Certificate) exams for Class 10, which were scheduled for March 31, have been postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

UPDATE (25.03.2020)

At a high-level meeting held today, it has been decided to decentralize the farmer’s bazaars on a large scale in cities and towns. CM Jagan suggested that steps should be taken as soon as possible to make vegetables and essentials available to the public. It has been decided to allow from 6 am to 1 pm.

UPDATE (22.03.2020)

Andhra Pradesh announced a statewide lockdown to counter the growing threat of COVID-19. CM Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy appealed to people to remain indoors till the month end to save themselves and society from the virus. He announced that the public transport services will remain suspended during the period. The state would also close its borders with neighboring states to stop movement of people. He said only essential services would be exempted from the lockdown. Shops selling essential commodities would remain open.
Jagan announced that every family under below poverty line will be provided Rs 1,000 and one kg free dal through fair price shops. Monthly ration for the white ration card holders will be made available on March 29.

**UPDATE (19.03.2020)**

The Andhra Pradesh government has ordered the closure of cinema halls, malls and major places of worship in the state till March 31, to avoid large gatherings as a preventive measure against the spread of the coronavirus.

The state also advised bars, restaurants and other commercial establishments which are to remain open, to maintain a minimum distance of one metre between tables, to maintain hygiene in the surroundings and to make sanitisers available to customers.

Alla Kali Krishna Srinivas, Minister of Health, Family Welfare and Medical Education of Andhra Pradesh asked the transport department to discourage passengers from overcrowding the vehicles. The Minister also requested IT employees who can afford to work from home to do so.

**UPDATE (18.03.2020)**

The Andhra Pradesh government on the 18th decided to close all the educational institutions from March 19, 2020. Thousands of schools, colleges, universities and other educational institutions will remain closed till the government makes a further announcement on the reopening of these institutions.

**UPDATE (15.03.2020)**

Civic polls (urban and local) in the state of Andhra Pradesh has been put off in view of coronavirus spread.

The State Election Commission on March 15, 2020 decided to exercise its plenary powers to put on hold the election process for a period of six weeks or till the threat of Covid-19 is arrested or declined and normalcy is restored.

### 9. Assam

**UPDATE (28.03.2020)**

The state ordered Deputy Commissioners of the state to issue gratuitous relief materials for 7 days to the daily wage workers in the urban areas as per the norms of Assam Relief Manuals. The state also ordered the production units of daily groceries such as bread, biscuit, water, rice and so on to continue production with minimum staff maintaining social distancing.

**UPDATE (27.03.2020)**

Update 1: Chief Minister issues directive for lockdown. Some directives are:

- Deputy Commissioners will organize distribution of vegetable etc through mobile vans in all areas in alternate days.
- All markets will remain closed until further order except grocery and pharmacy.
- All meat, fish shops will remain closed till March 31.

**Update 2:** An additional advisory was issued by the Assam administration:

- Interstate & intrastate movement of petroleum products, dairy products, animal feed, LPG, food items, drugs, pharmaceutical and medical items will note be restricted.
• District Authority to maintain a database of transporter/suppliers of such products.
• Railways, airports for exempt cargo movement to be allowed
• Supply of fruits, vegetables and dairy products to be made available at doorsteps.
• The total no. of persons to be allowed to the market should not be more than ten at a time.

UPDATE (23.03.2020)
The Assam Government has decided for a complete lockdown in Assam from 6 PM till 12 PM of March 31. Only essential services will be able to function in the state.

UPDATE (22.03.2020)
The State Transport Department has issued an order to prohibit all inter-state passenger vehicles to and from Assam, to other States and UTs up to March 31, 2020. The order has exempted goods vehicles.

UPDATE (21.03.2020)
To combat the COVID-19, Assam government has invoked Epidemic Act 1897 to prevent the spread of disease. Assam government has decided to transfer $2000 to those people from Assam stranded outside the country. Following the pandemic, Assam state Election commission has deferred election to Bodoland Territorial Council. Election was slated for April 4. Assam government and opposition Congress had sought deferment of polls to the sixth schedule council.

Update (20.03.2020)
**Update 1:** Assam government cancelled all examinations in the state till March 31 apart from directing that now, 50 per cent government officials will work from home. The new directives came in the wake of the novel coronavirus, or Covid-19, outbreak in India. Assam health minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Friday said that the state government has taken preventive measures to keep a check on the novel coronavirus outbreak.

From March 21, 50 per cent employees of the government departments will work from home on a rotation basis. This rotational system will be continued till March 31. But the employees of the essential services including health, fire brigade, police etc, will have to continue their duties regularly. There will be no leave for the employees of health department including ministers. The state government has also decided to shut all crowded areas in the state in the next 48 hours to stop mass gatherings.

**Update 2:** After shutting down all educational institutes to prevent spread of coronavirus the Assam education department on Friday ordered use of WhatsApp to resume education activities remotely to prevent any possibility of dropout during the period of closure. The state department also stated that other free technologies like Google Classroom should be explored in future and feedback of the same needs to be shared with them.
**UPDATE (19.03.2020)**
The state government has ordered shutting all museums, libraries, coaching centres, beauty parlours and barber shops till 31st March 2020.

**UPDATE (18.03.2020)**

**Update 1:** The Assam government has ordered the closure of all liquor bars, night clubs, beauty parlors and salons in the state as a precautionary measure against the spread of coronavirus.

**Update 2:** The government of Assam issues The Assam Epidemic Diseases, COVID-19 Regulations, 2020. The rules classify appropriate personnel as authorized persons. The rules also list down measures and instructions to be followed with respect to the containment and handling of the COVID-19 epidemic.

**UPDATE (16.03.2020)**

Gymnasiums, swimming pools and cinema halls in the state till March 29 as state governments ramped up measures to avoid community transmission of coronavirus. The state government has also decided to close all national parks, tiger reserves and sanctuaries in the state beginning from the 17th. Permissions granted for film shoots and research in protected areas will also remain suspended till March 29.

**UPDATE (15.03.2020)**

The Government of Assam has declared all schools, colleges and universities closed till 29th March as a measure to combat coronavirus.

The state government has issued the order, with immediate effect.

**10. Tamil Nadu**

**UPDATE (27.03.2020)**

Companies such as “Swiggy, Zomato, Uber eats” are allowed to take breakfast from 7 am to 9.30 pm, lunch from 12 pm to 2.30 pm and dinner from 6 pm to 9 pm.

**UPDATE (25.03.2020)**

**Update 1:** Students who will not be able to write the Higher Secondary Exam (+2) on 24th March 2020 will be given a separate day to write the exam. A schedule will be announced later.

**Update 2:** The school education department in Tamil Nadu has been ordered to declare all students passed from grade 1 to 9.

**Update 3:** All the remaining tea shops in Tamil Nadu will be banned from operating from 6 pm today, until further notice.

**UPDATE (24.03.2020)**

The Tamil Nadu government issued an order clarifying essential services and essential industries which will be allowed to operate during the lockdown.

**UPDATE (23.03.2020)**

Tamil Nadu will be under a lockdown till March 31 from 6 PM on to prevent the spread of coronavirus and CrPC section 144 will be invoked for its implementation, Chief Minister K Palaniswami announced.
- **Barring** essential and emergency services, public and private transportation, including cars, taxis, autos and buses, will not function.
- **Outlets** selling essential items - milk, vegetable, grocery, fish & poultry will continue to function in this period.
- **Employees** of private companies and IT firms should be instructed to work from home.
- **Restaurants** will be allowed to operate ‘take away’ (parcel/delivery) services. Government-run Amma canteens will operate as usual.
- **Only** hospitals, firms involved in healthcare will operate.
- **Government** departments and offices other than those are essential like police, fire and rescue, health, courts and local bodies will not function
- **Firms** manufacturing essential goods and export companies will to operate with only minimal employees.
- **Construction** activities, other than essential are banned. Wages for labourers must be paid during this period.

Noting that borders of all districts in the state will be closed under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, he directed district collectors and police commissioners to issue appropriate orders under section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

**UPDATE (22.03.2020)**

**Update 1:** The Tamil Nadu government extended the ‘Janata Curfew’ till 5 a.m. on Monday, March 23, according to an official release issued.

**Update 2:** Metro Rail Services operated in Chennai and Interstate and private bus services were suspended from 22.3.2020 till 31.3.2020 midnight.

**Update 3:** Chennai and Erode districts in Tamil Nadu will be under lockdown till March 31 to prevent Covid-19 spread. However, essential services would not be affected. Chennai, Kancheepuram and Erode are among the 75 districts across the country which would be under lockdown, as directed by the central government.

**UPDATE (21.03.2020)**

Class X state board exams in Tamil Nadu have been postponed due to coronavirus outbreak. The exams were scheduled to start on March 27 and end on April 13, but now they will be held only after April 14. Director of school education S Kannappan said they were yet to decide on the new dates. “The new dates will be announced shortly,” he said. But class XI and XII board exams would continue, he added. Class XI and XII board exams started last month. While the Class XI board exams will conclude on March 26, Class XII finals will end on March 24.

**UPDATE (17.03.2020)**

A special task force has been appointed to look into coronavirus cases, headed by the secretary general of the state government, which comprises official and non-official members.

**UPDATE (16.03.2020)**

**Update 1:** Tamil Nadu has directed schools to declare holiday and also ordered closure of malls, movie theatres in the state’s border Taluks till March 31 amid
the coronavirus outbreak. The state called for closure of schools for students in LKG to fifth standard across the state.

Malls and movie theatres in Theni, Kanyakumari, Coimbatore, Nilgiri, Krishnagiri, Tirunelveli, Tenkasi, Tiruvallur, Vellore, Tirupattur, Ranipet, Erode, Dindigul, Dharmapuri and Virudhunagar districts to remain shut till March 31. Schools in these Taluks are already closed.

The order also setting up of quarantine wards near the airports in the state for passengers with COVID-19 symptoms. To prevent the spread of the virus from neighboring states, he ordered setting up of monitoring centres and check posts in the border districts. The order also sanctioned Rs 60 crore from the State Disaster Fund for various departments for carrying out measures to curb the pandemic.

**Update 2:** The CM asked the people to avoid travel to other states and large gatherings for the next 15 days. Senior citizens, children and those who are sick were likewise advised to avoid going to crowded places.

**Update 3:** The Tamil Nadu government has ordered for the closure of schools, colleges, malls, theaters, amusement parks, pubs, swimming pools, gymnasiums and TASMAC bars all over the State till March 31 amid the coronavirus outbreak gripping the country.

CM Palaniswami said these measures would take effect from 17th onwards. This announcement comes close on the heels of CM Palaniswami’s announcement on the 15th where he called for the closure of several establishments in 16 districts in the State that share their borders with states like Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala.

In a statement to the press on Monday, the CM said that while all schools will remain shut, only the board exams and practical exams for class X and XII and entrance exams will take place as scheduled. He urged people to practice social distancing and avoid crowded places as much as possible.

To this effect, he asked citizens to curb attending social functions or even avoid visiting places of worship too till the situation stabilises. The government has also banned public meetings, conferences and processions till 31 March.

He put firm restrictions on places like marriage halls where he said none of these halls should be rented out for any new functions till March 31. He ordered that all tourist resorts in the State should also be shut till March 31 and no advance booking should be accepted till March 31.

The CM said that TN will look at creating quarantine facilities at international airports in Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai and Tiruchi and that 24-hour helplines too have been set up in TN to deal with queries on the disease. In a bid to manage panic and stop the spread of false news, the CM said stringent criminal action would be taken against those spreading false information on Coronavirus in the State.

**UPDATE (15.03.2020)**

The state government on March 15, 2020 notified the Tamil Nadu COVID-19 Regulations 2020, detailing the responsibilities of hospitals and individuals and the powers of officials in relation to the diagnosis, treatment and containment of COVID-19.
The regulations issued under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, mandate every hospital to maintain wards exclusively for examining persons suspected to have the disease. If people who are supposed to be under isolation refuse to isolate themselves, authorized officials can forcefully admit them to a hospital for isolation for the required period.

### 11. Uttarakhand

**UPDATE (30.03.2020)**

After Center ordered a crackdown on those who are violating lockdown by walking on foot from one state to another, Uttarakhand government on Sunday cancelled 13-hours ease on travel on March 31. Trivendra Singh Rawat, Chief Minister of Uttarakhand said, “We have an adequate supply of essential goods in Uttarakhand. No one will sleep hungry in the state. Shops of essential items will open from 7 am to 1 pm.”

**UPDATE (26.03.2020)**

**Update 1:** The Uttarakhand government on March 26 decided to let the shops selling essentials in the state to stay open for six hours instead of three to stop overcrowding in marketplaces. Shops selling essential articles will remain open from 7 am to 1 pm instead of just three hours till 10 am to ensure better compliance of social distancing norms which alone can curb the coronavirus spread, officials here said.

**Update 2:** The Uttarakhand government will extend life insurance facility to officials involved in the fight against novel coronavirus in the hill state. Also, authorities are mulling many other facilities for them.

**Update 3:** Uttarakhand Education Secretary R Meenakshi Sundaram on Wednesday issued an order to stop the collection of fees by all the government and private schools under CBSE, ICSE or state boards. Fees should be collected once the situation normalizes.

**UPDATE (24.03.2020)**

The statewide lockdown is not allowing even grocery shops to remain open and private vehicles on the roads after 10 am. Shops selling essentials and private vehicles had been kept out of the purview of the lockdown so that people are not inconvenienced but crowding on the streets on Monday prompted the government to open them only for three hours in the morning from 7 am to 10 am.

**UPDATE (22.03.2020)**

The Uttarakhand government imposed a lockdown in the state till March 31. State bus services and public transport buses plying within the state will remain suspended during the period. However, essential supplies such as medicines, foodgrains, vegetables will be available to people as they were kept out of the ambit of the lockdown. The shops selling foodgrains, medicines and other essentials will remain open.

**UPDATE (20.03.2020)**

In order to curb the spreading of Coronavirus, the government banned the entry of domestic as well as foreign tourists within the state till further orders.
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Update 2: The Union Territory administration on Thursday said that those who are spreading rumours and misinformation related to coronavirus on social media will be booked under law.

UPDATE (25.03.2020)
Hours after Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a 21-day nationwide lockdown in the entire country, the Chandigarh administration decided not to give any relaxation in curfew for the time being and said some essential items will be supplied to residents door to door. The UT Administration has decided to use ration stores, fruit and vegetable shops and medical stores in sector markets as points for organising door-to-door delivery during the curfew period. Either government or private couriers will deliver the orders to the residents on the doorstep.

UPDATE (24.03.2020)
The Chandigarh Administration on Tuesday announced that it would enforce a sector-wise curfew or ensure door-to-door delivery of essential items from Wednesday. The Administration has also converted the Cricket Stadium in Sector 16 and the Sports Complex in Manimajra into a “temporary jail” to house those found violating curfew orders.

UPDATE (23.03.2020)
The Chandigarh Administration on Monday announced a curfew to be imposed in the Union Territory from midnight of March 24 till further orders. With the imposition of curfew, all the residents will be required to stay indoors. Only those individuals engaged in essential services like police and medical etc would be allowed curfew passes. The relaxation in curfew hours will be given for purchase of essential items in due course.

UPDATE (22.03.2020)
The Union Territory Administration on ordered a lockdown imposing restrictions till March 31 including suspension of public transport to prevent spread of the infection. Till 31st March, all non-essential establishments including Offices, Schools, Colleges, factories and other business establishments shall remain closed. All public transport shall also remain suspended, said an official statement. However, essential services including vegetable shops, ration shops, chemists etc shall remain open, it said.

UPDATE (21.03.2020)
In order to slow the spread of the coronavirus pandemic, the Chandigarh Administration has started labeling the houses of those who have been home quarantined to alert the visitors. Also, the list of people will be uploaded on the administration’s website, chd.gov.in. Also, a stamp would be put on the right hand of the suspected patients to reveal their quarantined time frame.

UPDATE (16.03.2020)
The Chandigarh administration declared an epidemic on March 11. A circular issued by the Health Department Office on March 16, 2020 outlined actions that were to be enforced March 31, 2020 to prevent and control the spread of
1. **Odisha**

**UPDATE (28.03.2020)**

Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik has announced that 100 to 200 destitute and helpless persons shall be provided cooked food in every Gram-Panchayat daily. Self Help Groups have been entrusted with the work and people will take cooked food to their house. THE CM has also announced @Rs. 3000/- financial assistance to 65,000 registered street vendors in 114 urban areas of the State.

**UPDATE (27.03.2020)**

In view of challenging COVID-19 situation and impact on livelihood of poor people Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has announced a package of Rs.2200 crore for welfare of poor people. Under the package, 94 lakh beneficiaries under food security cover will be given ration for 3 months in advance and they will be given Rs. 1000/- each. Rs. 940 crores will be spent for the purpose. 48 lakh beneficiaries under different Social Security Schemes will be given 4 months’ pension in advance for which Rs. 932 crores will be spent. Similarly, Rs. 330 crores will be given to 22 lakh registered construction workers @Rs. 1500/-

**UPDATE (26.03.2020)**

**Update 1:** Keeping in view the role and responsibility of the newspapers, Government has included newspapers and the distribution as essential services and thus the vehicles carrying the newsprints and newspapers are allowed to ply without any obstruction. Newspaper sale counters will operate from 7AM to 8AM and hawkers are allowed to move to the lifting point and for distribution of the newspapers between 4AM to 7AM. They are advised to maintain social distancing and hand washing strictly.

**Update 2:** A tripartite agreement between the Government of Odisha, medical colleges (SUM & KIIMS), and corporates (Mahanadi Coalfields Limited & Odisha Mining Corporation) was signed to set up a 1000 bed exclusive nCoVID-19 treatment hospital in a fortnight.

**UPDATE (25.03.2020)**

**Update 1:** The State Government has released 44.50 crores from its Chief Minister’s Relief Fund to 30 district’s Red Cross Societies to take necessary steps to combat nCoVID-19. The Odisha State Medical Corporation has declared incentives for early delivery of medicines and medical equipments – 50% extra for delivery in 7 days; 25% for delivery in 15 days, and 10% for delivery in 30 days. Full cost of transportation along with full payment within 24 hours of delivery has been assured. Veterinary services have been included in essential services, and keeping in mind 78,223 returnees from other states, district administration have been directed to aware citizens about procedures of home quarantine.

**Update 2:** District Administrators and Police are required to provide all necessary support in movement of the inmates of SC/ST hostel, headmaster/teachers, and parents/guardians/representatives of inmates.
### Update (24.03.2020)

**Update 1:** In supersession of the earlier order of lockdown of 14 districts and 1 Municipal Corporation, the Government of Odisha has extended the lockdown to the entire state from midnight 24th March 2020, until 29th March 2020. This lockdown will stipulate the stoppage of all public transport except all kinds to and from hospitals; closure of shops, commercial establishments, offices, factories, workshops, godowns; postponement of benefits such as pension, and PDS; restriction of movement, and home quarantine for foreign returnees. Private vehicles are prohibited from plying on roads, except of those involved in nCoVID-19 emergency services after special authorization. Cargo service and production units of essential items are advised to follow social distancing norms. Congregation of more than seven persons is prohibited. The power of classification of essential and emergency services now lies in the hand of the District Magistrate and Municipal Commissioners.

**Update 2:** All nursing authorities and students are ordered to resume clinical duties, even after suspension of classes.

**Update 3:** The state government has ordered immediate stoppage of all construction work except work for health facilities and work related to nCoVID-19.

**Update 4:** The state government has empowered all Collector, District Magistrates, Municipal Commissioners, all Eos of ULBs as the case may be for the home delivery of pension and PDS to beneficiaries.

**Update 5:** Doctors, nurses, and other health care workers can move during the period of lockdown after showing valid ID card, when asked.

**Update 6:** Trade license certificate will be a valid document to facilitate unhindered movement of goods listed in emergency and essential services.

**Update 7:** The state government has allowed government officials above 50 to take commuted leave without the production of a medical certificate, if they have underlying health conditions.

### UPDATE (22.03.2020)

*The government of Odisha ordered for the following:*

- Railway Board has declared closure of all Passenger Trains with immediate effect and up to midnight of 31st March. The trains enroute shall be allowed to reach their destination.

- All interstate bus operation to and from Odisha will remain suspended till further orders. Inter-state buses coming from other states will not be allowed to reach their destination in Odisha after 11AM on 23/03/2020. Similarly, no inter-state bus will be allowed to operate to other state from Odisha after 11AM on 23/03/2020.

- Government of Odisha has constituted a State level Monitoring Unit on Goods & Services. The Committee shall assess requirements and monitor flow of goods and take actions to remove bottlenecks if any. It shall also create a platform to facilitate traders and transporters to air their issues and resolve the same.
• There shall be no restriction on movement of Permitted Goods including coal and other minerals to ensure smooth supply chain. All Permitted Goods vehicle shall be allowed to move unhindered.

UPDATE (21.03.2020)
Chief minister Naveen Patnaik announced complete lockdown in 5 districts and 8 major towns, including state capital Bhubaneswar to prevent transmission of coronavirus Emergency services will not be affected in the restrictions. Naveen said these are the districts were more than 70% of total 3200 foreign returnees belong to. Odisha has so far reported two persons positive for coronavirus, with travel history to Italy and UK. Their condition is stable. In a pre-recorded video message, Naveen said, “We have more than 3000 people who have returned from foreign countries. They are advised for home quarantine. A majority of them belong to the following districts of Khurda (of which Bhubaneswar is a part), Cuttack, Ganjam, Kendrapada, Angul besides the towns of Puri, Rourkela, Sambalpur, Jharsuguda, Balasore, Jajpur Road, Jajpur town besides Bhadrak. In the first phase, we are going for a near complete lockdown in all these areas from 7 am tomorrow (Sunday) till 9pm of March 29.”

UPDATE (20.03.2020)
In a bid to contain the spreading of novel coronavirus, Odisha Government issued orders to maintain social distancing in an effective way. The congregation of over seven persons have been restricted in Odisha, stated the press note by OSD to Chief Secretary Asit Kumar Tripathi. The Odisha government has also ordered immediate closure of restaurants, bars, coffee shops, canteens and other eateries inorder to minimise and contain the spread of Covid-19. Besides this, all hotels have been directed to maintain a distance of 2 metres among guests in their in-house restaurants. All hotels and restaurants have been advised to encourage its customers and guests to take takeaways. Odisha government also ordered immediate closure of all liquor shops until further orders. In another advisory, Odisha government has ordered for implementation of odd-even formula for public transport vehicles like buses, taxis and auto-rickshaws.

UPDATE (16.04.2020)
The State government has made it mandatory for foreign travelers to register their names on returning to the state and avail an incentive of Rs 15,000 for registration and home isolation.
Anyone who comes to Odisha from abroad has to register himself/herself mandatorily with the toll-free number 104 or the online portal. This should be done within 24 hours of arrival with basic details and phone numbers. Advance registration before arrival is preferred and travelers will be required to be in home quarantine for 14 days. Their location will be tracked during their home isolation and a mandated number of calls will be made every day to keep a close watch and give appropriate medical guidance.

UPDATE (14.03.2020)
Odisha government, on Friday, declared coronavirus a ‘disaster’ under the provision of Disaster Management Act, 2005. The state cabinet has also sanctioned Rs 200 crore to combat the coronavirus. The decision has been taken
in order to empower public officials to deal with the situation. The government has also closed schools, colleges, cinema halls, gyms and swimming pools till March 31. Besides, non-essential official gatherings such as seminars, workshops, conferences will not be allowed. Social gatherings and assemblies like religious functions, marriage receptions, parties will be regulated by local authorities.

### 14. Goa

**UPDATE (25.03.2020)**

**Update 1:** The government of Goa released an order on the standard operating procedures with respect to issuing of travel permits.

**Update 2:** The government of Goa released an order allowing establishments/NGO’s/volunteers to carry out home deliver of essential goods. It also allowed for travel permits to be given to vehicles involved in such acts in their respective jurisdictions.

**Update 3:** Order issued by the state government restricting the movement of vehicles till the 14th of April.

**UPDATE (24.03.2020)**

Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant on Tuesday announced complete lockdown in the state till March 31 in the wake of coronavirus spread. Earlier, the chief minister had urged tourists to not visit the state before March 31 and now the government has expanded the restrictions in the state. Beaches, restaurants and many public places will remain closed, in the wake of COVID19,” said Pramod Sawant.

**UPDATE (21.03.2020)**

The Goa government on Saturday imposed section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) across the State to prohibit large gatherings in order to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

The State government has also issued an order banning inter-State transport, except for the supply of essential commodities, from Saturday night onwards, he said.

Private vehicles may be allowed to enter the state only after the passengers are thoroughly screened, he added.

Private events, including weddings, are also banned till further orders.

The State government has also decided to crack down on those who forward fake messages about the pandemic, the Minister said, adding that cases will be registered against such offenders.

**UPDATE (20.03.2020)**

The Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) in Goa has asked all foreigners ‘stuck’ in the state because of travel restrictions in view of the coronavirus outbreak to apply for visa extensions online. The directive comes as several tourists who arrived in Goa for holiday are not able to return to their native countries. In a statement to the media, the FRRO has asked the tourists to apply for the visa extension online and not to visit the office physically, to avoid the spread of the virus.
### Update (19.03.2020)

The Goa government on Thursday ordered a further clampdown on public spaces by directing the closure of pubs, malls, weekly markets and coaching classes till March 31. An order issued by the Director of state Health Services, Jose A.O. D’Sa, said that the closure orders would come into effect from the midnight of March 20 and would be valid until March 31.

### Update (14.03.2020)

The Government of Goa has announced the shuttering of all educational institutions including schools, colleges as well as cinema halls, boat cruises, casinos and nightclubs as measures to contain the spread of coronavirus. The strictures will come into effect from 15TH midnight and will be in force until March 31, after which they will be reviewed. Citizens were also advised to not participate an any mass gathering/function/events and festivals till the 31st of March.

### 15. Bihar

### Update (30.03.2020)

The Bihar government has made arrangement in local schools in border areas to quarantine the returning migrant labourers. At Siwan, Kaimur and Buxar districts which share their border with U.P., such arrangements have been made.

### Update (27.03.2020)

Nitish Kumar-led Bihar government has announced a Rs 100 crore relief package to help the poor and daily wage labourers of the state. The state government has also decided to turn schools into shelter homes. The government has assured it will provide food and temporary shelter for the needy. Bihar government has also announced Rs 100 crore from the Chief Minister Relief Fund for the migrants stranded in other states.

### Update (26.03.2020)

**Update 1:** Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on march 26 announced that all ration card holding families will get an assistance of Rs. 1000 each. The money will be transferred into the account of ration card holding families through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system.

**Update 2:** The residents of Bihar will be helped in any city of Bihar or anywhere outside Bihar. The government will arrange for their food and accommodation. Rs 100 crore has been released from the Chief Minister’s Relief Fund to provide relief to those trapped in the lockdown.

### Update (24.03.2020)

Chief Minister Nitish Kumar too has announced that one month ration will be given free to all cardholders and has appealed to people and administration to enforce a lockdown in their area effectively. He also announced some financial relief for students and three months advance pension for all those eligible under old-age pension, widow pension and disability pension schemes.

### Update (22.03.2020)

The Bihar government announced a lockdown in urban areas with immediate effect to contain the possible spread of the novel coronavirus. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar said the lockdown is being enforced in all district, sub-divisional and block headquarters and municipal towns till March 31.
### UPDATE (21.03.2020)
The Bihar government on Saturday ordered shutting down of bus services, restaurants and banquet halls across the state till March 31 to prevent the spread of novel coronavirus. However, home delivery and take home services of restaurants will remain functional, a health department order said. The state government, invoking the Bihar Epidemic Diseases, COVID-19 Regulations, 2020, said the restrictions have come into force with immediate effect. “The decision was taken for prevention and control of the outbreak of epidemic disease namely COVID-19 in the state,” Health Department Principal Secretary Sanjay Kumar said in the order. Transport Secretary Sanjay Kumar Agarwal said both city and inter-state buses will not ply till March 31 in the wake of the coronavirus outbreak. “All types of government and private city buses and inter-state buses will not ply till March 31,” Agarwal said. City buses will stop plying from Saturday, while inter-state bus services will be suspended from Sunday, he said.

### UPDATE (18.04.2020.)
The Bihar government ordered all shopping malls, gyms, spas and swimming pools across the state to suspend their operations till 31 March in view of the novel coronavirus pandemic. Invoking the ‘Bihar Epidemic Diseases, COVID 19 Regulations, 2020’, which came into force on Tuesday, the state government said in a notification that the restrictions were “with immediate effect”.

It also restricted “all mass gatherings, including family gatherings except marriages” to a “maximum of 50 persons” and directed major shops and restaurants to carry out disinfection twice a day ensure ample availability of hand sanitizers for visitors and allowing “entry only after cleaning of hands”.

### UPDATE (17.04.2020)
Bihar Epidemic Diseases, COVID 19 Regulations, 2020 was invoked and came into force.

### UPDATE (13.04.2020)
Bihar government has shut down all school and colleges in the state till March 31 amid coronavirus outbreak. All schools and colleges will be shut down till March 31 in view of the coronavirus outbreak. However, the CBSE and ICSE board exams will continue until the respective boards decide to postpone it.

### 16. Puducherry

#### UPDATE (28.03.2020)
**Update 1:** The Puducherry government announced the extension of lockdown period from 31st March to 14th April as per directive by the central government.

**Update 2:** The Puducherry government in association with the Puducherry Traders Federation has begun home delivery of essentials to residents to during the three-week lockdown to prevent the spread of COVID-19 pandemic.

#### UPDATE (25.03.2020)
**Update 1:** In concurrence to the 21-day order issued by the Prime Minister of India, the government of Puducherry issued the 21-day lock down order.

**Update 2:** The Puducherry government announced cancellation of all examinations for students of Standard 1-9 in the Union Territory as part of measures to contain the spread of COVID-19. The release stated that students shall be granted automatic promotion to the next higher class without exams.
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<td>Government of Puducherry announced curfew being imposed in the union territory till 31st March 2019. During this period the bars and liquor shops will remain closed from 6PM till the end of the month. Shops dealing with provisions, vegetables, medicines and milk as also retail outlets of petrol and diesel and LPG dealers are exempted and would carry on business as usual.</td>
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<td>The Union Territory of Puducherry will impose Section 144 from March 23 till March 31 as a measure to contain spread of Covid-19 virus. However, people will be allowed to buy essential products for an hour each in the morning and evening. The government has decided to restrict the number of vehicles coming from Tamil Nadu and that every person who comes from the neighbouring state will be screened before being allowed inside. No tourists will be allowed. Borders will be sealed. Interstate buses will be stopped.</td>
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<td>Puducherry Chief Minister V Narayanasamy on the 18th announced closure of all bars in the union territory as part of steps to prevent spread of coronavirus. While bars have been ordered to remain closed from 19th till the month-end, wholesale and retail sales of liquor would, however, be permitted.</td>
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<td>Colleges, schools, malls and theatres will be closed in Puducherry from Wednesday until March 31 as a precautionary measure to deal with novel coronavirus (COVID-19).</td>
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### 17. Gujarat

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<td><strong>Update 1:</strong> Gujarat Government today decided to pay Rs.25-lakh assistance to Police, SRP, Gram Rakshak Dal, Home Guards and Traffic Police personnel in case of serious disease, facing death or tragic death for trying to save people’s life risking their own life from the dreaded novel coronavirus. The other decision is to set up 100-bed Isolation Hospitals, including 10-bed ICU, in every district headquarters, in addition to the facilities in the Municipal Corporations. In response to MLAs request, the Committee decided all MLAs would contribute Rs.25-lakh grant to Gujarat Health Society to meet the expenses for medical treatment, medicines and equipment like ventilators, dialysis and testing festilities.</td>
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<td><strong>Update 2:</strong> Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has arranged to provide some concessions by the state government to the farmers of Gujarat for harvesting ravi crops in the current lockdown situation.</td>
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<td>Gujarat Government under the leadership of Chief Minister Vijay Rupani arranged for transportation of over 10,000 stranded labourers and workers stranded in various parts of the state to their native places.</td>
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UPDATE (28.03.2020)
Chief Minister Mr. Vijaybhai Rupani appealed to the citizens of Gujarat to donate generously into the ‘Chief Minister Relief Fund’ (CMRF) to fight against the worldwide pandemic “Coronavirus” and to restore the normalcy in. The Chief Minister said that the amount donated towards the CMRF for this cause is subject to tax exemption under section 80-G of the Income Tax.

UPDATE (27.03.2020)
Update 1: In order to ensure the provision of essential items to citizens during the nationwide lockdown, the state government has started an Emergency helpline to ensure provision of essential items during lockdown.

Update 2: Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has initiated ‘Vadil Vandana’- a program to provide free of cost meals to the elderly and the aged living alone in metropolis of the state.

Update 3: In a lockdown announced by the central government for the purpose of preventing the spread of corona virus, Gujarat government is providing food and shelter to migrant families and their families and workers from other states in Gujarat.

UPDATE (26.03.2020)
Update 1: In the wake of spectre of novel coronavirus or Covid-19 scare and subsequent nationwide lockdown, Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has assured the state’s people of sustained supply of essential commodities. For the purpose, a core committee headed by the chief minister has been formed by the Gujarat government. The committee would take stock of the law-and-order and other situations on a daily basis. A five-member task force comprising senior officials has also been formed which would monitor supply of milk, vegetables, grocery, grains and cereals. It will report directly to the core committee and ensure that the goods are sold at fixed prices and there is no hoarding.

Update 2: The state government will provide all essential goods and ration to such 60 lakh poor families who live on daily wages. The government will provide 3.50 kg wheat, 1.50 kg rice to individuals and per card 1 kg sugar – Salt – dal will be provided from approved ration shops.

UPDATE (25.03.2020)
With a view to prevent further spreading of the Coronavirus from its present condition, to instill self-discipline among the people for maintaining social distances, and for cooperation in trade and commerce, Chief Minister Mr. Vijaybhai Rupani today held a video conference with officials of trade and commerce institutions and chamber of commerce of six municipal corporations of the state for providing them the guidelines. Mr. Rupani further added that trade & commerce institutions should ensure that the citizens don’t experience short supply of daily life’s essential commodities such as milk, vegetables, grocery, food-grains, pharmacy and others.

UPDATE (23.03.2020)
With the cases of COVID19 positive on the rise, the state government on Monday extended the lockdown to entire state from Monday midnight till March 31.
### Gujarat

**UPDATE (21.03.2020)**
Gujarat government announced partial lockdown in 4 cities- Ahmedabad, Surat, Rajkot and Vadodara till the March 25. As per the notification, services such as all government and Municipal Corporation offices will be open. The government has also allowed provisional stores selling commodities like milk, fruits and vegetables, medical stores, hospitals and dispensaries, pharmaceutical and medical equipment manufacturers, research and development centres and other healthcare services. Gujarat government issued this notification under, “The Indian Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897” titled “The Gujarat Epidemic Regulation 2020”.

**UPDATE (19.03.2020)**
Surat police commissioner RR Brahmbhatt issued a notification imposing Section 144 in the city, prohibiting assembly of five or more people. Gyms, sports complexes, swimming pools, dance classes and educational institutes have been asked to shut down till further orders.

**UPDATE (14.03.2020)**
**Update 1:** The notification called Gujarat Epidemic Diseases, COVID-19 Regulations, 2020 will remain in force for a period of one year. It will grant powers to officers such as commissioner (health), municipal commissioners, district collectors and chief district health officers, among others, to deal with cases related to coronavirus.

The state also banned conferences, seminars and workshops till March 31, and appealed to the public to avoid large gathering and postpone any such events till March 31.

**Update 2:** As a precautionary measure, the Gujarat government has also decided to shut all schools, colleges and educational institutions, swimming pools and multiplexes for two weeks starting from March 16 in the wake of the growing threat from COVID-19. The government has also imposed a fine of ₹500 for spitting in public.

### Punjab

**UPDATE (30.03.2020)**
To ensure a complete lockdown and to enforce the Government of India’s directions not to allow inter-State movement, the state administration has appealed to the industry to pay full wages & look after the welfare of migrant labors. The District Commissioners & Senior Superintendents of Police are ordered to make all necessary arrangements. Furthermore, to provide for migrant labourers stranded in Punjab without work, the state government has asked industry & brick kiln owners to resume operations if they can accommodate the labourers in their premises with food etc, while ensuring social distancing & hygiene.

**UPDATE (29.03.2020)**
To facilitate public movement for necessary purposes during the curfew, District authorities would issue E-passes for specific purpose and time.
UPDATE (28.03.2020)
The state government has empowered Municipal Corporations, Municipal Councils and Nagar Panchayats to spend from their funds to provide food & medicines to poor and daily wage earners. Fodder for stray cattle can also be provided from these funds.

UPDATE (26.03.2020)
The state government has Directed all District Commissioners & personnel of Punjab police to take steps to minimise inconvenience to the people for essential items & services. The government also stated that it was streamlining door-to-door deliveries. The government also directed Hawkers/Delivery boys & essential services to be allowed to operate for fixed durations.

UPDATE (24.0.2020)
Update 1: The state government has made arrangements for door-to-door supply of essential commodities.

Update 2: The state government has sanctioned Rs 3 cr for providing food packets to over 38000 to the of the Punjab police personnel working round the clock to enforce curfew.

UPDATE (23.03.2020)
Update 1: The Punjab government has announced a full curfew with no relaxations. The District Commissioners have been asked to issue orders accordingly. Any person required to be given relaxation will be so allowed specifically for given period & purpose.

Update 2: The Punjab government has directed the provision of free food, shelter & medicines for those in need. Rs 20 Cr has been sanctioned out of CM relief fund for the same. Additionally, District Commissioners & Sub District Magistrates have been asked to extend all assistance to those in need.

UPDATE (22.03.2020)
The Punjab government ordered statewide lock down till 31st March to check spread of Covid-19. All essential Govt services will continue & shops selling essential items such as milk, food items, medicines, etc will be open. All DCs & SSPs have been directed to implement the restrictions immediately.

UPDATE (18.03.2020)
Update 1: To contain the coronavirus outbreak, the Punjab government decided to stop operation of all public transport – buses, tempos, auto rickshaws – from Friday (20th) midnight. Taxis, however, have been exempted from the ban. The decision was taken in the meeting of a group of ministers under the chairmanship of Brahm Mohindra, local bodies minister. All the shopping complexes, malls, museums and local weekly kisan mandis across the state will also remain close till March 31.
During the meeting, it was decided not to allow public gatherings of more than 20 persons. Hotels, marriage palaces, outdoor and indoor dining and banquets will also remain closed. The government has allowed home delivery service and takeaways. Public dealing in government offices has been restricted.
The health department will start stamping people put under home surveillance. Deputy commissioners and SSP’s have been asked to remain in their respective districts to ensure that the directions are enforced in letter and spirit.

**Update 2:** The minister also announced the postponement of all board examinations of Classes 10 and 12 until March 31, saying fresh dates would be unveiled after a review of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) exam schedule.

**UPDATE (05.03.2020)**
The government of Punjab issues The Punjab Epidemic Diseases, COVID-19 Regulations, 2020. The rules classify appropriate personnel as authorized persons. The rules also list down measures and instructions to be followed with respect to the containment and handling of the COVID-19 epidemic.

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<td><strong>Update 1:</strong> The Chief Minister keeping in mind the travelling migrant laborers in the bordering UP areas has asked the district administrators to accommodate these workers with food and medical facilities for the period of the lockdown.</td>
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<td><strong>Update 2:</strong> In order to prevent overcrowding the district administration of Gautam Budh Nagar has ordered that the shops facilitating essential services such as fruits, vegetables, medicines and e-commerce services will operate between 6am and 11pm till April 14, 2020. However, the services such as petrol pumps, emergency centers and hospitals will continue to run 24*7.</td>
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<td><strong>Update 1:</strong> UP CM, Yogi Adityanath initiated a NEFT transaction of INR 1000 to 597,000 wage workers in UP as a bid to flatten economic fallout caused by nCoVID-19.</td>
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<td><strong>Update 2:</strong> The UP government has initiated a state-wide lockdown from today till 27th March 2020 in a bid to tackle transmission of nCoVID-19. All emergency services, and essential goods will be unaffected by this lockdown. Businesses and companies are requested to take care of their workers and ensure restricted movements along with paid support.</td>
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<td><strong>Update 1:</strong> In order to help contain the spread of coronavirus, Noida Police on Friday ordered the closure of all malls, spa-centres in the region, informed Rannvijay Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP). The police have also imposed section 144 in the region, the official informed. Only chemist shops, general stores, vegetable and fruits shops are allowed to function. All the major markets of the area would remain closed till April 2.</td>
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<td><strong>Update 2:</strong> The District Magistrate of the Gautam Budha Nagar has ordered for the enforcement of the Janata Curfew. Failure to comply with the order would be punishable under Section 188 of the IPC.</td>
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Update 3: To prevent the spread of corona virus, the state government decided to suspend normal activities in 16 districts of the state.

UPDATE (21.03.2020)

Update 1: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath says the state government will give lakhs of daily wage labourers and construction workers Rs 1,000 per day to meet their needs. The announcement comes as India races to contain the spread of the new coronavirus disease.

Update 2: UP government has decided to give two months advance pension to the beneficiaries of various pension schemes of the state government. This amount will be given in the month of April. With reference to the work completed under MNREGA. Action will be taken in March 2020 to pay the amount of 556 crores.

UPDATE (18.03.2020)

With the government in Uttar Pradesh having shut down all educational institutions and the ongoing examinations due to the coronavirus scare, it has now been decided that all students up to class 8 would be promoted to the next class without examinations.

UPDATE (17.03.2020)

To contain the coronavirus spread, the Uttar Pradesh government extended the closure of all educational institutions, cinemas, multiplexes and tourists places in the state till April 2. Briefing reporters here after a meeting of the UP Cabinet, minister Shrikant Sharma said, “Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has directed that all schools, colleges and educational institutes will remain closed till April 2.” Competitive and other examinations too have been postponed till April 2.

UPDATE (13.03.2019)

All schools, colleges, technical and vocational education institutes in Uttar Pradesh will remain closed till March 22. The situation will be reviewed on March 22 a decision to extend it or not will be taken. Though the state has not declared coronavirus outbreak to be an epidemic yet, but certain special powers under the Epidemic Act have been given to local authorities to handle the situation.

20. Meghalaya

UPDATE (29.03.2020)

In an endeavour to reach out to the communities with essential supply of food items and ensure that farmers’ produce does not go wasted in this time of crisis, the ‘1917ITEAMS’, has been working in tandem with deputy commissioners of different districts of Meghalaya to ensure that vegetables and fruits are made available to the public. The ‘1917ITEAMS’ is an initiative of the State Government that is working in the current crisis situation by procuring farm produces from the farmers and making it available to different parts of the State.

UPDATE (27.03.2020)

The state government has decided to have home delivery arrangement to ensure that essential commodities are available to citizens at their doorsteps during the ongoing COVID-19 lockdown in the state. The Chief Secretary requested everyone to not panic & stay indoors and notified that store.meghamart.com has been activated as an end-to-end essential commodity ordering and delivery platform.
UPDATE (26.03.2020)
Update 1: The Meghalaya Cabinet on Wednesday decided that the grocery shops will remain open from March 27. The Cabinet has worked out measures to provide delivery of essential commodities in rural as well as urban areas, while the deputy commissioners have been asked to chalk out the plan.

Update 2: The Government of Meghalaya has constituted a Special Task Force to assist the Family & Health Welfare Department and to come up with such proposals for strengthening of critical infrastructure required for preventing/managing the possible outbreak of COVID-19.

UPDATE (25.03.2020)
Update 1: Following the announcement on 21-day nationwide lockdown, the whole State of Meghalaya is placed under curfew till 6:00 AM of March 28. Process for delivery of essential commodities will be put in place and notified on 26th March 2020.

Update 2: Certain directions were issued by the Chief minister on distribution of foodgrains and vegetables:

- The Cabinet has decided that with effect from 27th March, 2020 for urban areas like Shillong and Tura, the District Administration in collaboration with Headmen will regulate the buying of food-grains from retail shops in their localities to avoid overcrowding and maintain social distancing.
- People should not venture to markets outside their localities. Retail shops will be allowed to procure goods from the traders.
- In rural areas, a suitable mechanism to be put in place by the respective Deputy Commissioners
- Government to facilitate and encourage whole-sellers and traders to procure foodgrains. In case of deficiency, government will take steps to procure additional stock of food-grains for the open market.
- The lifting and distribution of rice under PDS system to continue as usual.
- Local entrepreneurs willing to take up online delivery of essential commodities will be encouraged.
- Grocery shops to be open from 27th of this month.

UPDATE (24.03.2020)
The Meghalaya government on Monday shut down 17 government departments till March 31 and imposed curfew in two districts in view of the Coronavirus outbreak. District authorities in Ri-Bhoi have declared night curfew from 10 pm on March 23 to 6 am on March 24, while curfew has been imposed in the entire East Jaintia Hills from March 23 midnight till March 31.

UPDATE 23.03.2020)
Update 1: Government of Meghalaya restricts movement of Private Vehicles as per following pattern from 24th March 2020 as a measure to prevent spread of Coronavirus.

Update 2: The state government of Meghalaya put certain prohibitions in East Jaintia Hills district. The restrictions will be from the 23rd till the 31st of March.
| Update 3 | Meghalaya will remain under lockdown for five days, from March 24 to 29, except on March 26, as a preventive measure to curb the spread of coronavirus. |
| UPDTE (22.03.2020) |
| Update 1 | Government of Meghalaya has decided that entry of people into state will be restricted. The statement was issued by the Office Chief Secretary. It said that all people entering into Meghalaya are required to mandatorily register on the COVID-19 monitoring system http://meghalayaonline.gov.in/covid in addition to undergoing health screening as required by the authorities. Proof of registration, either a system generated acknowledgement or an SMS confirming registration should be checked at all entry points. In case of any technical challenges, registration can also be done on paper at the point of entry. |
| Update 2 | In order to prevent the spread of COVID19 virus, restrictions on the use of public transport all over the State including interstate operations have been placed till 31st March 2020. |
| UPDTE (21.03.2020) |
| Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma announced a 24-hour statewide shutdown from Saturday midnight and said it will be observed as ‘coronavirus awareness day’. After chairing a Cabinet meeting on Friday, he said all public transport, commercial establishments and markets will remain shut to create awareness about the pandemic among the people of the state. |
| UPDTE (18.03.2020) |
| The Meghalaya government on Wednesday decided to shut tourist spots in the State as part of its measures to prevent any possible transmission and outbreak of novel coronavirus. “All tourist spots in the State of Meghalaya including parks and recreational areas are hereby advised to close till March 31,” the Order said. |
| UPDTE (16.03.2020) |
| The Meghalaya government has ordered shutdown of schools and colleges and cancellation or postponement of major sports events till March 31 to avoid mass gatherings in view of the novel coronavirus outbreak. The government also stated that the people have been asked not to visit places with high footfall such as cinemas, gymnasiums, swimming pools and avoid non-essential travel during the period. Organizers of fairs and festivals have been advised to postpone or cancel the events. Companies or offices with work from home option may permit employees to do so. |
| 21. West Bengal | |
| Update 1 | The government has taken urgent steps to constitute a state emergency relief fund that will provide relief to people affected with nCoVID-19; assist in creation and upgradation of infrastructures; funds for transportation and rehabilitation of affected person; provisions of mass awareness; R&D development; prevention and control. |
| UPDTE (25.03.2020) |
| The Government of West Bengal has additionally released an informative guideline over Directions of Home Quarantine, along with the Government of India. |
| UPDTE (24.03.2020) |
Update 2: Controlled emergency bus services will be strictly governed by the government until further orders.

Update 3: The government of West Bengal has released a detailed guideline for handling/treatment, and Disposal of waste generated during treatment/diagnosis/Quarantine of nCoVID-19 patients.

UPDATE (22.03.2020)
Most of the major cities in West Bengal, including Kolkata will remain on lockdown till March 27 as an initiative taken by the state government to counter the growing threat of coronavirus. The lockdown will begin at 5:00 pm on Monday and last till 12:00 midnight on March 27. During this period, all government and private organizations will remain shut. Services of buses, taxis will also be suspended.

The state also ordered shutting down of all restaurants, pubs, bars, clubs, nightclubs, hookah bars, massage parlours, amusement parks, museums and zoos.

It is also ordered that all gatherings, including social gatherings, should be avoided completely.

UPDATE (21.03.2020)
The ongoing class 12 state board examinations in West Bengal have been postponed till April 15 as a precautionary measure in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, the higher education department announced.

UPDATE (20.03.2020)
The West Bengal government has mandated a partial work-from-home system for its employees and introduced a relief package for 7.9 crore people who get subsidised rations. The two measures were part of a plan announced by CM Mamata Banerjee to tackle the spread of the novel coronavirus and mitigate the problems faced by a large section of people staring at a season of hardships because of reduced activity — economic and otherwise — induced by the outbreak of the disease.

“The government will give free ration to the poor till September. People getting subsidised rice at Rs 2 a kilo and wheat at Rs 3 a kilo will now get them free (a maximum of 5kg a month),” Banerjee said. The CM also asked government departments to introduce a duty roster that would enable 50% of their employees to work from home. The new roster will come into force from Monday and continue till March 31.

UPDATE (17.03.2020)

Update 1: All single-screen cinema halls and most of the multiplexes in West Bengal will remain shut till March 31 in wake of the coronavirus outbreak, it was announced by the state government.

Update 2: In the wake of coronavirus scare, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday invoked the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, in the state. She also announced that all educational institutions will now be closed till 15 April “but exams will go as scheduled.” The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) will be closed till 31 March, she said. Among the other announcements
made, Banerjee said that Rs 200 crore fund has been created to prevent spread of coronavirus in the state.
She also said, “Rs 5 lakh insurance has been allotted for 10 lakh people including Army personnel in the state, doctors, nurses, medical help, municipality and Asha women who are continuously working to prevent the spread of coronavirus.”

Development can be accessed here

**UPDATE (14.03.2020)**

The West Bengal Government on Saturday announced that all schools, colleges and universities in the State will remain closed till March 31, in the view of evolving situation on the spread of COVID-19. “It has been decided that all Government, government-aided, private educational institutions- schools, colleges, universities, madrasahs, SSK / MSK will remain closed from 16 March, 2020 to 31 March 2020 in public interest,” a press release issued by the State government said. The statement added that internal examinations of these institutions will also remain suspended during the said duration but the “Board examinations will be held as per schedule.”

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**UPDATE (13.03.2020)**

Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee on Friday asked sports associations to defer all sporting events in the state till March 31 against the backdrop of the coronavirus.

**22. Telangana**

**UPDATE (30.03.2020)**

**Update 1:** Chief Minister KCR assured the farmers that the government will procure every single grain from them and made suitable arrangements for the same. Hon’ble CM requested them to exercise restraint and observe social distance while selling the harvest.

**Update 2:** The Telangana SSC exams have been postponed further due to the lockdown situation to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 pandemic. The board had initially postponed the remaining exams and they were to be conducted after March 31st; however, now they will be conducted after the lockdown has been lifted.

**UPDATE (28.03.2020)**

Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao on Friday promised that not a single person in the State would go to be left to go hungry. Addressing the media, he said he would take up the responsibility of feeding the poor and the needy, including migrant laborer’s, in the State during the lockdown.

**UPDATE (25.03.2020)**

**Update 1:** Telangana, along with the rest of India, has been put under a 21-day lockdown. However, there will be exceptions for essential commodities like groceries, medicines and cooking gas. Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao announced night curfew from 7 pm to 6 am, to restrict people’s movement on the roads. Asking the people to stay home and follow the prohibitory orders, he warned that the government would impose round-the-clock curfew, bring in the army and issue shoot-at-sight orders, if the people continue to violate the lockdown orders.
**Update 2:** An advisory regarding the well-being and safety of migrant workers have been issued by the department of Municipal Administration and Urban Development, government of Telangana. This advisory was issued after duly consulting the builder’s community and bodies. Some of the key highlights of the advisory are as follows:

- All social gatherings in labor camps are banned. Social distance of 6 feet has to be maintained
- Deploy security outside the camps to ensure nobody goes inside the labor camps
- To ensure food and other necessary essentials during the period of the lockdown issued by the state of Telangana
- To set up an isolation room in the camps to be used by any person who shows symptoms
- Onus on developer to get a medical team to the camp for medical examinations in case any person develops symptoms

**UPDATE (23.03.2020)**

In furtherance to the orders of the lockdown in the state of Telangana, the govt has issued various directions for its streamlined implementation.

**UPDATE (22.03.2020)**

Telangana chief minister (CM) K Chandrasekhar Rao announced a complete lockdown of the state until March 31 on Sunday in order to contain the spread of coronavirus. After holding a high-level meeting with senior officials, the chief minister declared that the lockdown is being notified under Epidemic Disease Act 1987. Section 144 will be imposed in all the districts wherein not more than five people will be allowed to gather outside. “To purchase groceries and vegetables, only one person per family will be permitted. We can contain the pandemic if we show the same unity that people displayed today until March 31,” said Rao, adding that a government order will be issued shortly declaring outlets that will be open and closed during this period.

**UPDATE (15.03.2020)**

Telangana government has declared the closure of all educational institutions, parks, bars and clubs besides banning all types of public gatherings until March 31. The government has asked the operators of all marriage halls to not rent out their premises for the conduct of marriage functions after March 31 while allowing only those marriages that would be performed within this month.

The government also announced closure of cinema halls, pubs, bars, clubs, gyms, swimming pools, museums, zoo parks, indoor and outdoor stadiums. Shopping malls, super markets and shops will, however, remain open to avoid inconvenience to people.

No Public meetings, seminars, workshops, rallies, exhibitions, trade fairs and cultural events would be allowed. State-owned road transport corporation and Hyderabad Metro would continue to operate with adequate sanitization measures.
| **UPDATE (28.03.2020)** | The Arunachal Pradesh government directed all Deputy Commissioners of Arunachal to provide Relief Measures Provisions for temporary accommodation, food, clothing & medical care to homeless people including migrant labourers, stranded due to lockdown measures to fight the COVID 19 outbreak |
| **UPDATE (27.03.2020)** | The Arunachal Pradesh government has designated the lone medical college & hospital of the State – Tomo Riba Institute of Health & Medical Science (TRIHMS) as the COVID-19 hospital, to deal with all cases related to the coronavirus pandemic. |
| **UPDATE (26.03.2020)** | Arunachal Pradesh CM Pema Khandu has announced a financial assistance of Rs 1,000 each to all the below poverty line (BPL) ration card holders of the state in wake of the nationwide lockdown over coronavirus pandemic. In the notification, requested private companies to also follow similar measure. |
| **UPDATE (25.03.2020)** | The Arunachal Pradesh Government have set up a special control room to oversee the efforts to contain the coronavirus outbreak or spread throughout the state. |
| **UPDATE (24.03.2020)** | The government of Arunachal Pradesh announce lockdown in the state from Monday evening till 31st March in view of Corona Virus outbreak. The notification said that No public transport services, including operation of taxis, auto-rickshaws, will be permitted except transport of all kinds to and from hospitals, airport, helipad, railway stations, and goods carriers carrying food and essential commodities All shops, commercial establishments, offices, factories and workshops shall remain closed and gathering of more than 10 people is prohibited |
| **UPDATE (22.03.2020)** | The State Government invokes Epidemic Act and announces ‘complete safety restrictions’ of state from 5pm, March 23 till midnight of March 31. All essential services shall be exempted. |
| **UPDATE (20.03.2020)** | The election process of panchayat and urban local bodies has been put on hold temporarily by the state election commission with consultation from different political parties to prevent any outbreak of Coronavirus pandemic in the state. |
| **UPDATE (19.03.2020)** | In furtherance to the order issued on the 16th, all Inner Line Permits issued earlier to visitors and tourists was cancelled. |
### 24. Tripura

**UPDATE (16.03.2020)**

To prevent the spread of COVID-19 virus in state, the state govt decided to put a stop on all mass gathering, movie theatres, seminars, conferences, social/political/religious. Also, all educational institutions shall remain closed till further notice. The order also directed shopping malls to disinfect their stores and food courts from time to time.

Arunachal barred the entry of tourists temporarily to prevent the possibility of spread of COVID-19

**UPDATE (26.03.2020)**

The Tripura Government has deferred the TTADC exam until further notice, in light of the transmitting nCoVID-19.

**UPDATE (24.03.2020)**

**Update 1:** The Government of Tripura has declared a lockdown from 2PM on 24th March to 5PM on 31st March 2020. All essential and emergency services will go on as usual in this period.

**Update 2:** The government has extended a tender for supplying of medicine drugs and consumable to the state up to 15th April 2020.

**Update 3:** The government keeping in mind the transmission has closed its border with Bangladesh, prohibited trains, buses, and has banned mass gatherings of any kind. All shops/malls/ commercial establishments furthermore have been kept shut for this matter. Inter-state borders are sealed, with strict isolation in government designated quarantine.

**UPDATE (22.03.2020)**

To stop Coronavirus from spreading it in Tripura the state government has decided to stop movement of passengers through Agartala Immigration Land Check Post till 31st March. Cargo vehicles will be allowed to move freely with due precautions to supply commodities.

**UPDATE (16.03.2020)**

In a bid to prevent a possible spread of Covid-19, the Tripura government has decided to close down all educational institutions and a list of identified public places including cinema halls, swimming pools, gymnasiums, Anganwadi centres from Tuesday till March 31. Chief Secretary of state Manoj Kumar on Monday said that the decision was taken at a meeting presided over by Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb. However, the Madhyamik and Higher Secondary examinations conducted by the Tripura Board of Secondary Education (TBSE) would continue as scheduled.

**UPDATE (14.03.2020)**

Tripura imposed a state-wide ban on the entry of foreign tourists.

### 25. Himachal Pradesh

**UPDATE (29.03.2020)**

The Himachal Pradesh Government has created the ‘HP COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund’ and set up Government Organization and Non-Government Organization Coordination Platform, GO-NGO for disaster response and preparedness, as well as to provide personal protection gears to the health workers and other related officials.
**UPDATE (27.03.2020)**

**Update 1**: The Himachal government announced that to brought down the curfew relaxation from six hours per day to three hours during the 21-day nationwide curfew.

**Update 2**: The Himachal Pradesh government announced that government offices will remain closed till 31st March 2020. The decision has been taken considering the urgency on COVID 19.

**UPDATE (26.03.2020)**

The state government has ordered to defer and extend the date of superannuation of all medical officers, faculty members and paramedical staff working with the health and family welfare department and medical education research who are due to retire on March 31, April 30, May 31 and June 30 to o strengthen the manpower available in various health institutions and medical colleges to tackle COVID 19 outbreak in state.

**UPDATE (24.03.2020)**

The Himachal Pradesh government imposed an indefinite statewide curfew to combat coronavirus today after cases of people who defied the lockdown orders. Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur said the curfew will come into force in all 12 districts of the hill state at 5 pm on Tuesday.

**UPDATE (23.03.2020)**

To ensure that the COVID-19 virus does not spread in the state, the Himachal Pradesh government has ordered for the lockdown of the state till further orders.

**UPDATE (14.03.2020)**

The Himachal Pradesh government ordered that all anganwadis, schools, colleges, universities and cinema halls in the state will remain closed till March 31 as a preventive measure to contain the spread of the coronavirus disease (Covid-19). In a suo motu statement made in the assembly, chief minister Jai Ram Thakur said that the scheduled school exams will continue according to schedule but all government and private educational institutions will remain closed. All religious functions, fairs and sports events have also been cancelled. The chief minister directed all legislators to cancel public meetings in their respective constituencies.

**UPDATE (30.03.2020)**

**Update 1**: The Chief Secretary notified that any distribution of relief materials should be made in coordination with the offices of respective District Collectors.

**Update 2**: Chief Minister Shri Prem Singh Tamang took to his official Facebook page on Sunday to address the people of Sikkim and shared about the steps taken by the State Government for the prevention of Covid-19 and preparedness in case of any exigency.

**UPDATE (29.03.2020)**

**Update 1**: The Government of Sikkim has decided to provide Rs.5000/- (Rupees five thousand only) each to the students stranded outside Sikkim during the nationwide lockdown.
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<td>From March 25, the state government has declared a complete lock-down over the entire state of Sikkim. Any out-of-state vehicle will not be allowed to enter Sikkim during the lock-down period which starts from tomorrow. Likewise, no vehicle from Sikkim will be allowed to cross the state borders.</td>
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<td>Chief Secretary Shri S.C Gupta chaired the meeting of the State Task Force for Covid-19 prevention. The Chief Secretary requested Law Secretary for immediate implementation of Epidemic Disease Act, 1897 in the State of Sikkim. The Food and Civil Supplies Department was asked to ensure that there is no spike in prices of essential commodities in the market. Further, the department was directed to explore whether they can provide two-month PDS supply in advance to the beneficiaries. The District Collectors were directed to enforce requirement of compulsory quarantining of those returning from countries notified by the Health Ministry. The meeting decided to convert 8th and 9th floors of the Sir Thutob Namgyal Memorial Hospital, Sochakgang into a designated facility for treating confirmed cases of COVID-19. Since the Pharmaceutical companies are engaged in Manufacture of essential medicines, it was decided that they should be allowed to function normally even during the lock down period. However, the ban on entry of new workers should be maintained. These units shall ensure all medical safety precautions.</td>
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27. Nagaland

**UPDATE (30.03.2020)**
The Nagaland government has sanctioned Rs. 21.60cr to extend logistical support to quarantine centres and hospitals for better management and efficiency in the state.

**UPDATE (26.03.2020)**
The Nagaland government on Thursday announced that petrol pumps across the State will remain open on alternate days. The State government has issued a directive to grocery shop owners to keep their shops open from 10 am to 2 pm daily.

**UPDATE (24.03.2020)**
The government of Nagaland has issued an advisory that strongly advised that one must maintain a detailed record of the places/locations that one has visited/frequented, and the persons that one has come into contact with or has met during the last 14 days.

**UPDATE (23.03.2020)**
Nagaland State Data Centre declared as essential service and will remain active in view of it hosting government websites, portals and applications being utilised by public.

**UPDATE (22.03.2020)**
The Government of Nagaland order a complete shutdown of the state services until further notice.

**UPDATE (16.03.2020)**
Update 1: Chief Secretary of Nagaland has warned against spreading rumours and creating panic on social media regarding fake news on infection of coronavirus in the state.

Update 2: A high-level meeting on COVID-19 was convened by the state administration. Education institutions in Nagaland will remain close till April 12, 2020. Non-essential official gatherings deferred, issue of ILP suspended. Entry of tourists remains barred.

28. Mizoram

**UPDATE (26.03.2020)**
Mizoram food, civil supplies and consumer affairs minister K Lalrinliana on March 26 announced free ration to economically underprivileged families. He said BPL families, AAY and Priority Household Card Holders (Yellow and Red Cards) would be given free ration during April to avoid starvation during nationwide lockdown.

**UPDATE (21.03.2020)**
The Government of Mizoram has taken a crucial decision to implement one week of partial lockdown in the state to prevent any outbreak or cases of COVID-19 with effect from 22nd March 2020 (Sunday) till 29th March 2020 (Sunday)

**UPDATE (20.03.2020)**
Update 1: GAD, Mizoram Government issues advisory in line with Office Memorandum issued by the Govt. of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Personnel & Training)
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<td>Update 1: Classes suspended in educational institutions including colleges, schools and anganwadis in Mizoram from tomorrow till 31st March. Gyms, cinema halls, swimming pools, picnic spots also to be closed.</td>
<td>Update 2: Directorate of Health Services has from today started the following Helpline Nos. to be manned 24×7.</td>
<td>COVID19 Helpline Nos: 102 (Toll Free) 0389-2323336, 0389-2322336, 0389-2318336</td>
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<td>Manipur</td>
<td>23.03.2020</td>
<td>Update 1: Manipur government issues advisories related to animal welfare in wake of COVID 19 crisis</td>
<td>Update 2: Manipur Cabinet announced decision to impose the total lockdown in the state till 31st March as precautionary measure</td>
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<td>Update 1: Manipur government directed to close down all restaurants and public eating points, hotels with restaurants, conference halls, drama theatres, cinema halls and tourist spots in the state with immediate effect till further orders. The Manipur government has also imposed restriction on gathering saying that not more than 30 people</td>
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<td>Jharkhand</td>
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<td>Jharkhand human resource development minister (HRD) Jagarnath Mahto, appealed to the private schools to exempt tuition and transportation fees, until the lockdown period gets over and normal class in schools resume</td>
<td>Update 1: Jharkhand Assembly has adjourned the ongoing budget session due to COVID 19 pandemic. This came after the announcement of lock down in the state to prevent from corona virus spread</td>
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Update 2: CM Hemant Soren officially wrote to Union Rural Dev Minister requesting him to provide funds for paying labourers’ unemployment allowance entitled under MNREGA if they don’t get work within 15 days of their demand.

Update 3: The Jharkhand government announced of starting more than 350 ‘khichdi’ centres across the State to help the needy during the lockdown period till March 31, in the view of COVID-19 pandemic.

UPDATE (22.03.2020)
The Jharkhand government on Sunday announced a lockdown in the state with immediate effect till March 31 to prevent the spread of novel coronavirus, an official notification said.

Barring emergency services, all government departments, offices, factories, godowns, weekly markets, shops and business establishments will remain closed during the period, the notification issued after a high-level meeting chaired by Chief Minister Hemant Soren stated.

Government officials will work from home but if necessary, their respective head of department can call them to office, it said.

UPDATE (16.03.2020)
Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Monday announced closure of all educational institutions in the state till April 14 as a precautionary measure in the wake of the coronavirus outbreak. Informing the Jharkhand Assembly about this, Soren said the shutdown will be applicable on government as well as private educational institutions, besides coaching centres and hostels, starting March 17.

31. Chhattisgarh

UPDATE (28.03.2020)
The CM Bhupesh Baghel has told the media that he has arranged food, lodging and basic medical facilities for people from other states.

UPDATE (26.03.2020)
The government of Chhattisgarh has exempted the activities conducted under veterinary services, manufacture and marketing of milk and dairy products, cattle feed, movement of essential materials in the manufacture of poultry feed and transportation of vehicles form the restrictions under the lockdown.

UPDATE (24.03.2020)
The government of Chhattisgarh has published an advisory regarding the use of hydroxychloroquine for prophylaxis of SARS-CoV-2 in high risk patient. It has followed the guidelines issued by National Task Force for nCoVID-19, headed by ICMR.

UPDATE (22.03.2020)
Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel on Sunday announced lockdown (in urban areas) till March 31 over novel coronavirus pandemic. The state capital Raipur will be under a complete shutdown, only essential services will continue.

UPDATE (13.03.2020)
Government invokes the Epidemic Diseases Act to tackle Corona Virus
### 32. Lakshadweep

**UPDATE (12.03.2020)**

Amid rising Coronavirus cases in the country, Chhattisgarh government on declared holiday in schools and colleges till March 31 as a precautionary measure in view of the novel coronavirus outbreak in several parts of the country.

**UPDATE (23.03.2020)**

In Lakshadweep, a partial lockdown has been imposed. Passenger ships are prohibited from entering the island and section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) is in place.

**UPDATE (09.03.2020)**

As part of precautionary measures against the coronavirus in Lakshadweep, the administration has decided to stop entry of foreign tourists to the islands, Mohammed Faizal, MP, said. He said that no restrictions have been imposed on the entry of domestic tourists to the island. However, entry would be allowed only after they are properly screened at passenger reporting centers at Kochi, Kozhikode and Agatti, he said.

### 33. Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu

**UPDATE (21.03.2020)**

Under Section 34 of the Disaster Management Act, the District Magistrate issued the following order:

- Suspending operations of all bars and restaurants till the 31st of March.
- Disallowing hotels/lodges/homestays to take new bookings without prior permission

**UPDATE (20.03.2020)**

Update 1: Government officials in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir shall attend their offices in the alternate week, except those who are associated with nCoVID-19 control and essential services.

Update 2: Government employees and their relatives who have histories of foreign travel need to undergo quarantine.

### 34. Jammu & Kashmir

**UPDATE (22.03.2020)**

**Update 1:** In light of the situation arising from nCoVID-19, Jammu and Kashmir has released a list declaring certain items as essential commodities.

**Update 2:** In line with Section 144 of CrPC, 1973; Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, and the Disaster Management Act, 2005, all educational, recreational, transport, non-emergency services have been called off in the UT. All essential individual notifications for prohibitions and exemption in times of this situation.

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### 35. Ladakh

**UPDATE (25.03.2020)**

The Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh has ordered for the closure of all offices in the Ladakh UT with immediate effect. Essential services will still resume.

**UPDATE (23.03.2020)**

In line with the plea made by the PM of India, the DA of Leh and Ladakh has extended Section 144 of CrPC of 1973 to all existing non-emergency services. Further movement of private vehicles with single occupancy, and passengers from airport will be allowed to commute after proper procedural checks.
UPDATE (20.03.2020)
No commercial flights landing in KBR Airport, Leh shall carry in-bound passengers to Leh other than the residents of Ladakh, civilian officers, and officers of uniformed forces serving in Ladakh, or on duty to Ladakh.

UPDATE (19.03.2020)
Update 1: To flatten the pattern of transmission, Section 144 of CrPC,1973 have been enforced to avoid mass gathering and collective movement in all the parts of Leh and Ladakh. The restrictions include religious, social or any type of gathering; closure of all hotels, home stays, guest houses, resorts and camps, garden restaurants, cafeteria etc; closure of government and private offices, except as provided in Annexure A; Closure of all sectoral offices at the district level except those in Annexure A; complete ban on plying of taxis within the municipal limit of Leh; Mazda buses will be allowed to ply if they carry half their capacity; All establishments/ shops will be closed except those mentioned in Annexure B.
Update 2: Operation of AN-32(Kargil Courier Services), IL-76/C-17 and Pawn Heli Services are suspended till 15th April 2020 for civilian passengers.

UPDATE (18.03.2020)
Update 1: The DA as per the provisions under the Section 34(c) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 has restricted the entry of both domestic as well as international tourists within Leh by any means until 30th April, 2020.
Update 2: The DA with a view of containing nCoVID-19 has notified all the transport departments, and stakeholders in public transport to aware citizens on the benefits of social distancing; minimize frequency of travels; frequent sanitization; one seat one passenger norm; regular checking of public transport; constant vigil and assist in law enforcement.

UPDATE (17.03.2020)
Update 1: To avoid transmission of nCoVID-19 at a rapid rate, the DA has announced the closure of Gyms, Recreational places, and other such places until 31st March 2020, with immediate effect.
Update 2: In exercise of clause I sub section 2 of Section – 10 of Disaster Management Act, 2005 vide MoHFW, Section – 3(2) of the essential Commodities Act, 1955 and in adherence to the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, the DA has regulated the prices of masks and sanitizers.

UPDATE (13.03.2020)
Update 1: In order to restrict large gathering and movements, especially in Rumbak and Ulley, the District Administration has invoked Section 144 or CrPC of 1973 on these two villages. However, this provision will not be applicable to other villages/residents of Ladakh. The provision will remain in force for 4 weeks from the date of issuance.
Update 2: All inner line permits have been withdrawn, and no inner line permits will be issued until further orders.
36. Andaman and Nicobar

UPDATE (26.03.2020)
Travel passes for the movement of staff/personnel engaged in delivery of essential services shall be issued by the concerned sub-divisional magistrates (SDMs).

UPDATE (22.03.2020)
Update 1: All the orders/restrictions notifications issued by the Andaman and Nicobar administration such as work from home, movement restriction etc., has been extended from March 26, 2020 to March 31, 2020 till further orders. The decision was taken in a high-level meeting chaired by the Chief Secretary.

Update 2: As a mark of precaution in the wake of the threat from the Novel Corona Disease (COVID-19), the UT Administration had decided to implement work from home from March 20, 2020 to March 26, 2020.

On account of the existing situation, it has also been decided that all the employees of the UT Administration of Andaman and Nicobar Islands shall work from home till March 31, 2020 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.

UPDATE (20.03.2020)
No foreign ship will be allowed in A&N. Stocks of essential items reviewed. Shipping Department to bring essential items from mainland to augment stock.

UPDATE (19.03.2020)
Update 1: With a view to safeguard Public Health and in the interest of public safety and in order to prevent any outbreak of the disease in the islands the following orders has been issued in the three districts:

- All Shops and establishments to be shut with effect from midnight of 19th March, 2020, except the following: -
  » Chemist and pharmacy shops.
  » Grocery /Kirana shops.
  » Milk Shops/Bakeries.
  » Vegetable/Fruit/Meat Shops.
  » Fuel Stations of ANIIDCO.

The establishments listed above shall strictly follow the norms of Social distancing of maintaining a distance of at least one meter from a person, as stipulated by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, maintaining proper queue system outside the premises

- All private offices to be shut with effect from the midnight of March 19,2020. However, cable TV operators, DTH operators, Telecom service providers shall be allowed to run their operations strictly complying with the norms of social distancing of maintaining a distance of at least one meter from a person.

- All public places of worship like Temples, Mosques, Churches, Gurudwaras etc. shall keep their activities to a bare minimum and strictly follow norms of social distancing of maintaining a distance of at least one meter from a person.
• The operations of the government departments of the Andaman and Nicobar Administration shall be governed on the basis of the directions of the General Administration department, Andaman and Nicobar Administration, as issued from time to time. The Central Government Departments (including BSNL/ CPSUS) shall operate based on the directions of the Department of Personnel and Training, Government of India or the concerned department. However, all government departments/CPSUs shall strictly abide by the norms of Social distancing by maintaining a distance of at least one meter from a person.

• All Banks/ATMs functioning in the districts shall only provide essential services to the customers and shall strictly abide by the norms of Social distancing by maintaining a distance of at least one meter from a person.

• The order does not cover the operations and functioning of the Hon’ble Courts, located in the District.

• The general public is directed to refrain from making non-essential travel and trips outside their residence, except for essential/emergency needs.

This order shall come in force from the Midnight of March 19, 2020 and shall be effective till the midnight of March 26, 2020.

UPDATE 2: In view of COVID 19 epidemic, following transport restrictions have been imposed in the Union Territory, for a period of 07 days from midnight of March 19, 2020 till the midnight of March 26, 2020:

• Services of all Private Express buses shall remain suspended during this period.

• Services of local ordinary buses operated by private operators shall remain suspended during this period.

• Services of all Taxis, Jeeps, contact carriages, Tourist vehicles and auto rickshaws shall remain suspended during this period.

However, for the convenience of the general public and for facilitating emergency travel requirements, the local as well as Express buses of the Transport department will continue to ply with a restricted capacity not exceeding 50% of the registered seating capacity of the vehicles.

UPDATE (16.03.2020)

In pursuance to undertaking of preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19, all classroom transactions in all schools of Andaman & Nicobar Islands from class IV to class XII are ordered to be suspended immediately till further orders. However, examinations of class X & XII will continue as usual. The School Authorities shall be required to mandatorily sanitize the examination halls before and after each exam and ensure minimum distance of 01 metre between the examination writing tables.

Further, all Sports facilities such as gymnasium, Ground/Stadiums, Water Sports activities in Govt. as including hostels are ordered to remain closed with further orders.

UPDATE (13.03.2020)

Consequent upon the Hon’ble Lt. Governor, Andaman & Nicobar Islands directions colleges under A & N Administration shall remain closed from March 16, 2020 to March 28, 2020 as a preventive measure on account of the threat from the Novel Corona Virus (COVID’19) till further orders.