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GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY

Dated, the 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

**ORDER**

Whereas, in the wake of spread of COVID-19 epidemic throughout the country, the State Government has taken numerous preventive steps like closure of international boundaries with Bangladesh, prohibition on movement of trains/ inter-state bus, promulgation of prohibitory order under Section 144 Cr.P.C. banning mass gathering, closure of Cinema halls/ School/ Colleges/ Swimming Pool/ Gymnasium etc. keeping in view the importance of social distancing and isolation measures for containment of the spread of COVID-19;

AND

Whereas, the steps and measures so far taken up by the State Government need to be further strengthened and streamlined for total control of the pandemic situation and break chain of the transmission of the COVID 19 virus;

Now therefore, in exercise of power conferred under Section 2 of the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897 read with the Tripura Epidemic Diseases (COVID-19) Regulation 2020 along with all other enabling provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and section 144 of IPC, the State Government hereby brings an order notifying lockdown Curfew in the whole State of Tripura with effect from 2.00 pm 24/3/2020 to 5 PM of 31<sup>st</sup> of March, 2020, prescribing the following regulations and measures during the said period.

- (i) All shops, malls, commercial establishments shall be closed except the followings;
- a) Shops / stores / weekly Hat / market selling essential commodities like Groceries including fair price shop, Milk, Bread, Sweets, Fruit, Vegetable, Meat, Fish & other cooked & uncooked food items and their transportation related activities and warehousing.
  - b) Hospitals, Chemist & Druggist stores, Optical stores, Pharmaceutical and soap manufacturing units and their ancillaries together with transportation related activities.

- c) Petrol pumps, LPG gas, Oil agencies, their go-downs and their transportation related activities.
  - d) E-commerce (delivery) of all essential goods including food, pharmaceuticals and medical equipment.
  - e) Take away food and other items from Restaurant and other establishments
  - f) Bank / ATM
  - g) Print, electronic and Social Media
  - h) Production and Manufacturing Units which require continuous process may continue to function and following all precautionary protocols as notified by Health Department from time to time.
  - i) Units producing/providing gas, power, drinking water, milk and other essential goods & services including those by ONGC, IOCL etc
  - j) Any other units allowed by DM & Collector or Home & Health Department.
- (ii) All inter-state Border shall be sealed for movement of passengers by public and private transport. All inter-state and Intra state passenger movement through public, private and stage carriages will be prohibited. The passenger vehicles of TRTC and TSUCL will not ply. The private vehicles, taxis, auto rickshaw, e-rickshaw and other vehicles for intra city movement will be plied only if required for visiting hospitals/ markets/ offices and for availing/maintenance of essential services. The exception will include transport of all kind to and from hospital, airport, railway stations, bus stand and other essential travel. Goods carriage vehicles shall, however, be allowed to ply normally.
- (iii) Strict isolation in Government designated quarantine shall be observed by all foreign returnees/Indian citizens/domestic people who landed in India on or after 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 from WHO designated affected countries of COVID-19 for period notified by the District Surveillance Officer of the concerned District. Home quarantine shall be observed for suspected patient with symptomatic infestation of COVID-19 for prescribed period notified by Health Department. Any default shall be liable for legal action.





- Secretary's E-mail ID (as on 15.01.2020)
- (iv) People shall stay at home and come out alone only for basic purposes like visit to grocery, vegetable shops, chemists etc. and for essential and permitted work related travel only and that too while strictly following social distancing guidelines issued from time to time. Under no circumstances, any Social / Cultural / Sports / Political / Religious / Academic / Family mass gatherings or gatherings of any kind and purpose will be permitted at any place. All the establishments which are allowed to be kept open under these orders shall also ensure social distancing within and outside their premises.
- (v) Congregation of more than 3 persons at a public place will be prohibited except places of exempted establishments.
- (vi) The following establishment/services including those in private sector providing essential services shall be excluded from above restrictions:
- a) Offices charged with law and order, correctional, traffic and Magisterial duties.
  - b) Police, Armed Forces and Central Para-Military Forces
  - c) Health
  - d) Treasury
  - e) Urban Local Bodies and Rural Development.
  - f) Fire, Civil Defense and Emergency Services
  - g) Electricity, Water and Municipal Services
  - h) Telecom & Internet Services including IT & ITeS
  - i) Postal services
  - j) Supply chain and related transportation
  - k) Courts & Legal Services
  - l) Old age and baby care homes
  - m) Cremation service/burial
  - n) Private Security Service
  - o) Any other service which the DM & Collector of the concerned District / Home / Health Department deems to be essential.
  - p) If there is any doubt as to whether a service establishment is essential or not, the DM & Collector/ Home/ Health Department shall be the competent authority to decide.

- (vii) The staff working in the government establishments providing above services shall not proceed on leave and the already sanctioned leave is ordered to be cancelled with immediate effect except for maternity leave. Furthermore, the leave on medical grounds shall be admissible only if certified by the State Medical Board.
- (viii) The Department/Office of the State Government and its PSUs shall be functional subject to advisory / order issued by the State Government/ concerned departmental authority from time to time with minimum officer/staff.
- (ix) All religious places attracting any gathering shall be closed.
- (x) State Government at any point of time may requisition any places for designating as quarantine/ isolation centre for enforcement purpose.
- (xi) Any person found indulging in making or circulating false alarm or warning leading to panic will be liable for action under section 54 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005.
- (xii) Crossing of Indo-Bangladesh Boarder will be strictly prohibited at any place except those with official or diplomatic passport/visa.
- (xiii) DM & Collector may impose any other restriction or prohibition if required under relevant provisions of law.
- (xiv) Any person, institution/organisation violating the above restrictions, shall be prosecuted in terms of Epidemic Disease Control Act 1897 under section 188, 269, 270 and section 271 of the IPC, enabling provisions of the Disaster Management Act 2005 and other relevant Acts and regulation there under.
- (xv) No suit or legal proceedings shall lie against any person for anything done or intended to be done in good faith under these regulations.
- (xvi) All earlier orders issued by the various authorities will be aligned with this order by the enforcement agencies.

This order shall take effect w.e.f. 2.00 pm of 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 and shall be in force till 5 PM on 31/03/20.

By order & in the name  
of the Governor

  
(Manoj Kumar)  
Chief Secretary

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5. PS to the all Hon'ble Minister.
6. Director General of Police, Tripura
7. Director Health, Director FW, State Surveillance Officer
8. All DMs,
9. All SPs
10. All CMOs

  
(Manoj Kumar)  
Chief Secretary