

उपायुक्त का कार्यालय
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
दक्षिण अंडमान जिला
SOUTH ANDAMAN DISTRICT

Port Blair dated the 05th April 2021

PRESS RELEASE

Shri Suneel Anchipaka, Deputy Commissioner (SA) convened a meeting in view of the sudden surge in the COVID -19 positive cases in South Andaman in the past few days with the representatives of Health Services, Airline Operators and Special Secretary (IT) to discuss various measures to be undertaken to contain the further spread of the virus.

Since there have been allegations from various quarters that the inbound passengers are arriving at Port Blair from mainland with fake RTPCR negative test reports. As such in view to curb such activity, it has been decided to conduct random Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) on the incoming passengers at the Airport itself with effect from 07/04/2021. Further all the inbound passengers are hereby requested to cooperate with the officials performing the test at the airport and support the Administration in the fight against COVID-19.

Further the Deputy Commissioner (SA) reiterated the Hon'ble Prime Minister's five-fold strategy for Testing, Tracing, Treatment, COVID-19 appropriate behaviour and vaccination has to be scrupulously followed.


**Deputy Commissioner
South Andaman District**

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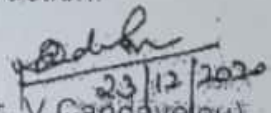
All Airline Operators operating from Veer Savarkar International Airport, Port Blair for strict compliance.

COVID-19/2019-20
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
DIRECTORATE OF CIVIL AVIATION
PORT BLAIR - 744101.

Dated 23rd December, 2020ORDER

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India has issued detailed Standard Operating Procedure dated 22/12/2020 for Surveillance and Response to the new variant of SARS-CoV-2 virus detected in United Kingdom. In pursuance of the above SOP and in order to effectively tackle the challenge arising from the new variant of COVID-19, the Andaman and Nicobar Administration has decided as follows:

1. All incoming passengers arriving at VSI Airport from 26th December, 2020 onwards, shall have to mandatorily carry RT-PCR negative test report issued from a ICMR recognized lab, subject to condition that the RT-PCR test should have been taken within 48 hours prior to commencement of journey.
2. All Airlines shall ensure strict compliance of the above instruction.


23/12/2020
(Dr. V. Candavelou)

Commr.-cum-Secretary (CA/Health)

To

1. Airport Director, VSI Airport, Port Blair
2. Station Managers of all Airlines, Port Blair, with request to inform the originating stations to comply with the above orders.

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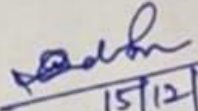
1. PS to Chief Secretary, A&N Islands, Port Blair.
2. The Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, Port Blair
3. The SP, South Andaman / Immigration
4. The Director (Health Services), Port Blair

अंडमान तथा निकोबार प्रशासन
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
सचिवालय/SECRETARIAT

Port Blair, dated the 15th December, 2020

Circular

In view of detection of significant number of COVID-19 positive cases by Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) at VSI, Airport, Port Blair, all the Airline Operators are hereby directed to advise their incoming passengers at the time of reservation of tickets to carry a valid negative RTPCR test report issued by an ICMR recognized laboratory to avoid inconvenience on arrival at Port Blair. The existing SOP in this regard is enclosed for reference and necessary action.

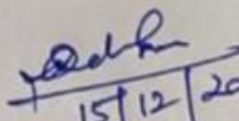

15/12/2020
(Dr. V. Candavelou, IAS)
Commissioner-cum-Secretary (CA)
No.19/CA/2019-2020

To:

1. Station Manager, Air India, Port Blair
2. Station Manager, Go Air, Port Blair
3. Station Manager, Indigo, Port Blair
4. Station Manager, Spice Jet, Port Blair
5. Station Manager, Vistara, Port Blair

Copy to: -

1. The Secretary (Tourism), A & N Administration with the request to advise all Tour Operators.
2. Airport Director, VSI airport Port Blair for information and necessary action.


15/12/2020
Commissioner-cum-Secretary (CA)

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Port Blair dated the 31st August 2020

ORDER NO.: 938

Whereas, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 10(2)(l) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the Union Home Secretary has vide Order No.40-3/2020-DM-1(A) dated 29.08.2020 issued Guidelines on Unlock-4 and National directives for COVID-19 management for public and work places;

Whereas, the Chief Secretary, Andaman and Nicobar Administration in exercise of the powers conferred under section 24(l) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, has issued directions vide order No. CS/Sr.PS/05/2020 dated 30.08.2020 which will be applicable in whole of Andaman and Nicobar Islands till 30.09.2020;

NOW THEREFORE, in pursuance of powers vested in the undersigned u/s 51(b) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and in order to enforce strict compliance of the National Directives on COVID-19 and contain the spread of COVID-19 in South Andaman District, I, Suneel Anchipaka, IAS, District Magistrate, South Andaman District, hereby direct the following:-

I. **Activities permitted during Unlock 4 period outside the Containment Zones in South Andaman District**

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

- (i) Schools, colleges, educational and coaching institutions will continue to remain closed for students and regular class activity upto 30th September 2020. However, following will be permitted:
 - a. Online/distance learning shall continue to be permitted and shall be encouraged.
 - b. 50% of teaching and non-teaching staff to be called to the schools at a time for online teaching/tele-counselling and related work, in areas outside the Containment Zones only, with effect from 21st September 2020, subject to strict adherence of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW).
 - c. Students of classes 9 to 12 will be permitted to visit their schools, in areas outside the Containment Zones only, on voluntary basis, for taking guidance from their teachers, subject to the written consent of their

parents/guardians subject to strict adherence of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW).

- d. Skill or Entrepreneurship training will be permitted in National Skill Training Institutes, Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), Short term training centres registered with National Skill Development Corporation or State Skill Development Missions or other Ministries of Government of India or State Government. National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD), Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE) and their training providers will also be permitted. These will be permitted with effect from 21st September 2020, subject to strict adherence of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW). Higher Education Institutions only for research scholars (Ph.D) and post-graduate students of technical and professional programmes requiring laboratory/experimental works. These will be permitted by the Department of Higher Education (DHE) in consultation with MHA, based on the assessment of the situation, and keeping in view incidence of COVID-19 in the District.
- (ii) Social/academic/sports/entertainment/cultural/religious /political functions and other congregations with a ceiling of 100 persons, will be permitted with effect from 21st September 2020, with mandatory wearing of face masks, social distancing, provision for thermal scanning and hand wash or sanitizer.
However, marriage related gathering with number of guests not exceeding 50 and funeral/last rites related gatherings with number of persons not exceeding 20 will continue to be allowed upto 20th September 2020, after which the ceiling of 100 persons will apply.
- (iii) Cinema halls, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theatres and similar places will remain closed.
- (iv) International air travel of passengers, except as permitted by MHA.

II. **National Directives for COVID-19 Management**

National Directives for COVID-19 Management, as specified in Annexure-I to the Order issued by the Union Home Secretary dt. 29th August 2020 shall be followed.

III. **Lockdown limited to Containment Zones**

- (i) Lockdown shall remain in force in the Containment Zones till 30th September, 2020.
- (ii) Containment Zones shall be demarcated by the District Administration at micro level after taking into

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

IV. Movement of passengers

- (i) All incoming passengers from mainland shall be tested with RT-PCR/RAPID Antigen Test at a cost of Rs.500 per head except medical patients along with an attendant. The cost of test shall be borne by passengers themselves. Passengers destined for Nicobar, Rangat Tehsil, Little Andaman shall be tested under RT-PCR and will be compulsorily kept under Institutional quarantine, till they test Negative (-ve) for COVID-19 or for 7 days, whichever is earlier.
 - (ii) In case of all passengers destined to other Islands from Port Blair through Ship/Boat, they shall be tested, in compliance with the directions of the Shipping Department.
 - (iii) All Drivers and helpers of cargo vehicles/ persons requiring movement on the ATR and moving to the North & Middle Andaman District shall also be tested first and allowed to move only if they test (-Ve) for COVID-19 in compliance with the directions of the Tribal Welfare Department.
- V. All the private office, workplaces, shops, markets, industrial & commercial establishment in South Andaman District shall function from 0830 hrs to 1830 hrs.
- VI. The private offices, workplaces, shops, markets, industrial & commercial establishments rendering services/activities like Nursing homes, Private Clinics, Hospitals, Chemists/Pharmacies, Petrol Pumps/Fuel Depots, Hotel and Restaurants, ATMs shall function from 0830 hrs to 2130 hrs.
- VII. All the establishments shall ensure strict adherence of COVID-19 protocols like wearing of masks and maintenance of social distancing/**2 Gaz Ki Doori**. It shall be sole responsibility of the owner/ in-charge of shop/business establishment to ensure strict compliance of National Directives on COVID-19 and SOPs failing which in addition to criminal proceedings, the shops/ business establishment shall be sealed for 14 days.

- VIII. Concerned department may also prepare consequential SOPs for strict enforcement of the above directions.
- IX. **Protection of vulnerable persons**
Persons above 65 years of age, persons with co-morbidities, pregnant women and children below the age of 10 years are advised to stay at home, except for essential and health purposes.
- X. **Use of Arogya Setu**
(i) *Arogya Setu* enables early identification of potential risk infection, and thus acts as a shield for individual and the community.
(ii) With a view to ensuring safety on offices and work places, employers on best efforts basis should ensure that *Arogya Setu* is installed by all employees having compatible mobile phones.
- XI. Any person violating the 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 IPC and other legal provisions as applicable. They shall also be liable to pay fines as per the orders in force.

This order shall come into effect from 01/09/2020 and shall remain in force upto 30/09/2020.


Given under my hand and seal of this Court on the 31st day of August 2020.




OFFICE ORDER BOOK

Copy to:-

1. The Sr. PS to Chief Secretary, A&N Admn. for kind information of Chief Secretary.
2. The Sr. PS to Principal Secretary (Health) for kind information of Principal Secretary (Health).
3. The SP, South Andaman District for information and necessary action.
4. The SDM South Andaman for information and necessary action.
5. All Executive Magistrates, South Andaman district for necessary action.
6. The Chief Editor, The Daily Telegrams for information and publishing in the newspaper.
7. All India Radio, Port Blair for information and wide dissemination.


(Suneel Anchipaka, IAS)
District Magistrate
South Andaman District
(No.1-1/DC(SA)/PA/COVID-19/2020)
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दक्षिण अण्डमान जिला
South Andaman District


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District Magistrate
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South Andaman District

Dated: 23.05.2020

PRESS RELEASE

In light of the resumption of flights from mainland to Port Blair, the UT Administration has revised the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) to be followed by all passengers, Airports Authority, airline operators and others concerned. The following are the highlights of the Revised SOP:-

- As per Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) Order dated 21.05.2020, all airline operators shall share the passenger manifest of each flight in the prescribed format with the UT Administration beforehand.
- On arrival, Thermal screening of all passengers shall be done by the local health authorities.
- At the point of screening, all passengers to share their contact details and residential address of A&N Islands with the Administration for record.
- All asymptomatic passengers will be allowed to travel to their residence/ next destination by local/private transport.
- All symptomatic/suspect cases in passengers, as assessed by the Health authorities will be isolated at the designated COVID Care Centre (CCC).

In addition to the above, it is again reiterated that the residents of the Islands (with no travel history from 25.03.2020 onwards), shall be allowed to travel to the other Islands without any restrictions, after thermal screening at the point of embarkation. Further, persons coming by air shall not be required to be quarantined at home henceforth.

All Guidelines/ directives of the Ministries of Home Affairs and the Health & Family Welfare and the SOPs issued by Govt. of India shall be strictly followed.

Nodal Officer (COVID-19)

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR EVACUATION OF STRANDED PERSONS BY SHIP

In case the islanders are evacuated by Ship the following protocol will be observed during boarding, journey and disembarkation:

A. DEPARTURE & JOURNEY:

1. The ship sailing should be equipped with all necessary logistics including the PPE and/or full body gown/Coveralls, triple layered masks gloves and Infra-red thermometers in sufficient capacity..
2. The ship also should have hypochlorite solution, Lysol, Dettol etc for disinfection in sufficient quantity.
3. All passengers to undergo thermal screening at the port before embarkation and be provided with a safety kit containing sufficient number of face masks & Sanitizers for use during the voyage.
4. Anyone with ILI symptoms will not be allowed to board the ship.
5. All the crew members shall wear full body gown/PPE/Coveralls while in contact with the passengers.
6. All the passengers shall be briefed about do and don'ts regarding COVID-19 and the same may be displayed in multiple locations on board.
7. All the crew members should refrain from mixing with the passengers and the master on board to deploy only the required number of crew for cooking, serving and cleaning the ship. In the crew cabins also adequate social distancing as per norms should be ensured. They should stay in their cabins when they are not working.
8. Cleaning of toilets should be done every two hours under the supervision of the doctor on board. Proper disposal mechanisms to dispose used masks/gloves of the crew/passengers should be ensured at well distinguished places for the use of all.
9. Only 50% of the seating capacity will be allowed in the ship.
10. Buffer area will be designated in the ship between the crew and the passengers, This can be done by either keeping few rooms vacant in a row on the same floor or by keeping one floor vacant between the passengers and crew cabins, as may be feasible, as decided by the Shipping Department.
11. CCTV and motion sensors may be installed, if needed or if available.
12. Ship may be divided into cluster based on cabin; berth and passengers in the each cluster should maintain social distancing. Captain of ship may designate officials who will ensure social distancing. Passengers who violate the national directives/norms etc. shall be identified and they should be fined by the appropriate authority at the time of disembarkation at Port Blair.

13. Passengers and crew should download the **AAROGYA SETU** app to the extent possible and keep the Bluetooth on always, if installed.
14. Any passengers with fever, cold, cough should be isolated in a separate cabin during the course of sailing. He/she should be provided with a face mask and sufficient sanitizers. Interactions with sick persons should be kept as brief as possible and interactions of others with the sick persons may be kept limited.
15. Meals may be distributed at separate times in different sections of the ship so that overcrowding may be avoided. Disposable plates with food wrap may be used for food distribution instead of calling them to the canteen area.
16. Drinking water sources should have one crew who will ensure social distancing and if possible, every section to have drinking water sources functional which are to be cleaned and sanitized regularly. Disposable glasses to be kept at the water points to prevent re-use.
17. The floor should be cleaned with 1% hypochlorite solution twice a day or with Lysol solution 1:10 strength.
18. All the garbage should be first sprayed with hypochlorite solution or Dettol solution and then sealed. The sealed bag to be re sprayed with solution and then shifted to quarter deck.
19. All crew members to ensure that every movement in the ship to follow disinfection process.
20. The Doctors on board shall prepare a list of all ILI /SARI cases and isolate them in separate space / rooms. The same list should be shared with the PHO.
21. It should be ensured that all "HIGH TOUCH" surfaces in the ship like door knobs, hand rails, table surfaces, and common seating areas should be sanitized at regular intervals.

ON ARRIVAL:

1. Disembarkation of passengers will be done batch wise, the first batch will be symptomatic patients, other patients with one attender, elders > 60 years of age and pregnant women/Lactating mothers with minimum social distancing of 6 feet.
2. The luggage of passengers as well as crew will be sanitized during the Disembarkation.
3. Transportation vehicles such as boats/ambulances will be observe all laid down procedure of safety strictly while transporting passengers from ship to shore (if applicable) and shore to quarantine facilities.
4. Temperature to be measured at the point of disembarkation and necessary forms will be filled for detailed information by the local health authority. If found symptomatic will be lodged in the designated COVID Care Centre.

5. All asymptomatic passengers who are residents of Port Blair/ Ferrargunj will be taken to their respective homes by buses that will be arranged by the Transport Department and placed under Home Quarantine for 14 days.
6. Asymptomatic passengers who are residents of other districts/ inter-island will be allowed to proceed to their place of residence by a separate designated bus/Pvt. vehicle/ Ship/helicopter. In case of movement by ship they should be given separate cabins and shall be discouraged from intermixing with other passengers. Details of all such persons will be shared by the district administration, South Andamans with the other districts for further necessary action.

In case their movement is not possible immediately, they will be accommodated locally by the administration till first available transport.

7. During home quarantine the district administration along with health officials to keep strict watch over health conditions of the passengers and supply of essential commodities to be monitored by the district administration.

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