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From: **Commissioner - HFWS** <[com-hfws@karnataka.gov.in](mailto:com-hfws@karnataka.gov.in)>

Date: Fri, 13 Mar, 2020, 7:50 PM

Subject: Advise to IT-BT companies regarding work from home and foreign travel.

Dear Sir,

There was a High level meeting chaired by Hon'ble Chief Minister on COVID-19 situation in the state. A lot of measures have been announced to contain the spread of the Corona Virus including social distancing.

Hon'ble Chief Minister has advised and requested all companies working in the field of IT-BT to:

- 1) Encourage all their employees to work from home rather than coming to workplace.
- 2) Avoid unnecessary foreign travel and postponed all such travels.

Further based on advisories issued by the government of India and decision

taken by state government on closure of certain establishments it is reiterated that the workplace viz. IT-BT Tech parks can be open though with the truncated employees' strength. However, the places of congregation like cafeteria, big conference halls, swimming pools etc. should be closed. The employees coming to the office should be encouraged to have their food in their cabins. This will ensure social distancing and spread of COVID-19.

Thanking you,

With warm regards,  
Pankaj Kumar Pandey, IAS,  
Commissioner,  
Health & Family Welfare Services.

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