



DC TVPM/6452/2020/S11

Dtd: 02.10.2020

(Under section 144 of Code of Criminal procedure 1973)

Whereas, based on the declaration issued by the World Health Organisation, on 11.03.2020 declaring the outbreak of Covid-19 as a Global Pandemic and subsequent notifications issued by Government of India and Government of Kerala, under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and the Disaster management Act, 2005.

And whereas, SRO notification issued by Govt of Kerala as Kerala Epidemics Diseases, Covid 19, Regulations 2020 in official gazette stipulates that all possible measures shall be incorporated to contain the disease. It is apprehended that there is likelihood of spread of Covid-19 disease through gathering of persons in public and private areas and that there is grave danger to human life, health or safety due to the same.

And whereas, till now 36,433 persons are infected with Covid19 in the district and 12,223 active cases are undergoing treatment in the district as on date. The category B and C patients who need hospitalisation and intensive care are increasing and almost 75 % of the bed capacity in Covid Hospitals is being filled by such patients.

And Whereas It has been made to appear to me that further surge in Covid 19 positive cases is imminent inspite of best collective efforts of all departments and if strict prohibitions are not put in place, it will seriously endanger human lives in large numbers.

And whereas it has also been made to appear to me by the District Medical Officer that in the case of unmanageable surge, the health infrastructure of the district will be overwhelmed which can lead to high mortality

And whereas, the District Authority in its meeting held on this day has examined the matter in detail and is convinced that the requirement for certain general restrictions particularly in gatherings and strict implementation of Covid19 protocols including social distancing is highly essential and urgent to manage the pandemic situation of Covid-19 in the district.

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And now, I, Dr. Navjot Khosa IAS, District Collector & District Magistrate, is fully satisfied that there is an urgent need to invoke the provisions of Section 144 of CrPC for passing prohibitory orders to ensure that there is no danger to human life, health or safety. Therefore, by virtue of the powers conferred upon me under **Section 144 of Criminal Procedure Code 1973**, I do hereby ex parte pass the following

<u>Order</u>

1. Any voluntary aggregation of more than 5 persons in public places is prohibited in the entire district.

I do further order that,

- 2. <u>Within Containment Zones</u>
- Any congregation or public function (indoor and outdoor) of more than 5 persons will not be allowed, except for Marriages and Funerals where , upto 20 persons are permitted.
- ii. Strict containment shall be enforced. Only essential activities like selling of essential groceries, medicines and food items like milk, vegetables, meat, fish and essential services like revenue , health, police , LSGD, electricity, sanitation and water supply will be allowed.
- iii. Strict movement restriction and perimeter control will be enforced. The movement of persons in or out of containment zones will not be permitted except for medical emergencies and maintaining supply of essential goods and services.
- iv. SHO concerned shall ensure that proper barricading of the Containment Zone is made so as to regulate the movement of persons in and out of the containment zone. He shall also ensure the perimeter control and crowd control activities.

3. <u>Outside Containment Zones</u>

i. Any congregation or public function of more than 5 persons in outdoor spaces, is strictly prohibited.

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- All indoor gatherings such as social, cultural, political, academic, religious, inaugural functions, etc; shall be limited to 20 participants including religious prayers and funerals
- Marriages can be conducted with participation of maximum 50 persons subject to people strictly adhering to Covid protocols and social distancing norms
- iv. In non-containment zones, all activities permitted as per the MHA and State Government orders is allowed, subject to the Covid-19 protocols and limited to the number of participants mentioned above.
- v. Public transport, government institutions, commercial establishments, industries, hospitals can function fully keeping Social distancing and break the chain protocols.

I do, further order that,

- 4. All public exams that were announced before October 2,2020 will be conducted as per schedule. Strict compliance of Covid 19 protocol shall be ensured.
- 5. All exams that are yet to be announced shall be scheduled only after prior permission of District Disaster Management Authority.
- 6. All banks shall function following Covid protocols.
- 7. Gathering of more than 5 persons shall be not allowed in front of any bank/shop/commercial establishments.
- 8. People are directed to stay at homes/indoor as far as possible and not to come out for non-essential activities.
- 9. SDMs and other Executive Magistrate shall supervise the execution of this order.
- 10. District Police Chief (City) and District Police Chief (Rural) are hereby directed to ensure the strict compliance of this order in letter and spirit and to register cases against the violators as per law.

The order shall be in force from 3rd October 2020, 9:00 am onwards uptill midnight of 31st October 2020. Any person contravening this order is liable to be punished under Section 188 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860. As the notice cannot be served individually to all concerned, the order is passed ex parte. It shall be published for the information of

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public through press and by affixing copies on the notice boards of all police stations, Municipal offices, Taluk offices and Grama Panchayaths. All concerned LSGD authorities are required to give wide publicity of this order through proper announcement system.

Given under my hand and seal of this office on this day of 2nd October,2020

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District Magistrate Thiruvananthapuram

Copy to:

- 1. ADM and SDMs
- 2. District Police Chief, Thiruvananthapuram (City and Rural) (for effective implementation of this order)
- 3. DMO, Thiruvananthapuram
- 4. All Tahsildars and Incident Commanders
- 5. Secretary, Thiruvananthapuram District Panchayath
- 6. Secretary, Thiruvananthapuram Corporation
- 7. Deputy Director of Panchayat, Thiruvananthapuram
- 8. District Level Officers of All Departments
- 9. District Information Officer (For publicity)
- 10. District Informatics Officer (For website publication)