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S. No.	Headline	Details
1.	PM interacts with CMs to plan for tackling COVID-19 (27.04.2020)	<p>Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today interacted with Chief Ministers of states via video conferencing to discuss the emerging situation and plan for tackling the COVID-19 pandemic. This was the fourth such interaction of the Prime Minister with the Chief Ministers. Given below are the key highlights from the interaction:</p> <p>Impact of Lockdown</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Prime Minister underlined that the lockdown has yielded positive results as the country has managed to save thousands of lives in the past one and a half months. • He added that India's population is comparable to that of the combined population of several countries. • He however forewarned that the danger of the virus is far from over and constant vigilance is of paramount importance. <p>Importance of Social Distancing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reiterating the mantra of 'do gaz doori', he said that masks and face covers will become part of our lives in the days ahead. He pointed out that many people are self-declaring whether they have cough and cold or symptoms, and that this is a welcome sign. <p>Imperatives for the future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Prime Minister said that we have to give importance to the economy as well as continue the fight against COVID -19. • He emphasized on the importance of usage of technology as much as possible and also to utilize time to embrace reform measures. • He also suggested that people associated with Universities can be integrated on devising ways to fight the pandemic and strengthen research as well as innovation. <p>Priorities for states</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He highlighted the importance for states to enforce guidelines strictly in the hotspots i.e. the red zone areas. He stated that the efforts of the states should be directed towards converting the red zones into orange and thereafter to green zones. • As of now, four states viz Maharashtra, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Delhi amongst the UTs have urged for an extension of the lockdown.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • States are presently working on relaxing curbs within hotspots and a strategy for phased lifting of the lockdown regulations. • The Chief Ministers spoke about the need to keep a close vigil on international borders, and also on addressing the economic challenge and ways to further boost health infrastructure.
2.	Ministry of Home Affairs clarification on operation of shops (24.04.2020)	<p>The Ministry of Home Affairs issues a clarification order regarding the operation of shops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In rural areas, all shops, except those in shopping malls are allowed to open. • In urban areas, all standalone shops, neighborhood shops & shops in residential complexes are allowed to open. Shops in markets/ market complexes and shopping malls are not allowed to open. • It is clarified that sale by e-commerce companies will continue to be permitted for essential goods only. • It is further clarified that sale of liquor and other items continues to be prohibited as specified in the National Directives for COVID-19 management.

STATE/UT GOVERNMENTS

State/Union Territory	Details
1. Karnataka	<p>UPDATE (27.04.2020)</p> <p>The state government has directed that the industries, which are eligible to operate in unaffected districts in Karnataka, shall submit a self-declaration of adhering to the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to the concerned District Industries Center before starting the unit.</p>
2. Haryana	<p>UPDATE (25.04.2020)</p> <p>District Administration Gurugram has issued an SOP and guidelines for companies planning to reopen their workplaces and industrial units. All organizations are expected to align their operations to these guidelines.</p>
3. Himachal Pradesh	<p>UPDATE (27.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur today said lockdown should continue beyond May 3 to contain the spread of coronavirus. He also demanded more ventilators for the state hospitals.</p> <p>Update 2: Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur directed officers to ensure complete medical examination of people before they enter the hill state. He said all the people who are returning to the state should be medically examined at the borders itself and only thereafter they should be allowed to go to their respective destinations for home quarantine. The Chief Minister said it must be made mandatory for the people entering the state to download Arogya Setu app.</p> <p>UPDATE (26.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: In view of the clarification issued by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs regarding relaxations for opening of shops during lockdown period, the Himachal Pradesh government has decided to strictly implement the directions in the state. The state government has clarified that in rural areas, all shops except those in shopping malls will remain open. In urban areas, all stand-alone shops, neighbourhood shops and shops in residential complexes except shops in multi- brand and single brand malls will remain open during the curfew relaxation time.</p> <p>Update 2: The District Magistrate of Solan issued an order regarding issuing of curfew passes for movement within the state.</p> <p>UPDATE (25.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The Himachal government has decided to provide relief to consumers related to paying electricity bills. As per the decision of the government, they will be able to deposit the bill in installments as well.</p> <p>Update 2: The Himachal Pradesh government, on Saturday, announced its decision to relax curfew for morning walkers amid the nationwide COVID-19 lockdown and pandemic. The state government announced that it was relaxing the curfew from Sunday for the time period between 5.30 am to 7 am for those who wanted to go for an early morning walk.</p>

	<p>This decision was taken by Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur during a state review meeting over the COVID-19 pandemic. Apart from relaxing curfew for early morning walkers, the state has also decided to ease curfew for four hours between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m, as compared to the previous relaxation of three hours.</p> <p>Update 3: The District Magistrate of Solan issued an order allowing industrial units situated in District Solan to increase their work shifts from present number of two shifts to three shifts; subject to the compliance of the condition that not more than 30-40% workforce shall be allowed to work in one shift.</p> <p>UPDATE (24.04.2020)</p> <p>The District Magistrate of Solan issued an addendum to the order dated 21st April 2020, vide which some services/activities, operations/industrial establishments have been exempted/relaxed during the period of lockdown. As per the order, a clause exempting 'manufacturing and other industrial establishments in designated industrial estate and industrial townships' has been added.</p>
<p>4. Kerala</p>	<p>UPDATE (27.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: Kerala wants the nationwide lockdown imposed to curb the spread of coronavirus to be lifted in a staggered manner and has asked for an exclusive Covid-19 financial package from the Centre. The southern state, with a large expat population, also wants the central government to expedite their return. This was conveyed by the state Chief Secretary who represented the state at the chief ministers' video conference with Prime Minister Narendra Modi to discuss the Covid-19 situation in the country on Monday.</p> <p>Update 2: In the wake of 11 cases reported in the past two days in Kottayam district, Minister P Thilothaman decided to impose strict restrictions. Nothing will function in the affected area except essential services. The required items will reach houses. Only medical stores will be opened in hotspots.</p> <p>Update 3: There has been no third stage spread or community transmission of COVID-19 infection so far in Kerala, but there is need to exercise vigil, Kerala Health minister K K Shailaja, said.</p> <p>In a move to check for community spread of COVID-19, Kerala has begun random testing of asymptomatic persons. The state has formulated a new testing plan to find 'any undetected COVID-19 positivity among the general population of Kerala'. The state plans to test 3,000 samples from the general population on a daily basis, and all these tests will use the RT-PCR (real-time reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction) kit – considered the gold standard to detect SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes the COVID-19 disease. The 3,000 samples exclude those who will anyway be tested for the virus based on the current protocol in place in the state.</p> <p>Update 4: The Kerala government on Sunday initiated the registration process for bringing back people from the state stranded in various countries. There are over 1.5 lakh Non-Resident Keralites (NRK)s,</p>

	<p>stranded in different countries, have registered online for returning to the state, once the Centre gives the nod and air services resume.</p> <p>UPDATE (26.04.2020)</p> <p>Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan directed district collectors and district medical officers to conduct Covid-19 inspections in all districts. He said that the people who are not asymptomatic should be examined. The government will provide the necessary kit.</p> <p>UPDATE (25.04.2020)</p> <p>With the Union government relaxing the lockdown restrictions, the Kerala government on Saturday gave permission for shops in rural areas except malls to function. "We will implement the relaxations announced by the Union government. However, jewellery shops will not be allowed to function at this juncture. There will not be any relaxation in hotspots and districts which have been declared red zones," said chief secretary Tom Jose.</p> <p>UPDATE (24.04.2020)</p> <p>The state government issued an order to treat all regular/contractual/casual/daily waged employees in the state PSUs who are unable to reach the offices for attending their normal duties due to restrictions from 24.03.2020 to 30.04.2020 "on duty" subject to the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSUs should meet the expenditure from their own funds. Payment for workers in essential/exempted service industries should be done subject to the management satisfying itself that non-attendance of an individual is due to restrictions on inter district travel only.
5. Nagaland	<p>UPDATE (27.04.2020)</p> <p>The Nagaland Technical Education Department announced that the last date of form submission for Nagaland State Entrance Examination (NSEE-2020) and Diploma Entrance Examination (DEE-2020) has been extended till further notice due to COVID 19 lockdown</p> <p>UPDATE (25.04.2020)</p> <p>The Nagaland Government has announced to provide financial assistance of Rs. 25,000 to registered home-delivery companies delivering essential commodities in Nagaland.</p>
6. Punjab	<p>UPDATE (27.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The Punjab Government had constituted the group of experts, headed by noted economist and former deputy chairman of Planning Commission, Montek Singh Ahluwalia to revive the state's economy. The former PM Dr. Manmohan Singh has accepted for to provide overall guidance to the state government to restore the state's growth and economy.</p>
7. Gujarat	<p>UPDATE (26.04.2020)</p> <p>The Municipal Commissioners and Collectors of Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Surat and Rajkot metropolitan areas have jointly decided that shops and businesses in these four metros will not be allowed to operate till May 3 and will be kept closed.</p>

	<p>UPDATE (25.04.2020)</p> <p>The Chief Minister has decided that all shops and small businesses, which fall outside containment zones can resume from 26th April 2020. These shops and businesses are subject to certain terms and conditions. They can only use 50% of their staff for the time being. Moreover, they are required to follow the necessary safety measures and maintain social distancing.</p> <p>However, malls and complexes shall remain closed until further notice. Apart from that, barber shops, tea stalls, tobacco shops, restaurants and hotels shall also remain closed.</p> <p>Other shops and businesses, except those mentioned above, falling under the Gumastadhara of Shops and Establishment can resume. The shop owners are not required to obtain any special permission. The license obtained by them under the Gumastadhara shall be considered valid.</p> <p>I.T and ITES industries have also been granted permission to resume their work with 50% staff and adequate safety measures. However, these offices should not fall under containment zones.</p> <p>In addition to that, all those areas declared as containment zones by the regional administration shall be restricted from opening shops and businesses.</p> <p>UPDATE (24.04.2020)</p> <p>The Chief Minister decided to start the registration of documents in 98 sub- registrar offices except those in the limits of municipalities and municipal corporations. However, applicants will be required to seek an online appointment and pay fees through online transactions only.</p>
8. Chandigarh	<p>UPDATE (25.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The Chandigarh Administration has released a Standard Operating Procedure for volunteers / NGOs / RWAs and other associations allowed to function as “Authorized COVID volunteers”</p> <p>Update 2: The advisor to the Chandigarh Administration has reiterated that no industry, factory, nor any e-commerce delivery of non essential items will be permitted in Chandigarh, which is under curfew and containment zone.</p>
9. Andhra Pradesh	<p>UPDATE (25.04.2020)</p> <p>The Health, Medical and Family Welfare department has released measures to be taken to shift symptomatic and asymptomatic people between the ages of 40 and 60 to COVID hospitals.</p> <p>UPDATE (24.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The Transport, Roads & Buildings Department of the government has released a plan for containment, control and prevention of COVID-19 in the state.</p> <p>Update 2: The Health, Medical and Family Welfare department has released an advisory to be followed for patients with respiratory problems.</p>

	<p>Update 3: The Health, Medical and Family Welfare department has released an advisory for the creating of a triage area in hospitals and guidelines for segregation and shifting of COVID patients.</p>
10. Tamil Nadu	<p>UPDATE (26.04.2020) The government of Tamil Nadu has allowed storage of fresh produce in integrated units for 15 days followed by loan facilities to farmers if they decide to lease private units.</p> <p>UPDATE (25.04.2020) Some part of the districts in Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai, Salem, Tirupur, Thiruvallur, Chhengalpattu, and Kanchipuram will be under full curfew, with grocery sale outlets open until 3 pm only.</p>
11. Goa	<p>UPDATE (26.04.2020) In view of prevailing situation in the country due to Health Emergency posed by COVID-19 and inorder to contain the spread of the said epidemic the District Magistrate, South Goa, Margao, has ordered for closure of the following in South Goa District. Restaurants, Tea Shops/Pan Shops, Other food shops/joints (Dhabas, Ghaddas), Street food vendors, Beach shacks, All other types of eateries, Gymnasiums, Cinema Theatres, All Public and Private Auditoriums, Public Swimming Pools, both stand alone and in Hotels/Resorts etc, Casinos, Spa and Massage Parlours / Salons, River Cruises, Night Clubs, The sale and consumption of liquor at all the licence premises in South Goa District, Multiplexes, Market/Market complex, Shopping Malls. However, the restaurants and other eating joints will be permitted to operate their kitchen only for the purpose of home – delivery / take away.</p> <p>UPDATE (25.04.2020) According to the State Government's policy on opening of Shops in the State all standalone shops, neighbourhood shops and shops in residential complexes which are registered as Shops under the Shops and Establishments Act will be allowed to open. Shops in markets/market complexes and shopping malls will not be allowed. It is further clarified that e-Commerce companies will be allowed to deliver only essential items. Also, sale of liquor shall not be allowed. All shops will be allowed to open with 50% of the workers, wearing the masks and ensuring social distancing norms.</p>
12. Madhya Pradesh	<p>UPDATE (25.04.2020) The directorate of health services has issued guidelines for quarantine facilities. The guidelines list down requirements for such facilities based on its location, Access considerations, ventilation capacity, basic infrastructure.</p>
13. Maharashtra	<p>UPDATE (23.04.2020) Maharashtra has issued amendment to the consolidated revised guidelines exempting food processing units such as bread factories, milk processing plants, flour mills, dal mills etc., the restrictions imposed as per nationwide lockdown norms. It also gave a SoP on sign-on/sign-off for Indian seafarers.</p>

14. Manipur	UPDATE (24.04.2020) Manipur government has formed a 21-member State Consultative Committee for COVID-19 with chief minister N Biren Singh as its chairperson, to fight the deadly disease. The committee was formed following a Cabinet decision on April 20, an order issued on Friday stated.
15. Jharkhand	UPDATE (27.04.2020) Update 1: The mission director of the National Health Mission Jharkhand, Shailesh Chaurasia, wrote to deputy commissioners, SPs and senior SPs of Ranchi, Jamshedpur and Dhanbad directing them to implement the order issued on March 21 by the state health secretary on the ban on sale and consumption of tobacco product apart from banning spitting in public in letter and spirit. The development can be found here . Update 2: The Jharkhand government has decided not to implement till May 3rd the central guidelines on reopening of shops due to a sudden spurt in COVID-19 cases, Chief Minister Hemant Soren said on Monday. Update 3: The Jharkhand High Court through its office order issued the guidelines for hearing of urgent matters through Video Conferencing. These guidelines have been released in view of direction of the Supreme Court laying down Standard Operating Procedure for advocate and parties for mentioning, e-filing and Video conferencing hearing and for effective access to justice by conduct of Court proceeding through Video-Conferencing, in consideration of the current pandemic and nationwide lockdown. Update 4: Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Friday began the process of transferring cash in the bank accounts of the state's migrant workers stranded across the country following the nationwide lockdown imposed to contain the spread of coronavirus. On the first day, Rs 1,000 each was transferred into the accounts of 1,11,568 migrant workers through the Chief Minister's Special Assistance Scheme mobile app.
16. Odisha	UPDATE (25.04.2020) Update 1: State Government has issued order for opening of shops during the Lock Down period. Department of Revenue & Disaster Management has issued detail order in this regard. These shops will be managed with 50% staff. Wearing of masks and following social distancing will be mandatory. Collectors/Municipal Commissioner/ULB Authorities shall notify detail orders specifying the shops/type of shops to be opened. Update 2: On account of lock down labourers stranded in Odisha who wish to travel within the State for work can do so in an organised manner so as to reach their place of work. Concerned District Collectors will issue pass for their movement. Detail guideline in this regard has been issued by Department of Revenue & Disaster Management.
17. Bihar	UPDATE (27.04.2020) 4 containment zone have been declared in Madhubani district by the state government.

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1.	Central Government constitutes Inter- Ministerial Central Teams (IMCT) to make assessment of situation and augment State efforts to fight and contain spread of COVID-19 effectively (24.04.2020)	<p>The Centre has constituted Inter-Ministerial Central Teams (IMCTs), two for Gujarat and one each for Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra (area of responsibility of earlier constituted Mumbai-Pune team expanded). These teams would make on-spot assessment of situation and issue necessary directions to State Authorities for its redressal and submit their report to Central Government in larger interest of general public.</p> <p>The situation is serious in major hotspot districts or emerging hotspots like Ahmedabad and Surat (Gujarat); Thane (Maharashtra); Hyderabad (Telangana); and Chennai (Tamil Nadu). These teams would use expertise of the Centre and augment State efforts to fight and contain spread of COVID-19 effectively.</p>
2.	Ministry of Home Affairs issues clarifications on misplaced apprehensions of Industry (23.04.2020)	<p>The notification clarifies that the consolidated revised guidelines do not curtail the exemptions that had already been provided earlier unless the exempted activity falls within a containment zone. Therefore, no fresh approvals are required for industries already permitted to operate prior to April 15.</p> <p>The Home Secretary has asked Chief Secretaries of all states to ensure that guidelines are not misused to harass the management of any manufacturing/commercial establishment.</p>
3.	Promulgation of an Ordinance to amend the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 in the light of the pandemic situation of COVID-19 (22.04.2020)	<p>The Union Cabinet has approved promulgation of an Ordinance to amend the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 to protect healthcare service personnel and property including their living/working premises against violence during epidemics. The President has given his assent for promulgation of the Ordinance.</p> <p>The Ordinance provides for making such acts of violence cognizable and non- bailable offences and for compensation for injury to healthcare service personnel or for causing damage or loss to the property in which healthcare service personnel may have a direct interest in relation to the epidemic.</p> <p>The current Ordinance is intended to ensure that during any situation akin to the current pandemic, there is zero tolerance to any form of violence against healthcare service personnel and damage to property.</p>
4.	Ministry of Human Resource Development launches national program VidyaDaan 2.0 (22.04.2020)	Ministry of Human Resource Development has e-launched VidyaDaan 2.0 program for inviting e-learning content contributions. The programme has been launched due to the increasing requirement for e-learning content for students(both school and higher education) especially in the backdrop of situation arising out of Covid- 19 and also due to the urgent need to integrate digital education with schooling to augment learning.

		VidyaDaan has a content contribution tool that provides a structured interface for the contributors to register and contribute different types of content (such as, explanation videos, presentations, competency-based items, quizzes etc.), for any grade (from grade 1 to 12), for any subject as specified by the states/UTs.
5.	Letter by Home Secretary to all Chief Secretaries of States and Administrators of UT's (22.04.2020)	The Home Secretary has written to all Chief Secretaries and Administrators to ensure adequate security is provided to healthcare professionals, medical staff & frontline workers to prevent violence against them. The Secretary also emphasized that strict action should be taken against those who obstruct performance of the last rites of the frontline workers succumbing to COVID19.
6.	Cabinet approves Rs. 15,000 Crore for 'India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package' (22.04.2020)	<p>The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister; Shri Narendra Modi has approved significant investments to the tune of Rs. 15,000 crores for 'India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package'.</p> <p>The funds sanctioned will be utilized in 3 Phases and for immediate COVID-19 Emergency Response (an amount of Rs. 7,774 Crore) has been provisioned and rest for medium-term support (1-4 years) to be provided under mission mode approach.</p> <p>The key objectives of the package include mounting emergency response to slow and limit COVID-19 in India through the development of diagnostics and COVID-dedicated treatment facilities, centralized procurement of essential medical equipment and drugs required for treatment of infected patients, strengthen and build resilient National and State health systems to support prevention and preparedness for future disease outbreaks, setting up of laboratories and bolster surveillance activities, bio-security preparedness, pandemic research and proactively engage communities and conduct risk communication activities.</p> <p>These interventions and initiatives would be implemented under the overall umbrella of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. In Phase 1, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare with the support of all the other line ministries has already undertaken several activities like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional funds to the tune of Rs 3,000 Cr have been released under the Package to State/UTs, for strengthening of existing health facilities as COVID Dedicated Hospitals, Dedicated COVID Health Center and Dedicated COVID Care Centers. Detailed guidelines, protocols and advisory for quarantine, isolation, testing, treatment, disease containment, decontamination, social distancing and surveillance. Hotspots have been identified and appropriate containment strategies are being implemented. Diagnostics laboratories network has been expanded and our testing capacity increasing every day. In fact, leveraging on the existing multi-disease testing platforms under National TB Elimination Programme, orders for procurement of 13 lakhs diagnostic kits have been placed to augment COVID 19 testing.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All health workers including Community Health Volunteers (ASHAs) have been covered with insurance under the “Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package: Insurance Scheme for Health Workers lighting COVID-19”. Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), N95 masks and ventilators, testing kits and drugs for treatment are being procured centrally. <p>The major share of the expenditure will be used for mounting robust emergency response, strengthening National and State health systems followed by strengthening pandemic research and multi-sector national institutions and platforms for One-Health, community engagement and risk communications and implementation, management, capacity building, monitoring and evaluation component.</p> <p>M/o Health & Family Welfare has been authorized to re-appropriate resources among components of the package and among the various implementation agencies (National Health Mission, Central Procurement, Railways, Dept. of Health Research/ICMR, National Centre for Disease Control) as per the evolving emergent situation.</p>
7.	Clarification on exemption of specific services and activities (21.04.2020)	<p>Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has issued an order to exempt certain activities under the consolidated revised guidelines.</p> <p>Through the notification, the Government has exempted additional agricultural and forestry items, shops of educational books for students and shops of electric fans from lockdown restrictions to fight COVID19. Further, MHA has also issued SOPs on sign-on/sign-off for Indian seafarers at Indian ports and their movement for the same.</p>
8.	Clarification on exemption of specific services and activities (21.04.2020)	<p>The Ministry of Home Affairs has put out a clarification specifying the activities that would be included as exemptions under the revised lockdown guidelines. These activities are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social sector under clause 8(i) include bed side attendants and care givers of senior citizens residing in their homes. Public utilities under clause 11(v) include recharge facilities for prepaid mobile connection. Supply of essential goods under clause 13(i) include food processing units such as bread factories, milk processing plants, flour mills, dal mills etc. located in urban areas.
9.	Pune Municipal Corporation develops app (21.04.2020)	<p>In order to effectively track the home-quarantine citizens and ensure they are staying in the home, a mobile application named Saiyam has been developed by the Pune Municipal Corporation under Smart Cities Mission (SCM).</p> <p>The city administration has appointed dedicated teams for five zones to conduct a follow-up with people under home quarantine daily. The teams will check on people who have recently returned from international trips and those discharged after treatment for COVID-19. Accordingly, the teams will seek updates from quarantined people on their health status and details of persons in contact with them. For persons sporting the home quarantine stamp, the teams will check if separate food, bed, utensils, clothes and washrooms are provided to them.</p>

		<p>The teams will check if those under home quarantine have downloaded the Saiyam Mobile Application. The Mobile Application has GPS tracking so that whenever quarantined citizens leave their homes, City Administration gets alerted and the local ward or the local police station gets informed, who then visit the family.</p>
10.	Road Ministry launches dashboard containing list of Dhabas and Truck Repair Shops (20.04.2020)	<p>The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has created a dashboard link on its website for providing list and details of Dhabas and Truck repair shops available across the country by various organisations like NHAI, States, Oil Marketing companies.</p> <p>This is intended to facilitate the truck / cargo drivers and cleaners in their movement while traveling between different places of the country for delivering required goods in the present challenging times of lockdown announced to curb Covid-19 pandemic. A regular contact is being maintained with various stake holders particularly States/UTs, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), etc in providing information which is then updated on the dashboard link on MoRTH website.</p>
11.	Central Government constitutes 6 Inter- Ministerial Teams to make assessment of situation and augment State efforts to fight and contain spread of COVID-19 effectively (20.04.2020)	<p>The Centre has constituted 6 Inter-Ministerial Central Teams (IMCTs), two each for West Bengal and Maharashtra and one each for Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan to make on-spot assessment of situation and issue necessary directions to State Authorities for its redressal and submit their report to Central Government in larger interest of general public.</p> <p>The team will be sent to Indore (MP), Mumbai and Pune (Maharashtra), Jaipur (Rajasthan), Howrah, Medinipur East, 24 Parganas North, Darjeeling, Kalimpong and Jalpaiguri in West Bengal. IMCTs to focus on complaints of implementation of lockdown measures as per guidelines, supply of essential commodities, social distancing, preparedness of health infrastructure, safety of health professionals and conditions of the relief camps for labour and poor people.</p> <p>The Committees have been constituted by the Central Government in exercise of the powers, conferred, inter alia, under Section 35(1), 35(2)(a), 35(2)(e) and 35(2)(i) of the Disaster Management Act 2005.</p> <p>The IMCTs will focus their assessment on the compliance and implementation of lockdown measures as per guidelines issued under the Disaster Management Act 2005; they will also focus on issues like the supply of essential commodities, social distancing in movement of people outside their homes, preparedness of the health infrastructure, hospital facility and sample statistics in the District, safety of health professionals, availability of test kits, PPEs, masks and other safety equipment, and conditions of the relief camps for labour and poor people.</p>
12.	SoP for movement of stranded labour within the state (19.04.2020)	<p>In order to facilitate the movement of stranded labour within the state, the Ministry of Home Affairs has issued the following guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Migrant labourers should be registered with the concerned local authority and their skill mapping should be carried out to ascertain their suitability for various kinds of works.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the migrant labourers wish to return to their place of work, within the state where they are presently located, they should be screened and those who are asymptomatic should be transported to their respective places of work. There shall be no movement of labour outside the state/UT from where they are currently located. Safe social distancing and sanitization procedures as prescribed by the Health Authorities should be ensured during the journey by bus. Local authorities shall also provide food, water etc. for the journey.
13.	Prohibition on delivery of non-essential goods by e-commerce companies (19.04.2020)	The Ministry of Home Affairs has put out a clarification stating that the sale of non-essential goods by e-commerce companies shall remain prohibited during the lockdown. However, e-commerce companies will continue to operate for essential goods as had been allowed earlier.
14.	Letter from Home Secretary regarding strict implementation of lockdown orders (19.04.2020)	<p>The Home Secretary has written to chief Secretaries and Administrators of all state governments and Union Territories reiterating that they should not dilute any of the guidelines issued under the Disaster Management Act, 2005.</p> <p>States/UTs have been allowed to impose stricter measures than those prescribed within the guidelines depending on the requirement of the local areas.</p>
15.	Grant of Consular Services to Foreign Nationals, presently residing in India (17.04.2020)	<p>It has been decided to extend the period of providing the following consular services by the Office of Foreigners Regional Registration Officers/ Foreigners Registration Officers to foreign nationals, presently stranded in India:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular visa, e-visa or stay stipulation, of such foreign nationals who have been stranded in India because of spread of COVID-19 in many parts of the world and also due to travel restrictions imposed by the Indian authorities and whose visas have expired or would be expiring during the period from 01.02.2020 (Midnight) to 03.05.2020 (Midnight), would be extended till midnight of 03.05.2020 on 'GRATIS' basis, after making online application by the foreigner. Exit to such foreign nationals, if so, requested by them during this period, will also be granted to them up to 14 days beyond 03.05.2020 i.e. 17.05.2020 without levy of overstay penalty.
16.	Suspension of visas of Foreigners and all Incoming Passenger Traffic into India through Immigration Check Posts (17.04.2020)	<p>Union Ministry for Home Affairs (MHA) has decided to extend the suspension of all existing visas granted to foreigners, except to those belonging to diplomatic, official, UN/international organizations, employment, and project categories, till 3rd May 2020.</p> <p>MHA has further directed that all incoming passenger traffic into India through any of the 107 Immigration Check Posts shall remain suspended till 3rd May 2020.</p> <p>However, no such restriction would apply to vehicles, planes, ships, conveyance, trains etc. carrying any goods and supplies whether essential or non-essential. Their crew, sailor, driver, helper, cleaner etc. shall be subjected to thorough medical screening for COVID-19.</p>

17.	<p>RBI announces second set of measures to preserve financial stability and help put money in the hands of the needy and disadvantaged (17.04.2020)</p>	<p>Governor of the Reserve Bank of India Shaktikanta Das announced a set of nine measures to revive the struggling domestic economy. This follows the earlier set of measures announced by RBI on March 27, 2020. Making the announcements through an online address, the Governor stated that the human spirit is ignited by the resolve to overcome the COVID-19 pandemic which has “gripped the world in its deadly embrace”.</p> <p>The RBI Governor said that the additional measures are aimed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain adequate liquidity in the system and its constituents in the face of COVID-19 related dislocations • Facilitate and incentivise bank credit flows • Ease financial stress, and • Enable the normal functioning of markets <p>The Governor said that the central bank will use all its instruments to address the daunting challenges posed by the epidemic. He said that the overarching objective is to help ensure that finance keeps flowing to all stakeholders, especially those that are disadvantaged and vulnerable. He expressed the hope that together, the nation will cure and endure the situation.</p> <p>Here is an overview of the nine announcements made today. The full statement by the Governor can be read here.</p> <p>Liquidity Management</p> <p>1) Targeted Long-Term Operations (TLTRO) 2.0</p> <p>A second set of targeted long-term repo operations (TLTRO 2.0) for an initial aggregate amount of Rs. 50,000 crore will be conducted. This is being done to facilitate funds flow to small and mid-sized corporates, including NBFCs and MFIs, who have been more severely impacted by the disruptions due to COVID-19. The funds availed by banks under TLTRO 2.0 should be invested in investment grade bonds, commercial paper, and non-convertible debentures of non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), with at least 50 per cent of the total amount availed going to small and mid-sized NBFCs and micro finance institutions (MFIs).</p> <p>2) Refinancing Facilities for All India Financial Institutions</p> <p>Special refinance facilities for a total amount of Rs. 50,000 crore will be provided to National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and the National Housing Bank (NHB) to enable them to meet sectoral credit needs. This will comprise Rs. 25,000 crore to NABARD for refinancing regional rural banks (RRBs), cooperative banks and micro finance institutions (MFIs); Rs. 15,000 crore to SIDBI for on-lending/refinancing; and Rs. 10,000 crore to NHB for supporting housing finance companies (HFCs).</p>
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18.	Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare launches "Kisan Rath" Mobile App (17.04.2020)	The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare launched a farmer friendly mobile application "Kisan Rath" developed by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) to facilitate farmers & traders in searching transport vehicles for Primary and Secondary transportation for movement of Agriculture & Horticulture produce. Primary transportation would include movement from Farm to Mandis, FPO Collection Centre and Warehouses etc. Secondary Transportation would include movement from Mandis to Intra-state & Inter-state mandis, Processing units, Railway station, Warehouses and Wholesalers etc.

19.	Ministry of Home Affairs issues order to exempt activities from extended lockdown period (16.04.2020)	<p>Ministry of Home Affairs has issued an order to exempt certain activities under the consolidated revised guidelines to all Ministries/ Departments regarding the Nationwide lockdown to fight COVID-19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collection, harvesting and processing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP)/ Non-timber Forest Produce (NTFP) by Scheduled Tribes and other forest dwellers in forest areas. • Bamboo, coconut, arecanut, cocoa, spices plantations and their harvesting, processing, packaging, sale and marketing. • Non-banking financial institutions (NBFCs) including Housing Finance Companies (HFCs) and Micro Finance Companies (NBFC--MFIs), with bare minimum staff. • Cooperative Credit Societies. • Construction activities in rural areas to include water supply and sanitation, laying/erection of power transmission lines and laying of telecom optical fiber and cable along with related activities.
20.	Rental Waiver to the IT Companies Operating from Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) Centers (16.04.2020)	<p>The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has decided to provide rental waiver to these units housed in STPI premises in the country from 01.03.2020 till 30.06.2020 i.e. for 4 months period as of now.</p> <p>This initiative will provide benefit to nearly 200 IT/ ITeS MSMEs, operating from 60 STPI centers. The total cost of the rental waiver provided to these units for 4 months period from 01.03.2020 to 30.06.2020 is estimated to be around Rs. 5 Crore.</p>
21.	Ministry of Home Affairs issues Advisory on Secure use of ZOOM Meeting Platform (16.04.2020)	<p>The Cyber Coordination Centre (CyCord), under the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), has issued an advisory on secure use of ZOOM Meeting Platform by private individuals. This advisory states that the platform is not for use by Government officers/officials for official purposes.</p> <p>The document refers to earlier advisories of the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (Cert-In) and states that Zoom is not a safe platform. The guidelines have been issued to safeguard private individuals who would still like to use the platform for private purposes.</p> <p>The broad objective of this advisory is to prevent any unauthorized entry into a Zoom Conference Room and prevent the unauthorized participant to carry out malicious attacks on the terminals of other users in the conference.</p>
22.	Ministry of Civil Aviation issues directions regarding refund of airfare during lockdown period (16.04.2020)	The Ministry of civil aviation has released an office memorandum stating that passengers are eligible for full refund for all tickets booked during lockdown period of 25th March to 14th April and between 15th April to 3rd May without charging any cancellation fee.
23.	Cabinet Secretary writes to all States/ UTs to ensure Safety, Shelter and Food Security of Migrant Labourers (16.04.2020)	Cabinet Secretary has written to all States/UTs to ensure effective implementation of detailed guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) for ensuring safety, shelter and food security of migrant labourers.

		<p>The Communication urges States to direct all District Collectors to immediately undertake a review of the situation. They may appoint nodal officers, if not already appointed, for coordinating and monitoring the issues related to migrant labourers. In metropolitan areas, Municipal Commissioners may be assigned the responsibility of implementation of welfare measures.</p> <p>The document further states that all districts may undertake a comprehensive enumeration of migrant labourers and stranded persons and make all necessary arrangements for providing food and shelter for them.</p> <p>The Communication directs that each relief camp should be under the charge of a senior officer. They may also enlist the support of civil society organizations and the network of mid-day meal facilities to provide food for all the stranded persons and migrant labourers during the period of lockdown. Psycho-social counseling may also be provided to such persons, as per guidelines issued by M/o Health & Family Welfare in this regard, it adds.</p>
24.	Ministry of Home Affairs issues revised guidelines regarding the extension of lockdown (15.04.2020)	<p>The Ministry of Home Affairs has issued revised guidelines for lockdown extension which was announced by the Prime Minister on the 14th of April.</p> <p>The revised guidelines allow for certain relaxation for agriculture, fisheries and select industrial activities after 20 April. The guidelines also allow for movement of all goods inter and intra state. All facilities in the supply chain of essential goods including e-commerce operators are allowed to be run without any restriction on working and closing hours. There will be no air, rail or inter-state travel till May 3.</p> <p>To provide an impetus to the rural economy, industries operating in rural areas, including food processing industries; construction of roads, irrigation projects, buildings and industrial projects in rural areas; works under MNREGA, with priority to irrigation and water conservation works; and operation of rural Common Service Centres (CSCs) have all been allowed.</p> <p>The activities permitted under the revised guidelines, from April 20, 2020 will not be allowed within the containment zones as demarcated by States/ UTs/ District Administrations as per the guidelines of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoH&F). In these zones, no unchecked inward/ outward movement of population would be allowed, except for maintaining essential services, i.e., medical emergencies and law & order duties, and government business continuity.</p>
25.	Home Secretary's letter regarding strict implementation of revised guidelines for lockdown (15.04.2020)	<p>The Home Secretary has written to Chief Secretaries and Administrators of all states and union territories emphasizing upon the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The activities given exemptions under the revised consolidated guidelines will not be permitted in containment zones within hotspots.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If any new area is included in the category of containment zone, the activities allowed in that area till the time of its categorization as a containment zone, will be suspended, except for those activities which are specifically permitted. The activities allowed under the revised consolidated guidelines will be withdrawn immediately if any of the lockdown measures are violated
26.	National Directives for Covid-19 Management (15.04.2020)	<p>The Ministry of Home Affairs through revised consolidated guidelines has issued a set of directions to be followed by public spaces, workplaces and manufacturing establishments. Some of the directions issued are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wearing of face masks is compulsory in all public and workspaces. No organization/manager of public space should allow assembly of 5 or more persons. Gatherings such as marriages and funerals shall be regulated by the District Magistrate. All workplaces shall have adequate arrangements for temperature screening and providing sanitizers. Workplaces shall have a gap of one hour between shifts and will stagger the lunch breaks of staffs. <p>Some standard operating procedures for Social Distancing for Offices, workplaces, factories and establishments are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All areas in the premises shall be disinfected completely using user-friendly disinfectant mechanisms. Special transportation facility will be arranged for workers coming from outside, without any dependence on the public transport system. All vehicles and machinery entering the premises should be disinfected by spray mandatorily. Medical insurance for workers to be made mandatory. Large gatherings or meetings of 10 or more people to be discouraged. Seating at least 6 feet away from others on job sites and in gatherings.
27.	Advisory to states regarding containment of hot-spots (15.04.2020)	<p>The Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has written to all state governments underlining the need for effective utilization of the extended lockdown and the need for concerted efforts for implementing containment measures in a focused manner.</p> <p>According to the notification the districts can be classified as: Hotspots, Non- Hotspots districts reporting cases and districts which have not reported positive cases.</p> <p>The notification provides details on the criteria for classification of hotspots, details regarding the districts that need implementation of the containment plan and the districts where clusters of cases have been noted.</p> <p>The notification further states that the exercise of identification of hotspots should be done on a weekly basis.</p>

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28.	Ministry of Home Affairs issues order regarding extension of lockdown (14.04.2020)	<p>In furtherance of the Prime Minister's announcement on the 14th of April, Government of India issues Orders prescribing extension of lockdown for containment of COVID19 epidemic in the country, till 3rd May 2020.</p>
29.	Letter from Home Secretary to Chief Secretaries of all states and Administrators of all UT's regarding strict implementation of guidelines during the extension of lockdown (14.04.2020)	<p>The Ministry of Home Affairs has written to Chief Secretaries of all States and UT's regarding strict implementation of guidelines during the extension of lockdown. The Ministry of Home Affairs has reiterated the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The restrictions imposed on various sectors and activities shall remain in force. They must be enforced by all Ministries/ Departments of the Government of India and by State/Union Territory Governments and Departments. • The restrictions issued can not be diluted by State/Union Territories. • States/Union Territories should strictly implement the direction issued by the Ministry under the Disaster Management Act of 2005.
30.	Prime Minister's address to the nation (14.04.2020)	<p>Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during his speech on 14th April, announced that India will continue to be in lockdown till May 3, 2020. The lockdown which was initially imposed for 21 days till April 14 has now been extended for 19 more days.</p> <p>The PM said till April 20, all districts, localities, states will be closely monitored, as to how strictly they are implementing norms. States which will not let hotspots increase, may be allowed to let some important activities resume, but with certain conditions. Some relaxations may be allowed after April 20 in places where there are no hotspots.</p> <p>The Prime Minister also assured citizens regarding the availability of enough stock of essential goods in the country.</p> <p>Elaborate guidelines for the implementation of the orders will be released in the coming days.</p>
31.	The Ministry of Labour and Employment has set up 20 control rooms to address wage related grievances of workers (14.04.2020)	<p>The Ministry of Labour and Employment has set up 20 control rooms under the Office of Chief Labour Commissioner (CLC) (C) on pan India basis due to issues arising in the backdrop of Covid-19. These control rooms have been set up for following purposes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. To address wage related grievances of workers employed in Central Sphere. b. To mitigate the problems of migrant workers through coordination with various state governments. <p>These call centers can be accessed by the workers through Phone numbers, Whatsapp and Emails. These control rooms are being managed by Labour Enforcement Officers, Assistant Labour commissioners, Regional Labour Commissioners, and Deputy Chief Labour Commissioners of the respective regions. The functioning of all 20 call centers are being monitored and supervised by Chief Labour Commissioner (C) of Head Quarter on daily basis.</p>

		All the concerned officers/officials have been advised to adopt a humane approach to assist the aggrieved workmen to the maximum possible extent and ensure delivery of timely relief to the needy ones.
32.	Travel Advisory issued by the Ministry of Civil Aviation (14.04.2020)	The Ministry of Civil Aviation has announced that, all domestic and international scheduled airlines operations shall remain suspended till 11.59 pm on the 3rd of May 2020.
33.	Notification issued by the Ministry of Railways (14.04.2020)	The Ministry of Railways has announced that, all passenger train services on Indian Railways including Premium trains, Mail/Express trains, Passenger trains, Suburban Trains, Kolkata Metro Rail, Konkan Railway etc shall continue to remain canceled till 2400hrs on the 3rd of May 2020.
34.	Guidelines for Hygiene and Sanitation in Densely Populated Areas, During the COVID-19 Pandemic (13.04.2020)	<p>The Office of Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India has issued guidelines, with precautions and measures, for controlling the spread of COVID-19 in densely populated areas. In particular, these relate to areas where toilets, washing or bathing facilities are shared.</p> <p>The key goal of the proposed measures is to emphasize sanitation and hygienic practices and suggest key interventions that can greatly help in controlling the spread of the disease.</p>
35.	MHA directs States to implement lockdown guidelines in letter & spirit to ensure smooth movement of inter & intrastate cargo, trucks, workers & functioning of warehouse/cold storages (12.04.2020)	<p>To bring clarity at the implementation level, the following instructions regarding activities permitted by the Ministry of Home Affairs has been reiterated for strict observance by authorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-state and intra-state movement of all trucks and other goods/carrier vehicles with one driver and one additional driver, irrespective of the nature of cargo, is allowed as long as the driver is carrying a valid license. • Empty trucks/goods should also be allowed to operate while on the way to pick up goods or returning after completing a delivery. • MSMEs engaged in manufacture of essential goods like wheat flour, pulses and edible oils should be allowed to function freely without any hindrances. • Warehouses/cold storages should be allowed to freely function with allowance for to and from movement of trucks without regard to nature of good whether essential or not. Warehouses of companies should also be allowed to operate.
36.	MHA writes to all States/UTs to ensure compliance of Supreme Court directions on Welfare of Migrant Laborer's housed at Relief Shelters/Camps (12.04.2020)	<p>In view of the Supreme Court of India directions regarding welfare of migrant labourers housed at relief shelters/camps in different parts of country, Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has written to all States/UTs to take necessary action in compliance of the directions of the Court, while implementing lockdown measures to fight COVID-19 effectively.</p> <p>The Court directed that adequate medical facilities besides proper arrangements for food, clean drinking water and sanitation be ensured for migrant workers at relief camps/shelters across the country. Further, trained counsellors and/or community group leaders belonging to all faiths should visit the relief camps/ shelter homes and deal with any consternation that the migrants might be going through.</p>

		<p>The Court also observed that the anxiety and fear of the migrants should be understood by the police and other authorities, and that they should deal with the migrants in a humane manner. Further, the State Governments/ UTs should endeavor to engage volunteers along with the police to supervise the welfare activities of the migrants.</p>
37.	MHA directs all States/UTs to provide necessary Police Security to Doctors and Medical Staff fighting COVID-19 (11.04.2020)	<p>In view of reported incidents of harassment of Doctors and Medical Staff, Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has directed all States/UTs and respective police authorities to provide necessary police Security to them in hospitals and at places where patients who have been diagnosed COVID-19 positive or where suspected cases are quarantined.</p> <p>It has also been communicated to provide necessary police security to doctors and medical staff who visit places to conduct screening of people to find out symptoms of the disease.</p>
38.	Prime Minister Interacts with Chief Ministers to Strategize Ahead for Tackling COVID-19 (11.04.2020)	<p>Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with Chief Ministers of all states via video conferencing to strategize ahead for tackling COVID-19. This was the third such interaction of the Prime Minister with the Chief Ministers, the earlier ones had been held on 2nd April and 20th March, 2020.</p> <p>Key highlights of the interaction were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prime Minister categorically assured that India has adequate supplies of essential medicines and said that measures are being taken to ensure availability of protective gear and critical equipment for all front-line workers. • Condemning the instances of attacks on the doctors and medical staff, and incidents of misbehavior with students from North-East and Kashmir, Prime Minister underlined that such cases need to be dealt with firmly. He also spoke about the need to curb Lockdown violations and ensure that social distancing is followed. • Regarding Exit Plan from lockdown, the Chief Ministers suggested that lockdown should be extended by two weeks. They also sought financial and fiscal assistance from the Centre to boost their resources in this fight against the pandemic.
39.	Ministry of Home Affairs issues 5th Addendum to the consolidated guidelines issued regarding lockdown (10.04.2020)	<p>Ministry of Home Affairs has issued a 5th addendum to the lockdown guidelines. The addendum exempts operations of marine fishing/aquaculture industry and its workers from the lockdown restrictions.</p>
40.	Ministry of Home Affairs directs all States/UTs to ensure strict compliance of lockdown measures to fight COVID-19 (10.04.2020)	<p>Ministry of Home Affairs has directed all States/UTs to ensure strict compliance of lockdown measures to fight COVID-19 and not to allow any social/religious gathering/procession.</p>

41.	Revised Version of Swa-chhata App to Handle Queries Specific to COVID 19 (09.04.2020)	<p>The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs announced the launch of a revised version of the existing Swa-chhata-MoHUA App. The additional categories in the revised version include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for fogging/sanitation during COVID-19 • Violation of quarantine during COVID-19 • Violation of lockdown during COVID-19 • Report suspected case of COVID-19 • Request food during COVID-19 • Request shelter during COVID-19 • Request medicine during COVID-19 • Request assistance for COVID-19 patient transport • Request waste pickup from quarantine area
42.	Letter to Chief Secretaries on availability of essential commodities (08.04.2020)	<p>The Supreme Court directed the central government to ensure that testing facility for COVID-19 is made available free of cost to all citizens. The order came in light of a PIL filed by Mr. Shashank Deo Sudhi, Advocate seeking direction to the Centre and authorities concerned to provide free of cost testing facility for COVID-19 to all citizens in the country which the Government had fixed the testing of COVID-19 at private labs and hospitals at Rs. 4500.</p> <p>The petitioner pleaded in the writ petition that government hospitals are packed to capacity and it has become difficult for the common man to get himself/herself tested in the government labs. With no alternative, people are forced to pay money to get the tests done at private labs and burdening ordinary citizens financially, deprives people of their accessibility to medical facilities and is violative of right to life guaranteed under article 21 of the Constitution.</p>
43.	Release of funds under India Covid-19 Emergency Response and Health system preparedness package (08.04.2020)	<p>The Government of India has approved the India Covid-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package.</p> <p>The project will be implemented in three phases during the period January 2020 to March 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase - 1 from January 2020 to June 2020, • Phase - 2 from July 2020 to March 2021 • Phase - 3 from April 2021 to March 2024 <p>The objectives of this package are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening national and state health systems to support prevention and preparedness, • Procurement of essential medical equipment, • Consumables and drugs, • Strengthening of surveillance activities including setting up of laboratories and bio-security preparedness.
44.	Letter to Chief Secretaries on availability of essential commodities (08.04.2020)	<p>Taking cognizance of the loss of production due to reduction in labor supply and the possibilities of hoarding, black marketing, profiteering and speculative trading the Home Secretary has written to Chief Secretaries of all state governments, asking them to ensure the availability of essential goods by invoking provisions of the Essential Commodities Act 1955.</p>

45.	Release of pending Income Tax/GST/ Custom refunds (08.04.2020)	To provide immediate relief to taxpayers, in the wake of the ongoing Covid-19 situation, the Government of India has decided to issue all pending income tax refunds up to Rs 5 Lakh & GST/custom refunds with immediate effect.
46.	Letter from Secretary of Home Affairs to Chief Secretaries of all states to ensure smooth & hassle-free supply of Medical Oxygen across the country (06.04.2020)	Ministry of Home Affairs has written to all states to ensure smooth & hassle-free supply of medical oxygen across the country. All manufacturing units of Medical Oxygen & related items, their transport/cross land border movements, workers engaged in factories exempted from the lockdown
47.	Clarification on ground level issues being faced by States in ensuring smooth flow of supply chain (03.04.2020)	<p>The Ministry of Home Affairs has issued certain clarifications on ground level issues being faced by States in ensuring smooth flow of supply chain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening of temporary collection centres, movement of lab technicians and transportation of samples from the collection centres to the laboratories is to be allowed and exempted from any lockdown restrictions on movement. Exceptions are applicable to sale (including through e-Commerce), production, warehousing and transport of essential goods such as food, groceries, fruits and vegetables, dairy and milk products, meat and fish, animal fodder, seeds, fertilizers and pesticides, agriculture produce, drugs, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, their raw material and intermediaries. State/UT Governments have been advised to interpret food and grocery to mean all items of food and grocery that are usually consumed by people on day to day basis. State/UT Governments have been advised to issue authorization letters to companies/ organizations having nation-wide supply chains of essential goods, allowing them to issue regional passes for easy movement of critical staff and workers in order to maintain their national supply chains. It has been further advised to keep the numbers of such authorization's bare minimum. Inter-state and intra-state movement of all trucks and other goods/ carrier vehicles, with one driver and one additional person, is allowed if the driver is carrying a valid driver's license.
48.	4th Addendum to the Guidelines on lockdown measures (03.04.2020)	<p>The 4th addendum issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs on the Guidelines for the Lockdown has stated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shops of agriculture machinery, its spare parts and repairs have been allowed to remain open. Shops for truck repairs on highways (preferably at fuel pumps) have been given exceptions. Tea industry, including plantations with max 50% workers allowed to operate

49.	Third addendum to lockdown measures (03.04.2020)	Through a third addendum to the Guidelines on Lockdown Measures, the Ministry of Home Affairs has provided exceptions to the following activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transit arrangements for foreign nationals as per the procedure specified by the government. Release of quarantined people who have arrived in India after 15/02/2020, after expiry of their quarantine period and have tested negative for Covid-19.
50.	Clarification on Guidelines for lockdown measures (03.04.2020)	The Ministry of Home Affairs has issued a notification clarifying the scope of exceptions provided to some essential services. Some of the activities that are included under exceptions are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribution of food items and nutrition support by Anganwadi workers, once in 15 days, at the doorstep of beneficiaries. 'Mandi' under exception to clause 2(i), include direct marketing, facilitated by the state government/UT Administration directly from the farmers/group of farmers, FPOs, Cooperatives etc.
51.	PM interacts with CMs to bolster efforts to tackle COVID-19 (02.04.2020)	Prime Minister Narendra Modi today interacted with Chief Ministers of states via video conferencing to discuss measures to combat COVID-19. <p>Prime Minister outlined that the common goal for the country is to ensure minimum loss of life. In the next few weeks, testing, tracing, isolation and quarantine should remain the areas of focus. He highlighted the necessity of maintaining supply of essential medical products, availability of raw material for manufacture of medicines and medical equipment. He said it is necessary to ensure availability of separate, dedicated hospital facilities for COVID-19 patients. To increase the availability of doctors, he asked the States to tap into the resource pool of AYUSH doctors, organize online training and utilize para-medical staff, NCC and NSS volunteers.</p> <p>Prime Minister said that considering that this is the time to harvest crops, the government has given some relaxation from lockdown, but it is necessary to continuously monitor and maintain social distancing as much as possible. He asked the states to think of other platforms for procuring grains apart from APMC and explore the possibility of creating pooling platforms for rural areas, like that in ride sharing apps, which can be used for this purpose.</p> <p>Prime Minister said that it is important to formulate a common exit strategy to ensure staggered re-emergence of the population once Lockdown ends. He asked the States to brainstorm and send suggestions for the exit strategy. He reiterated the importance of social distancing in preventing the spread of COVID-19.</p>
52.	Letter from Home Secretary to Chief Secretaries of all states and union territories to ensure smooth disbursal of money to beneficiaries of PMGKY during the 21-day lock-down (02.04.2020)	Ministry of Home Affairs has written to States/UTs to ensure smooth disbursal of money to beneficiaries of PMGKY during the 21-day lockdown. The Ministry has also stated that social distancing norms need to be strictly observed while disbursing money to beneficiaries in banks.

53.	Letter from Home Secretary to Chief Secretaries of all states on publicizing penal provisions regarding violations during lockdown (02.04.2020)	Ministry of Home Affairs has written to States to widely publicize the Penal Provisions regarding Violations of Lockdown Measures to fight COVID 19. The Ministry has also emphasized on strict action to be taken by authorities on violators of lockdown measures.
54.	MEITY launches app for contact tracing (02.04.2020)	The Ministry of Electronics has launched an online application, called Aarogya Setu, to enable people to assess the risk of them catching the Corona Virus infection. It will calculate this based on their interaction with others, using cutting edge Bluetooth technology, algorithms and artificial intelligence. Once installed in a smart phone through an easy and user-friendly process, the app detects other devices with Aarogya Setu installed that come in the proximity of that phone. The app can then calculate the risk of infection based on sophisticated parameters if any of these contacts is tested positive.
55.	COVID-19 Fact Check Unit (02.04.2020)	A COVID-19 Fact Check Unit (FCU) has been formed in the Press Information Bureau (PIB) under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. The unit became operational from April 2. It will receive messages by email at pibfactcheck@gmail.com and send responses in a defined timeframe. The official version of any news on COVID-19 can be obtained from the Unit. The unit is headed by Shri Nitin Wakankar, DG, PIB.
56.	Implementation of the Supreme Court's Guidelines (01.04.2020)	The Home Secretary has written to Chief Secretaries and Administrators of all states asking them to ensure the effective implementation of the Supreme Courts directions regarding provision of relief measures for the migrant labourers and checking circulation of fake news. The Home Secretary apprised the state governments that the Centre is working on creating a web-portal where people can verify facts and unverified news promptly. States and Union Territories are requested to create a similar mechanism at State level for issues relating to state.
57.	Advisory issued by Ministry of Human Resource and Development which directs its affiliated schools to promote all the students studying in classes I-VIII to the next class/grade (01.04.2020)	Union Human Resource Development Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has advised CBSE to promote ALL students studying in classes I-VIII to the next class/grade. In view of the current situation due to COVID-19. He also advised the board students studying in classes IX & XI will be promoted to next class/grade based on the school-based assessments including projects, periodic tests, term exams, etc. conducted so far. The Minister also recommended to conduct board examinations only for 29 main subjects that are required for promotion and maybe crucial for admissions in HEIs, and for rest of the subjects, the Board will not hold examinations; the instructions for marking/assessment in all such cases shall be separately issued by the Board.
58.	Highlights from Cabinet Secretary's meeting with Chief Secretaries / DGP of all States (01.04.2020)	<p>The highlights of the meeting were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The States were asked to ensure that intra-state movement of goods is allowed without any hindrance while maintaining social distance. • States were asked to ensure manufacturing of essential goods. It should also be ensured that the supply chains of such goods are maintained.

59.	Launch DARPG's National Monitoring Dashboard on COVID 19 Grievances (01.04.2020)	<p>Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions launched DARPG's National Monitoring Dashboard on COVID 19 Grievances today.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Monitoring Dashboard was developed and implemented at https://darpg.gov.in where COVID 19 related grievances received in CPGRAMS with all Ministries/ Departments and States/ Union Territories are monitored on priority basis by a technical team of DARPG. The National Monitoring Dashboard was developed by DARPG in pursuance of the recommendations of the Empowered Group of Officers 10 constituted under the Disaster Management Act 2005 on Public Grievances and Suggestions to ensure timely implementation of COVID 19 Response Activities.
60.	Supreme Court's Directive to Media on responsible coverage and reporting (01.04.2020)	<p>The Supreme Court of India has directed the Media, including print, electronic and social media, to maintain a strong sense of responsibility and ensure that unverified news capable of causing panic is not disseminated.</p> <p>The apex court has noted that the migration of large number of labourers working in the cities was triggered by panic created by fake news that the lock down would continue for more than three months. The Court observed that it was not possible for it to overlook the menace of fake news by electronic, print or social media because the panic driven migration has caused untold suffering to those who acted on such news, causing some to lose their lives.</p> <p>The Court has said in the order that it does not intend to interfere with the free discussion about the pandemic, but at the same time has directed that the Media refer to and publish the official version about the developments.</p>
61.	Advisory on psychological issues of migrant labourers (01.04.2020)	<p>Taking cognizance of the anxiety and fear building up within migrant labourers, the Ministry has released a list of measures that could be adopted to address the concerns. In addition to ensuring community shelters, community kitchens and availability of their relief material, some of the other measures prescribed within the document include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helping migrants to acknowledge that this is an unusual situation of uncertainty and reassuring them that the situation is transient and not going to last long Informing them about the support being extended by Central Government, State Governments/ NGOs/ health care systems etc. Emphasising on the importance of their staying in their present location and how mass movement could greatly and adversely affect all efforts to contain the virus
62.	Letter from Secretary Health to Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs in connection with directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court for migrant labourers (01.04.2020)	<p>The Secretary of ministry of Health and Family Welfare has written a letter to Chief Secretaries of all states and union territories, conveying the directions issued by the Supreme Court wrt grievance redressal of migrant workers. Some of the directions issued are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The migrant workers in Relief camps /shelter homes should be provided adequate medical facilities besides proper arrangements for food, clean drinking water and sanitation.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The anxiety and fear of the migrants should be understood by the police and other authorities and they should deal with the migrants in a humane manner. The state Governments/union Territories should endeavor to engage volunteers along with the police to supervise the welfare activities of the migrants and all concerned to appreciate the trepidation of the poor men, women and children and treat them with kindness.
63.	Ministry of Civil Aviation launches Lifeline UDAN initiative (01.04.2020)	The Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Lifeline UDAN initiative. Under this initiative, flights are used for movement of medical and essential supplies across the country.
64.	Special permission to conduct cargo operations using passenger category aircraft during the COVID-19 lockdown period (01.04.2020)	<p>Considering the extra-ordinary situation, the country is facing, the DGCA has issued a circular on granting permission to scheduled/non-scheduled operators to use the available passenger category aircraft (without configuration change) for carriage of cargo, subject to conditions such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The operator shall obtain permission from DGCA (Air Transport Directorate) after obtaining approval from Flight Standards and Airworthiness directorate before conducting such operations. The type of cargo to be carried shall be as per current government directive only. Carriage of Dangerous Goods including lithium batteries, oxygen canister, etc. shall NOT be allowed. In the absence of any manufacturer's guidance on carriage of cargo in passenger compartment and the operator intends to carry cargo in the passenger compartment, the following shall be followed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cargo shall be permitted only in the approved stowage locations within the passenger compartment, such as closets, overhead stowage bins, provided the load limitations are met. Any cargo stowed must be restrained. Cargo placed within enclosed stowage areas must not interfere with the closing and latching of the compartment. Items shall not be stowed in lavatories or against bulkheads that are incapable of restraining articles against movement forward, sideways, or upwards. Cargo must not be stowed where it will prevent or impede access to emergency equipment or interfere with emergency evacuation. Operations without passengers and with cargo in the passenger compartment, will require suitable number of crew member/personnel to survey and access all areas of the cabin during all phases of flight. Any fire that might occur must be discovered and extinguished immediately utilizing existing emergency equipment and report to flight crew as required. The aircraft must meet the weight and balance requirements in accordance with the limitations and recommendations provided within the Weight and Balance Manual. Load and Trim shall be prepared based on cargo size and weight before every flight.

65.	Ministry of Shipping issues direction to all Major Ports not to levy any penalties/charges/fees on any Port user for any delay caused due to COVID-19 (31.03.2020)	Ministry of Shipping has issued specific guidelines to Major Ports on Exemptions/Remissions on penalties, demurrages charges, fee, rentals levied on any Port user for any delay in Berthing/Loading/ Unloading operations or evacuation/arrival of cargo caused due to lockdown measures from 22nd March, 2020 to 14th April, 2020. Major Ports have also been allowed to extend the completion of any project under implementation in PPP mode or otherwise. Moreover, Major Ports can permit waiver of all penal consequences with deferment of performance obligations as per concession agreement on case to case basis, for existing and operational PPP Projects.
66.	Letter from the Secretary of Home Affairs to all States and UT's (31.03.2020)	The Secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs has written a letter to all States and UT's stating that Some States/UTs are allowing exceptions beyond what has been permitted under lockdown measures as contained in Consolidated Guidelines issued by the Ministry under the Disaster Management Act of 2005. The letter requests all States/UTs to strictly implement lockdown measures in letter and spirit.
67.	Advisory for quarantine of migrant workers (31.03.2020)	The Ministry of Home Affairs has advised that all migrant labourers should remain at their regular place of work/local residence within the city and should not be evacuated either by their employer/landlord. Further, the advisory issues instructions on the administrative, health and quarantine measures to be taken for the following three categories of migrant labourers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Migrant workers who are in the cities of their local residence ○ Migrant workers who are on their way and are yet to reach their destination city/village ○ Migrant workers who have reached their destination
68.	Ministry of Roads, Transport and Highways issues a notification on extension of validity of documents (31.03.2020)	The Ministry has advised States/UTs to extend the validity of documents like DL, permits and registration that expired since February 1st, 2020. Such documents are to be treated as valid till June 30th, 2020.
69.	Stranded in India' portal to help foreign tourists stuck in various parts of India (31.03.2020)	The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, with an aim to extend support to the foreign tourists who are stranded in India, has come up with a portal to disseminate information regarding the services that can be availed by foreign tourists who are stuck far away from their home land. The portal is titled 'Stranded in India' and aims to act as a support network for foreign tourists stuck in various parts of the country.
70.	Ministry of Finance releases an Office Memorandum regarding instructions relating to relief operations for COVID19 global pandemic (30.03.2020)	In order to facilitate procurement & transportation of medical and other essential supplies for COVID19 operations, Department of Expenditure has issued guidelines for relaxations for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Pharmaceuticals • Ministry of Health and Family Welfare • Ministry of Textiles • Department of Consumer Affairs, and • Ministry of Civil Aviation

71.	Ministry of Home Affairs issues clarification on guidelines for measures to be taken during lock-down (29.03.2020)	<p>The Ministry of Home Affairs issues certain clarifications to the lockdown orders. The key highlights of the clarification are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation of all goods without distinction of essential and non-essential have been allowed. • Entire supply chain of milk collection and distribution, including its packaging material is allowed. • Newspaper delivery supply chain is also allowed under print media. • Services of Indian Red Cross Society are exempted
72.	Ministry of Home Affairs issues an order for Constitution of the Empowered Groups under the Disaster Management Act 2005 (29.03.2020)	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
73.	MHA issues clarification to the lockdown guidelines (29.03.2020)	<p>The Ministry of Home Affairs issued an order stating the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
74.	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.

75.	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.
76.	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.
77.	Government of India grants consular services on gratis basis to foreign nationals presently residing in India affected by travel restrictions due to Coronavirus (28.03.2020)	Union Ministry for Home Affairs, has granted consular services on gratis basis to foreign nationals, presently residing in India due to travel restrictions in the context of COVID-19 outbreak, till 30th April 2020.
78.	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.
79.	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.
80.	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.
81.	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.
82.	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.

83.	Measures by RBI's Monetary Policy Committee to Relieve Financial Stress (27.03.2020)	<p>The following were some key measures taken by RBI aimed at minimising the financial stress emerged due to the coronavirus outbreak:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moratorium on term loan, deferring of interest on working capital will not be classified as default, not to impact credit history of borrower. ○ 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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. <p>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.</p>
84.	Restriction on sale and distribution of "hydroxychloroquine" (27.03.2020)	<p>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.</p>
85.	Department of Science and Technology sets up task force for mapping of technologies by start-ups on COVID-19 (26.03.2020)	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

86.	Travel and Visa restrictions related to COVID-19 (26.03.2020)	<p>International flights will remain banned till April 14, the government announced amid a complete national lockdown to fight coronavirus.</p> <p>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.</p>
87.	Relief package under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana for the poor (26.03.2020)	<p>Following are the key highlights of the relief package:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Ex-gratia of Rs 1,000 to 3 crore poor senior citizen, poor widows and poor disabled. • Government to front-load Rs 2,000 paid to farmers in first week of April under existing PM Kisan Yojana to benefit 8.7 crore farmers. • Central Government has given orders to State Governments to use Building and Construction Workers Welfare Fund to provide relief to Construction Workers.
88.	Helpdesk operationalized by DGFT for COVID-19 related Export or Import issue (26.03.2020)	A Helpdesk has been operationalized by Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) in the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
89.	DPIIT sets up a Control Room to monitor the status of transportation and delivery of goods (26.03.2020)	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.
90.	Standard Operating Procedure for supply of essential goods (26.03.2020)	<p>Following constituents of the supply chain have been allowed to operate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suppliers of essential goods, including restaurants supplying home delivery of cooked food items • Facilities for storage of such essential goods which, may be known as warehouse, godowns etc. • Transporters/drivers/loaders etc. of essential goods from the place of manufacture to wholesalers and/or retailers. Such transportation may involve intra-city, inter-city in same state/UT or inter-state movement of essential goods. • Manufacturing units of essential goods including drugs, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, their raw material and intermediates.

		<p>The Ministry has specified the following standard operating procedure for smooth availability of essential goods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All facilities in the supply chain of essential goods, whether involved in manufacturing, wholesale or retail of such goods through local stores, large brick and mortar stores or e-commerce companies should be allowed to operate, ensuring strict social distancing. • The employees or persons engaged in the supply chain shall be allowed to commute on the basis of e-pass or any other certification issued by the concerned local authority. In addition, the said person shall carry a valid photo ID. • In case of unorganized sector, people engaged in supply of essential goods, may be allowed based on approval/authorization issued by the local authority. • The State government shall open a 24x7 control room to register complaints/grievances and share these numbers widely.
91.	Addendum to the Order issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs dated for the 24th of March (25.03.2020)	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.
92.	Cancellation of Passenger Train Services (25.03.2020)	In continuation of the measures taken in the wake of COVID-19, Ministry of Railways has decided to extend the cancellation of passenger train services on Indian Railways i.e. all Mail/Express trains (including premium trains), passenger trains, suburban trains and trains of Metro Railway, Kolkata. Freight train operations are being continued to ensure the supply of essential commodities.
93.	Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Address on Covid-19 (24.03.2020)	<p>On 24th March Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the nation on India's response to the coronavirus outbreak:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The following are the key highlights of the Nation-wide lockdown:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Telecommunications, internet services, broadcasting and cable services, IT and ITes ○ Delivery of all essential goods including food, pharmaceutical, medical equipment through e-commerce ○ Petrol pumps ● All transport services – air, rail, roadways – will remain suspended.
94.	Advisory regarding operational continuity of telecom services (24.03.2020)	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.
95.	Advisory to state governments to permit IT/ITeS industry to carry out essential functions (24.03.2020)	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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.
96.	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. The notification can be found here
97.	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.
98.	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.
99.	Circular on spending of CSR funds for COVID-19 (23.03.2020)	The circular issued by the Ministry of Corporate affairs stated that spending of CSR funds for COVID-19 is an eligible CSR activity.
100.	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.
101.	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.
102.	Cabinet Secretary writes letter to State Chief Secretaries (23.03.2020)	<p>Cabinet Secretary writes letter to State Chief Secretaries highlighting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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

103.	Closing of Immigration check posts for all incoming passenger traffic (23.03.2020)	<p>The Ministry of Home Affairs released an office memorandum stating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All incoming passenger traffic on all 107 immigration check posts which includes all airport ICPs, all seaport ICPs, all land port ICPs, all rail port ICPs and all river port ICPs has been stopped. • Vehicles/trains carrying goods for trade or essential commodities are exempted from this prohibition.
104.	Ministry of Human Resource and Development Notification (22.03.2020)	<p>The ministry issued the following notification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
105.	Notification regarding lockdown in 75 districts (22.03.2020)	<p>List of 75 Indian districts where only essential services will be operational from till March 31.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After consulting with all state governments, India's central government has announced implementation of comprehensive social distancing measures, advising states to only permit the operation of "essential services" in 75 districts where the virus has been identified. • States will implement this advisory individually and have discretion to expand the list of essential services "depending on their assessment of the situation." • Essential services would include "hospitals, telecom, medicine shops, [and] provision stores," as well as "establishments/factories engaged in manufacturing and distribution of essential commodities like medicines, vaccines, sanitizers, masks, medical devices, their ancillaries and support services."
106.	Complete stoppage of Delhi Metro service (22.03.2020)	Delhi metro has suspended all operations till the 31st of March.
107.	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.
108.	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.
109.	Revised Strategy of COVID-19 testing (21.03.2020)	<p>The revised strategy was issued by the Indian Council of Medical Research. Below is a summary of the notification:</p> <p>Current Scenario</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently, the cost of the first step screening assay is INR 1500 and additional confirmatory assays is INR 3000. <p>Current Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
110.	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.
111.	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."
112.	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.

113.	Advisory issued by Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (20.03.2020)	<p>Delhi Metro Advisory issued various guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
114.	Advisory issued by Delhi Metro (20.03.2020)	<p>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.</p>
115.	PM's address to the nation on combating COVID-19 (19.03.2020)	<p>Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the nation on combating the challenge of COVID-19. Brief summary of the address:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

		<p>'Janta Curfew'</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Meeting the Economic Challenges</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.'</p>
116.	Advisory Issued (19.03.2020)	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No scheduled international commercial passenger aircraft shall be allowed to land in India from March 22, 2020 for one week. • 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. • Similarly, all children below 10 should be advised to stay at home and not to venture out. • Railways and civil aviation shall suspend all concessional travel except for students, patients and divyang category.

117.	Advisory on postponement of Examinations (19.03.2020)	<p>The Ministry of Human Resource and Development issued the following advisory:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Universities have been requested to take the following precautionary measures: • All ongoing University examinations may be rescheduled after 31st March 2020. • All evaluation work may be rescheduled after 31st March 2020. • 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.
118.	Additional measures for the prevention of COVID-19 (19.03.2020)	<p><i>Some of the measures announced by the Indian Railways are as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 & Reserved segment are being suspended from 00:00 hrs of 20th March till further advisory. • 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. <p>Regular Announcement are being done on PA System of Railway Stations & Trains to sensitize the public about various Do's & Don'ts highlighting :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

119.	Office Memorandum regarding preventive measures to be taken to contain the spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) (18.03.2020)	<p><i>The following directions have been issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
120.	Standard Operating Procedure for Passenger Movement post Disembarkation (18.03.2020)	<p>Standard Operating Procedure for Passenger Movement post Disembarkation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 handed 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 <p>SOPs for Quarantine</p> <p>LUGGAGE COLLECTION AND CUSTOMS LUGGAGE COLLECTION AND HEALTH SCREENING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>IMMIGRATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
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<p>LUGGAGE COLLECTION AND CUSTOMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>CONTROL ROOM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>TRIAGE ROOM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	

121.	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.
122.	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
123.	Government of India deputes 30 Additional Secretaries/Joint Secretaries (17.03.2020)	Government of India deputes 30 Additional Secretaries/Joint Secretaries to assist State Governments in effective management of COVID-19
124.	The Bureau of Immigration issues a 24x7 helpline (17.03.2020)	The Bureau of Immigration, GoI issues a 24x7 helpline to answer queries regarding Visa and travel restrictions, as well as to facilitate foreigners in India in availing consular services
125.	Additional Travel Advisory for Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) (16.03.2020)	In continuation of the travel advisory issued on 11th March 2020, the following additional advisory is issued: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expanding compulsory quarantine 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. Travel of passengers from member countries of the European Union, the European Free Trade Association, Turkey and United Kingdom to India is prohibited with effect from 18th March 2020. No airline shall board a passenger from these nations to India with effect from 1200 GMT on 18th March 2020. The airline shall enforce this at the port of initial departure. Both these instructions are temporary measures and shall be in force till 31st March 2020 and will be reviewed subsequently.
126.	MEA helplines for COVID-19 Control Centre (16.03.2020)	MEA's helplines for COVID-19 Control Centre Control Room: 1800118797 (toll free), +91- 11- 23012113, +91- 11- 23014104, +91- 11- 23017905
127.	Preventive measures to be taken to contain the spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) (16.03.2020)	The Dept. of Personnel and Training (DoPT) under the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions has issued an advisory for all government employees. <p><i>Among the measures proposed, the relevant ones include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Discouraging, to the maximum extent, entry of visitors in the office complex. Routine issue of visitors/temporary passes will be suspended with immediate effect. (ii) Only those visitors who have proper permission of the officer who they want to meet will be allowed after being properly screened. (iii) Further, meetings, as far as feasible, will be done through video conferencing.

128.	Advisory on Social Distancing (16.03.2020)	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.
129.	Additional Travel Advisory for Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) (16.03.2020)	<p>In continuation of the travel advisory issued on 11th March 2020, the Ministry of Health and Family welfare has issued the following additional advisory:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Travel of passengers from member countries of the European Union, the European Free Trade Association, Turkey and United Kingdom to India is prohibited with effect from 18th March 2020. No airline shall board a passenger from these nations to India with effect from 1200 GMT on 18th March 2020. • Both these instructions will be temporary measures and shall be in force till 31st March 2020 and will be reviewed subsequently.
130.	COVID-19- Operational and Business Continuity Measures (16.03.2020)	<p>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.</p> <p>The RBI asked banks to take these measures as part of their existing operational and business continuity plans.</p> <p>According to the central bank's notification released:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banks have been asked to devise strategy and monitoring mechanism concerning the spread of the disease within the organization • 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. • Banks have been asked to taking steps of sharing important instructions/ strategy with the staff members at all levels. • Finance institutions have been asked to encourage their customers to use digital banking facilities as far as possible.
131.	States/UTs empowered by Centre to tackle COVID-19 outbreak (14.03.2020)	<p>The Cabinet Secretary conferred with Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs on Saturday (March 14) to review preparedness. Salient points as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • 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. Norms of assistance can be accessed here. • 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.

132.	Disaster Management Act invoked to regulate prices and ensure availability of surgical and protective masks, hand sanitisers and gloves (13.03.2020)	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.
133.	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.
134.	Consolidated Travel Advisory for Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) (11.03.2020)	Travel Advisories had been issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare from time to time. The following consolidated Advisory is presently issued: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All existing visas (except diplomatic, official, UN/International Organizations, employment, project visas) stand suspended till 15th April 2020. This will come into effect from 1200 GMT on 13th March 2020 at the port of departure. • Visa free travel facility granted to OCI card holders is kept in abeyance till 15th April 2020. This will come into effect from 1200 GMT on 13th March 2020 at the port of departure. • OCI card holders already in India can stay in India as long as they want. • Visas of all foreigners already in India remain valid and they may contact the nearest FRRO/FRO through e-FRRO module for extension/conversion etc. of their visa or grant of any consular service, if they choose to do so. • Any foreign national who intends to travel to India for compelling reason may contact the nearest Indian Mission. • In addition to Visa restrictions already in place, passengers traveling from/having visited Italy or Republic of Korea and desirous of entering India will need certificate of having tested negative for COVID-19 from the designated laboratories authorized by the health authorities of these countries. This is in enforcement since 0000 hrs. of 10th March, 2020 and is a temporary measure till cases of COVID-19 subside.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All incoming travelers, including Indian nationals, arriving from or having visited China, Italy, Iran, Republic of Korea, France, Spain and Germany after 15th February, 2020 shall be quarantined for a minimum period of 14 days. This will come into effect from 1200 GMT on 13th March 2020 at the port of departure. • Incoming travelers, including Indian nationals, are advised to avoid non-essential travel and are informed that they can be quarantined for a minimum of 14 days on their arrival in India. • Indian nationals are further strongly advised to refrain from travelling to China, Italy, Iran, Republic of Korea, France, Spain and Germany. • All incoming international passengers returning to India should self-monitor their health and follow required do's and dont's as detailed by the Government. • International traffic through land borders will be restricted to designated check posts with robust screening facilities. These will be notified separately by M/o Home Affairs. • All international Passengers entering into India are required to furnish duly filled self-declaration form in duplicate (including personal particulars i.e. phone no. and address in India) (as annexed) to Health Officials and Immigration officials and undergo Universal Health Screening at the designated health counters at all Points of Entry. • For any queries related to health, people may contact Ministry of Health & Family Welfare 24*7 helpline number (+91-11-23978046) or email at (ncov2019@gmail.com)
135.	Invocation of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 (11.03.2020)	The Cabinet Secretary announced that all states and Union Territories should invoke provisions of Section 2 of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897. This makes all advisories issued by the Union health ministry and state governments enforceable.
136.	Standard Operating Procedure (Sop) to Handle Coronavirus (Covid-19) For International Cruise Ships at Major Ports of India (10.03.2020)	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
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137.	Force Majeure (FM) Clause (19.02.2020)	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
138.	Relevant MoHFW advisories and notifications	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for categorization of passengers from COVID- 19 affected countries including China, South Korea, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, and Iran for airport screening 2. Guidelines on usage of masks by public 3. Dos and don'ts poster on Coronavirus 4. Visa restrictions for individuals from Iran, Italy, South Korea and Japan whose visas were issued before 03.03.2020 5. Visa restrictions issued after meeting of Group of Ministers on March 11. Visa issuance suspended till April 15 and all incoming travelers – foreigners and Indian nationals – who visited China, Italy, Iran, South Korea, France, Spain or Germany on or after February 15 to be kept in mandatory 14-days quarantine. 6. Advisory on mass gatherings 7. Consolidated travel advisory issued on March 11 8. Restrictions on movement of international passengers through land check posts issued on March 14

STATE/UT GOVERNMENTS

State/Union Territory	Details
1. Delhi	<p>UPDATE (20.04.2020)</p> <p>The Delhi government decided to allow Azadpur Mandi, Asia's largest wholesale market for fruits and vegetables, to operate round-the-clock, a move aimed at providing relief to farmers and traders amid the coronavirus-induced lockdown.</p> <p>UPDATE (19.04.2020)</p> <p>The Delhi government has decided to not relax the ongoing lockdown as of now as the coronavirus appears to be spreading in the national capital, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said on Sunday. Addressing a video conference, Kejriwal said the government will assess the situation again after one week.</p> <p>UPDATE (17.04.2020)</p> <p>The Delhi government has issued an order for certain steps to be followed by the private schools in the capital:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will not raise fees without asking the government, • Will not take a three-month fee, apart from a one-month tuition fee. • No child will be removed from the online class for not giving the fee. • To pay salaries of all teaching, non-teaching, contract, or outsourced staff on time. <p>UPDATE (14.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The Delhi government extended the lockdown orders that were in force till the 14th of April till midnight of 3rd of May.</p> <p>Update 2: The validity of passes/e-passes/authorization letters (issued by offices of District Magistrates/District Deputy Commissioners of Police/ Head of the Departments or gazetted officers authorised by them) have been extended till the 3rd of May 2020. There shall be no need to re-validate these from the issuing authority concerned.</p> <p>UPDATE (13.04.2020)</p> <p>The Delhi government will implement odd-even rules in all wholesale markets in the city, under which traders will sell vegetables on alternate days, Development Minister Gopal Rai announced. The minister stated that the government has also decided to stagger the timings for the sale of vegetables and fruits in these 'mandis'. "Vegetables will be sold from 6 am to 11 am and fruits from 2 pm to 6pm in all wholesale markets in Delhi," he said. The decisions were taken at a high-level meeting chaired by the development minister.</p> <p>According to the odd-even rule, sheds under which hundreds of traders sell vegetables will be allowed to operate according to their numbers, Rai said. The minister also said that the Delhi government has formed four special task forces to ensure effective social distancing in the mandis in view of the COVID-19 outbreak.</p>

UPDATE (08.04.2020)

Update 1: The state government has made wearing of facial masks compulsory for all people within the state. Cloth mask shall be eligible too.

Update 2: The Delhi government has identified 20 hotspots and have decided to seal them.

UPDATE (04.04.2020)

The state government has announced that, all those who do not have ration card and need free ration due to the lockdown, such people can now apply for ration. The government has created a very short and simple form.

UPDATE (02.04.2020)

Update 1: The Delhi government has stated that they have enhanced their capacity to feed people in Delhi to 6 lakh people through government night shelters and schools.

Update 2: Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal announced that those driving public service vehicles will be given Rs 5,000 each to sail through the national lockdown imposed due to coronavirus scare. The public service vehicles include auto, e-rickshaws, RTV, rural, taxi etc.

UPDATE (01.04.2020)

Update 1: The Delhi government has announced that, police will track the phones of those who were directed home quarantine to see if they complied or not. Action will be taken against those who violated it. In such cases, their contacts will also have to be quarantined.

Update 2: If any medical personnel loses their life while serving any COVID19 patient, be it sanitation workers, doctors or nurses or any other staff, temporary or permanent, from private or government sector, the Delhi government through a cabinet decision has decided that their family will be given Rs 1 crore as our mark of respect for their service.

UPDATE (30.03.2020)

Update 1: Under the Right to Education Act, all students in Delhi schools will be promoted till class 8th. A host of other initiatives were taken such as daily assignments for students up till class 8th and online classes of two subjects daily for students who got promoted to class 12th were announced by the Delhi government.

Update 2: The Chief Minister has announced that all doctors serving in Delhi government's Lok Nayak Hospital and GB Pant Hospital on COVID-19 duty will now be housed in Hotel Lalit.

UPDATE (29.03.2020)

Update 1: Delhi govt starts relief centers for those affected by the lockdown. The government has also launched customized google maps to help find the location of relief centers.

Update 2: The Delhi government has been providing food to over 1000 construction workers daily in Bawana (JJ Colony), Bhalaswa, Dwarka Sector 16A and Shakurpur through Swiggy.

UPDATE (27.03.2020)

The state government has announced its plan to increase and enhance its capacity from feeding 20,000 people from 224 shelters to 2 lakh people through an additional network of 325 Delhi govt schools. The state government also announced that it would eventually be able to feed 4 lakh people. Additionally, the Chief Minister has instructed all MLAs to work with their local communities to ensure that no person in their respective constituencies goes hungry.

UPDATE (26.03.2020)

The state government has decided to allow all establishments that supply essential items or are part of the supply chain for such items to function 24x7 in order to prevent overcrowding during the day. The government also stated that the establishments will require no additional permits and licenses for operating that long.

UPDATE (25.03.2020)

UPDATE 1: The Delhi government has started issuing e-passes for those individuals who do not have/possess any government or private ID and are working in manufacturing, transport, storage and shops of essential items. Helpline numbers are being launched for the assistance of such individuals.

Update 2: Under the direction of section 6(2)(i) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 order of National Disaster Management Authority, the Government of Delhi has enforced lockdown over all parts of Delhi till midnight of April 14, 2020.

- Office of GNCT of Delhi will remain closed except – Police, home guards, fire and emergency services, civil defence, disaster management and prisons; District administration and pay and accounts office; electricity, water, sanitation; Municipal bodies.
- Hospitals and all related medical establishment, including their manufacturing and distribution units, both in public and private sector should remain open. The transportation of all medical personnel, nurses, paramedical staff, other hospitals services be permitted.
- Commercial and private establishments shall be closed down except the following – shops (under PDS), groceries, fruits and vegetables, dairy and milk booths, meat and fish, animal fodder. However, the district administration is expected to encourage home delivery.
- Industrial establishments will remain closed except units manufacturing essential goods.
- All transportation except essential goods, fire, law and emergency services to remain closed.

Update 3: 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 Government of India, its Autonomous/Subordinate Offices and Public Corporations shall comply with the guidelines issued in Annexure to MHA Order No. 40-3/2020-D dated 24.03.2020.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offices of GNCT of Delhi/ Autonomous Bodies/ Corporations shall remain closed except the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Police. home guards. tire 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 dispensaries. 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 be closed down except the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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.
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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 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 gyms 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.

	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>2. Haryana</p>	<p>UPDATE (24.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: In view of present COVID-19 situation, Haryana government has directed that for now, private schools should only charge tuition fees on per month basis from students. The other charges including building and maintenance funds, admission fees, computer fees and any other funds should not be charged. While, if any school is found violating these directions shall be liable to face action under Rule 158 of Haryana Education Rules 2003.</p> <p>Update 2: The 'Sampark Baithak' mobile app has been launched by the Haryana government with the objective of providing home-based education to primary school children during lockdown.</p> <p>UPDATE (23.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The government has announced extension of deferment in payment of all outstanding dues as on March 15, 2020 and thereafter towards all Departments, Boards, Corporations and Authorities till May 15, 2020, 50 per cent waiver of interest on all such dues and waiver of rent on buildings and shops belonging to Government, Panchayati Raj Institutions and Urban Local Bodies for this period.</p> <p>The government also announced 25 per cent waiver of fixed charges for industrial and commercial electricity consumers, treatment of this period as frozen period in all government contracts.</p> <p>Life insurance cover of Rs 10 lakh for various employees working in the containment zones and for all accredited and recognized journalists in the State up to June 30, 2020.</p> <p>Update 2: In order to control the spread of COVID-19, District Administration Gurugram has ordered containment in certain zones of the district.</p> <p>UPDATE (19.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The Haryana government has issued orders for the revised lockdown period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the State to obtain permission to resume operations and apply for passes, the Applicant shall apply on SARAL Haryana Portal (https://saralharyana.gov.in). Further the passes for the interstate movement of vehicles shall be applied on government of India portal for e-pass (http://covidpass.egovernments.org/requester-dashboard/).

- This entire process of scrutinizing and grant of permission/passes shall be issued in a phased manner through SARAL Haryana Portal (<https://saralharyana.gov.in>). The phasing will be done in each district as per social distancing norms and strict containment requirements in their district. Accordingly, approvals will be given in a phased manner strictly on first come first serve basis.
- Industries/Industrial establishments/Commercial and Private Establishments (other than IT and ITeS units), for the pass requirement for upto 20 people, 100 percent approval of the requirement will be given. While, in case of Pass requirement for more than 20 people, approval of 50 percent of the requirement or 20 passes, whichever is higher will be given.
- Similarly, for IT and ITeS units, in case of Pass requirement for upto 20 people, approval of 50 percent of the requirement and for more than 20 people, approval of 33 percent of the requirement or 10 passes, whichever is higher will be given.
- Opening of shops / dhabas on highways/ movement of Self-Employed individuals will be strictly governed by the Ministry of Home Affairs guidelines.
- In view of approaching summer season and new academic session, distribution of books by book shops to school and college students and sale of Air conditioners, Air coolers, Fans and their repair shops may be treated as essential goods / services and allowed to remain open and operate outside containment zone. However, the District Magistrates can fix the timings of various establishments, industries, and other permitted activities depending upon the local requirements.

Update 2: Keeping in view the Covid-19 pandemic situation in the State, the Haryana Government has decided to re-employ the retired government doctors below the age of 69 years on contractual basis for one year against vacant posts.

UPDATE (17.04.2020)

In view of the extension of nationwide lockdown, the Haryana Government has decided to further extend the temporary closure of the toll collection or fee at 15 toll points in the State being run on Build–Operate–Transfer (BOT) basis, through entrepreneurs or departmentally till May 3, 2020.

UPDATE (16.04.2020)

The Haryana government has issued an order for certain measures that have to be adopted by the citizens with respect to wearing and disposing off masks.

UPDATE (15.04.2020)

The District Commissioner of Gurgaon issued an order for the containment of 6 areas within the city.

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Update 2: The District Administration of Gurgaon is ready to provide complete assistance to the employers who are willing to shift their infrastructure to support work from home on a one-time basis.

Update 3: All passes issued in the district of Gurgaon have been extended till the 3rd of May.

UPDATE (13.04.2020)

Update 1: The Gurgaon administration has started online classes via E-Learning for the students of government schools from class I to XII, in order to ensure that the studies of students of government schools are not affected.

Update 2: The state government is providing free dry ration to children, lactating mothers and pregnant women through anganwari workers.

UPDATE (12.04.2020)

A drive-through sample collection center has been set up in Gurugram to ease COVID19 tests. One can apply for the test by filling details online.

UPDATE (11.04.2020)

Update 1: Amid indication by the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi for extending the nationwide lockdown for further two weeks, the Haryana Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal directed to plan its implementation in a phased manner, while again resolving to combat this global pandemic of corona virus.

The Chief Minister shared this while addressing the people of the state during 'Haryana Aaj' programme through live telecast. He said that that the state would be divided into three zones i.e. red, orange and green. The red zones would include the four districts of Gurugram, Faridabad, Nuh, and Palwal which are the hotspots. The orange zone has been tagged as the vulnerable category, meaning thereby the areas and districts where the number of Corona patients is less, more people are kept in surveillance and observation. While the third category i.e. Green zone will include those areas where there are no positive cases.

While informing about the process to reopen the industries, he said that the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises have to make a plan that those industries which will be following the social distancing norms, food and lodging arrangement for their workers inside their factory premises will be allowed to run their factories. He urged the small business enterprises to draft their plan today only and said that social distancing committees will be made at district, block, city and village level. Through these committees the permission will be given as to which factories or industries will be allowed to carry out their operations.

The Chief Minister said that the movement of raw material, finished goods will be allowed but the movement of people will be limited so that during the lockdown period and while following the social distancing norm it should be ensured to break the transmission chain of the virus.. He said that wearing a mask should be adopted as a routine habit and should become a part of our lifestyle

Update 2: The Haryana government has provided relief to individuals covered under various social security schemes, who are unable to withdraw their pension through biometric or voucher till June 30, 2020, the government has decided not to stop their pension.

Due to the ongoing lockdown, the pensioners were facing trouble to withdraw their pension through vouchers by going to banks. Keeping in view the present circumstances, the government has decided that the pension of the beneficiaries who are unable to withdraw their pension will not be stopped till June 30, 2020.

Update 3: The government has appealed to the banks to make provision of tokens at home. This is to ensure banks don't get overcrowded and people do not have to wait. People should only go to the bank when their number arrives.

UPDATE (10.04.2020)

Update 1: To keep up with the difficult times and ensure trainees do not lose valuable training time due to lockdown, the Department of Skill Development and Industrial Training (SDIT), Haryana launched a unique program, aptly termed e-Skilling aimed at engaging trainees with relevant learning material.

UPDATE (28.03.2020)

Update 1: The Delhi government has announced the distribution of free ration from 1,000 ration shops. All remaining ration shops in the state will also distribute free ration in the coming days.

Update 2: On the directions of the Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, the government has operationalized 568 Hunger Relief Centers in schools, apart from 238-night shelters. The government has stated that they now have the capacity to feed lunch & dinner to approximately 4 lakh persons daily.

Update 2: The Gurgaon administration has made it mandatory for all to wear masks in public in the entire district of Gurgaon.

Update 3: In a bid to make hassle-free procurement of Mustard and Wheat during the Rabi season and to reduce congestion in Mandis, Haryana Government has decided to restrict the entry of farmers in the Mandis to 50 farmers only at one time. The decision has been taken to maintain social distancing norms in view of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

UPDATE (09.04.2020)

Update 1: The Haryana government has decided to double the salary of all healthcare officials and workers who are tackling the Covid-19 outbreak in the state.

Update 2: Karnal district, Haryana has started Adopt A Family campaign, under which people are contributing to support needy families during lockdown; under this, 13,000 families are being supported using Rs. 64 lakh contribution which has been received.

Update 3: The Haryana government will provide Rs 30 lakh cover (in case of death), to the police personnel directly engaged in the fight against the spread of COVID-19 in the state.

UPDATE (09.04.2020)

Update 1: The district administration of Gurgaon has partnered with emohaeldercare for providing all needs for the elderly, including doctor consultation, home delivery of essentials, emotional support and emergency support.

Update 2: Keeping in view the unprecedented circumstances due to n-COVID-19 and the economic hardship faced by the General Public, the Haryana Government has directed all the Departments and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) not to levy any penalty on various types of dues since March 15, 2020 including surcharge or penal interest till April 30, 2020.

Update 3: The district administration announced that it would launch a door-to door survey of all households to check residents for symptoms of Covid-19 and record their recent travel history. With Gurugram seeing a surge in the number of cases the city is now being treated as COVID hotspot. The mammoth exercise will cover nearly 25 lakh people in Gurugram. Deputy commissioner Amit Khatri said people with flulike symptoms and those with travel history will be further investigated. About 500 teams for urban areas and another 203 for rural areas have been formed to conduct the survey. Training of the staff for the survey in urban areas began on Wednesday. Officials have not yet given a timeline for the survey to be completed.

Update 4: The district administration has designated 9 areas as containment zones. Some measures that will be taken in such areas are:

- Complete sanitization of area
- Door to door delivery of essential goods
- Movement completely restricted
- Screening and scanning of residents

UPDATE (08.04.2020)

Update 1: To prevent the academic loss of students due to lockdown implemented in Haryana due to COVID-19 pandemic, it has been decided by the Haryana Government to teach the students of Class I to Class XII studying in Government schools across the State through various e-Learning platforms until the situation gets normal. Until schools re-open, students will have to adopt e-learning at home with the help of their parents and teachers through phone and WhatsApp.

UPDATE (06.04.2020)

Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala announced that the state government has approved an amount Rs 20,000 for sanitization activities in villages amid COVID-19. Mr. Chautala informed that on demand for additional funds by various districts to carry out sanitization activities in the villages, the state government has decided to grant permission to Gram Panchayats having own resources to carry out sanitization activities and to allow Rs 20,000 to each of those Gram Panchayats having an annual income of less than Rs two lakhs from its own resources (including interest income from FDs).

UPDATE (05.04.2020)

The Haryana government has announced that, students of classes 1 to 8 will be promoted to the next class without any examination.

UPDATE (04.04.2020)

Update 1: The state government has announced that, the state will be providing free boarding and lodging facilities to Doctors, Paramedical and Essential Services Staff at all PWD B&R rest houses across the state.

Update 2: The government has given relief to the employees working on government contract. This period of time (lockdown) will be waived in their contract by assuming the period of lockdown as zero period.

UPDATE (03.04.2020)

Update 1: The Haryana government has announced that all private schools in the state will not be able to charge any kind of fee from the parents of the students till the time the situation normalizes again.

Update 2: The Gurugram district administration has announced relief measures for the Ujjwala beneficiaries. Under this initiative, the administration sponsors a three-month free cylinder for all customers of the Ujjwala scheme.

Update 3: An announcement for declaration of ex-gratia for all Indian Oil employees by Gurugram administration was made.

Update 4: To prevent the transmission of coronavirus through spitting, the Haryana government has prohibited the sale of chewing gum in the state till June 30 and asked authorities to effectively implement the ban on gutkha and pan masala.

UPDATE (02.04.2020)

Update 1: Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar announced that doctors, nurses, paramedics and other staff working in private hospitals in the state shall also be extended the benefit of enhanced ex-gratia compensation available for those working in government sector.

The doctors, nurses, paramedics and other staff working in private hospitals would get the benefit of ex gratia of Rs 50 lakh, Rs 30 lakh, Rs 20 lakh and Rs 10 lakh respectively in case they were not covered under the newly introduced insurance cover of Rs 50 lakh of Government of India.

Update 2: The Gurugram administration has started using buses for the delivery of essential goods and services within the city.

Update 3: In light of the current scenario as a result of the pandemic, the state government have extended the due date for farmers to pay their loans. Farmers will now have time to repay the loan by June 30, 2020.

UPDATE (01.04.2020)

Update 1: The Haryana Government has decided to close all the universities and colleges of the state under the Department of Higher Education, Haryana, till 14 April 2020. During this period, students will be given online education.

Update 2: In view of the global epidemic, the Haryana School Education Department has postponed the period of filling the online form for admission under Rule 134-A in the state till further orders.

Update 3: With a view to providing food and shelter facilities to migrant laborers and homeless people, 467 relief camps with a capacity of 70 thousand people have been set up in the state.

UPDATE (31.03.2020)

In view of the corona virus, the Haryana government has taken several important steps for the convenience of the people. Some of those steps are:

- Amount of Rs 250 crores provided to poor families
- A sum of Rs 1000 per week being provided to laborers, rickshaw pullers, street vendors etc.

- Financial assistance of Rs 1000 per week being provided to over 3,50,000 construction workers

UPDATE (30.03.2020)

To monitor the activities of people under home quarantine, the Haryana government has decided to develop a mobile app to do so.

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

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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)

Update 1: 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 2: An advisory was issued by the Haryana government for private establishments for not terminating the services of employees or reducing their wages in view of the outbreak of COVID-19.

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 / Kisan 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 gyms, 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.

	<p>UPDATE (16.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Update 2: Advisory issued by the Director General of Health Services for malls:</p> <p><i>Some of the measures that malls have been directed to adopt are as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Update (15.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Update 2: The government of Haryana vide 'The Haryana Epidemic Disease, COVID 19 Regulations 2020' has an order closing all cinema halls, gyms and night-clubs till March 31, 2020.</p> <p>UPDATE (11.03.2020)</p> <p>The government of Haryana declared an epidemic on March 11.</p>
<p>3. Maharashtra</p>	<p>UPDATE (22.04.2020)</p> <p>The Maharashtra government on Tuesday withdrew its lockdown relaxation norms for Mumbai and Pune regions, both coronavirus hotspots, and revised its last week's guidelines prohibiting door-to-door delivery of newspapers and magazines in the state.</p> <p>UPDATE (17.04.2020)</p> <p>To mitigate hardship to the public, select additional activities have been allowed which will come into effect from April 20. These limited exemptions will be operationalised by district administrations based on strict compliance to the existing guidelines.</p> <p>UPDATE (16.04.2020)</p> <p>In lieu of these rising cases, the BMC has extended the containment zones in Mumbai to 438. The newly added containment zones in the city are from the regions where a cluster of COVID-19 cases have been found. These areas include Mumbai Central, Byculla, Mazgaon, Malabar Hill, Grant Road and Dadar. Containment zones have also been added in other areas like Worli, Jant Nagar, Chembur, Manpur and Govandi.</p>

UPDATE (15.04.2020)

Update 1: The state government issued an addendum to the lockdown orders issued by the state on the 25th of March in consonance with the National order for the 2nd phase of lockdown on the 15th of April and the clarification released by the Ministry of Home Affairs on the 3rd of April.

Update 2: The state government has released a circular stating that all manufacturing activities that were permitted to operate under the state order on the 25th or due to permissions obtained by the relevant authorities, would be allowed to operate their manufacturing till midnight on 19th of April.

UPDATE (13.04.2020)

Update 1: Issuing an addendum to the lockdown order previously issued on the 14th of April, the state has officially extended the lockdown till the 3rd of May.

UPDATE (11.04.2020)

Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray announced extension of lockdown in the state till April 30. The decision to extend the lockdown comes soon after Prime Minister Narendra Modi held video conferencing with Chief Minister of all states and Union Territories (UTs) to chalk out further course of action to combat Covid-19 outbreak in the country.

Making the announcement, Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray said that the lockdown can be relaxed in certain areas while on others it will become stricter. He also said that the decision of lifting the lockdown completely after April 30 will be taken depending upon the prevailing situation.

UPDATE (10.04.2020)

The Mumbai police commissioner has issued orders - valid from April 10 to April 24 - prohibiting any kind of fake or distorted information on all social media platforms like WhatsApp, Twitter, Facebook, TikTok, Instagram, etc. It has also banned derogatory or discriminatory messages towards any community or causing panic and confusion among the people. In the order, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Operations) Pranaya Ashok said that For all such acts by any person or groups, the person designated as "Group Admin" shall be held personally liable for such content in his/her group and attract action under the relevant laws.

UPDATE (09.04.2020)

The BMC has come out with a notification making it compulsory for people moving in public spaces to wear a three 3 ply masks or cloth masks compulsorily. Violation of these norms will attract penal provisions including arrest.

UPDATE (04.04.2020)

To alleviate these mental health concerns, Mpower, an Indian mental healthcare institute has partnered with the Maharashtra government and the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) to launch a toll-free helpline number called 'BMC- Mpower 1on1' that will be available to citizens 24x7 - 1800 120 820050.

UPDATE (03.04.2020)

Update 1: With over 400 people testing positive for coronavirus in Maharashtra, the state government has now taken the fight against the pandemic online, by launching a COVID-19 self-assessment tool. The government has created a digital platform, wherein citizens can assess their symptoms from the comfort of their homes and later contact authorities if they have any doubts about their condition.

Update 2: With coronavirus cases in Mumbai on the rise, Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has set up 212 containment zones in the city.

UPDATE (02.04.2020)

The state Government has set up 3000 camps across the state and is providing meals and shelter to 3.25 lakh people from other states. The state has also appointed experts & doctors to ensure good mental health of these people.

UPDATE (31.03.2020)

In order to ensure that there is no large-scale migration movement between states, the state government has launched 1,000 centers to provide meals to around 2-2.25 lakh workers regardless of whether they have cards or not.

UPDATE (29.03.2020)

The Maharashtra government has set up 262 relief camps across the state which is presently providing shelter to 70,399 migrant labour/ the homeless people. The relief camps are providing food, and a place to stay during the pandemic.

UPDATE (28.03.2020)

The state government's "Shiv bhojan" meals would be available at Rs 5 per plate instead of the earlier Rs 10. The reduced price would be in force till June, and it would be available from 11am to 3pm against the earlier time slot of 12 noon to 2pm.

UPDATE (26.03.2020)

The state government has directed all shops selling essential commodities, groceries and medicines to operate 24hours. It is mandatory for them to fully adhere to social distancing measures, enforce gaps with marking & ensure sanitation & cleanliness.

UPDATE (25.03.2020)

The office of the Chief Minister has allowed shops selling essential commodities, groceries and medicines to operate for 24 hours. It has been mandatory for them to follow rules of social distancing, ensure sanitation and cleanliness.

UPDATE (25.03.2020)

Revised orders for the lockdown were issued by the state government.

All state borders sealed for passenger movement.

- MSRTC buses and Metro are not permitted.
- Movement of important, essential and perishable commodities is permitted.
- E-commerce delivery of essential and necessary goods including food, pharmaceutical and medical equipment allowed.

	<p>Exemptions have been made for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospitals and related medical establishments • Telecommunications, internet services, broadcasting, cable services, IT and ITes • Cold storage and warehousing • Petrol pumps, LPG gas, oil agencies • Security and facility management • Water supply services • Export and import of agricultural goods and products • ATM's Banks <p>UPDATE (23.03.2020)</p> <p>In furtherance to the lockdown order issued, a few more directives were issued like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entire state lockdown • Not more than 4 members including within family should not gather. • One family member per household will be allowed to step out to buy daily needs. • For daily waged labor (white ration card) will be provided free with 1 month required rice, 12kg per individual. Through fair price shops. • Along with rice Rs.1500, cash will be provided per family. • Except for essential services all government departments should work from home. And only 20% should work basis roaster. • All education departments, schools will be closed till 31st. • Building Construction workers and contract workers, working labor, industrial workers both in government and private sectors should be paid salary of lockdown days. • Anganwadi centers will be closed, but kids and pregnant will be provided nutrition at home. • Pregnant Women expecting soon will be extended with proper medical support through Amma Odi. • Only emergency services will be available at hospitals. • All types of Public and private transport will be closed at 100%. Buses, trains, cars, cabs, two-wheeler cabs. • All interstate borders will be closed. Except for essential services goods. • Police will strictly follow epidemic diseases act 1897. And will arrest violators under criminal acts. <p>UPDATE (22.03.2020)</p> <p>The Government of Maharashtra issued a lockdown in the state. The government ensured that Trains, private buses, ST buses are being closed. However, city bus service will be functional only for transporting employees/labour in the essential services sector. Food grains, vegetables, medicines, shops will remain open. Banks, financial institutions will remain functional.</p> <p>UPDATE (21.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p>
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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).

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.

	<p>UPDATE (13.03.2020)</p> <p>The government of Maharashtra declared an epidemic on March 13. In the state assembly on March 13, Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray stated the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>UPDATE (03.03.2020)</p> <p>Guidelines for quarantine of passengers coming from 6 international countries.</p>
<p>4. Karnataka</p>	<p>UPDATE (22.04.2020)</p> <p>The state government has issued an addendum in furtherance to its order to allow certain industries to function from the 23rd of May. In the addendum, the state has allowed IT and IT enabled services to resume operations with minimum staff.</p> <p>UPDATE (22.04.2020)</p> <p>The state government has issued an order permitting certain industries to operate from midnight on the 23rd of May.</p> <p>UPDATE (20.04.2020)</p> <p>The Bengaluru Police Commissioner has extended the enforcement of Section 144 of CrPC from midnight on the 20th of April till midnight on the 3rd of May. The order also lays down certain exemptions to the prohibitory order.</p> <p>UPDATE (20.04.2020)</p> <p>The Karnataka government has decided to extend lockdown till May 3. But stringent lockdown measures are to continue for some more time in containment zones. The decision to this effect was taken at the Cabinet meet, chaired by Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa on Monday and the State is awaiting further guidelines from the Centre on lockdown relaxation measures for green zones or non- containment areas. The state is exploring promulgating Ordinances to safeguard front-line healthcare workers from attacks.</p> <p>UPDATE (17.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The Government of Karnataka issued a list of industries that are exempted from lockdown w.e.f. 20th April.</p> <p>Update 2: The state government notified the list of industries/industrial establishments (both government and private), and construction activities that will be allowed to operate w.e.f. 20th April.</p>

	<p>UPDATE (14.04.2020)</p> <p>Prohibitory orders were issued by the Police Commissioner of Bangalore between 14th of April till midnight on 20th of April. The order laid down certain exemptions pertaining to services and goods.</p> <p>UPDATE (13.04.2020)</p> <p>The labor department of Karnataka has issued a circular directing the private sector employers to abstain from layoffs or unpaid leaves during this countrywide lockdown. Employees would be paid wages on the due date without any deduction during this period.</p> <p>UPDATE (11.04.2020)</p> <p>Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa announced that the lockdown in place to control the spread of Covid-19 will be extended for two more weeks and the Centre will issue guidelines regarding its implementation in a couple of days. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi said for no reason there should be any relaxation in the lockdown, suggestions have come regarding extension of lockdown. In a couple of days guidelines will be issued about the implementation of the lockdown during the next fifteen days," Yediyurappa said.</p> <p>UPDATE (08.04.2020)</p> <p>Regarding loosening of the lockdown in the state, a Task Force Committee chaired by Devi Shetty has submitted its recommendations to the Chief Minister of the state. Some of their recommendations are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools to remain shut till the 31st of May • Government departments and establishments such as IT's BT's that are providing essential services can operate with 50% strength • Non-AC shops can resume functions • Interstate rail and air services to remain shut • Metro and AC bus operations to remain suspended till April 30th • UPDATE (07.04.2020) <p>The government has extended the 5% rebate on property tax till May 31 in all the urban local bodies, except the BBMP, in view of the COVID-19 lockdown. The previous deadline was April 1. In a circular issued to deputy commissioners and heads of urban local bodies, the Directorate of Municipal Administration said that several urban local bodies had sought for extension of the deadline.</p> <p>UPDATE (06.04.2020)</p> <p>The government has given conditional permission to open bakery and condiments for the purpose of providing food.</p> <p>UPDATE (03.04.2020)</p> <p>The State Government has notified the following category of industries as the "Continuous Process Industrial Units" and they are exempted from the existing lockdown in order to prevent the damage to the plant/production machineries & to ensure industrial safety, with a condition that these units to operate with a bare minimal strength of staff/labour & shall follow the guidelines/instructions of Ministry of Health & Family</p>
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	<p>Welfare, Government of India and Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Karnataka with regard to the preventive measures to be taken for combating COVID-19 as enumerated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated Steel Plant • Petroleum Refinery Unit • Cement plant • Fertilizer Plant • Pulp and Paper unit • Glass Manufacturing Unit • Coal Tar Distillation Unit <p>This relaxation applies only to operation of the plants and not applicable to their head offices/administrative offices</p> <p>UPDATE (01.04.2020)</p> <p>The Karnataka government has issued a circular notifying that industries supplying to defense and aerospace manufacturing are exempted from the purview of the lockdown. The restrictions imposed on the movement and staff working in these industrial units are relaxed.</p> <p>UPDATE (02.04.2020)</p> <p>The state government has procured unsold milk from producers and will start its free distribution to the poor who are facing hardship during the lock down in the state. The excess milk has been purchased from the Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) and will be distributed it in slum areas through urban local bodies.</p> <p>UPDATE (31.03.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: Another prohibitory order under Section 144 of the CrPC was placed within the limits of Bengaluru city which ordered for the closure of all offices and services except the ones which have been exempted. The order will come into force from midnight of the 31st and will stay in force till midnight of the 14th of April</p> <p>Update 2: The Karnataka government has devised a GPS coordinate-based mechanism that tracks persons under order of home quarantine and has instructed them to send selfies or photos to the monitoring team to ensure they are following the isolation norms.</p> <p>UPDATE (28.03.2020)</p> <p>The state government has decided to provide free to all daily wage migrant laborers at the Indira Canteens located in the state.</p> <p>UPDATE (27.03.2020)</p> <p>In order to alleviate the debt repayment problem of the farmers, the state government has extended the loan repayment period by 3 months.</p> <p>UPDATE (25.03.2020)</p> <p>The state issued two types of persons for the regulation of movement in the state.</p> <p>UPDATE (24.03.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: An order was issued clarifying the industries which are allowed to operate during the lockdown period.</p>
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Update 2: In furtherance to the Section 144 order, certain provisions were further added.

UPDATE (23.03.2020)

Update 1: Under Section 144 CrPC, prohibitory orders were placed within the limits of Bengaluru city. The orders will come into force from the midnight of the 23rd and will stay in force till midnight of the 31st of March.

Update 2: In Furtherance to the lockdown orders issued, 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 31st 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:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>UPDATE (11.03.2020)</p> <p>The government of Karnataka declared an epidemic on March 11.</p> <p>UPDATE (03.03.2020)</p> <p>Advisory to IT/BT company employees and staff issued by the Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Karnataka stating the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p>UPDATE (19.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The state government has released modified guidelines for lockdown in Rajasthan, in furtherance to the consolidated guidelines issued.</p> <p>Update 2: The Ministry of Home Affairs has constituted Inter Ministerial Central Team to be sent to Jaipur. The team has been constituted due to the various violations in the enforcement of lockdown and maintaining social distancing in the state especially in Jaipur which the central government deems to be a serious concern. The team will be sent to Jaipur to issue necessary directions to the state for redressal and of situation and to submit a report to the central government.</p>

UPDATE (15.04.2020)

A modified lockdown will be implemented in Rajasthan in a phased manner from April 21 with the state government deciding to allow industrial units in rural areas to operate. The Rajasthan government said industrial units will be allowed to function in the state from April 21 to provide employment to migrant labourers.

The move will provide employment to the migrant labourers who are in the state," a government release said on 15 April.

UPDATE (10.04.2020)

Ashok Gehlot's Rajasthan government has announced an extension to the three- week lockdown till April 30 in order to curb the spread of the deadly coronavirus. CM Gehlot had earlier in a late-night decision, announced a complete lockdown on March 21 till March 31. This was before Prime Minister Narendra Modi on March 25 announced a pan-India 21-day lockdown.

UPDATE (08.04.2020)

The state government has issued a clarification on issue pass for travel of staff/ labor of the select category.

UPDATE (07.04.2020)

The state government has issued certain clarifications regarding list of permitted activities during lockdown in the private sector.

- Conditions for permitted category to operate without separate permission as long as certain criteria are met
- System for passes for owner/ staff/ workers/ labor

UPDATE (04.04.2020)

A team from the World Health Organisation will visit Rajasthan's Tonk district on April 3 to conduct a survey in the wake of rising number of coronavirus cases in the state, Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot said.

"There has been a spike in the number of COVID-19 cases in the state in last 24 hours with an increase in the number of positive cases reported from Tonk. Given this critical situation, a team from WHO will visit and conduct a survey in Tonk today," Pilot tweeted.

"We will strictly adhere and follow the report and guidelines as submitted by WHO. Prevention and containment of the virus spread is our utmost priority. If we act responsibly, the spread of the virus can be controlled," he said.

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 (26.03.2020)

The state government has directed the district collectors with immediate effect to ensure supply of essential food items to the public during the lock down period declared due to nCoVID-19 in the region. Groceries, essentials, medicines in the entire region will be provided 24/7, although plying of private cars is not allowed.

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 coronavirs 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.

UPDATE (19.03.2020)

The state government has decided to postpone all school, college and board exams until further notice in view of Coronavirus outbreak.

UPDATE (18.03.2020)

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.

	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>UPDATE (17.03.2020)</p> <p>The government of Rajasthan has issued an order banning mass gathering of more than 50 people for all social, cultural, sports, political, religious, political, academic and religious events.</p> <p>UPDATE (13.03.2020)</p> <p>Schools, colleges, cinema halls, coaching centres, gyms 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>UPDATE (12.03.2020)</p> <p>The government of Rajasthan declared an epidemic on March 12.</p>
6. Madhya Pradesh	<p>UPDATE (15.04.2020)</p> <p>Madhya Pradesh has issued a notification exempting providers of essential services from applying for an e-pass. Such people can carry their necessary id cards and the police can verify these through general questioning. The state has also allowed inter district and interstate movement for those engaged in essential services, agriculture and those who travel on a personal emergency.</p> <p>UPDATE (14.04.2020)</p> <p>Bhopal district administration has extended the validity of passes for essential services in Bhopal till the third of May.</p> <p>UPDATE (02.04.2020)</p> <p>In a bid to facilitate smoother coordination and development of IT services and software with regards to COVID 19, Madhya Pradesh Agency for Promotion of Information Technology (MAPIT) has been designated as the nodal agency for delivery of IT services related to COVID-19.</p> <p>UPDATE (31.03.2020)</p> <p>The Government of Madhya Pradesh has selected MP Agency for Promotion of IT for undertaking the role of disseminating any information on CoVID-19 on behalf of the government.</p>

UPDATES (27.03.2020)

The Government of Madhya Pradesh has approved an order of using Hydroxy Chloroquine for the prophylaxis of nCoVID-19 in at risk patients.

UPDATE (25.03.2020)

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.

UPDATE (24.03.2020)

The government of MP have created guidelines to control the spread of nCoVID-19 by equipping district medicals with adequate equipment and ICUs. 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, Umara 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 can be found [here](#).

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.

	<p>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.</p>
<p>7. Kerala</p>	<p>UPDATE (24.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The government is planning to implement reverse quarantine in the state as soon as the lockdown in the state ends. Under reverse quarantine, senior citizens and people with serious diseases will be isolated. The expert committee appointed by the government has also issued directions in this regard</p> <p>Update 2: In the wake of the increasing number of people illegally crossing of border to Kerala from neighbouring Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, Kerala police and forest officials have enhanced vigil along the border areas. Even drone surveillance is being made at forest areas to trace illegal movements.</p> <p>Update 3: The Kerala Government issued an order to deduct the salary of government employees for six days every month for the next five months as part of raising funds for fighting the Covid-19 pandemic in the state. The order made it clear that there will be no salary cut for those staff who earn less than Rs 20,000 per month.</p> <p>Update 4: After hearing the various petitioners in the now controversial transfer of Covid-19 patient data by the Kerala government to US-based firm Sprinklr, the Kerala High Court on Friday, while refusing to stay the agreement, gave a number of directions to the Kerala government to see that all safeguards regarding data privacy are maintained and posted the case for hearing after three weeks</p> <p>UPDATE (22.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The state government has formed a seven-member core panel consisting of top officials to strategize the returnees without it leading to situation where its hospitals are overwhelmed by them. As a first step, the government has issued an order which said all returnees should register with Norka-Roots, the nodal government agency under its non-resident Keralites' affairs (NORKA) department.</p> <p>Update 2: As part of massive COVID-19 mitigation efforts in agriculture to make the state self-sufficient, the Kerala government announced that all wastelands would be used for farming. Kerala is a consumer state which depends on other states for food grains, fruits and vegetables.</p> <p>Update 3: The Kerala government has decided to defer one month's salary of government employees in five monthly installments as well as to cut 30 percent salary of all cabinet members, MLAs, local body representatives, and all chairpersons of various boards and corporation.</p>

Update 4: Kerala Higher education department has withdrawn its controversial order that prescribed exam schedule for universities in the period after the lockdown. The new order, issued on Tuesday, said universities are free to decide on exam dates, depending on ground realities after lockdown ends.

UPDATE (21.04.2020)

Kerala CM announced that the hotspots in LSG areas would be sealed and only limited medical shops would be allowed to open. The relaxations announced earlier would not be applicable in Kannur district as it is in Red Zone and all restrictions would continue till May 3.

UPDATE (20.04.2020)

Update 1: The Kerala government has revoked some relaxations it had provided under its revised guidelines for the lockdown. The move comes after the Centre chided it for diluting guidelines provided by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

Update 2: Chief Minister, Shri Pinarayi Vijayan announced that the Institute of Advanced Virology (IAV) at Thiruvananthapuram has got membership in the Global Virus Network (GVN). This is the first institution in the country to get the prestigious GVM membership. This would give IAV access to the GVN's researchers at 45 centres across 29 countries for detection and management of viral diseases apart from the exchange of ideas and resource material.

Update 3: After Government of Kerala, in its revised guidelines, allowed opening of activities, prohibited under Consolidated Revised Guidelines issued by MHA, the central government took strong objection to the Kerala government's decision and directed the state government to rectify its guidelines. The MHA said that Kerala's steps amounted to dilution of guidelines issued by the MHA and violation of its April 15 order issued under the Disaster Management Act 2005.

Soon after receipt of the MHA's instructions, Kerala Chief Secretary said the state government would amend their order, even as he insisted that Union home secretary was consulted before the state government allowed additional activities during the lockdown

UPDATE (17.04.2020)

The Kerala Government issued consolidated revised guidelines for containment activities as per directions of MHA.

Update 3: Kerala Chief Minister, Shri Pinarayi Vijayan today announced that the State Government is setting up 22 Cancer treatment centres across all the 14 districts in the State in association with the Regional Cancer Centre (RCC) at Thiruvananthapuram. This would enable cancer patients to continue their treatment during this Covid period.

Update 4: The Kerala State Electricity Board has informed that no fines will be levied on electricity bill payments till May 3. Cash counters will not be operational at section offices till May 3. Meter reading is set to begin from April 20 onwards.

Update 5: In the wake of coronavirus spread and subsequent lockdown imposed, the Kerala government has made textbook for Class 1 to 10 in state board syllabus, available online. Both Malayalam and English medium textbooks are available in PDF.

UPDATE (15.04.2020)

Kerala Chief Minister, Shri Pinarayi Vijayan demanded the inclusion of State Relief Funds to be made eligible for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funding by making changes to the Companies Act. The Chief Minister said in a letter to the Prime Minister, he had requested his intervention to “correct this inequality” which was against the principles underlying cooperative federalism and adds to the fiscal stress of the states.

UPDATE (17.04.2020)

Kerala Chief Minister, Pinarayi Vijayan yesterday presented a plan for a phased relaxation of lockdown in the State, in consonance with the Central guidelines. “The State Government will abide by the general guidelines announced by the Central Government while extending the lockdown till May 3. We would request approval from Centre for grouping of districts based on the number of active/positive cases and allowing certain exemptions in these places. However, all common restrictions applicable to pan India will continue in Kerala”, he said.

The Chief Minister also announced that the State would need Central approval to exempt certain districts from the hotspot list declared by the Centre. All the districts in the State have been grouped into four zones based on the number of active/positive cases being reported.

UPDATE (16.04.2020)

Update 1: The State cabinet today decided to follow the Central instruction in the case of lockdown relaxations. While giving relaxations, the State will abide by Centre’s instructions. Relaxation will be given in Agricultural, coir, fisheries sectors, in line with the instructions given by the health department. The government offices will function with only required staff.

Update 2: The Kerala government has issued an order giving permission for interstate travel during lockdown to those seeking treatment in the State, or pregnant women, and in case of death of a relative or imminent death. Necessary documents must be obtained by the competent authority in order to get entry into Kerala, according to the order issued by Chief Secretary, Tom Jose.

UPDATE (14.04.2020)

Update 1: Due to the lockdown extension, Kerala Public Service Commission has postponed all the recruitment exams. According to a statement released by the Commission Tuesday, the examinations scheduled from April 16 to May 30 have been deferred. New dates will be intimated later.

Update 2: The Kerala State Civil Supplies Corporation is distributing food and water to truck drivers in the district. The Corporation is charging Rs 30 from the drivers for the same.

UPDATE (13.04.2020)

Update 1: In a special state cabinet meeting held today, the government has decided to take a call on extending the lockdown in the state only after the decision of the centre. However, the meeting concluded that restrictions will be withdrawn in a phased manner and withdrawing it in one go will have an opposite effect. The cabinet will now meet on Wednesday, as by then the guidelines of the Centre will be out.

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UPDATE (12.04.2020)

The Kerala government is of the view that lockdown restrictions should be restricted to hotspots and that each state be allowed to take a decision in this regard. In the video conference of all CMs with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday, Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan advocated a phased removal of lockdown restrictions. He said that the pandemic could spread further if there was unrestricted public movement and could lead to a serious situation in a densely populated state like Kerala. The state wants all restrictions in place in districts identified as hotspots to continue till April 30, but in other districts those activities permitted by the government should be allowed by ensuring social distancing.

UPDATE (11.04.2020)

The Kerala government today launched a WhatsApp number to report cases of domestic violence in the state, which have been on the rise during the coronavirus lockdown. Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said complaints can be made to the number-- 9400080292--, which will be available 24 hours.

UPDATE (10.04.2020)

The Kerala government has begun distribution of free food kits for the ration card holders. Each kit, worth around Rs 1,000, contains 17 items including one kg sugar, 250 gm tea powder, one kg salt, green gram, half-a-litre cooking oil, two kg atta, one kg rava, one kg black channa, soaps etc among others. The state has allotted Rs. 350 Cr for this purpose.

	<p>UPDATE (09.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The special task force of experts, constituted by the state government has recommended a gradual phase-by-phase easing of the COVID-19 lockdown after April 14, 2020.</p> <p>Update 2: Concerned about Covid-19 outbreak in places with large Malayali populations, Kerala has set up help desks in the UAE and Oman to facilitate access to medical care.</p> <p>UPDATE (08.04.2020)</p> <p>The government has allowed mobile phones sales and service shops to be open on Sundays; workshops, garages and spare parts shops would be operational on Sundays as well as Thursdays.</p> <p>UPDATE (07.04.2020)</p> <p>The Government of Kerala has released an order permitting the functioning of automobile workshops and truck repair shops.</p> <p>UPDATE (06.04.2020)</p> <p>The Government of Kerala has decided to distribute rations for 7-weeks to all persons, regardless of them having a ration card or not.</p> <p>UPDATE (04.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The Government of Kerala is working with SheTaxi to help the elderly and the sick to buy medicines and commute to hospitals during lockdown in the districts of Thiruvananthapuram, Kozhikode and Cochin.</p> <p>Update 2: The Chief Minister announced the formation of a 17-member task force to come out with recommendations on a phased return to normalcy after the end of the lockdown period. The task force consisting of eminent persons would be headed by the former Chief Secretary, K M Abraham, IAS Rtd. as its convenor.</p> <p>Update 3: The state government has permitted online food orders to be taken till 8 PM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government has given permission for hotels and takeaway counters to issue online food orders until 8 pm. • The working hours were open from 7 am to 5 pm. The sale, which is not online, is scheduled to close at 5 pm. • The order also states that those who deliver food online at 9 pm should stop working. <p>UPDATE (03.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The Government of Kerala has made an addendum to its previous order dated March 12 concerning guidelines for testing, quarantine, hospital admission and discharge. The following two changes have been made to increase the testing and hospitalization categorization:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘A High Risk contact’ has been modified to include ‘Travel to a locality where active COVID-19 community spread is suspected or clustering of COVID-19 cases is detected in the last 14 days. • CATEGORY A now only includes Mild Sore Throat/Cough/Rhinitis/ Diarrhea. Fever has been removed from the list.
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Update 2: The Government of Kerala has given sanction to the Division of Thrombosis Research, Biomedical Technology Wing, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute of Medical Science and Technology to develop a Rapid Diagnostic Kit for detection of SARS CoV-2.

Update 3: The Kerala Government has announced financial assistance for the members of various Welfare Funds and Boards. This financial assistance package is mainly to help the thousands of their members tide over this lockdown period.

Update 4: The Government of Kerala has clarified that delivery of parcels is a permissible service in the state for the lockdown period.

UPDATE (02.04.2020)

The government has allowed online/at door delivery of food items, including cooked food from take away counters of Hotels, up to 8pm in relaxation of the existing general order.

UPDATE (01.04.2020)

The Kerala government on Wednesday began distribution of free ration to the people of the state through the Public Distribution System (PDS) following the lockdown in the wake of COVID-19.

UPDATE (31.03.2020)

The Kerala government has decided to issue special passes for tipplers, who are facing physical and mental issues due to withdrawal symptoms and have doctor's prescription, to purchase liquor from the Excise department in a controlled and prescribed manner

UPDATE (29.03.2020)

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

	<p>UPDATE (15.03.2020) The Government of Kerala has released the Advisory for Airport arrangements along with flow chart depicting screening of passengers.</p> <p>UPDATE (10.03.2020) The government decided to impose severe restrictions, including closure of educational institutions and cinema houses till the month end</p> <p>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”.</p>
<p>8. Andhra Pradesh</p>	<p>UPDATE (24.04.2020) The Health, Medical and Family Welfare department has released a SOP to shift non-COVID patients from COVID-hospitals, so the latter can be exclusively for COVID-care.</p> <p>UPDATE (23.04.2020) The Health, Medical and Family Welfare department has released measures to be taken to reduce the mortality of persons above 60 years of age.</p> <p>UPDATE (22.04.2020) Update 1: The Health, Medical and Family Welfare department has released a standard operating procedure (SOP) to deal with patients suffering from severe acute respiratory illness (SARI). Update 2: The Health, Medical and Family Welfare department has released an advisory for the creating of a triage area in hospitals and guidelines for segregation and shifting of COVID patients.</p> <p>UPDATE (20.04.2020) The Health, Medical and Family Welfare department has released instructions and defined red, orange and green zones in the state.</p> <p>UPDATE (19.04.2020) Update 1: The Health, Medical and Family Welfare department has released guidelines for the discharge of patients from hospitals. As per the guidelines, patients can be discharged after swab samples test negative on two consecutive days. Update 2: The Health, Medical and Family Welfare department has released a strategy for using Rapid Diagnostic Kits for COVID-19.</p> <p>UPDATE (18.04.2020) Update 1: The Industries and Commerce department has put out an order with consolidated guidelines for exceptions during the lockdown. Update 2: The Health, Medical and Family Welfare Department has released orders related to symptomatic and asymptomatic patients in the state.</p>

Update 3: The Health, Medical and Family Welfare Department has released instructions of resuming limited operations, and defined areas as 'Red, Orange and Green' Zones.

UPDATE (16.04.2020)

Update 1: The Health, Medical and Family Welfare department has released an order highlighting the strategy to contain, control and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Update 2: The Health, Medical and Family Welfare department has constituted a committee to prevent the outbreak of COVID in hospitals and hostels.

UPDATE (14.04.2020)

The Health, Medical and Family Welfare department has put out an order extending the lockdown in the state to May 3, 2020.

UPDATE (13.04.2020)

The Health, Medical and Family Welfare department has released an order to direct hospitals to increase the levels of testing of samples in the state.

UPDATE (12.04.2020)

The Government of Andhra Pradesh has suspended all regular out-patient activity in government hospitals and only emergency cases are to be considered.

UPDATE (09.04.2020)

The Government of Andhra Pradesh has created a cluster containment strategy to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

UPDATE (08.04.2020)

The Chief Minister launched the first 'Made in Andhra Pradesh' rapid test kit for COVID-19.

UPDATE (02.04.2020)

Update 1: The Government of Andhra Pradesh has launched a new mobile application to act as a bridge to connect the people of Andhra Pradesh with the local shopkeepers, Grocery stores, Fruits & vegetable vendors, meat vendors to order their essential items online and have them home delivered.

Update 2: The Government of Andhra Pradesh has put out a Government Order whereby it has deferred the payment of salaries of the Chief Minister, Ministers, legislators, IAS/IPS officers and a number of different categories of government officers.

Update 3: Through a government order, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has directed the following been done:

- It has released an amount of Rs. 40 crore against the proposal of Rs.170.00 Crore of Health, Medical and Family Welfare Department towards containment of COVID-19.
- The District Collectors in the State have been directed to take immediate measures for providing temporary accommodation, food, shelter, medical care to homeless people and migrant labourers, stranded due to lockdown measures, and sheltered in the relief camps and they are allowed to meet the expenditure under SDRF.

- The Government has given administrative sanction for release of an amount of Rs.120.90 Crore to the Department Public Health & Family Welfare.

Update 4: The Government of Andhra Pradesh has sanctioned an amount of Rs.1300.00 Crore to the Rural Development department to assist all BPL families in the State of Andhra Pradesh, whose lives are affected.

UPDATE (01.04.2020)

The Government of Andhra Pradesh has released guidelines on containment, control and prevention of the spread of COVID-19.

UPDATE (31.03.2020)

Update 1: The government further enforced strict lockdown across all the urban areas in the state from Tuesday. The government has cut down the relaxation time by two more hours. Now, the police are allowing people to stay on the roads for the purchase of essential goods and groceries between 6 am to 9 am. It was reduced from 1 pm to 11 am on Monday.

Update 2: Andhra Pradesh government has devised a COVID Alert Tracking System, which uses GPS to monitor the people currently placed under home quarantine. Over 25,000 people across the state are being monitored via this method in partnership with telecom operators in the state.

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.

	<p>UPDATE (18.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>UPDATE (15.03.2020)</p> <p>Civic polls (urban and local) in the state of Andhra Pradesh has been put off in view of coronavirus spread.</p> <p>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.</p>
9. Assam	<p>UPDATE (24.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: After nod from ICMR to carry out rapid antibody testing of Covid-19 with the Chinese kit for surveillance purpose only, Assam on Thursday started a trial run on 100 residents of an apartment in the city, which has been declared a containment zone.</p> <p>Update 2: Assam government has issued WhatsApp helpline numbers for people to apply for travel e-pass within the state. Once approved, the Assam travel e-pass can be used for within district travel during the lockdown in Assam. The three WhatsApp numbers are - 8638112297 / 7002546684 / 6901462595.</p> <p>Update 3: The Assam government on Thursday sent a team of officials and police personnel to "facilitate" the evacuation of its students stranded in Kota following requests from families in the state and the government of Rajasthan.</p> <p>UPDATE (22.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: In a relief to people stuck at different places in the state due to the Covid-19 lockdown, the Assam government has decided to allow inter-district movement for three days from April 25. Assam Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said that the state government has decided to allow inter-district movement for a period of three days subject to the Ministry of Home Affairs guidelines.</p> <p>Update 2: Taking to twitter, Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma shared that the State Education Department has directed all private schools to waive 50% of their one-month school fees for April to give relief to parents. Directions have also been issued to ensure that there will be no increase in fee structure and curtailment of salary of teaching & non-teaching staff by private schools.</p> <p>UPDATE (21.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: Addressing a press conference, the Assam DGP has stated that Assam Police will file case against those who will not wear masks in public places. Besides the provisions of the Disaster Management Act, cases will be registered under Section of 269 and 270 of IPC.</p>

Update 2: All the government offices in Assam have resumed functioning with 33 percent workforce. The government offices including Assam secretariat have started functioning by following all the orders given by the government.

UPDATE (20.04.2020)

Assam chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal has announced that Assam government has decided to provide free 5 kg rice to non-NFSA card holders from the economically weaker sections of the society. However, government employees, panchayat representatives and their family members will be exempted.

UPDATE (17.04.2020)

Assam chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal asked the Deputy Commissioners to constitute monitoring cells which will be exclusively mandated to inspect the social distancing norms including health and hygiene protocols of the workers engaged in the tea gardens.

UPDATE (16.04.2020)

Update 1: The Union Health Ministry has identified five districts in Assam as COVID-19 hotspot districts with clusters. According to reports, Golaghat, Morigaon, Nalbari, Goalpara, and Dhubri are the districts in Assam which have been put in the category of "hotspot districts with cluster" while Cachar, Hailakandi, Kamrup, Kamrup Metro, Lakhimpur, South Salmara and Karimganj in Assam have been identified as non-hotspot districts.

Update 2: The Assam Police has launched four helpline numbers for providing help to the elderly in distress.

UPDATE (15.04.2020)

The Assam government has decided to shut down all wine shops across the state from 5 pm on Wednesday in view of the consolidated revised guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs dated April 15, 2020.

UPDATE (14.04.2020)

Update 1: The Supreme Court has allowed those who had completed two years in detention centres in Assam to be released on a bond of Rs 5,000 and two sureties of the same amount. The measure, despite opposition from the Centre, has been taken to curb outbreak of Covid-19. A three-member bench headed by Chief Justice SA Bobde, conducting a hearing via videoconferencing, was examining a plea pertaining to the issue of overcrowding and infrastructure of prisons across the country in light of Covid-19.

Update 2: Around 13,500 persons have registered themselves as volunteers to help people manage their mental stress in the ongoing coronavirus crisis under an initiative launched by the Assam State Disaster Management Authority. The volunteers will also be engaged in an exercise of contact-tracing of the COVID-19 cases in the state, officials said on Tuesday.

UPDATE (13.04.2020)

Assam government on Monday decided to provide financial assistance to those people from the state stranded in other areas due to the nationwide lockdown and launched a Helpline number (No 96-1547-1547) where people can call and provide their details. Finance and Health minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said that the exact amount of the assistance will be announced later after taking in consideration the number of calls received. He also clarified that those who were working outside the state but returned home before the lockdown are not eligible for the assistance.

UPDATE (12.04.2020)

The Assam excise department issued an order allowing wine shops to remain open from April 13-17 between 10 am and 5pm. The order also urged the staff members of the wine shops to ensure “social distancing of at least one meter between customers cough etiquette and to strictly follow directives issued by National Health Mission”.

UPDATE (11.04.2020)

The Assam Police has decided to enforce the odd-even formula for the vehicles used in essential services in Guwahati city as part of the lockdown. All ambulances, doctors, health workers, media personnel, on-duty government officials, water- carrying vehicles and goods-carrying trucks having full body will, however, be exempted from the rule.

UPDATE (10.04.2020)

Update 1: Tea estates in Assam which have been hit hard by the current corona virus pandemic and the related lock down, are set to resume operations in a few days with the state government starting the process to allow them to do so.

Update 2: Taking to his twitter handle, Assam health minister Mr. Himanta Biswas Sarma announced that the Assam government shall provide financial assistance to patients of cancer, heart surgery & kidney transplant, stuck outside Assam due to lockdown and a special helpline - 0361 2558955 was provided for them to avail assistance.

UPDATE (09.04.2020)

The Income Tax Department and the Finance Ministry has clarified that all donations to Assam Arogya Nidhi are eligible for 100% deduction as per Sec 80G(1).

UPDATE (08.04.2020)

Assam Police in association with Gauhati Medical College & Hospital (GMCH) & Clinical Psychologists/Psychiatric Social Workers have launched tele-counseling helplines for those in need of mental health care and support due to Covid-19.

UPDATE (07.04.2020)

Update 1: The Assam government is considering issuing entry permits as a temporary measure to regulate the entry of people in the state after the nationwide lockdown ends. This will be a special entry permit and not on the lines of Inner Line Permit, as required in some of the other north-eastern states but it will be completely “temporary” in nature, Assam Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said.

Update 2: Assam chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal launched COVID QCheck Android app at Hojai. COVID QCheck app is specially meant for the Hojai district administration, the first of its kind in Assam, to keep eye on all the 2,641 people who have been home quarantined in the district.

UPDATE (05.04.2020)

Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal announced that besides health workers, police personnel and other Assam government employees directly engaged in the fight against COVID-19 will also get Rs 50 lakh insurance coverage.

UPDATE (03.04.2020)

Addressing a press conference, Assam agriculture minister Atul Bora on Thursday said the state government has indefinitely banned selling and transportation of all vegetables in Golaghat after eight COVID-19 cases were reported from the district.

UPDATE (30.03.2020)

Chief Minister Sarbanand sonwal held a meeting with Ministers in Guwahati and took stock of prevailing situation due to COVID19 & the Lockdown. A slew of packages were decided in the meeting to provide relief to the people of Assam:

- Starting 1st April 2020, 58 lakh (approx) BPL households will be provided free rice for which they paid Rs 1/kg previously.
- Poor households without NFSA & ration cards will be given one-time financial assistance of ₹ 1000.
- Construction and repair work of new and existing river embankments will start from 1st April 2020. Construction workers and others involved have to adhere to the norms laid down by the Health Dept.
- As construction workers have faced a lot of hardships during the lockdown, it was decided to provide ₹ 1000 each to 2.78 lakh workers across Assam.
- Authorities of food processing industries and tea gardens can approach DCs to resume operations from 1st April 2020.

UPDATE (28.03.2020)

Update 1: In furtherance to the lockdown orders, an additional advisory was issued that exempted the movement of vehicles supplying and carrying food grains as well as exempting operations of daily markets for fruits and vegetables from the purview of the lockdown orders

Update 2: During a meeting of the Department of Commerce and Industries, Government of Assam under the chairmanship of the Secretary to the department, it was decided that:

- Amazon and Flipkart were allowed to continue their day to day services and had to apply for passes for operations from the office of the Deputy Commissioner
- All GM's were directed to liaison with the Deputy Commissioners for permission to operate industries involved in manufacturing of essential commodities.

Update 3: 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 now 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 (26.03.2020)

Update 1: Regarding loading & unloading of essential commodities, the CM directed the District Transport Officer to arrange special vehicles on emergency basis. Officials were asked to ensure that essential & emergency workers don't face any problem during the lockdown.

Update 2: The CM has instructed officials to give special attention to people above 65 years and below 10 years of age to ensure their protection from COVID19. In addition, the CM has also directed setting up of a Helpline numbers for senior citizens so that they can receive essential commodities without hassle.

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.

	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>UPDATE (19.03.2020)</p> <p>The state government has ordered shutting all museums, libraries, coaching centres, beauty parlours and barber shops till 31st March 2020.</p> <p>UPDATE (18.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>UPDATE (16.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>UPDATE (15.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p>
10. Tamil Nadu	<p>UPDATE (23.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The CM of Tamil Nadu engaged in a video conference at 11 am with entrepreneurs, businesspersons, and industrialists in Tamil Nadu to take a decision upon the exemption of certain industries from the lockdown.</p> <p>Update 2: The Government of Tamil Nadu has identified certain continuous process industries which are being permitted with skeletal staff for essential maintenance of closed units. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refineries • Large Steel Plants • Large Cement Plants

- Chemical Industries i.e. Paints
- Sugar Mills
- Fertilisers
- Float Glass Plants
- Large Foundries with Continuous Process
- Tyre Manufacturing Plants
- Large Paper Mills

UPDATE (22.04.2020)

Update 1: The Government of Tamil Nadu has announced free essential commodities for the month of May through tokens for Family Card holders.

Update 2: The CM of Tamil Nadu has released a revised relief assistance for Doctors, Nurses, Paramedic Staff, Police Officials, and other workers involved in COVID-19 containment.

UPDATE (20.04.2020)

Tamil Nadu government today announced that the COVID-19 lockdown in place would continue to be enforced till May 3. The decision also indicates that there would not be any relaxation of lockdown till that date.

UPDATE (13.04.2020)

Update 1: Workers from other state will be given 15 kg rice, 1 kg of pulses, and 1 kg of cooking oil for free in May.

Update 2: For the second time, a family will be given relief assistance of Rs 1,000 to all registered non-resident workers, including construction workers.

Update 3: All the essentials of May (Sugar, Beef, Edible Oil, 1kg, Rice ever supplied) will be provided to the rice family cardholders in Tamil Nadu at reasonable prices. The official tweet can be found [here](#).

Update 4: Farmers do not need any passes and permits to move the produce they have produced from one place to another.

Update 5: Tamil Nadu government has issued an order regarding extending the lockdown in the state till April 30. This essentially translates to the fact that section 144 of the CrPC will remain in effect in all the state's 37 districts till the end of this month.

UPDATE (07.04.2020)

Update 1: The state government has announced that they are expecting to increase mango production in another 15 days. The Utility fee will not be collected till 30.4.2020 from farmers.

Update 2: The state government has decided that the merchants will not have to pay the 1% market fee paid by the traders till 30.4.2020 to enable them to distribute the products purchased by the farmers at reasonable prices.

UPDATE (04.04.2020)

To further constrain the movement of people, the state government has reduced the time allowed for the purchase of essential items from 6.00 am to 2.30 pm, to 6.00 am - 1.00 pm from the 5th of April.

UPDATE (02.04.2020)

The Tamil Nadu Government today announced a special incentive package to industries, including MSMES, to manufacture Covid-19 equipment. The state seeks to encourage companies to manufacture invasive ventilators, N-95 masks, PPE, multi-parameter ICU monitors, and anti-viral drugs used to treat Covid-19; manufacturers are to commence production before July 31, 2020.

The state will give 30 per cent Capital subsidy, subject to a ceiling of Rs 20 crore on the investment made in eligible fixed assets will be provided to eligible manufacturers. The capital subsidy will be disbursed against investments made for making essential equipment, including modifications and upgrades of existing lines. Six per cent interest subvention will also be provided to these manufacturers on working capital loans availed from commercial banks. SIPCOT and SIDCO will provide necessary land and sheds on short- or long-term leases on priority, according to a government Order.

UPDATE (31.03.2020)

Small, Medium and Small Enterprises (SMEs) who have obtained loans from the Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation (TIIC) are given a period of 3 months. Chipcat is given a 3-month grace period to pay off the loan payments to companies that have secured credit. Furthermore, the time limit for payment of property tax and drinking water tax to local authorities has been extended to 3 months (up to 30.6.2020).

UPDATE (27.03.2020)

Update 1: All employees and vehicles of organisations engaged in transit of the essential services and goods require a pass from the TN Government smooth movement within the state, starting from 27.03.2020. The company needs to submit a letter to their respective District Collectors.

Update 2: 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 (26.03.2020)

- Restaurants and grocery stores are allowed to run all day with no restrictions.
- Private banks, small financial institutions and self-help groups make daily/ weekly / monthly and original collections. Since no curfew is currently available for work, such payments have been ordered to be immediately suspended until further orders.
- Measures to provide essential items for the family of the isolated persons with appropriate security measures.

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 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, gyms 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.

	<p>UPDATE (15.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>11. Uttarakhand</p>	<p>UPDATE (15.04.2020)</p> <p>The Uttarakhand government has decided to start pool testing of suspected cases of coronavirus and issued directives to labs in this regard. The decision has been taken following guidelines of the ICMR.</p> <p>UPDATE (31.03.2020)</p> <p>The Uttarakhand government on Monday evening announced life insurance worth Rs 4 lakh each for 68,457 employees from various departments who are on the frontline in the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic in the state. Chief minister Trivendra Singh Rawat had declared during the one-day concluding budget session on March 25 that all the personnel, including health, sanitation, police and media, will be recognised as 'COVID Warriors' and be given life insurance by the government for their role in the fight against the deadly virus. But he had not announced the specifics.</p> <p>UPDATE (30.03.2020)</p> <p>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."</p> <p>UPDATE (26.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

	<p>UPDATE (24.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>UPDATE (22.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>UPDATE (20.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>UPDATE (19.03.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The state government suspend the operations of all malls within the state till the 31st of March.</p> <p>Update 2: The state government ordered the complete lockdown of the Indira Gandhi National Forest Research Institute.</p> <p>UPDATE (18.03.2020)</p> <p>Coronavirus infection threat has made Uttarakhand government order all State employees to work from home for a period of eight days beginning Thursday, March 19, with the exception of departments of health, police, transport, food and water supply, electricity and sanitation.</p> <p>UPDATE (14.03.2020)</p> <p>Uttarakhand state government has declared novel coronavirus an epidemic and shut all multiplexes, cinema halls, degree colleges and technical institutes across the state till March 31, 2020. The decision was taken at a meeting of the state council of ministers on March 14, 2020.</p>
12. Chandigarh	<p>UPDATE (23.04.2020)</p> <p>The Chandigarh Administration has allowed registration of BS IV Vehicles in the city up until April 30 in light of COVID-19.</p> <p>UPDATE (21.04.2020)</p> <p>The Chandigarh Administration has released an advisory regarding opening of banks during the lockdown.</p> <p>UPDATE (19.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The Health Department has put out a notification making it mandatory to screen and quarantine persons from other states coming into Chandigarh.</p>

Update 2: The Chandigarh Administration has put out an order making it mandatory for all chemists to maintain a record of purchasers of medicines.

UPDATE (18.04.2020)

The Chandigarh Administration has put out an announcement that Chandigarh has been marked as a red zone and that no relaxation will be granted until May 3.

UPDATE (16.04.2020)

The Chandigarh Administration has constituted 11 medical teams to screen and certify every bus driver, shopkeeper, vendor, delivery boy, hawker etc.

UPDATE (14.04.2020)

Update 1: The Chandigarh Administration has decided to extend the validity of movement passes to May 3, or the end of the lockdown.

Update 2: The Chandigarh Administration has released a comprehensive plan for the management of COVID in the city.

Update 3: The Advisor to the Chandigarh Administration has requested Haryana Chief Secretary, not to allow too many officials to attend offices in Chandigarh and to restrict their entry in curfew.

UPDATE (11.04.2020)

Update 1: The Chandigarh Administration has issued an addendum to its orders dated 25 March and April 6, to include fishing into the list of essential services.

Update 2: The Chandigarh Administration has requested all departments to create awareness about the AarogyaSetu mobile application.

UPDATE (09.04.2020)

Update 1: The Chandigarh Administration has made it mandatory for all citizens to wear masks in the public, both outdoors and within vehicles.

Update 2: The Chandigarh Administration has decided to distribute 3 months food grains to all registered beneficiaries.

UPDATE (02.04.2020)

All foreign travelers will observe a quarantine period of 14 days from the date of arrival and will stand dequarantined of the 14th day.

UPDATE (01.04.2020)

The Chandigarh Administration launched a newly developed android base mobile app “CHDCOVID” to spread awareness about COVID-19 in the city. This will be a single point platform which will provide all information related to COVID-19 in Chandigarh. The residents of Chandigarh can access all the guidelines, orders and notifications issued by Administration and Government of India on the mobile app.

UPDATE (31.03.2020)

Update 1: The UT Administration notified further that the curfew imposed in the city will continue till April 14.

Update 2: The administration has extended the validity of passes, earlier issued to government officials & essential services category to 14th March.

Update 3: The administration notified new timings for Opening of Shops for Home Delivery of Essential Commodities.

UPDATE (30.03.2020)

Update 1: The UT Adviser announced that migrant workers will not be allowed to move in violation of the lockdown. Arrangements have been made for them in the city

Update 2: The Chandigarh administration reduced relaxation timing on Sunday evening. The new relaxation timings are from 11am to 3pm. The administration had earlier decided to give relaxation from 10am to 6pm to residents to go to their nearby shops to purchase daily needs items.

UPDATE (29.03.2020)

Update 1: The UT Advisor also notified that Migrant workers should not be asked to pay rent for a month nor forcibly evicted by landlords/house owners.

Update 2: The UT Administration has started online system for issuing movement pass for individuals/ organizations involved in supply of essential items.

UPDATE (28.03.2020)

To provide accessibility of essential commodities, all shops with essential commodities like food grain, groceries, fruits, vegetables, milk, meat & fish will remain open from 10 am to 6.00 pm daily till further orders. The residents can visit these shops to purchase essential commodities in their respective sector markets. It was again retreated that to avoid congestion in markets, vehicles will not be permitted. The residents will come on foot in these markets. Further vendors dealing in fruit and vegetables will also get earmarked spaces in these markets only.

UPDATE (26.03.2020)

Update 1: The Chandigarh Administration has decided to open all retail grocery shops in Chandigarh. It further clarified that no individual is allowed to visit any retail grocery shop for the direct purchase of groceries. The residents can only place orders telephonically on the nearest shop for delivery of groceries at their doorstep. In case anyone is found violating the provision, then strict legal action would be taken against both the individual and the shop owner as per law.

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.

	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 COVID 19. These include: Closing of cinema halls, gyms, night clubs, pubs, swimming pools, coaching centers, spa centers, video game centers, shopping malls (except grocery and medicine shops in the malls).</p>
13. Odisha	<p>UPDATE (22.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: Government of Odisha has deployed Government Employees, Private persons, Volunteers, Urban and Local Bodies and Professional Agencies to perform COVID-19 related duties. Government of Odisha has decided to pay a sum of Rs. 50 lakhs to the spouse/next of kin of any person drafted by the State Government who succumbs to the disease in his/her active line of duty.</p> <p>Update 2: Department of School & Mass Education has taken steps to provide Textbooks at the doorstep of the students. With prior permission of the District Collectors, the Teachers shall distribute Textbooks to the parents either in School or in their house. The distribution of the Textbooks will not be done in Hotspots/Containment Zones/Buffer Zones.</p>

UPDATE (21.02.2020)

Update 1: State Government in Convergence with Government of India will ensure that Rs. 50 lakhs is given for any Health Personnel (Private and Public) who lose their precious life in the fight against COVID-19. In case of death of Doctors and Health Professional while on duty, the State will treat them as martyrs and provide State funeral with State honours.

Update 2: The Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment has started a website: odihortmarketing.nic.in dedicated to the farmers of the State to facilitate easy and timely marketing of Horticultural products like fruits, vegetables, flowers and spices etc. The District level Officers of Horticulture Department will provide data on the saleable products of their districts, so that interested traders can contact the farmers.

Update 3: Women and Child Development and Mission Shakti Department with UNICEF has released 'Ghare Ghare Arunima' a calendar

UPDATE (20.04.2020)

Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik, in a significant move, delegated the powers of District Collector to the Sarpanches of the Gram Panchayats for their jurisdiction, under the provision of Section-51 of the Disaster Management Act-2005, the Epidemic Diseases Act 1897, read with Odisha COVID-19 regulations 2020. The Sarpanch has been given power necessary to check and ensure that any person arriving in their respective jurisdiction has been registered, put in quarantine facility and given accommodation, food, water and incentive. Anyone found violating the instructions of the Sarpanch regarding quarantine protocols and guidelines shall be penalized.

UPDATE (16.04.2020)

In order to keep a watch on cases of domestic violence during lock down period, Women and Child Development Department has started a WhatsApp no-7205006039 to help women in distress. Besides, Helpline of the Department-181 is also operational. Victims of domestic violence are advised to take the help of WhatsApp and Helpline. Similarly, State Women Commission has introduced a WhatsApp no-8763543013 in this respect.

UPDATE (14.04.2020)

Update 1: Movement of all vehicles carrying essential commodities will be free from restriction during 2nd phase Lock Down Period. Similarly, vehicles belonging to Health Department along with the Institutions providing essential services will move without restriction.

Update 2: During 2nd Phase Lock Down Period, activities of Forest & Environment Department such as plantation/Nursery activities, Kendu leaf operations, collection of minor forest products, processing and marketing, creation and maintenance of water bodies for wild animals will continue.

Update 3: Ration Card Holders will be given 5 kg Rice and one kg Dal free of cost for 3 months from April to combat hunger in wake of COVID-19. This will be given in addition to monthly Quota supplied to beneficiaries covered under Food Security Schemes.

UPDATE (13.04.2020)

Update 1: The Odisha government has notified significant relaxations in agriculture, horticulture, floriculture, fisheries and animal husbandry, procurement, trading & retailing of agricultural produce in the state as well as rural works for wage employment exempting the hotspots with effective from 15th April 2020.

Update 2: The Odisha government has issued a revised order exempting e-Commerce for all goods from the extended lockdown period in the state.

UPDATE (11.04.2020)

In view of the economic fallout of COVID-19, the state government has urged all private educational institutions to consider reduction/deferment of school fees from April to June.

UPDATE (10.04.2020)

Cabinet has approved a ratification proposal in Epidemic Act-1897, through an ordinance. As per the ordinance the amount of punishment has been enhanced in the Act. Every offence shall be considered cognizable and bailable while maximum punishment will be 2 years of imprisonment or a fine of Rs. 10000/- or both.

UPDATE (09.04.2020)

Update 1: Farming operations by farmers and farm workers in the field are allowed for ongoing Rabi and preparatory activities for coming Kharif season. Harvesting of Agricultural produce including fruits and vegetables is to continue with labour engagement while maintaining social distancing. Marketing and transportation of agricultural inputs, agricultural and Horticultural products to markets both intra and interstate are permitted without any restrictions by retailers and transporters.

Update 2: The Covid-19 lockdown in Odisha will be extended till April 30, Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announced after a meeting of the state cabinet. Odisha is the first state to extend the lockdown ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's video conference to discuss the lockdown extension.

UPDATE (07.04.2020)

Update 1: The Government of Odisha has released an advisory asking the public to start using face masks.

Update 2: The Bhubaneshwar Municipal Corporation has designated containment zones within the city.

UPDATE (06.04.2020)

The Chief Minister has been appealed to doctors to support the government in a telemedicine initiative that the government is launching.

UPDATE (04.04.2020)

In order to contain community infection and to aggressively trace the contacts of 5th and 6th COVID-19 positive patients and to intensify testing, Government of Odisha has ordered for total Shut Down for next 48 hours (from 8PM of 03/04/2020 to 8PM of 05/04/2020) in the jurisdiction of

Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation, Cuttack Municipal Corporation and Bhadrak Municipal area. More stringent restrictions have been imposed. All the passes issued for the Lock Down period have been suspended. All shops including those dealing in grocery, vegetable, fruit, milk etc, all business centres and other establishments will remain closed. Only Health, Police and some limited emergency services will be available in the Shut Down period. The Medicine Stores identified by Municipal Authorities/ Drug Controller will remain open. Special pass shall be issued by the Police Authorities to facilitate people involved in emergency services exempted under the Shut Down.

UPDATE (01.04.2020)

The State is ensuring free and unrestricted movement of goods carrying vehicles during the lock down period. A State level committee is monitoring the matter relating to transportation and procurement of commodities, coordinating among Godown owners, wholesalers, retailers and transporters. They are advised to maintain social distance mandate. There is enough stock of flour, dal, edible oil, potato and onion etc. The state is also giving Rs. 1000/- cash per ration card to all eligible ration card holders under Food Security Cover.

UPDATE (30.03.2020)

The state government has announced that advance pension for 4 months to the beneficiaries under Social Security Scheme is being given. Till now 60% of beneficiaries have already received their pension while rest is in progress.

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.

Furthermore, food and shelter have been ensured for around 5547 workers from other states stranded in Odisha during lock down in 36 Camps. These workers are from Bihar, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Kerala, Telengana, Punjab, Delhi, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh.

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 un-hindered 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."

	<p>UPDATE (20.03.2020)</p> <p>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 in order 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.</p> <p>UPDATE (16.04.2020)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>UPDATE (14.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p>
14. Goa	<p>UPDATE (23.04.2020)</p> <p>The Goa Medical College has informed that due to lockdown in the country, it has been decided to release the revised part schedule of 50% State Quota counselling cum admission for PG MD/MS/Diploma courses for the academic year 2020-21.</p> <p>UPDATE (21.04.2020)</p> <p>Semester/Year End Examinations of various Diploma Programmes (i.e. Engineering, Pharmacy and Hotel Management & Catering Technology) scheduled to be conducted in April 2020, are postponed and are likely to be conducted in the month of June 2020 (tentatively). The exact dates along with the revised timetable will be notified at least TEN DAYS prior to conduct of said Examinations.</p>

Revised Term Schedule for the remaining part of academic year 2019-2020 will be announced in due course of time.

UPDATE (20.04.2020)

All private medical practitioners/consultants to reopen the clinics/laboratory in the state with immediate effect to render services in the rural area. Practitioners over 65 years, and parents with children below the age of 5 may be encouraged to provide services through tele-consultation.

UPDATE (17.04.2020)

Update 1: All permissions to operate/exempt issued by the Office of the District Magistrate of South Goa and authorization given to issue Travel Permits to various Units/Factories/Agency operating in the South Goa District and Travel Permit issued which were valid till 14/04/2020 shall stand valid for 03/05/2020 subject to strict compliance with the guidelines.

Update 2: As per the Directorate of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, the validity of animal care travel passes, and travel permits for animal feed are extended until 03/05/2020.

UPDATE (13.04.2020)

Update 1: The Government of Goa has decided to postpone the board examinations of students of class 10 indefinitely.

Update 2: The Goa government will be conducting a door-to-door survey in the state to identify possible COVID-19 positive patients from April 13 to April 15.

As per reports, a four-member team will be collecting data regarding the symptoms of influenza-like illness from each household. Further, data collection and mapping will be done through a mobile app-COVID-Locator. Teams consisting of BLOs, primary/secondary school teachers, Aganwadi workers and meter readers, Gram sewaks, excise guards have been formed for the task. During the survey, questions related to age, travel history, symptoms, and so on will be asked. Along with it, it will also record whether anyone in the family is suffering from diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney disease or respiratory disease.

UPDATE (12.04.2020)

The General Administration Department has issued orders to all departments of the government regarding resumption of work for their employees.

UPDATE (11.04.2020)

The Government of Goa has issued an order regarding approval of marine fishing and fish farming.

UPDATE (10.04.2020)

The Government of Goa has issued an order stating that it would strict action against those hoarding or black marketing any essential goods notified under the Act.

UPDATE (09.04.2020)

Update 1: The Goa Police has issued an advisory regarding EMI postponement fraud and has advised the public not to reveal any bank detail etc. to anyone who may ask.

Update 2: The Goa Police has issued an advisory for users and admins of Whatsapp groups to not spread misinformation.

Update 3: The Office of the Labour Commission has issued a circular stating that employees working in the industries exempted by the Ministry of Home Affairs are eligible to be present at their workplaces.

UPDATE (07.04.2020)

The Government of Goa has created an online portal for persons to obtain passes for travel during the lockdown.

UPDATE (06.04.2020)

The Directorate of Fisheries has issued advisory to Fishermen regarding permission to sell fish during lockdown for COVID-19. As per the advisory all are directed to maintain social distancing while conducting retail sale of fish.

UPDATE (05.04.2020)

Update 1: The Chief Minister has announced that no landlord should demand a payment of rent for a period for one month. Action would be taken against the landlords if they refuse to comply under the Disaster Management Act.

Update 2: The Chief Minister has announced that the shelter camps for migrant workers are being sanitized regularly and arrangements are being well looked into.

Update 3: The Chief Minister has announced that all industries must pay their staff on time without any deduction for the period of lockdown.

Update 4: The Goa Government has launched the 'COVID-Locator' app, a GPS based location tracker that will help the government in tracking those who have been home quarantined. With the help of this app, suspected and asymptomatic carriers of the deadly virus would be tracked when they leave their quarantine zones. This initiative was taken to contain the further spread of COVID-19 in the state.

UPDATE (02.04.2020)

The Government of Goa has put out a circular requesting all Fair Price Shop owners to self-authenticate on the ePOS device for all distribution they have done.

UPDATE (01.04.2020)

Update 1: The Government of Goa has opened online application for travel pass requests at state level. Additionally, applications can either be mailed or deposited in the Collector's office.

UPDATE (31.03.2020)

Update 1: The state government has ordered all hotels/guest houses to take care of their guests by providing them food, shelter medicines etc. If the hotels/guest houses don't act accordingly, they shall be held liable for punitive action.

Update 2: A sum of Rs 52 crore will be used from the District Mineral Fund to set up facilities to combat the novel coronavirus outbreak, Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant said. The fund, collected for mining activity which has come to a standstill for two years now, currently has a corpus of Rs 180 crore.

Update 3: The Goa Bench of the Bombay High Court on March 30 said it was satisfied with the response filed by the State of Goa as regards the medical preparedness of the State to combat the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, while disposing of a letter petition filed by two law graduates.

On March 30, the Single Judge Bench of Justice MS Sonak took on record the response filed by the State of Goa as regards the steps taken by the State to combat the coronavirus.

Update 4: Special teams including Inspector of Commercial Taxes, Inspector of Legal Metrology, Inspector of Civil Supplies are authorized to physically open and verify stock information from the Godowns of suppliers. The team is also authorized to take action against any hoarding.

Update 5: The Collector of South Goa has appealed to all pharmaceutical employees to join their duties willingly to ensure supplies of medicines.

Update 6: The Directorate of food and drugs administration has appealed to all manufacturing units to resume work and make sufficient quantities of medicines, medical equipment's, and ancillary products.

Update 7: The Government of Goa has made an appeal to owners of cooperative stores, wholesalers and retailers to ensure adequate supply of essential goods and to ensure smooth functioning of the supply chain.

UPDATE (30.03.2020)

Update 1: The Government of Goa has released a comprehensive guideline for protection and safety of persons with disabilities during CoVID-19.

Update 2: Employers in Private and Public Sector are advised to restrain from inviting any fresh new migrant labour in the state. Any organization having labourers such as these who have arrived after 10th March 2020 are advised to follow strict quarantine procedures at their residence.

Update 3: Government has authorized e-commerce operators such as Swiggy and Zomato, and other home delivery platforms to operate and home deliver food, groceries and other essential items.

Update 4: The District Magistrate of South Goa has ordered restaurants, and other eating joints to operate their kitchen only for the purpose of home delivery/take away.

Update 5: The Government of Goa has authorized all Petrol Pumps/LPGs to operate in their present adopted routine with bare minimum staff.

Update 6: Acting upon complaints received against retail stores and suppliers purposely keeping their businesses closed to artificially raise prices by hoarding essential commodities, Goa government orders for creation of team to prevent hoarding and black marketing of essential goods. The team will be led by the Inspector of Civil Supplies, Commercial Tax and Legal Metrology to physically open and verify stocks of godowns of suppliers/wholesalers and take action against any hoarding under the Prevention of Black Marketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act, 1980 and other relevant Acts.

Update 7: The Government of Goa has requested all sarpanch's/village panchayat secretaries to issue transit passes to migrant labour stuck in the state of Goa so that they continue with essential pre-monsoon work.

UPDATE (27.03.2020)

Update 1: The vehicles engaged in providing/carrying essential goods and services arriving at the district borders will be provided Travel Permit at the border. Establishments/shops/NGOs/Volunteers engaged in home delivery of essential commodities/supplies shall carry valid travel permits issued by their respective Collectors.

Update 2: Goa FDA has approved nine parties in the State of Goa to manufacture hand sanitisers for a permitted packaging of 100ml, 200ml, 2l, and 5l. Out of these nine parties, six are distilleries, and three are Pharma manufacturers.

Update 3: It is hereby clarified that institutions/hotels/guest houses/residential facilities are ordered to run their kitchens and function with necessary precautions.

UPDATE (26.03.2020)

The Government of Goa has exempted Milk from the lockdown and has declared it as an essential commodity. The government has also established kiosk for smooth facilitation.

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 delivery 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 4: In exercise of Section 144, the District Magistrate of South Goa district has ordered for a ban of vehicles in the South Goa district except government vehicles on official duty.

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.

	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>UPDATE (20.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>UPDATE (19.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>UPDATE (14.03.2020)</p> <p>The Government of Goa has announced the shutting 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.</p> <p>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 in any mass gathering/function/events and festivals till the 31st of March.</p>
15. Bihar	<p>UPDATE (23.04.2020)</p> <p>The state government has issued an order to mandate wearing of face mask in Bihar compulsory.</p> <p>UPDATE (17.04.2020)</p> <p>The State government has announced launch of "pulse polio pattern drive" for door-to-door screening of those residing in 3 km radius of a positive patient. "A COVID-19 positive case will be considered as the epicentre and for this two- member teams will be formed which will go door-to-door to screen everyone within a radius of 3 km. Anyone found positive during screening will immediately be quarantined and tested. The drive is first going to be launched from hotspot districts like Siwan, Begusarai, Nawada and Nalanda.</p>

UPDATE (14.04.2020)

From 16 April, door to door screening for detection of persons with symptoms of Covid-19 will begin in the four affected districts in Bihar. According to a press release by the CMO on April 14, the campaign will begin from April 16, covering Siwan, Begusarai, Nalanda and Nawada districts, and with this Bihar will become the first state in the country to adopt such measures. Door to door screenings will be conducted in a three-kilometre radius with a special focus on senior citizens.

The CM also said that screening of all people who had entered the state between March 1 and 23 should also be conducted through the door-to-door method.

UPDATE (13.04.2020)

Update 1: The state government has banned the consumption of khainee, the smokeless tobacco meant for chewing, in public places. An order issued by Bihar Principal Secretary Health outlaws spitting in public places after chewing smokeless tobacco products, paan masala and other tobacco items that increase saliva and trigger a very strong urge to spit. Offenders will be liable to six months of imprisonment. With this order, all office spaces in Bihar, whether public or private, along with all educational institutions and police stations will be declared tobacco-free zones.

Update 2: The Bihar Education Project Council (BEPC), a wing of the State Education department, launched a mobile application “Unnayan: Mera Mobile, Mera Vidyalaya” for Class VI to XII of over 70,000 government-run schools. The app, said department officials, was jointly developed by the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), the Bihar government and Eckovation, a social learning platform. The BEPC also has planned to book a slot with the All India Radio for the audio broadcast of study materials for school students.

UPDATE (08.04.2020)

The state’s education department announced that it will be promoting students from class 1 to 9 and Class 11 students without any examination this year.

UPDATE (05.04.2020)

As coronavirus lockdown continues to wreak financial havoc in the lives of masses in India, the Bihar government has come up with an App intended to give financial help to residents of Bihar stuck outside the state amid the lockdown. The Nitish Kumar government in Bihar has decided to give a sum of Rs 1,000 to all such people. To avail this benefit, people need to download the all-new ‘Bihar Corona Tatkal Sahayata’ mobile application. This benefit is available to only those people of Bihar who are stuck outside the state amid the lockdown put in place by the Government of India.

UPDATE (04.04.2020)

The state government of Bihar has transferred Rs 184 crores into the bank accounts of around 18 lakh ration card holding families in the state to help them fight the outbreak of novel coronavirus. Each ration card-holding family was given Rs 1,000 from the Chief Minister’s Relief Fund.

Apart from the ration cardholders, the Bihar chief minister has also asked the state Disaster Management officials to reach out to every state resident stranded outside Bihar because of the ongoing lockdown. "They too will be provided Rs 1000 through Direct Bank transfer.

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

	<p>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.</p> <p>UPDATE (18.04.2020.)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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”.</p> <p>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”.</p> <p>UPDATE (17.04.2020)</p> <p>Bihar Epidemic Diseases, COVID 19 Regulations, 2020 was invoked and came into force.</p> <p>UPDATE (13.04.2020)</p> <p>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.</p>
16. Puducherry	<p>UPDATE (13.04.2020)</p> <p>The Puducherry government has announced the extension of the Covid-19 lockdown till April 30 in the union territory to check its spread. The extension was in line with the decision of neighboring Tamil Nadu to contain the spread of the infection, Chief Minister V Narayanasamy said. He also said certain relaxations would be made for sectors such as fishery. Narayanasamy had previously said he was waiting for guidelines from Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the extension of the lockdown, a similar line initially adopted by the Tamil Nadu government also.</p> <p>Update (06.04.2020)</p> <p>Chief Minister V Narayanasamy appealed to leaders of all religions in the Union Territory to put on hold festivals and functions of their respective sects during the current lockdown. The Chief Minister also appealed to also managements of private schools not to insist on payment of school fees by the parents till the situation became normal as “parents particularly those in rural areas are facing hardships and sufferings.”</p>

UPDATE (04.04.2020)

Pondicherry University has been making use of Google Classrooms, Edmodo, Zoom and other online learning platforms in order to maintain the dynamics and interactiveness of a regular class. This is according to MHRD guidelines, as per a circular released March 30, ordering professors to upload study material on PU SAMS (Student Academic Management System) which is an online platform.

UPDATE (31.03.2020)

Update 1: The Puducherry government announced to set up a temporary vegetable distribution from distributors to vegetable vendors at Puducherry Bus stand. The following measures during the lockdown period:

- Goods Vehicles coming to wholesale vegetables and fruit godowns at New Bus Stand market or other earmarked places should unload the goods between 6 PM and 5 AM.
- Earmarked vegetable markets & other vegetable shops, essential grocery shops should be kept opened from 6 AM to 2.30 PM only. This measure will be taken to restrict the unnecessary movement of the people.

Update 2: The Chief Minister has announced that aged persons who need lifesaving medicines should place orders through e-commerce / phone and the concerned vendor should facilitate to door delivering within the stipulated time.

Update 3: E Pass system has been launched by the District Administration:

- The person dealing with the essential commodities and services can apply through the dedicated Whatsapp numbers of respective departments.
- The departments concerned would digitally process the applications through a web application devised for this process
- Generated digital pass and issue them through Whatsapp itself immediately after basic scrutiny.

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.

	<p>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.</p> <p>Update 3: The Puducherry government announced that Corona relief of Rs 2000 shall be given to 3.44 Lakh ration cards holders and deposited in their bank accounts</p> <p>UPDATE (24.03.2020)</p> <p>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</p> <p>UPDATE (21.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>UPDATE (18.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>UPDATE (17.03.2020)</p> <p>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).</p>
17. Gujarat	<p>UPDATE (24.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The Health Department has issued directions to ensure more widespread use of the Aarogya SETU app.</p> <p>Update 2: The Chief Minister has decided to allow all contributions by PSU and other industries to the Gujarat State Disaster Management Authority to be considered CSR activity.</p> <p>UPDATE (23.04.2020)</p> <p>The Chief Minister has decided to permit export-oriented units situated in city limits, except those situated inside the containment zones, to resume operations from 25th April 2020.</p>

	<p>UPDATE (20.04.2020)</p> <p>The Chief Minister has tasked 8 senior secretaries in the government with the job of curbing the spread of COVID-19.</p> <p>UPDATE (20.04.2020)</p> <p>The Labor and Employment Department has put out a notification for workers in the factory.</p> <p>UPDATE (17.04.2020)</p> <p>The Chief Minister has announced that government offices will start with limited staff from April 20.</p> <p>UPDATE (16.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The Chief Minister of Gujarat has made announcements regarding relaxation of certain industrial activities from April 20.</p> <p>Update 2: The Gujarat Health Department has released a circular on payment for services of outsourced staff.</p> <p>UPDATE (15.04.2020)</p> <p>The Chief Minister of Gujarat has decided to start APMCs of Gujarat from April 15.</p> <p>UPDATE (14.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The Government of Gujarat has allowed free movement of freight vehicles carrying essential or non-essential goods and also ordered there is no need to issue pass to them by State authorities.</p> <p>Update 2: The Home Department has extended the lockdown in the state till May 3, 2020.</p> <p>UPDATE (13.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The Health Department has announced that in case any person dies of COVID-19 in the line of duty, their family will receive an amount of Rs. 24 lakhs.</p> <p>Update 2: The Chief Minister has announced the opening of a 10,000-bed facility for COVID-19 patients.</p> <p>UPDATE (12.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation has issued an order making the usage of masks mandatory in public places.</p> <p>Update 2: The Surat Municipal Corporation has issued an order making the usage of masks mandatory in public places.</p> <p>Update 3: Vadodara Municipal Corporation has issued an order making the usage of masks mandatory in public places.</p> <p>UPDATE (10.04.2020)</p> <p>The Chief Minister has announced that free food grain will be distributed to for 60 lakh non NFSA APL-1 card holders between April 13 and April 17.</p> <p>UPDATE (09.04.2020)</p> <p>The Chief Minister of Gujarat has announced the creation of a COVID-coordination committee in each district of the state. The committee will be headed by the District Collector.</p>
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UPDATE (07.04.2020)

The Government of Gujarat has taken a number of measures to ensure availability of necessary items.

UPDATE (05.04.2020)

The Government of Gujarat has announced a compensation of Rs. 25 lakh to frontline workers who die in the line of duty due to Coronavirus.

UPDATE (03.04.2020)

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UPDATE (02.04.2020)

The Gujarat Government has commenced the announced distribution of food grains & essential commodities at a free of cost to the holders of Antyodaya and P.H.H. Ration Card in Gujarat from April 1.

UPDATE (30.03.2020)

Update 1: 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 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.

Update 2: 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.

UPDATE (29.03.2020)

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.

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 world wide 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.

	<p>UPDATE (21.03.2020)</p> <p>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".</p> <p>UPDATE (19.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>UPDATE (14.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>UPDATE (03.04.2020)</p> <p>The Government of Gujarat has released an advisory on use of homemade protective cover for face & mouth.</p>
18. Punjab	<p>UPDATE (17.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The Punjab Government has launched special helpline 18001804104 for citizens to connect with network of senior doctors over tele-conference and get medical advice on COVID19 and other related concerns to effectively address & resolve medical & stress related issues during lockdown.</p> <p>Update 2: The Punjab government in collaboration with Facebook has developed a Chatbot to keep the people updated on information regarding COVID-19.</p> <p>UPDATE (16.04.2020)</p> <p>The Punjab government released orders of implementing new guidelines on containment measures of COVID 19 issued by Ministry of Home Affairs to be applicable throughout the state with effect from 20 April 2020.</p>

UPDATE (15.04.2020)

Update 1: The Punjab government in collaboration with Ola has developed an unique centralized automated, logic-based technology platform for issuance of e- Passes to 17 lakh odd farmers in state, along with online management & regulation of all trolleys & vehicular movement

Update 2: The Punjab government constitutes a 20-member task force to address public policy challenges amid COVID 19 outbreak

UPDATE (14.04.2020)

The Punjab government launched rapid testing in two districts- Mohali and Jalandhar.

UPDATE (11.04.2020)

Update 1: The Punjab government has announced that it is mandatory for people to wear masks in public places to check the spread of the COVID 19.

Update 2: The Punjab Government has announced that it is advancing summer holidays in schools from April 11 to May 1 and promoting students of class 5 to class 8 in Punjab Education Board schools to the next class based on their performance in previous examinations.

UPDATE (10.04.2020)

Update 1: The Punjab government has announced extending lockdown/ curfew in state till May 1, 2020. Decision to extend curfew is aimed at checking community spread of COVID 19 and to prevent overcrowding at Mandis in the light of the ensuing wheat procurement.

Update 2: The Punjab government announced setting up of 15-member multi-disciplinary task force to formulate exit strategy for gradual relaxation of curfew/lockdown in Punjab. Ordered to submit report in 10 days. Another task force set up for quick upgradation of hospital infrastructure

Update 3: The Punjab government announced to set up a high-powered committee to draft the roadmap for post COVID 19 economic revival of state. Montek Ahluwalia likely to be requested by CM to head it.

Update 4: The Punjab Cabinet has authorized the Deputy Commissioners to declare new Mandis in their respective districts, as needed, to meet the demands of social distance while ensuring smooth procurement of the grain.

UPDATE (08.04.2020)

Update 1: The Punjab CM announced that A TaskForce would soon be set up to find ways for state to gradually get out of unprecedented lockdown. He has assured the industry of all support by the government to address critical issues and challenges in this difficult time.

Update 2: The Punjab government has set up a 30-member control room at the Mandi Board for coordination and providing logistical support during the ensuing wheat harvesting and marketing season, set to begin on April 15 under a tight blanket of Unprecedented security and safety measures to ensure smooth operations amid the COVID 19 lockdown.

UPDATE (07.04.2020)

Update 1: The Punjab Government announced reduction in fixed charges for electricity consumers & deferment of deadline for payment of bills, with no disconnection for non-payment in view of COVID 19 crisis. Asks Power dept to ensure 24x7 supply to all Health Care Institutions

Update 2: The Punjab government announced that 531 doctors registered as volunteers to provide services in govt hospitals. Medical officers including doctors in private hospitals, nursing homes & diagnostic labs etc. will be allowed movement without curfew pass.

UPDATE (06.04.2020)

The Punjab government issues order to all DCs to allow movement & migration of bee colonies, honey & other beehive products to/from other districts & states amid curfew/lockdown due to COVID 19 pandemic.

UPDATE (05.04.2020)

Update 1: The Punjab government on Saturday announced a special health insurance cover of Rs 50 lakh each for policemen and sanitation workers who are in the frontline of the battle against the coronavirus threat.

Update 2: The Punjab Cabinet has authorized the Procurement Committee headed by an Additional Chief Secretary to do quick price discovery for all purchases related to Covid-19 management and containment, and make purchases on urgent basis

Update 3: The Punjab Government has directed the DGP to finalize a comprehensive plan to ensure smooth procurement of the wheat grain in view of Covid-19, while directing purchase centres to notify details of procurement arrangements by April 7-8, 2020. Arrangements for food, water, shelter and medical requirements have to be made for all those required to be in these centres for procurement of wheat and follow COVID preventive measures

Update 4: The Punjab government sets up transport control rooms to ensure smooth movement of essentials. ₹1.85 lakh penalty imposed on those selling above MRP

UPDATE (03.04.2020)

Update 1: The Punjab government announced that an amount of Rs. 53.43 Cr is at disposal of all DCs to immediately tackle any exigency arising out of crisis. The amount has been released by Revenue, Rehabilitation & Disaster Management Dept, and funds have been charged to the State Disaster Response Fund.

Update 2: The Punjab government directs DCs to take all steps for hassle-free harvesting & marketing of wheat, assures farmers of smooth procurement operations amid COVID-19 & curfew restrictions.

Update 3: The Punjab government prohibits all gatherings in state, also orders aggressive tracking, testing & 21 days quarantine for Nizamuddin returnees. At review video conference with civic & police officials, CM orders quarantine for Pakistani nationals who had come to Amritsar from Delhi. The Chief Minister calls for total preparedness to deal with any contingency in the 'long-drawn battle' against COVID-19

UPDATE (02.04.2020)

Update 1: The Punjab government announced to provide food grains of mid-day- meal to students along with transfer of its cooking cost in the school students bank accounts

Update 2: The Punjab government directed the state's health department to make mobile testing vans operational in all districts to conduct community testing of anyone suffering acute respiratory trouble, to assess and stem the spread of Covid-19 in the hotspots of the Covid-19 pandemic in the state.

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 DC's & 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)

Update 1: The state government has directed DC's to permit free movement of harvester combines. Their movement within Punjab as well as across states will be permitted for successful harvesting of wheat in April. The state has also permitted potato & kinnow farmers to work in their field and visit cold storage plants.

Update 2: 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 (27.03.2020)

The state government has authorized sarpanches to spend ₹5,000 per day subject to a maximum of ₹50,000 out of their Panchayat Funds to provide emergency relief by providing food & medicines to poor and needy. Also, the government also announced that they will soon start issuing passes for visit to doctor/chemist from 7 pm to 6 am.

UPDATE (26.03.2020)

Update 1: The state government has announced that the door-to-door initiative will start from the 27th. Through this initiative, 10 lakh packets of dry rations to daily wagers & unorganized labor will be distributed. Each packet will contain 10 kg Atta, 2 Kg Dal & 2 Kg Sugar. These packets will also be available at the office of the DC's office for anyone not covered under the initiative.

Update 2: The state government has announced a partnership with Zomato to better streamline the delivery of essential and groceries in the state.

Update 3: The state government has Directed all DC's & 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 DC's 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, DC's & 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.

	<p>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.</p> <p>UPDATE (05.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>19. Uttar Pradesh</p>	<p>UPDATE (24.04.2020)</p> <p>Uttar Pradesh will bring back labourers and workers who are stranded in other States and have completed 14 days of quarantine in a phased manner. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath instructed officials to prepare a working plan for it and come up with details in this regard, his office said in a statement after a high-level meeting.</p> <p>UPDATE (22.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The Gautam Buddh Nagar District Magistrate passed a strict lock down order which stated: "All citizens, officers, and employees are hereby being informed again that in the jurisdiction of Gautam Buddh Nagar no new office, unit, institute or service, which may be by Central or state government, public-private firms or private firms, will start. Everyone has to follow lockdown guidelines."</p> <p>With the extension of the lockdown, strict measures have been imposed by the government authorities. According to the new amended rules, hotspots that have one positive case of Covid-19, their containment area will be 1 km; hotspots that have more than one positive case of coronavirus, the containment zone will be 3 km.</p> <p>The new amended rules also say that apart from the essential services, medical team and sanitization team, no one will be allowed to enter the hotspots. In case no new case is reported from the hotspots, they will be converted into green zones.</p> <p>Update 2: The Gautam Budh Nagar government also closed Delhi-GB Nagar/Noida border completely, with certain specified exceptions.</p> <p>UPDATE (20.04.2020)</p> <p>Basis separate orders, the Lucknow district administration and the Gautam Buddha Nagar district administration stated that there will no relaxations on restrictions in these districts till May 3.</p> <p>Public Works Department (PWD) has been allowed to resume construction activities in non-containment zones along with safety measures. The collection of toll tax has also resumed in the state.</p> <p>The decision to resume operation in selective factories and industries is up to DMs in districts that come under green or non-hotspot</p>

UPDATE (13.04.2020)

In a bid to revive the state economy hit by the lockdown, chief minister Yogi Adityanath announced setting up of committees for various sectors, including education, construction and health.

The committees will start working from April 15, a day after the 21-day lockdown ends.

UPDATE (12.04.2020)

The Government has added 55 more to the list in another 25 districts, taking the total number of hotspots in the state to 180 in 40 of the total 75 districts.

Among the new districts with hotspots are:

Baghpat, Hapur, Muzaffarnagar, Hathras, Mathura, Pilibhit, Moradabad, Shahjahanpur, Badaun, Rampur, Amroha, Auraiyya, Lakhimpur Kheri, Hardoi, Raebareilly, Barabanki, Banda, Kaushambi, Prayagraj, Pratapgarh, Jaunpur, Ghazipur, Azamgarh and Mirzapur.

UPDATE (11.04.2020)

The Uttar Pradesh government released Rs 48,17,55,000 as "maintenance allowance" for 4,81,755 lakhs daily wage labourers, including street vendors, auto drivers, rickshaw pullers, e-rickshaw drivers and porters working in mandis. This amount has been transferred through DBT to the bank account of each of the beneficiaries, who have been identified by the state urban development department.

While interacting with the beneficiaries through video conferencing, chief minister Yogi Adityanath said the state government is providing food and maintenance allowance of Rs 1,000 to the bank accounts of the needy persons during lockdown.

UPDATE (08.04.2020)

Update 1: The Uttar Pradesh government has announced insurance cover of Rs 50 lakh for police personnel in the state in view of COVID-19. The Chief Minister's office will soon release a written order about the same.

Update 2: The state has made wearing of masks compulsory. There can be legal action also for not wearing masks

Update 3: The Gautam Budh Nagar administration has identified 22 hotspots in Noida and Greater Noida which will be sealed in a stringent measure to curb the spread of coronavirus. The District Magistrate of Gautam Budh Nagar announced these hotspots, which include 12 clusters, 10 epicentres and 34 localities in total. In Noida, entire sectors like Sector 41, 27, 28, 44, 5, 8 and JJ Colony will be sealed as they have been identified as hotspots.

Update 4: The Uttar Pradesh government decided to completely seal 15 coronavirus-hit districts until April 13 to contain the fast-spreading pandemic. The complete shutdown would come into effect from 12 am tonight.

The 15 districts include Gautam Budh Nagar (Noida), Lucknow, Ghaziabad, Meerut, Agra, Kanpur, Varanasi, Shamli, Bareilly, Bulandshahar, Firozabad, Maharajganj, Sitapur, Saharanpur, Basti. Even the essential service would be home delivered as people wouldn't be allowed to move out of their homes. The curfew passes would also be reviewed by the authorities, the report added.

UPDATE (07.04.2020)

In March, Section-144 had been imposed in Noida till April 5. But looking at the nationwide lockdown, it has now been extended till April 14.

UPDATE (06.04.2020)

Update 1: Kanpur District Magistrate issued an order stating the following:

- From 7 April, 4 am 11 am, all shops and services will remain closed.
- There are a few exceptions. Dairy shops and milk parlors could remain open, however, general stores selling milk would be close and could operate via door-to-door home delivery
- Clinics and nursing homes shall remain functional.
- Naubasta mandi and Chakarpur fruit-vegetable mandi will remain operational.
- The notice added that all the people involved in essential services like banks and other government offices can report to work with their necessary passes and permits, and transportation for agriculture work would continue like before.

Update 2: The Kanpur DM has issued an order that parents can deposit the April-May fees of schools in June or later. The fee chart for the upcoming month will be prepared accordingly.

UPDATE (05.04.2020)

The Noida District Magistrate directed all schools and colleges in the city to not demand fees from the parents during the lockdown period. A statement released by the DM's Office further added that even if parents fail to submit fees for their wards during the lockdown period, it won't affect student's enrollment in online classes.

UPDATE (02.04.2020)

Following the central government's advisory to all state governments to extend the validity of documents like driving license, permits and registration that expired after February 1, till June 30, Uttar Pradesh have issued orders extending the validity till June 30.

UPDATE (30.03.2020)

The CM keeping in mind the economic fallout due to CoVID-19 has given away a total of 611 crore to 27.15 lakh MNREGA registered labourers.

UPDATE (28.03.2020)

To effectively combat nCoVID-19 in the state, the UP Cm has formed 11 special departments in an emergency basis.

UPDATE (26.03.2020)

Update 1: 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.

Update 2: 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.

Update 3: In the view of COVID-19 epidemic, all vehicles carrying essential goods will not require to carry a pass.

Update 4: E-commerce retailers and operators will not require a pass for movement. The following online retailers have been excluded:

Zomato, Flipkart, Amazon, 24x7, Bluedart, DTDC, Wow express, Swiggy, Grofers, BigBasket, Milkbasket, Dunzo, Big Bazaar, Snapdeal, Licious, Medlife, Pharmeasy, Urbanclick, Ninjacart, Honsa Consumer, Healthians Diagnostics, Delhivery, Nutrimoo Milk Dairy, More Retail, Easyday, Jabong, Myntra, Spencers, Reliance Fresh, Jubilant Food Works, Foodpanda, Faaso's, Pizza Hut, UberEats, Needs Supermarket, 1MG, Dr. Lal Pathlabs, Max-Path, Satvacart. And any other e-commerce retailer/operator shall be allowed to operate without any pass from DA.

Update 5: In the wake of the coronavirus outbreak, the Yogi Adityanath government in Uttar Pradesh has banned production and sale of pan masala during the 21-day lockdown imposed across the country. "Manufacturing, sale and storage of pan masala are being banned in the state till further orders," Food Security Commissioner Ministry S said in an order. Spitting pan masala can help in spreading Covid-19," the order said.

UPDATE (24.03.2020)

Update 1: 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.

Update 2: 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.

UPDATE (22.03.2020)

Update 1: 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.

	<p>Update 2: 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.</p> <p>Update 3: To prevent the spread of corona virus, the state government decided to suspend normal activities in 16 districts of the state.</p> <p>UPDATE (21.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>UPDATE (18.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>UPDATE (17.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>UPDATE (13.03.2019)</p> <p>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.</p>
20. Meghalaya	<p>UPDATE (31.03.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The Meghalaya government said that it will ensure that the supply of essential commodities from the open market is regulated. This decision of the government comes in the wake of various reports that most people are finding it difficult to get hold of essential supplies in the midst of the 21-day lockdown.</p> <p>Update 2: Amid lockdown, the Meghalaya state government is allowing home delivery of liquor to those who need it for health reasons. As per the plan, the state's NIC wing will design an online system where those who are 21 years and above can upload their medical prescription and order the liquor from the bonded warehouse in their respective district.</p>

UPDATE (29.03.2020)

In an endeavor 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.

UPDATE (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.

UPDATE (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.

	<p>UPDATE (18.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>UPDATE (16.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>21. West Bengal</p>	<p>UPDATE (24.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The state government directed private hospitals to provide free treatment to COVID-19 patients. These private hospitals will be reimbursed for the cost of the treatment.</p> <p>Update 2: The state government extended the date of insurance scheme for persons delayed for COVID-19 duties (which was announced earlier) till May 31st, 2020. The scheme has been extended to accredited journalists who hold press accreditation card issued by the state government.</p> <p>UPDATE (22.04.2020)</p> <p>West Bengal releases guidelines citing that e-auction of tea is allowed.</p> <p>The government has released guidelines for operation of sweetmeat shops and flower shops till 12 noon.</p> <p>UPDATE (20.04.2020)</p> <p>West Bengal releases guidelines citing that IT and IT enabled services will be allowed to function with a maximum strength of 25% of their workforce from 20th April. However social distancing norms and health hygiene norms are to be strictly followed.</p> <p>UPDATE (16.04.2020)</p> <p>The West Bengal government announced the approval to allow the operation of jute mills with 15% staff and have been mandated to maintain social distancing norms.</p> <p>UPDATE (14.04.2020)</p> <p>West Bengal releases guidelines for pregnant women having Coronavirus infection</p> <p>UPDATE (12.04.2020)</p> <p>The government announced the extension of lockdown till April 30. With this, it has also declared that all educational institutes will remain close till June 10, 2020.</p>

UPDATE (11.04.2020)

The West Bengal government will impose a 14-day 'total lockdown' in 10 hotspots from where several COVID-19 cases have been reported. Stricter protocol will be in place in these areas. The administration will arrange for everything like food, water, and even medical support.

UPDATE (10.04.2020)

State has also allowed certain relaxation with regard to movement of trucks. According to the Chief Minister, apart from the driver, three people will be allowed in these vehicles. The move is primarily to facilitate loading and unloading operations. Loading and unloading operations across different terminals and transport depots have been badly hit because of the lockdown and reverse migration. The current relaxation is expected to ease the situation.

Tea estates and gardens can reopen and begin operations, but with 15 per cent of the workforce. Sanitisation processes and other social distancing norms will have to be followed

UPDATE (09.04.2020)

West Bengal government has formed a dedicated 9-member data analysis cell to contain the spread of coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic in the state with immediate effect.

The analysis cell will be authorized for collection and collation of data from multiple sources, including the districts, on real time basis. It will examine the data received, to detect patterns and under currents, and then use the data analytics tools to provide predictions about the disease outbreak and appropriate policy inputs.

UPDATE (08.04.2020)

The government has allowed operation in Krishak Bazar for agricultural produce. The government has also allowed transport and sale pertaining to beetline and floriculture.

UPDATE (06.04.2020)

The West Bengal government has formed a Global Advisory Board (GAB) for formulating its COVID-19 response policy. The GAB will advise the CM.

UPDATE (04.04.2020)

Government has released the guidelines for Setting up Isolation Facility.

- It clearly states that a separate zone should be identified in each facility to accommodate such patients in case of emergency.
- All such patients need to wear a triple layer surgical mask.
- It is recommended that transport of such infectious patients must be limited to have least movement whenever considered medically essential by the clinicians.
- Staff and health care workers must follow proper Infection Control Policy. Staff should wear PPE before handling such suspect patients.
- Standard protocols for hand hygiene, sample collection and BMW should be displayed clearly. Standard Clinical management protocols of the Department must be followed.

UPDATE (02.04.2020)

Update 1: Following the central government's advisory to all state governments to extend the validity of documents like driving license, permits and registration that expired after February 1, till June 30, West Bengal have issued orders extending the validity till June 30.

Update 2: The State Government also announced that personnel deployed for containment will be treated free of cost if they get infected. Other than that, they will be compensated with 1 lac rupees. In case of death a financial assistance of 10 lakh rupees will be given.

UPDATE (31.03.2020)

Keeping in mind the lockdown due to nCoVID-19, the Government of West Bengal has extended the Motor Vehicle registration, licensing, validity of fitness, and all type of permit till 30th June 2020.

UPDATE (30.03.2020)

The West Bengal government has issued an order for the movement of individuals from private companies. Permission may be given for not more than 2 employees of private companies to attend to office and bank-related works to facilitate payment of wages/ pay of their employees/ workers only for not more than two days of the lockdown period.

UPDATE (28.03.2020)

The state government has released an order stating that the shops dealing with essential commodities are to stay open during normal hours of operation

UPDATE (27.03.2020)

The state government has released an order on essential goods and services:

- Movement of breakdown/recovery vans to and fro to attend to breakdown in vehicles deployed for essential commodities is exempted from the lockdown order
- Authorities directed to take necessary action to ensure there is no disruption in movement of essential goods and emergency services
- Movement, distribution and sale of different health supplements, hygiene products including sanitary napkins, toiletries, disinfectants, batteries and such items are included as groceries/ pharmaceuticals (essential goods)

UPDATE (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.

UPDATE (24.03.2020)

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.

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.

	<p>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."</p> <p>UPDATE (14.03.2020)</p> <p>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, madrsahs, 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."</p> <p>UPDATE (13.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p>
22. Telangana	<p>UPDATE (19.04.2020)</p> <p>The ongoing lock down imposed nationwide until 3 May will be extended till 7 May. Food delivery companies Swiggy and Zomato will also be barred from functioning from 20 April onwards and homeowners (also landlords) are to defer collecting rents for March, April, and May.</p> <p>UPDATE (18.04.2020)</p> <p>Telangana Government has appealed to IT and Industry heads to ensure that no employee - regular, contract or outsourced, lose their job during this crisis.</p> <p>UPDATE (15.04.2020)</p> <p>Director of Agricultural Marketing has extended the time for renewal of the Trader Licenses upto 30.6.2020 in respect of trader licenses due for renew on or before 31.3.2020. The late fee be waived off upto 30.6.2020 in view of lockdown due to prevailing circumstances of COVID-19 in the State.</p> <p>UPDATE (14.04.2020)</p> <p>As many as 74 lakh people in Telangana will receive Rs 1,500 each in their accounts. The money is being deposited as part of the state's plan to help out people who might have lost their livelihoods because of the Covid-19 virus.</p> <p>UPDATE (13.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The Telangana government has issued guidelines for the management of containment zones, formation of surveillance teams, and general guidelines for the containment zones.</p> <p>Update 2: Telangana government has decided to extend the lockdown in the state till April 30 to contain the spread of Covid-19. Noting that the state shares a long border with Maharashtra, where the virus spread is rapid, Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao said tough steps are needed to ensure that Telangana is protected.</p>

UPDATE (10.04.2020)

Updating the precious advisory of making the masks compulsory for the sick, Telangana has now made the wearing of masks compulsory for everyone who would be out in public spaces.

UPDATE (08.04.2020)

The Telangana government's Public Health and Family Welfare department issued a notification banning spitting of paan Paan/ chewable tobacco or non-tobacco product, Sputum in public places & institutions with immediate effect.

UPDATE (07.04.2020)

The Telangana government's Public Health and Family Welfare Department has launched a new real-time app for tracking and monitoring coronavirus patients. Called 'COVID-19 Monitoring System App', the app enables health workers to manage over 50,000 calls and chatbot queries per month.

UPDATE (01.04.2020)

The Telangana government has extended the deadline to pay the property tax dues and arrears for the year 2019-20 by three months without penalties. The new deadline is June 30.

The relief covers residents of all Urban Local Bodies in the State, including those in the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC).

UPDATE (31.03.2020)

The Telangana state government on Monday decided to impose a pay cut on all classes of employees next month, ranging from 10% to 75% depending upon rank. A meeting held at the chief minister's office resolved that this was necessary in view of the very poor inflows into the state's treasury and the need to deploy resources in the fight against the coronavirus epidemic.

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 (26.03.2020)

For smooth movement of essential goods, Telangana state police will permit and facilitate the movement of trucks on highway and connecting roads including loading/unloading of goods at stock points on 24/7 basis. The commuters can dial 100 for any assistance.

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.

	<p>UPDATE (15.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The government also announced closure of cinema halls, pubs, bars, clubs, gyms, swimming pools, museums, zoo parks, indoor and outdoor stadiums. Shopping malls, supermarkets and shops will, however, remain open to avoid inconvenience to people.</p> <p>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.</p>
23. Arunachal Pradesh	<p>UPDATE (16.04.2020)</p> <p>Chief Minister Pema Khandu said that the state government will provide Rs 3,500 to each Arunachali person stranded outside the state amid nationwide COVID-19 lockdown.</p> <p>UPDATE (06.04.2020)</p> <p>Section 144 has been declared in Itanagar Capital Region from 7th April to 14th April.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restrictive timing for enforcement of CrPC 144 will be effective from 3:30 PM to 8:30 AM. • No unauthorized vehicles including two wheelers and public will be allowed to move on roads during restricted period except the essential services. • Assembly of more than 3 persons is prohibited. <p>UPDATE (01.04.2020)</p> <p>The Arunachal Pradesh government announced to provide cash relief of Rs 2,000 per worker per month for two months to all non-government/unorganized workers registered with the Arunachal Pradesh Building and other Construction Workers Welfare Board</p> <p>UPDATE (31.03.2020)</p> <p>The Arunachal Pradesh government announced in its official statement that all 26 DCs in the state have been provided with 12 lakh each from State Disaster Response Fund, totaling Rs. 3.12 Crore to deal with the pandemic. In addition, Rs. 1.3 Crore has been released from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund to all district Superintendent of Police (SPs)</p> <p>UPDATE (28.03.2020)</p> <p>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</p>

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.

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

24. Tripura	<p>UPDATE (20.04.2020)</p> <p>In a bid to resume work in government offices, the State government has issued a guideline regarding attendance in the offices till May 3. The order issued by the Chief Secretary said that all the Group 'A' and Group 'B' officers will attend office regularly while the heads of the departments were asked to prepare a roster duty chart for the employees belonging to Group 'C' and group 'B' categories. As per roster duty some will attend office physically while rest will work from home. If any official needs to leave station, he will have to take prior permission.</p> <p>However, there will be no roster duty in case of departments rendering essential services and the employees in full strength will have to remain present.</p> <p>UPDATE (13.04.2020)</p> <p>The state government has decided to allow industrial establishments, involved in manufacturing essential commodities and those requiring a continuous process, to remain functional during the lockdown provided they adhere to social distancing and other hygiene measures.</p> <p>The order further stated that all necessary movement required for the functioning of these industrial establishments would be allowed by issuing requisite passes.</p> <p>UPDATE (12.04.2020)</p> <p>The Tripura government has decided to provide financial assistance of Rs 1,000 each to 372 newspaper hawkers in the state. The newspaper hawkers will be provided the financial assistance from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF).</p> <p>UPDATE (11.04.2020)</p> <p>Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb announced that Education Department has taken another important decision to continue teaching during the lockdown. "There are many students in the state who do not have private tutors. Teachers would give coaching to students through different media (like TV, online). The schedule would be informed later. In the new system, students would feel like normal school classes at their homes. All parents in the state would take a leading role in this matter," the Chief Minister added.</p> <p>UPDATE (10.04.2020)</p> <p>The state government has announced that they will provide employment opportunities to families of doctors, nurses and other health workers if they die due to COVID-19 while on official duty.</p> <p>UPDATE (07.04.2020)</p> <p>The government has formed COVID19 Control room to assist everyone in the pandemic situation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 0381- 241 2424; 2. 0381- 241 3434; 3. 0381- 231 5879
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UPDATE (04.04.2020)

Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region/-NEC has allocated Rs 3 crore for Tripura out of the Rs25 crore allocated to the North Eastern States for gap funding to fight the COVID-19 outbreak effectively. The fund is to be utilized on any activity relating to COVID-19 pandemic, and not covered under existing central packages.

UPDATE (01.04.2020)

Tripura government announced that 6.19 lakh poor families in the state would get free ration for one month in view of the COVID-19 situation and the 21-day lockdown.

In addition to BPL and AAY beneficiaries, government would extend similar benefits to 50,000 people registered to be living above the poverty line (APL), though they are actually poor.

Students in primary and elementary sections would be given take-home food under the mid-day meal scheme, pregnant and lactating mothers would also be given take home food on daily basis. The minister said Rs 75 crore would be used for giving social security pension to all beneficiaries in advance.

The scheme also covers 40,000 construction workers of the state who would get Rs 1,000 for next three months. The money would be credited in their account in DBT mode at a time. Urban homeless and destitute, who were provided cooked meal since last few days, would now be given rice, soyabean, eggs, spices, mustard oil, potatoes, onions as per requirements.

This ration would be given for next seven days to 1,500 beneficiaries across the state. The state government will also provide ration to tea garden workers under the scheme.

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.

	<p>UPDATE (16.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>UPDATE (14.03.2020)</p> <p>Tripura imposed a state-wide ban on the entry of foreign tourists.</p>
25. Himachal Pradesh	<p>UPDATE (24.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The Himachal government has decided to give various concessions to the power consumers including industrial, commercial, tourism and agriculture of the state. This decision of the government will provide relief to thousands of families in the state.</p> <p>Update 2: More than a hundred students from Himachal Pradesh stranded in Kota in Rajasthan are set to return home in nine buses sent by the state government. The Chief Minister assured us that those stranded outside the state will be brought back but in phases, as bringing thousands of people all at once would be chaotic</p> <p>UPDATE (21.04.2020)</p> <p>To provide healthcare facilities at the doorsteps of people during lockdown and curfew period, Himachal Pradesh government has provided e-OPD hubs in three medical colleges of the state through which people while sitting at their homes can seek the medical consultancy from doctors. This move has been initiated after finding that some people are not feeling comfortable in visiting the hospitals due to Covid-19. Through this unique initiative now people can seek medical advice without moving out of their homes through e-Sanjeevani portal of Government of India.</p> <p>UPDATE (20.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: Chief minister Jai Ram Thakur has announced that the state government will provide Rs 50 lakh to the family of healthcare personnel if he or she died while dealing with coronavirus patients.</p> <p>Update 2: Plans to contain virus in largest district of Himachal Pradesh are emerging from bottom ups, authorities in Dharamshala have cancelled curfew passes of village heads, ward members and many others after a person sneaked into state borders in a vegetable truck and later found positive for Covid-19.</p> <p>UPDATE (19.04.2020)</p> <p>The state government notified an amendment in the consolidated revised guidelines for strict implementation by all the Department & Organisations, District Magistrates, Police Officers & Local authorities. It has removed the sub- clause (v) under Clause 14, i.e., E-Commerce Companies. Vehicles used by e- commerce operators will be allowed to ply with necessary permissions.</p>

UPDATE (18.04.2020)

The Himachal Pradesh Government issued consolidated revised guidelines (including additional activities to be allowed after 20th April 2020 onwards) as per directions of MHA.

UPDATE (17.04.2020)

Update 1: Himachal Pradesh government will establish screening centres at all the inter-state barriers on entry points, where all the persons entering the state would be tested with Rapid Diagnostic Test kits. A circular by the Additional Chief Secretary, Health, RD Dhiman said the kits are being made available to the districts with inter-state borders.

Update 2: The Additional Chief Secretary (Health) issued an order, wherein, he has directed the respective CMOs from different districts to share the complete details of the persons who have left out from the relief camps with the district administration as well as CMOs of the districts where these persons have gone.

Further, they have been directed to ensure that these persons should be kept under home quarantine and strict surveillance for another 14 days from the date of arrival in their area or till completion of 28 days after entry into the state, whichever is later.

UPDATE (16.04.2020)

Update 1: The DM of Solan District has issued an order mandating 14-day quarantine for all those entering Solan district from other districts or other states.

Update 2: A: To ensure that students from Classes IX to XII residing in the remotest corner of the state benefit through 'Learning from Home' programme through e- learning initiatives during the lockdown period, the Education Department of Himachal Pradesh has now proposed to broadcast the study material through television and radio channels.

UPDATE (15.04.2020)

Update 1: Realizing that spitting in public places could enhance the spread of coronavirus, Himachal Pradesh government has prohibited spitting in public places during Covid-19 epidemic with immediate effect. Those failing to comply with the orders will face action under the provisions of Epidemic Disease Act, 1897 and also under various provisions of Indian Penal Code 1860 and Code of Criminal Procedures (CrPC).

Update 2: The Himachal Pradesh government has announced that disinfection tunnels being set up at several places in the state do not help tackle coronavirus. In a circular issued by the state government, Additional Chief Secretary (Health) RD Dhiman said according to an advisory issued by the WHO, spraying disinfectants like alcohol or chlorine does not kill the virus. Therefore, the authorities are advised against their installation, saying their use may prevent people from maintaining hand hygiene.

UPDATE (14.04.2020)

Update 1: Following Prime Minister Modi's announcement to extend the lockdown, the Himachal Pradesh government has issued a lockdown order applicable from 15th April till 3rd May.

Update 2: After a day-long tussle between the Chandigarh Administration and Himachal Pradesh government over the accommodation of HP natives stranded in Chandigarh, the Himachal Pradesh government finally allowed entry to its citizens. Earlier, the UT Administration had requested the Himachal government to allow entry to its citizens. The administration had said that they "neither have any place to accommodate them for long nor do they have much resources like food to give" as the administration's machinery was busy managing the COVID-19 related activities and the resources are finite.

Update 3: IIT Mandi has signed a MoU with Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Government Medical College and Hospital, Himachal Pradesh to help tackle COVID-19 in the Himachal Pradesh region. Under this MoU, IIT Mandi has extended its support to set up a real-time Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) laboratory for diagnosing Coronavirus at the hospital.

UPDATE (13.04.2020)

Update 1: The state government has decided to step up testing to rule out the possibility of community spread of coronavirus. It has issued a sampling protocol to ensure the same.

Update 2: The government has released a list of centers where chemotherapy and other related treatments would be made available to those who were already enrolled in tertiary level institutions for care.

Update 3: Owing to the hike in number of covid cases in the district of Parwanoo in Solan and two adjoining gram panchayats of Jangeshu and Taksal, the administration has ordered complete isolation of the areas.

UPDATE (12.04.2020)

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur has stated that an exit plan would be initiated only when there will be an initial flattening of infection curve followed by tapering of the curve with the tendency to reach a stage zero infection. He said that as per threat of COVID-19 and cases found in Himachal Pradesh, the state would be divided into 6 zones namely red zone, orange (4 zones) and green zone for the sake of drafting exit plan from COVID-19 lockdown.

UPDATE (11.04.2020)

Update 1: The Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur has written to the Labour Minister Santosh Kumar Gangwar to direct Employees State Insurance corporation (ESIC) provide financial assistance to workers registered to with ESIC amid lockdown.

Update 2: The state government has issued helpline numbers for residents of Himachal Pradesh within and outside the state. The CM said a State Control Room for COVID-19 pandemic management has been set up.

The state government has set up dedicated helpline numbers 0177-2622204, 0177-2629688, 0177-2629939 and toll-free numbers 1070 and 1077, which are operational round the clock.

UPDATE (10.04.2020)

Update 1: Seven hotspots of the coronavirus (Covid-19) have been identified in Himachal Pradesh and curfew-like restrictions have been imposed in these places to contain the fast-spreading viral infection. The areas where hotspots were identified are Una, Baddi, Nalagarh, Tissa, Misserwala, Taruwaala and Lohgarh. The government will follow the cluster containment strategies in these hotspots which include geographic quarantine, social distancing measures, enhanced active surveillance, testing all suspected cases, quarantine of contacts and risk communication to create awareness among the public on preventive public health measures.

UPDATE (09.04.2020)

Update 1: Drug manufacturers having units in Solan district, including those who produce hydroxychloroquine, will get all possible help from the Himachal Pradesh government, Chief Minister Jairam Thakur said on Thursday.

Update 2: Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur has not ruled out the possibility of extending the ongoing lockdown in state after April 14 but he has made it clear that the final decision would be taken after meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday.

UPDATE (08.04.2020)

Jai Ram Thakur directed the officers that appropriate steps should be taken to facilitate the farmers during curfew as their crops were on harvesting stage. He said that farmers should be sensitized regarding social distancing during the crop harvesting season. He also asked the Horticulture Department to ensure door to door or atleast village wise supply of fertilizers, pesticides and other plant protection material to the horticulturists.

UPDATE (06.04.2020)

Himachal Pradesh has prohibited the sale and use of chewing gum for three months to prevent COVID-19 transmission through spitting. The sale and use of chewing gum, bubble gum and similar products would remain prohibited till June 30 in public interest.

UPDATE (03.04.2020)

Update 1: State's department of health and family welfare has ordered that all the private registered hospitals to keep their establishments open and also to keep the hospital infrastructure on standby if required at short notice at the instance of the concerned Deputy commissioner in order to meet any urgency for the treatment of patients suffering from COVID 19.

Update 2: The National Health Mission, Himachal Pradesh has started the tele- medicine services through the Health and Wellness Centers from 30th of March.

UPDATE (31.03.2020)

Himachal Pradesh government announced that it has developed a mobile application- 'Corona Mukt Himachal' mobile app to track and monitor

the people who are quarantined for COVID-19. This would be an OTP based application which would be given by health worker and violation of quarantine will be monitored through this tracking application. The health workers of the Health Department will monitor the people, especially on home quarantine through this app.

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 has announced that it has 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 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.

<p>26. Sikkim</p>	<p>UPDATE (23.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The Government of Sikkim has released a list of services that are allowed and disallowed.</p> <p>Update 2: The Government of Sikkim has released an order allowing movement of oil, essential commodities, army & paramilitary utility vans etc. across the state border.</p> <p>UPDATE (20.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The Government of Sikkim has extended lockdown measures till May 3.</p> <p>Update 2: The Government of Sikkim has released a notice saying that government office shall resume business with limited staff from April 20.</p> <p>UPDATE (17.04.2020)</p> <p>The Government of Sikkim has released a notice extending the lockdown till May 3, 2020.</p> <p>UPDATE (16.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The Government of Sikkim has extended Section 144 in the state of Sikkim till May 3.</p> <p>Update 2: The Home Department has announced an amount of Rs. 30,000 to citizens of Sikkim who are stranded in hospitals outside of the state.</p> <p>UPDATE (13.04.2020)</p> <p>The Department of Information & Public Relations of Sikkim has encouraged people to download and use the Aarogya Setu app.</p> <p>UPDATE (08.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The Government of Sikkim has given permission to certain medical shops to be open for the public during the day.</p> <p>Update 2: The Government of Sikkim has reiterated a notice to social media platforms to be vigilant in curbing spreading of fake news.</p> <p>UPDATE (04.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The Government of Sikkim has created a fact checking team to deal with fake news being circulated around COVID-19.</p> <p>Update 2: The District Collector of the Northern District, Mangan has issued a fresh order under Section 144 for the district.</p> <p>Update 3: The Government of Sikkim has issued directives to religious places and religious heads to ensure no congregation takes place during the 21-day lockdown period.</p> <p>UPDATE (02.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The Government of Sikkim has ordered the districts to ensure food is available to daily wage workers, migrants, construction workers, etc and given instructions for the same.</p> <p>Update 2: The Government of Sikkim has put a complete ban on movement of vehicles through Rangpo Check-post including those engaged in essential services from 10PM to 5AM every day.</p>
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Update 3: The Government of Sikkim has initiated home delivery of all essential goods, LPG cylinders, food, medicines, groceries, vegetables and meat to discourage movement of people.

UPDATE (31.03.2020)

Update 1: The Chief Minister's Office has issued an advisory for the payment of additional wages of Rs. 13 per day to the MGNREGA workers to MGNREGA workers from 1st of April 2020. Similarly, the ex gratia payment of Rs. 1000 in two instalments of Rs.500 each to the holder of a widow, old age and disability pension as announced by the Government of India. The women members of the self-help group will also be provided with the amount of Rs. 1500 in three instalments of Rs. 500 starting from the 1st of April 2020. The self-help groups will also get loans up to Rs. 20 lakhs without any collateral guarantee, encouraging them to adopt higher income generating activities.

Update 2: Taking into consideration the hardship being faced by these construction workers due to the present challenging situation of Covid-19 pandemic and country-wide lock down, the Sikkim State Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board under the Chairmanship of Minister, Labour Department Shri. M. N Sherpa today approved and sanctioned onetime grant of Rs. 2000/- to each registered construction worker to compensate them during the period of lock down due to Covid -19 pandemic.

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.

Update 2: Sikkim TET 2020 examination dates have been postponed again by Sikkim Human Resource Development Department due to the outbreak of coronavirus. Earlier, the examination was scheduled to be held on April 11, 2020, has been postponed now.

UPDATE (28.03.2020)

Update 1: Sikkim Chief Minister chaired a high-level meeting of the State Task Force for coronavirus prevention on Friday. After a thorough deliberation, the CM announced the economic package to provide immediate relief to the economically weaker section of the population.

Update 2: The Department of Information Technology, Government of Sikkim under the directions from the Chief Minister has developed the online portal for donating into the Chief Ministers Disaster Relief Fund (CMDRF) account.

UPDATE (26.03.2020)

Update 1: In order to minimize the movement of individuals outside their homes, transportation of all essential goods, pharmaceuticals, medical equipment and home delivery of medicines, LPG cylinders, groceries, vegetables, fruits, milk, dairy products, and meat shall be permitted with effect until 15th April 2020.

Update 2: The Government of Sikkim has notified that any shortage of essential commodity in a district be immediately reported to the nearest police stations at the earliest.

UPDATE (25.03.2020)

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.

UPDATE (24.03.2020)

Sikkim will be placed under lockdown from 6am on March 25 till March 31 to check the spread of coronavirus.

UPDATE (23.03.2020)

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.

UPDATE (14.03.2020)

Sikkim government has prohibited entry to domestic tourists

UPDATE (06.03.2020)

Sikkim has decided to ban entry of foreigners to insulate itself from the novel coronavirus (Covid-19). A blanket ban has been issued for permits to visit Nathu La borders China.

<p>27. Nagaland</p>	<p>UPDATE (24.04.2020)</p> <p>The Nagaland government issued orders that stated permitting the following activities with immediate effect in the state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food processing industries in rural areas, i.e., outside the limits of municipal corporations and municipalities. • Industries operating in rural areas, including stone crushers, saw mills, brick kilns in rural areas i.e., outside the limits of municipal corporations and municipalities. • Collection, harvesting and processing of minor forest produce (MFP)/ non timber forest produce (NTFP) by Scheduled Tribes and other forest dwellers in forest areas. • Bamboo, coconut, areca nut, cocoa, spices plantation and their harvesting, processing, packaging, sale, and marketing. • Construction activities in rural areas, to include, water supply and sanitation; laying/ erection of power transmission lines and laying of telecom optical fibre and cable along with related activities. • Functioning of research establishments dealing with agriculture and horticulture activities. • Inter and intra-state movement of planting materials and honeybee colonies, honey, and other beehive products. • Shops of educational books for students. • Shops of electric fans. • Recharge facilities for prepaid mobile connection. • Functioning of food processing units such as bread factories, milk processing plants, flourmills, dal mills etc. located in urban areas. <p>UPDATE (22.04.2020)</p> <p>The Directorate of School Education has released an advisory for school/ institutions within state opting for online education during the lockdown period.</p> <p>UPDATE (21.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The Nagaland government announced ex-gratia of Rs 10 lakh to any state government employee including personnel of Nagaland police and the urban local bodies, who suffers fatality due to Covid-19 while performing frontline duties.</p> <p>Update 2: The Nagaland government announced to provide immediate cash assistance to the citizens stranded outside the state owing to Covid-19. As per the notification, patient will be given cash assistance of Rs 20,000, a professional or working person will get Rs 4,000 while a student will receive Rs 3,000. The relief packets consisting of rice, dal and other essential items will be provided to the daily wagers through the respective district administrations.</p> <p>Update 3: The Nagaland government released the consolidated revised guidelines clarifying further that the allowed construction activities in the state will be as follows:</p>
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- Construction of roads, irrigation projects, buildings and all kinds of industrial projects including MSMEs in rural India and all kinds of projects in Industrial estate
- Construction of renewable energy projects
- Continuation in works of construction projects, within the limits of Municipalities/ Town/ Urban sites where workers are available on site

UPDATE (18.04.2020)

The Directorate of Horticulture issued the Standard Operating Procedure for the farmers in horticultural fields for vegetables, fruits, spices, flowers, plantation crops in the wake of COVID 19 pandemic.

UPDATE (17.04.2020)

Update 1: The Nagaland Health & Family Welfare department has issued an advisory stating that no hospital personnel are to enter office premises and are advised to leverage webinars instead of physical visits.

Update 2: The government has issued an advisory for social media (WhatsApp, Facebook, TikTok, Telegram etc.) users and admins during the COVID 19 pandemic.

Update 3: The DC of Mon has notified the regulations imposed for purchase of essential commodities in the Mon district with effect from March 27 2020 till further orders.

UPDATE (16.04.2020)

Update 1: The Nagaland government released an order stating that revealing the identity of the COVID-19 affected person(s) is a punishable offense under the Nagaland Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020.

Update 2: The Nagaland government issued an order that assigned the dedicated health worker to individuals in quarantine to efficiently upload their details on the nCovid-19 Nagaland app

Update 3: The Nagaland department has issued a new guideline on management of suspected and confirmed cases of COVID 19.

Update 4: The Nagaland government released an order stating additional containment measures to be applicable throughout the state with immediate effect

UPDATE (15.04.2020)

Update 1: The Nagaland government has issued an order extending the state-wide lockdown till May 3, 2020.

Update 2: The Deputy Commissioner, Zunheboto has issued an order for shops to be open for only three days a week in consultation with the Sümi Hoho, Sümi Kukami Hoho, Sümi Totimi Hoho, Zunheboto District Task Force and Zunheboto COVID 19 Monitoring Committee.

Update 3: The Additional Deputy Commissioner, Bhandari issued an order for compulsory setting up of Village Quarantine center in each village of the Bhandari- subdivision under the Wokha district jurisdiction.

Update 4: The department of Information Technology and Communication, Government of Nagaland has launched an online platform to connect all Nagas living outside the state of Nagaland and in need of assistance due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

UPDATE (14.04.2020)

The Nagaland Government issued Memorandum to the departments and corresponding directorates for resumption of offices, both at the Secretariat and Directorate. These department include Home, Medical, Finance, Planning, Power, IT&C, Agricultural & allied departments, IPR, Veterinary & Animal Husbandry, PHED, Social Welfare Fire & Emergency services, Home guards & Civil Defense, NIC, DIPR, Food & Civil supplies.

UPDATE (13.04.2020)

Additional Deputy Commissioner for Bhandari, NCS, issued an order stating that wearing masks has been made mandatory for the public of Bhandari subdivision.

UPDATE (12.04.2020)

The Nagaland Chief Secretary announced that government offices in Nagaland, including the civil secretariat and the directorates in Kohima and Dimapur, will resume operations from Monday with minimal staff.

UPDATE (10.04.2020)

The Nagaland government issued an order that has exempted those engaged in farming operations and other agricultural activities from the statewide lockdown in the Mon district

UPDATE (07.04.2020)

The Nagaland government and DC Kohima have issued an order of exempting the following departments and agencies from lockdown:

- Fire & Emergency services, KMC & Sanitation, NSDMA, Post office. Treasury, banks, power. PHE, IOC, FCI Food & Civil supplies, Social Welfare, Veterinary & Animal Husbandry
- LPG, NIC, Telecom and Internet service providers

UPDATE (06.04.2020)

The Nagaland government has sealed the border with Assam under Bhandari sub- division in Wokha district with immediate effect after 5 persons tested positive for COVID-19 at Merapani sector in Assam bordering Nagaland.

UPDATE (05.04.2020)

The DC of Dimapur issued order to re-opening of fair price shops in Dimapur with effect from 6 April 2020 from 7am to 4pm.

UPDATE (03.04.2020)

Update 1: The Nagaland government announced that an amount of Rs. 75Lacs is released to all the DCs for implementation of effective measures against COVID 19 pandemic, and ₹1L each for Naga Students Union Punjab & Rajasthan, in addition to the earlier sanction of ₹38Lacs to the DCs of Nagaland from the Chief Minister Relief Fund

Update 2: The Nagaland Chief Secretary ordered DCs in Nagaland to extend possible support and assistance to students stranded in hostels and rental accommodation during COVID 19 lockdown

Update 3: The Nagaland government has constituted a special committee to liaise with and advise the district administration and police of Dimapur on all matters concerning the COVID 19 pandemic

UPDATE (02.04.2020)

Update 1: The Nagaland State Government announces an amount of ₹10 lakhs in Addition to the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan package of ₹50 lakhs for insurance of health workers.

Update 2: The Nagaland department of health and family welfare issued a circular that said no individual, institution or organization will use any print or electronic media for information regarding COVID-19 without prior permission from recognized authority in order to curb the fake news in the state

UPDATE (01.04.2020)

Update 1: The district administration of Dimapur in Nagaland has ordered the total closure of all shops, commercial, private establishments, and imposed restrictions on movement of public and vehicles for 66 hours with effect from 6 am on Wednesday.

Update 2: The Nagaland CM announced that 35,500 QTL of rice will be given to all homeless stranded ppl., migrant labourers, daily wage earners, old age homes, orphanages, self-financed govt hostels & villages whose supply of essential commodities is affected. It'll be distributed by DDMA

Update 3: Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA) and government of Nagaland in collaboration with Institution for Disasters, Emergency and Accidents (Idea) launched a self-assessment tool based on the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and World Health Organisation (WHO). This tool will help the public decide whether they should be tested for Covid-19 by answering a few questions related to age, symptoms, travel or contact history and pre-existing health conditions.

UPDATE (31.03.2020)

The Health Department of Nagaland has released an appeal to retired personnel of medical fraternity and also to the med students in their final year to volunteer to support Nagaland during COVID 19 crises

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.

	<p>UPDATE (24.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>UPDATE (23.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>UPDATE (22.03.2020)</p> <p>The Government of Nagaland order a complete shutdown of the state services until further notice.</p> <p>UPDATE (16.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
28. Mizoram	<p>UPDATE (22.04.2020)</p> <p>The Mizoram government would provide financial assistance amounting to over Rs 2.5 core to local volunteers, rehabilitation centres and state residents, who are stranded in different parts of the country.</p> <p>The meeting of Utilization of Chief Minister's Relief Fund for COVID-19 headed by its chairman and chief secretary Lalnunmawia Chuaungo decided to roll out over Rs 1.56 crore to 34 Mizo Welfare associations in various cities and towns across the country for the stranded Mizos.</p> <p>He said that a total of Rs two lakh would also be given to stranded Mizos, who reside in the area where no Mizo Welfare Association exist.</p> <p>UPDATE (21.04.2020)</p> <p>Over 40,000 construction workers were provided assistance of Rs 3,000 each by the Mizoram government in view of their financial distress amid the ongoing lockdown.</p> <p>They were aided under the Mizoram Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (MBOCWWB).</p> <p>UPDATE (21.04.2020)</p> <p>The state cabinet resolved to relax lockdown restrictions in certain sectors in the state, including agriculture related activities in rural areas provided people maintain social distancing and wear masks at public places. Following the cabinet meeting, the government issued a list of activities permitted between Tuesday and May 3.</p>

UPDATE (16.04.2020)

Update 1: The Mizoram government has launched a portal for the people of Mizoram, who are stranded in different parts of the country. Chief minister Zoramthanga announced the launch in his twitter handle. He said the Mizos, who are stranded in different parts of the country, can report and submit their details to an official website- tankhang.mizoram.gov.in.

Update 2: The Mizoram Government has issued an advisory asking people to wear face masks when stepping out of home. An official statement state that any person, when leaving home, is advised to wear face mask in order to prevent the spread of novel coronavirus. A home-made mask will be also be allowed apart from readymade mask, the statement said.

UPDATE (13.04.2020)

Update 1: The Mizoram Cabinet resolved to extend the ongoing lockdown for two weeks till April 30. The decision was taken by the State Cabinet during a meeting held under the chairmanship of Mizoram Chief Minister Zoramthanga. However, the Cabinet decided that area-wise moderation will be enforced as per Task Forces Committee regulations.

Update 2: Mizoram has intensified screening along inter-state and international borders following the surge in coronavirus cases in neighboring states and countries. Mizoram shares inter-state boundaries with Assam, Manipur and Tripura and also 722-km international border with Bangladesh and Myanmar.

UPDATE (12.04.2020)

The Mizoram government has made testing of locally made hand sanitizers mandatory to ensure that the products meet safety standards before they are distributed or sold, Health officials have stated. The hand sanitizers have to be tested at the Food and Drug Testing Laboratory, Zemabawk or the Regional Institute of Paramedical and Nursing Sciences (RIPANS), as per a Health Department advisory.

UPDATE (11.04.2020)

In view of the lockdown and closure of educational institutions for an indefinite period, the Mizoram government has announced teaching through television channels and online platforms. The Information and Public Relations Department of Mizoram government in a press release said that lessons to students on numerous subjects would be telecast daily from Monday to Saturday on Doordarshan Kendra Aizawl.

UPDATE (09.04.2020)

The Mizoram government decided to allow people, who are stranded in different parts of the state, to return to their villages from Thursday onwards. However, the stranded people are required to take prior permission from local level task force or village level task force before moving to their destination.

UPDATE (05.04.2020)

The medical operation team of Mizoram formed to tackle the rapid spread of novel coronavirus has proposed extension of the lockdown for another 14 days to contain the deadly virus in the state.

UPDATE (04.04.2020)

State Information and Communication Technology (ICT) minister Robert Romawia Royte launched a comprehensive mobile app, mCOVID-19 containing various information and updates on COVID-19 to facilitate speedy dissemination of authenticated information related to the novel coronavirus. The state government also on Friday launched helpline to address the problem of farmers during nationwide lockdown. Farmers can reach state agriculture department on phone numbers 0389- 2311160 and 0389 2328564 between 10 am and 2 pm.

UPDATE (30.03.2020)

The Mizoram government will provide food and shelter to migrant workers stranded in the state due to the nationwide lockdown, a state home department official said on March 30.

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 nation-wide 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)

Update 2: Department of Tourism, Government of Mizoram issues instructions to all private establishments/facilities classified as hotels and restaurants in Mizoram for strict compliance

UPDATE (19.03.2020)

Mizoram Public Service Commission defers all recruitment processes including exams and personal interviews scheduled after 23rd March, 2020 until further notice

UPDATE (16.03.2020)

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.

	<p>Update 2: Directorate of Health Services has from today started the following Helpline Nos. to be manned 24x7.</p> <p>COVID19 Helpline Nos: 102 (Toll Free) 0389-2323336; 0389-2322336; 0389-2318336</p>
29. Manipur	<p>UPDATE (21.04.2020)</p> <p>The state cabinet resolved to relax lockdown restrictions in certain sectors in the state, including agriculture related activities in rural areas provided people maintain social distancing and wear masks at public places. Following the cabinet meeting, the government issued a list of activities permitted between Tuesday and May 3.</p> <p>UPDATE (16.04.2020)</p> <p>The Board of Secondary Education Manipur (BOSEM) Thursday launched an e- textbook for students in class I to X, which will enable them to download the study material online. After Assam, Manipur is the second state in the North-East to launch e-textbooks for school children.</p> <p>UPDATE (15.04.2020)</p> <p>National Medicos Organization (NMO), Manipur unit, has initiated a helpline for public to avail non-emergency medical services from different specialists during the lockdown period. Releasing a list of doctors numbering around 23 along with their contact numbers, the secretary of NMO Manipur unit in a press release suggested that the general public consult the concerned doctors about their health problems through phone call or SMS or WhatsApp from 9 am to 4 pm daily during lockdown period.</p> <p>UPDATE (12.04.2020)</p> <p>Driven by young entrepreneurs, start-ups in Manipur are rising to the occasion to home deliver essential items and groceries, overcoming myriad challenges during the lockdown in the absence of major players like BigBasket, Grofers, Amazon in the state. Malemm, FoodWifi, Hummingbird are among the app-based start-ups which have been granted permission by the state government to carry out home deliveries during the lockdown to prevent the spread of COVID-19, which has also accelerated their business expansion plans.</p> <p>UPDATE (08.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: Manipur social welfare minister Nemcha Kipgen has announced that ex-gratia of Rs 500 under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) will be disbursed among the beneficiaries of various pension schemes. The decision has been taken to help the pensioners during the crisis situation arising out of the COVID19 pandemic.</p> <p>Update 2: With classes suspended due to COVID-19 outbreak, all the departments of Manipur University have started online teaching using Zoom app or Zoom Cloud Meeting. However, students residing in remote areas of the state are facing problems due to poor net connectivity while attending the classes.</p>

	<p>UPDATE (07.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: Chief Minister N. Biren Singh on Tuesday launched a web portal in his secretariat to provide an updated and authenticated information to the people of the State on the Coronavirus/COVID-19 outbreak. A mobile application of the MNCOVID-19 has also been developed for android version. He also took to twitter to make the announcement.</p> <p>Update 2: Taking to his twitter handle, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh announced that the CM Secretariat, Manipur has resolved to transfer a financial assistance of Rs.2000 (Rupees two thousand) from the CM's COVID-19 RELIEF FUND to the Bank accounts of each person who are stranded outside the State during the lockdown.</p> <p>UPDATE (24.03.2020)</p> <p>Statewide curfew has been declared in Manipur on March 24 after a 23-year-old woman tested positive for COVID-19, officials said. The state was placed under a lockdown yesterday evening till March 31; however, people were still venturing out.</p> <p>UPDATE (23.03.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: Manipur government issues advisories related to animal welfare in wake of COVID 19 crisis</p> <p>Update 2: Manipur Cabinet announced decision to impose the total lockdown in the state till 31st March as precautionary measure</p> <p>Update (21.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p>
30. Jharkhand	<p>UPDATE (22.04.2020)</p> <p>Jharkhand government has imposed a ban on sale and use of tobacco products like cigarettes, bidi, pan masala, hookah, gutka and electronic cigarettes in the state. The order has been issued by the Principal Secretary (Health).</p> <p>UPDATE (21.04.2020)</p> <p>Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren on has launched a mobile app which will help the people of the state get their essential commodities during the lockdown period to control the spread of COVID-19. Soren launched the "Jharkhand Bazar" mobile App to enable people in the state get their daily requirements.</p> <p>UPDATE (16.04.2020)</p> <p>Chief Minister Hemant Soren launched a mobile app to extend help to lakhs of migrant workers from the state trapped due to lockdown in other states. The app can be downloaded through covid19help.jharkhand.gov.in. The government intends to use the app to transfer funds to the workers within a weeks' time.</p>

UPDATE (14.04.2020)

The Jharkhand government is going to experiment with Co-Bot (collaborative robot) to check for infection in an isolation facility dedicated for COVID-19 patients. It would transfer both medicines and food from one bed to another, without needing health workers to attend to COVID-19 patients and risk infection.

UPDATE (07.04.2020)

In a bid to ensure safety of health workers, the West Singhbhum administration in Jharkhand has introduced an innovative portable unit in the form of phone booth COVID-19 sample collection centre for collecting samples from suspected coronavirus-infected persons. The sample collection kiosk can be mounted on a vehicle and transported to any location.

UPDATE (01.04.2020)

The Jharkhand government launched 'CM Kitchen' scheme in Ranchi that will serve food to 5000 people every day. Meals will be transported from the city to villages in trains.

UPDATE (31.03.2020)

The Jharkhand government has launched the Pragyaam app to issue e-passes to those working in essential services. The District Transport Officers will be responsible to issue e-passes to the vehicles carrying the essentials.

UPDATE (30.03.2020)

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

UPDATE (28.03.2020)

The Jharkhand government announced to provisions of cooked food, groceries and medical facilities at the police stations for the stranded people. The government requested migrant workers from Jharkhand to stay in their places and ensured provisions of food and shelters by respective state governments.

UPDATE (24.03.2020)

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.

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 'khichidi' centres across the State to help the needy during the lockdown period till March 31, in the view of COVID-19 pandemic.

	<p>UPDATE (22.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Government officials will work from home but if necessary, their respective head of department can call them to office, it said.</p> <p>UPDATE (16.03.2020)</p> <p>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</p>
31. Chhattisgarh	<p>UPDATE (22.04.2020)</p> <p>The Government of Chhattisgarh has allowed the resumption of essential and additional services in zones, which are not declared containment zones/hotspot by the central government.</p> <p>UPDATE (16.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The following set of guidelines have been enforced in Naya Raipur, Atal Nagar from 16.04.2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential/emergency/exempted services will be functional till 4 pm, instead of 3 pm. • Any movement except for emergency and essential requirements stands restricted as usual. The essential therefore are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sweet shops ○ Bakeries ○ CHC Centres in rural areas. ○ Shops of self-employed people including electronics, motor mechanic, plumber, AC mechanic, carpenter. ○ Bore well construction. ○ Courier services. ○ Truck repair centres. ○ Exempted construction material vendors. • The government will facilitate home of most of the goods. <p>Update 2: Every inter/intra-state border along Southern Bastar and Dantewada have been sealed for the next 72 hours starting from 16.04.2020, 1400 Hours.</p> <p>UPDATE (15.04.2020)</p> <p>The Government of Chhattisgarh keeping in mind the extended lockdown has released a notification regarding transportation, and handling of essential and non-essential goods in the state.</p>

UPDATE (12.04.2020)

The Government of Chhattisgarh has made it compulsory for its citizens to wear triple layer mask while venturing out in public. Violators will be punished.

UPDATE (10.04.2020)

The government of Chhattisgarh has allowed for the supply of foodgrains under OMSS to charitable/non-governmental organisations etc. engaged in relief operations/running relief camps for migrant labourers/vulnerable groups due to the present lockdown.

UPDATE (09.04.2020)

The Government of Chhattisgarh has released additional guidelines in lieu with extending complete lockdown on its border areas, to prevent nCoVID-19.

UPDATE (07.04.2020)

Update 1: Keeping in mind the threat of contamination due to CoVID-19, the government has ordered the closure of all employment registration office till 14th April 2020.

Update 2: The closure of hotel/restaurant bars which was effective until 07.04.2020 has been extended to 14.04.2020 with immediate effect.

UPDATE (03.04.2020)

Update 1: Keeping in mind the health of the bank workers, the government of Chhattisgarh has asked all the banks to be kept open only between 8 am to 12 pm.

Update 2: The district administration of Jashpur has issued time schedule for operations of banks in the district. Banks (both private and public) shall be operational from 10am- 04pm till further order.

UPDATE (01.04.2020)

The Government of Chhattisgarh has allowed for the transportation of both essential and non-essential goods, as per the notification by the Home Ministry, Government of India. Transportation carrying medical equipment's, and essential items to be given priority in checking.

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 from the restrictions under the lockdown.

UPDATE (25.03.2020)

The district administration in Bilaspur has enforced strict lockdown over the transmission of CoVID-19. The administration now has the sole jurisdiction over distribution of ration, and the timing for opening shops for the same.

	<p>UPDATE (24.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>UPDATE (22.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>UPDATE (13.03.2020)</p> <p>Government invokes the Epidemic Diseases Act to tackle Corona Virus - Notification</p> <p>UPDATE (12.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p>
32. Lakshadweep	<p>UPDATE (22.04.2020)</p> <p>The administration has released an addendum of certain permitted new activities within the UT.</p> <p>UPDATE (20.04.2020)</p> <p>The administration has issued an order excluding certain services from the relaxed guidelines</p> <p>UPDATE (15.04.2020)</p> <p>The administration has issued an order extending Lockdown and Guidelines thereon.</p> <p>UPDATE (07.04.2020)</p> <p>The UT administration has issued an office memorandum regarding identifying the deserving categories who have been affected by the lockdown and who are not getting any benefits from the center. This office memorandum will be only applicable to all those beneficiaries who need support from the administration and are not getting any benefits from the central government. The notification also lists criteria for the identification of such beneficiaries.</p> <p>UPDATE (01.04.2020)</p> <p>The directorate of fisheries has banned the movement of fishing boats from mainland to island and vice-versa as a result of the country-wide lockdown. The following directions have been issued in this regard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-island movement of fishing boats registered in the UT of Lakshadweep is completely banned • Prior permission before venturing into fishing needs to be obtained from the concerned OIC specifying both the number and names of the crew in each voyage

- Boats to utilize minimum crew and restrict their activity within 12NM
- Fish sales to be made while undertaking safety measures advised by the health department
- Due to the Section 144 being imposed, activity including fish sales to be completed under the permitted time

UPDATE (25.03.2020)

Under the direction of section 6(2)(i) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 order of National Disaster Management Authority, the UT Administration of Lakshadweep has enforced lockdown over all parts of the UT till midnight of April 14, 2020. Some key provisions of the lockdown order are:

- All hospitality services to be closed except the homestays, lodges, motels which are accommodating persons stranded due to the lockdown or the establishments that are earmarked to be quarantine facilities.
- Commercial and private establishments shall be closed down except the following – shops (under PDS), groceries, fruits and vegetables, dairy and milk booths, meat and fish, animal fodder. The establishments will be only operational from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
- Industrial establishments will remain closed except units manufacturing essential goods.
- No dine in service to be operational. Kitchens can be operational for delivery purposes only

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 (22.03.2020)

Update 1: Under Section 16 of The Lakshadweep Epidemic Diseases, COVID-19 Regulations, 2020, the administration:

- All passenger ships and high-speed crafts sailing from islands to mainland stand suspended from 22.03.2020
- All passenger ships and high-speed crafts sailing from mainland to island stand suspended from 24.03.2020
- The tickets issued by department of port will be fully refunded
- Suspension orders will remain in force till further orders

Update 2: The UT Administration issues The Lakshadweep 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 (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.

<p>33. Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu</p>	<p>UPDATE (14.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The administration has extended the lockdown till 11:59 PM on the 3rd of May.</p> <p>Update 2: The administration has extended the order issued on the 6th of April regarding selling of essential goods till 11:59 PM on the 3rd of May.</p> <p>UPDATE (06.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: In furtherance to the order issued on the 28th, All shops/stores selling essential commodities like groceries, milk, bread, fruit, vegetable, fish, meat and other uncooked food items shall remain open from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM except chemist stores which are permitted to function at regular hours.</p> <p>Update 2: In furtherance to the order issued on the 28th, the order has been extended till the 14th of April 2020. The initial order was supposed to stay in effect till the 4th of April.</p> <p>UPDATE (31.03.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: The District Magistrate through an order passed under Section 144 of CrPC has stated that the order shall remain in force until 11:59 PM on the 14th of April.</p> <p>Update 2: The District Magistrate through an order passed under the National Disaster Management Act of 2005 has stated that the order shall remain in force until 11:59 PM on the 14th of April.</p> <p>UPDATE (30.03.2020)</p> <p>The UT Administration under Section 30, sub-section 2 (xviii) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, has ordered that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All migrants, who are or trying to reach their home states/towns/villages, shall be kept in the shelters / quarantine facilities with proper screening for minimum period of 14 days as per standard health protocol. The Superintendent of Police shall ensure that all such cases are taken directly to nearest quarantine facilities in coordination with the Directorate of Health and Medical Services. • Wherever the workers including the migrant workers, are living in rented accommodation, the landlords of those properties shall not demand payment of rent for a period of one month • If any landlord is forcing labourers and students to vacate their premises, they will be liable for action under the act. <p>UPDATE (28.03.2020)</p> <p>Under Section 34 of the National Disaster Management Act of 2004, the District Collector has issued the following directions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All shops/stores selling essential commodities like groceries, milk, bread, fruit, vegetable, fish, meat and other uncooked food items shall remain open from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM except chemist stores which are permitted to function at regular hours • The order shall remain in force from the 29th of March till the 5th of April 2020
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any violation of the order shall lead to a prosecution under Section 51 of the Act. <p>UPDATE (25.03.2020)</p> <p>An order was passed by the UT Administration that would allow certain types of people such as those maintaining the healthcare system, those involved in the supply of essential commodities and people working in shops/establishments uninterrupted passage within Daman on the production of a valid ID card issued by the Establishment they are working for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All shops/stores selling groceries, milk, bread, fruit, vegetable, fish, meat and other uncooked food items and their transportation related activities and warehousing Hospitals, chemist stores, optical stores, pharmaceutical and soap manufacturing units and their ancillaries together with transportation related activities Petrol pumps, LPG gas, oil agencies, their gowdowns and their transportation related activities Ecommerce (delivery) of all essential goods like food, pharmaceuticals and medical equipment's House delivery by restaurants/tiffin services Shops selling animal fodder Water tankers supplying water to areas not connected by PWD pipeline Goods carriage carrying essential services in and out of Daman Media persons Bank employees <p>UPDATE (22.03.2020)</p> <p>Union Territory of Daman and Diu has also sealed borders to cut off the two islands from outsiders. In Daman, Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli, all hotels for tourists have been shut. "We have ordered lock down in areas under the jurisdiction of Union Territories of Daman, Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli. No outsiders are allowed entry till March 31," said Praful Patel, Administrator of the Union Territories.</p> <p>UPDATE (21.03.2020)</p> <p>Under Section 34 of the Disaster Management Act, the District Magistrate issued the following order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspending operations of all bars and restaurants till the 31st of March. Disallowing hotels/lodges/homestays to take new bookings without prior permission.
34. Jammu & Kashmir	<p>UPDATE (01.04.2020)</p> <p>The UT administration has asked the ESIC to extend all ESIC hospitals and employers to extend relief/compensation including wages, as per the ESIC scheme. In addition, the administration has directed all workers registered with Building and Construction Workers Welfare Board to be provided with INR 1000 as assistance.</p>

	<p>The administration has said payment of two installments of pensions are to be provided to all registered and pending old age, disabled, and women in distress.</p> <p>The administration has also guaranteed ration of two months to be completely given to persons and children covered under the PDS.</p> <p>UPDATE (22.03.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: In light of the situation arising from nCoVID-19, Jammu and Kashmir has released a list declaring certain items as essential commodities.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>UPDATE (20.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Update 2: Government employees and their relatives who have histories of foreign travel need to undergo quarantine.</p>
35. Ladakh	<p>UPDATE (11.04.2020)</p> <p>The Srinagar-Leh National Highway was reopened on Saturday after four months, to be used only for augmenting supplies of essential commodities in the Ladakh region. No public, private, or even pedestrian movement will be allowed from either side till further orders.</p> <p>The 425-km highway was closed after heavy snowfall in the Zojila Pass stretch, which connects the cold desert Ladakh region with the rest of the country.</p> <p>UPDATE (01.04.2020)</p> <p>In a major step to give relief to the labourers who are the most affected section as the lockdown deprives them of income and livelihood sources, the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, R.K. Mathur has sanctioned Rs. 61, 74,400 in favour of the registered workers/ labourers.</p> <p>3090 workers/ labours from Leh district and 3084 workers/ labours from Kargil district registered with the Labour Commissioner Offices in Leh and Kargil will get Rs. 1000 each from this sanctioned money for the purchase of ration.</p> <p>UPDATE (27.03.2020)</p> <p>With a view to replenish essential supplies in Ladakh, Trucks/Tankers carrying essential commodities will be allowed to cross through Zojila pass w.e.f. 29th March 2020.</p> <p>UPDATE (25.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p>

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.

	<p>Update 2: All inner line permits have been withdrawn, and no inner line permits will be issued until further orders.</p>
36. Andaman and Nicobar	<p>Update (01.04.2020)</p> <p>Update 1: Travel passes for the movement of staff personnel of various departments engaged in delivery of essential services in Nicobars District shall henceforth be issued by the concerned Sub-Divisional Magistrates.</p> <p>Update 2: In the wake of the nCoVID-19, the UT administration has released a health advisory for the elderly population.</p> <p>Update 3: As per the orders of the district administration, of Car Nicobar, EHL, EPS shops will be opened from today onwards for the purpose of door to door delivery. All headmen of respective villages under Car Nicobar as responsible for collection of requirements for door to door delivery.</p> <p>UPDATE (26.03.2020)</p> <p>Travel passes for the movement of staff/personnel engaged in delivery of essential services shall be issued by the concerned sub-divisional magistrates (SDMs).</p> <p>UPDATE (22.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 Marc, 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.</p> <p>UPDATE (20.03.2020)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>UPDATE (19.03.2020)</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Shops and establishments to be shut with effect from midnight of 19th March,2020, except the following: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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.

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 tie 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.

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