

अंडमान तथा निकोबार प्रशासन/ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
जिला मजिस्ट्रेट का कार्यालय/OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE
उत्तर तथा मध्य अंडमान/NORTH AND MIDDLE ANDAMAN

Mayabunder, dated the 10th January, 2022.

ORDER No. 548

WHEREAS, an Order of Union Home Secretary was issued vide No.40-3/2020-DM-I (A) on 28th September, 2021 to ensure compliance with the Containment Measures for COVID-19 as conveyed by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) vide D.O. letter No.Z.28015/85/2021-DM Cell dated 21st September 2021 which was further extended for a period up to 31st December, 2021 vide order of even number dated 30th November, 2021;

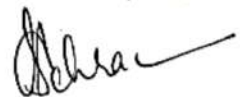
AND WHEREAS, in view of the initial signs of surge in cases of COVID-19 as well as increased detection of the Variant of Concern (VoC), 'Omicron', in different parts of the country, MoHFW vide D.O. letter No.Z.28015/318/21-EMR, dated 21st December, 2021, has issued an advisory to all the States and Union Territories (UTs), prescribing a normative framework for taking evidence-based containment measures at district/local level;

WHEREAS, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 10 (2) (1) of the Disaster Management Act 2005, the Union Home Secretary and Chairman, National Executive Committee (NEC) directs vide order of Ministry of Home Affairs, dated 27th December 2021 to consider implementation of the normative framework, as conveyed vide advisory of MoHFW's D.O. letter No. Z.28015/318/21-EMR, dated 21st December, 2021 as per Annexure-I until 31st January, 2022 and to take necessary measures, under the relevant provisions of the DM Act, 2005.

AND WHEREAS, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 24 (1) of the Disaster Management Act 2005, the Chairperson, Union Territory Disaster Management Executive Committee, for the Union Territory of A&N Islands has directed vide Order No.91 dt. 31st December, 2021 to ensure compliance of Containment Measures for COVID-19 as well as increased detection of the Variant of Concern (VoC), 'Omicron', in different parts of this UT as per the advisory issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) dated 21st December, 2021 (Annexure-I) for ensuring strict compliance prescribing a normative framework for taking evidence based containment measures at district/local level for the whole of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and shall remain in force up to 31st January, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 144 Cr.P.C., 1973, the undersigned in the capacity as District Magistrate, North and Middle Andaman hereby directs the following for the compliance of the normative framework for taking evidence based containment measures for COVID-19, in accordance with the advisory issued by MoHFW dated 21st December 2021, which shall continue to be strictly followed and shall remain in force w.e.f. 11th January, 2022 for the whole of North and Middle Andaman till further orders.

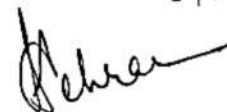
1. Night curfew shall be enforced in the entire district of North and Middle Andaman from immediate effect with no movement of men and materials between 09:00 PM to 05:00 AM until and unless permitted by the District Magistrate on case-to-case basis.



2. All shops and establishments are permitted to open between 05.00 AM to 09.00 PM. They shall strictly follow norms of social distancing by maintaining a distance of atleast 1(one) meter from a person and not allowing more than 03 persons at a time inside the premises. Any overcrowding on violation of social distancing will be responsibility of the shopkeepers and will invite fine of Rs.4000/- for violation of social distancing norms and Rs. 10000/- for overcrowding in shops/establishments, along with sealing of shop for 14 days.
3. No movement of public beyond these timings will be allowed except for Hospitals, medical labs, medicines and medical equipment, ambulance and hearse vehicle services, medical and its allied activities, all medical emergency cases shall be permitted.
4. Persons engaged for essential activities for movement of goods on Andaman Trunk road, loading and unloading of essential cargo shall be allowed on production of valid movement passes issued by the Office of District Magistrate.
5. Movement of officers/officials involved in providing essential services such as District Administration, Police, CISF, Health Services, Home Guards, Electricity, Fire and emergency services, Defence personnel on duty shall be permitted on production of valid Identity Cards issued by their concerned departments.
6. Movement of bare minimum personnel involved in providing Broadcasting and Cable services, Internet service providers, all print and electronic media persons, private security services, POL Outlets, LPG Stores/Godowns, ATMs, Cold Storages and warehouses shall be allowed for which valid passes shall be issued by the Office of District Magistrate based on the certification from the concerned organisation.
7. Movement of Officers/Officials, involved in providing services such as Forest, Water Supply & Sanitation in Rural Areas, Disaster Management, Port and related services. Telecommunication shall be allowed after 09:00 PM on production of movement passes to be issued by the Office of District Magistrate.
8. Movement of personnel involved in providing essential/emergency services shall be allowed after 09:00 PM on production of e-passes to be issued by the Office of District Magistrate. It shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/In-Charge of the shop/business establishment to ensure its compliance and also if any person attached with such organisation is found misusing the e-passes or using the same for purposes other than it is meant for, the owner/in-charge shall be held responsible and he/she shall be liable to be fined to the tune of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) and shall also be liable for action under DM Act.
9. Movement of persons from containment zones shall be strictly restricted and shall only be permitted on case-to-case basis upon approval from the Office of District Magistrate.
10. Port services will continue to operate as usual and both essential and non-essential cargo can be moved in and out of port, as per requirement for loading/unloading/clearing of cargo and the same shall be permitted till 09:00 PM only. Movement passes for operation of cargo movement after 09:00 PM needs to be obtained, which shall be strictly permitted on case to case basis by the Office of the District Magistrate.

11. Construction activities shall be permitted till 09:00 PM. Construction activities of national importance and strategic projects beyond 09:00 PM shall be permitted with prior permission of District Magistrate and movement passes needs to be obtained, which shall be strictly permitted on case to case basis by the Office of the District Magistrate.
12. Movement of persons involved with Hotels/Restaurants and Mess to be certified by the firm/organisation for home delivery of food shall be allowed till 09.00 PM. on production of movement pass already issued by the District Magistrate. Dine-in shall be permitted between 05.00 AM to 09.00 PM subject to 50% of the seating capacity and strict adherence of COVID appropriate behaviours. However, take away/parcel service and home delivery should be encouraged. It shall be the sole responsibility of the Owner/Incharge of the shop/business establishment to ensure its compliance and also if any person attached with such organisation is found misusing the movement pass or using the same for the purposes other than it is meant for, the Owner/Incharge will be liable to be fined to the tune of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only), along with sealing of shop/establishment for 14 days and shall also be liable for action under DM Act.
13. Public transport/buses shall be allowed to ply with 50% of the capacity following COVID protocols.
14. Sale and service of liquor at licensed premises shall be permitted till 09:00 PM with 50% seating capacity and with strict adherence of COVID appropriate behaviours like wearing of mask, social distancing, cough etiquettes etc. Provision of thermal scanning and use of hand wash and sanitizers will be mandatory. SOPs and orders regarding the timings for sale and service of liquor at all licensed establishments (C, B1, B2 and B3 category) issued by the Deputy Commissioner North and Middle Andaman should be strictly adhered to.
15. All Parks/Playgrounds/Stadiums/Gyms and yoga institutes shall remain closed with immediate effect.
16. All Religious places/places of worship shall be closed for public with immediate effect till further orders. Fine to the tune of Rs. 20,000 (Rupees twenty thousand only) shall be payable for any violation.
17. Social/Political/Sports/Entertainment/Academic/Cultural/Religious/Festival related gathering and congregation shall be prohibited till further orders, except marriage and funerals which shall be permitted with prior permission of Assistant Commissioners concerned subject to suitable terms and conditions for compliance of COVID Appropriate Behaviour (CAB).
18. All tourist spots in North and Middle Andaman district shall remain closed with immediate effect.
19. The movement passes issued by the District Administration from 22nd May, 2021 onwards shall remain valid.

NOW THEREFORE, in view of the emergent circumstances, this order is being issued ex-parte and is addressed to the public in general. This order shall be promulgated in the North & Middle Andaman District by announcement through publicity vans and affixing of copies thereof at notice boards of the Office of the District Magistrate/Sub-Divisional

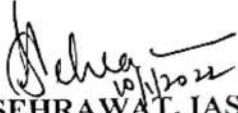


Magistrates/Executive Magistrates as well as prominent public places and publication in the newspapers having circulation in the district. Further, the Superintendent of Police/Sub-Divisional Magistrate/Executive Magistrates and all authorities concerned shall ensure strict compliance of this order and shall adequately inform and sensitize the field functionaries to note that these restrictions fundamentally relate to movement of people, but not to that of essential services.

Any disobedience of the above orders shall invite penal action u/s 188 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 and the relevant provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 against the violator(s) and fine shall also be imposed as per order issued by this from time to time.

This order shall come into force with effect from 11th January, 2022 and shall remain in force till further orders.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court on 10th January, 2022.

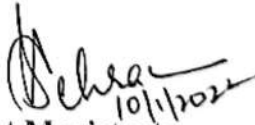

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2. PS to Comm-cum-Secretary (Health), A & N Admn. for kind information of Comm-cum-Secretary (Health).
3. The Superintendent of Police, North and Middle Andaman District.
4. All Sub-Divisional Magistrates of N&MA District for strict compliance.
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