Janata Curfew - 22 March 2020

Dutifully observe Janta Curfew on Sunday, 22nd March 2020 from 7 AM to 9 PM. We are in the second phase and we are on the verge or entering the third phase. It is also urged that people should refrain from moving out of the house after 9 PM on 22 March until Monday morning more so as we are on the verge of entering the third phase.

Avoid stepping out of your homes until it is absolutely necessary.

Express gratitude to those working round the clock to serve others by clapping for 5 minutes at 5 pm.

**Highlights of Press Briefing by Hon. Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant**

Even though there has not been a single positive case in Goa, considering the critical phase the country is going thru in the COVID-19, it is necessary to be more vigilant and take all preventive measures that are required to prevent the community transmission of the virus.

Based on the various instructions, advisories issued by the Govt. of India and considering the scenario prevailing in the rest of the States, the following decisions are taken in the interest of Public Health safety.

1. The borders are sealed for the entry of all types of Passenger vehicles coming thru the States of Maharashtra and Karnataka from midnight today. This will not affect the movement and entry of essential goods and other cargo and bonafide residents of Goa.
2. Sporting events, competitions and religious gathering need to be postponed till 31st March 2020.
3. Operation of Rent a Cab/car/bike shall be suspended till 31st March 2020.
4. As a preventive measure against the spread of COVID-19, Minimum Citizen Services will be available at RTO Office upto 31/03/2020. Inward Counter at all offices and Registration counters
for registration of only BS-IV vehicles will be available. Other services such as driving licenses, registration of vehicles, permits will not be processed until 31/03/2020.

5. The Transport Department will reduce KTC & other Public Transport Services by Road to bare minimum level, hence the public is advised to commute as far as possible.

6. The HoDs are empowered to decide upon permitting the govt. staff to work from home or stagger the office timings

7. All street food joints will be shut down till 31st March 2020

8. All non essential facilities for public like libraries, museums etc will be shut down till 31st March

9. The Distilleries will be permitted to use their facility for manufacture of sanitisers to overcome the shortfall of sanitisers

10. The Department of Health Services has issued advisory to regulate working hours in all services except for essential services, and advised industrial establishments to adopt staggered timing and regulate crowds in local markets.

11. Private sector has been requested to consider work from home wherever feasible.

12. Social distancing needs to be maintained in smaller gatherings.

13. All senior citizens (except public representatives) remain indoor, except for medical reasons and need medical services.

14. All children below 10 years of age to remain at home and should avoid going to public parks, picnics and other outdoor activities.

15. All health establishments to avoid non urgent hospitalization and minimize elective surgeries.

16. Public are requested no to indulge in panic buying and stay away from rumours.

17. Employers are requested not to cut wages/salaries.

18. Government has declared 104 as the control room for any COVID19 related issues. If anyone is aware of people with COVID19 symptoms or having travel history to any country or state where in sizable COVID19 cases have reported, are requested to report instances to the control room.

19. If anyone has noticed symptoms of COVID19 is requested to get himself screened by the nearest Public Health Center.
20. All those who plan to travel to Goa are requested to postpone their travel plans until normalcy returns.
21. Instructions are being issued to all educational institutes by the department that all teaching and non teaching staff are exempted from attending schools, colleges etc.
22. Director of Municipal Administration and Director of Panchayat is directed to issue necessary instructions to close down street food outlets till 31st March 2020.
23. The State Registrar has been asked to direct the sub registrar to postpone registration of deeds, documents and marriages beyond 31st of March.
24. In addition to the above, the concerned department HODs will issue necessary instruction and shall communicate to the media/public about their action plan on COVID19.
25. Likewise all the departments which are involved in issue/renewal of licenses, permits etc, to examine and process postponement beyond 31st March 2020, so as to avoid gathering of people.
26. Youth are requested to support the Government to contain the outbreak of COVID19.