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Disaster Management, Revenue, Relief, Rehabilitation &
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Subject: - COVID-19 Management - Guidelines/instructions -reg.

**Order No: - 28 - DM(UTL) of 2020,
Dated: - 30.12.2020.**

Whereas, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) vide No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated:- 25-11-2020 had issued new guidelines on Surveillance, Containment and Caution on COVID-19, which are in effect till 31.12.2020.

Whereas, the National Disaster Management Authority, (NDMA) vide order of even number dated:-28.12.2020 has extended the said guidelines upto **31.01.2021**.

Now, therefore, under the directions of the aforesaid orders of NDMA, GoI and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 24 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the State Executive Committee, Ladakh Disaster Management Authority hereby directs that the new guidelines (Annexed as "I") on Surveillance, Containment and Caution on COVID-19, with following COVID-19 containment guidelines, will remain in force in the Union territory upto **31.01.2021**:

1. General instructions:

- (i) All passengers arriving in Ladakh both by air and road are advised to get themselves tested for COVID-19, not later than 72 hours before their arrival in Ladakh from ICMR approved test laboratories. Such person(s) who is/are without a valid COVID-19 test report of not later than **72 hours** before their arrival will undergo mandatory quarantine at their place of stay for seven days. Such person(s) may have to undergo a COVID-19 test and will only be released from quarantine; if his/her test report is found negative.
- (ii) Labourers are advised to come through contractor(s) or labour agencies with COVID-19 test report of 72 hours before their arrival in Ladakh from ICMR approved test laboratories. Such labourers who arrive in Ladakh, without any COVID-19 test report shall have to undergo seven days mandatory institutional quarantine after which they will be tested for COVID-19. They will be released from institutional quarantine only after

his/her test report is found negative. The detailed SOP regarding labourers issued by Labour & Employment Department will remain in force.

- (iii) Incoming passenger(s) who is/are declared suspects in the Aarogya Setu app will mandatorily be home quarantined for 14 days. In case, they develop any symptoms, they shall inform the District Surveillance Officer of the respective District immediately. Such persons will be administered a COVID-19 test by the District Surveillance Officer and till such time their test report is declared negative, they will have to stay under home quarantine along-with other family members.
- (iv) Any person(s) reported with severe COVID-19 symptom will be isolated by the District Administration along with their contacts irrespective of the mode of travel.
- (v) Persons arriving in Ladakh on official duty or duty which entails visiting offices or coming in contact with large number of people, or tourists, must strictly follow COVID-19 precautionary measures such as hand sanitization, social distancing, wearing of face mask at all times during the course of their stay in Ladakh. In case, they develop any symptoms, they shall inform the District Surveillance Officer of the respective districts immediately. Such persons will be administered a COVID-19 test by the District Surveillance Officer and till such time their test report is declared negative, they will have to stay under mandatory quarantine.
- (vi) The personnel of Defence and Central Armed Police Forces returning to duty by road or special flights are exempted from the above provisions and shall be allowed to proceed to their respective Units/Formations for necessary quarantine as per their internal procedures.
- (vii) All person(s)/labourers entering into Ladakh shall mandatorily undergo Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) at the airport and all the entry points of Ladakh. This facility has already been put in place at all the entry points. The person(s) who are tested positive at these entry points be mandatorily put into institutional quarantine set up by the respective District administration or his/her/their entry into Ladakh be turned down as per his/her/their choice.
- (viii) All offices and workplaces in the Union Territory shall be sanitized on daily basis and in accordance with the SOP of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare issued from time to time. Every Officer/Official/Employee will maintain sanitization facility outside their rooms and waiting areas, for each and every visitor and ensure compulsory wearing of face masks by

each visitor. The office in-charge/head of the office will nominate an officer/official/employee by formal orders for ensuring that such hand sanitization and mask compliance by every visitor visiting their offices is ensured. Every office will ensure thermal temperature screening at the gate.

- (ix) All Hotels and other hospitality services will follow the SOP of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India issued from time to time. Hotels/Guest houses that accept bookings for guests (irrespective of their mode of arrival) will maintain details of guests with entire travel history, ensure daily screening of all their guests and report any guest who is symptomatic to the District Surveillance Officer. Daily reports of screening will be submitted to the District Surveillance Officer by every Hotels/Guest houses of both the Districts in a devised format to be circulated by the respective District Magistrates.
- (x) The owners of Hotels/Guest houses/Home stays must also ensure social distancing, availability of hand sanitizer at their lobbies, restaurants, lawns and business centers and ensure frequent sanitization of common areas and spaces. The District Administration of the respective Districts shall get these facilities inspected periodically.
- (xi) All shops, restaurants (including in hotels) including barber-shops, saloons and beauty parlours, will follow the SOPs of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India issued from time to time. The District Magistrates will ensure regular inspections of shops/barber shops/restaurants/kitchens of restaurants etc.
- (xii) There shall be regulated parking on roads of bazaars, market areas by the respective District Administration to prevent congestion and ensure social distancing.
- (xiii) Schools/educational institutes shall mandatory follow the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), regarding health and safety precautions issued by School Education Department/Higher Education Department from time to time.
- (xiv) Swimming pools being used for training of sportspersons shall mandatory follow Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), regarding health and safety precautions issued by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, GoI.
- (xv) Cinemas/theatres/multiplexes shall mandatory follow the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), regarding health and safety precautions as per SOP issued by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, GoI.

- (xvi) Entertainment parks and similar places shall mandatory follow the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), regarding health and safety precautions issued by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), GoI.
- (xvii) Business to Business (B2B) Exhibitions shall mandatory follow the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), regarding health and safety as per SOP issued by the Department of Commerce, GoI.
- (xviii) Religious places/places of worship will follow the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) as per **annexure-II** to this order.
- (xix) Social/ religious/ academic/ entertainment/ educational/ cultural/sports/ religious gathering/political functions and other congregations will be permitted outside the containment zones upto a ceiling of 25 persons only or 50% of the hall capacity, whichever is less in case of indoor spaces and such gathering will be permitted upto a ceiling of 50 persons or 50% of the capacity of the space with social distancing, whichever is less in case of open space, only with the prior permission of the respective District Magistrates. Wearing of face masks, maintaining social distancing, provision of thermal scanning and use of hand wash or sanitizer will be mandatory.
- (xx) The District Magistrates based on their assessment of the situation in their respective districts may impose night curfew, with a view to contain the spread of COVID-19.
- (xxi) The District Magistrates shall take all necessary measures to promote COVID-19 appropriate behavior within their respective Districts and shall also ensure strict enforcement of wearing of face masks, hand hygiene and social distancing norms. They shall also take necessary steps to regulate crowds in markets, public transport and various gatherings as per SOPs issued by MoHFW, GoI.

Surveillance and Containment:

- (xxii) Effective demarcation of Containment Zones, in vulnerable and high incidence areas, is key to breaking the chain of transmission and controlling the spread of the virus. Containment Zones shall be carefully demarcated by the district authorities, at micro level, taking into consideration the guidelines prescribed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), GoI in this regard. The list of Containment

Zones will be notified on the websites by the respective District Magistrates and the same be also shared with MoHFW, GoI.

(xxiii) Within the demarcated Containment Zones, containment measures, as prescribed by MoHFW, GoI shall be scrupulously followed as under and Lockdown shall remain in force in the containment zone till **31st January, 2021.**

- a) Only essential activities shall be allowed in the Containment Zones.
- b) There shall be strict perimeter control to ensure that there is no movement of people in or out of these zones, except for medical emergencies and for maintaining supply of essential goods and services.
- c) There shall be intensive house-to-house surveillance by surveillance teams formed for the purpose.
- d) Testing shall be carried out as per prescribed protocol.
- e) Listing of contacts shall be carried out in respect of all persons found positive, along-with their tracking, identification, quarantine and follow-up of contacts for 14 days (80% of contacts to be traced in 72 hours).
- f) Quick isolation of COVID-19 patients shall be ensured in treatment facilities/homes (subject to fulfillment of home isolation guidelines).
- g) Clinical interventions, as prescribed, shall be administered.
- h) Surveillance of ILI/SARI cases shall be carried out in health facilities or outreach mobile units or through fever clinics in buffer zones.
- i) Awareness shall be created in communities on COVID-19 appropriate behavior.

(xxiv) The District Magistrates or any subordinate authority shall not impose any local District/sub-division/city level lockdown outside the Containment zones.

- (xxv) **It shall be responsibility of the local District, Police and Municipal authorities to ensure that the prescribed Containment measures are strictly followed.**

2. NATIONAL DIRECTIVES FOR COVID-19 MANAGEMENT:

National Directives for COVID-19 Management, as specified in annexure-III, shall continue to be followed throughout the UT.

3. No restriction on inter-State/UT/Intra-State/UT movement:

There shall be no restriction on inter-State/UT/Intra-UT/Inter/Intra District movement of persons and goods including those for cross land-border trade under treaties with neighboring Countries. No separate permission/approval/ e-permit will be required for such movements.

4. Protection of vulnerable persons:

Persons above 65 years of age, persons with co-morbidities, pregnant women, and children below the age of 10 years are advised to stay at home, except for essential and health purposes.

5. Use of Aarogya Setu:

- (i) Aarogya Setu enables early identification of potential risk of infection, and thus acts as a shield for individuals and the community.
- (ii) With a view to ensuring safety in offices and workplaces, employers on best effort basis should ensure that Aarogya Setu is installed by all employees having compatible mobile phones.
- (iii) District Magistrates may advice individuals to install the Aarogya Setu application on compatible mobile phones and regularly up-date their health status on the app. This will facilitate timely provision of medical attention to those individual who are on risk.

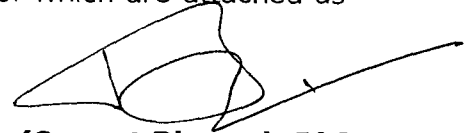
6. Strict enforcement of the guidelines:

- (i) The District Magistrates shall strictly enforce the above guidelines/measures.

- (ii) For the enforcement of social distancing, the District Magistrates may, as far as possible, use the provision of section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code. (Cr.PC) of 1973.

7. Penal provisions:

Any person violating the above guidelines/measures will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provision of section 51-60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides, legal action under Section 188 of IPC and other legal provisions as applicable. The extract of which are attached as **annexure-IV.**



(Saugat Biswas), IAS

Member Secretary,
State Executive Committee,
Ladakh Disaster Management Authority.

No:-DMRRR/UTL/SOP/COVID-19/2020/15071-91

Dated:- 30.10.2020.

Copy for information to the:-

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3. Additional Director General of Police, Ladakh.
4. Commissioner/Secretary, GAD/R&B/H&UD/School Education Department Ladakh.
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6. Divisional Commissioner, Ladakh.
7. Administrative Secretary, Labour and Employment/YS&S Department, Ladakh.
8. Deputy Commissioner, Leh/Kargil.
9. Sr. Superintendent of Police, Leh/Kargil.
10. Director, Health & Medical Education, Ladakh.
11. All Heads of the Departments, UT of Ladakh.
12. Chief Medical Officer, Leh/Kargil.
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14. Pvt. Secretary to Advisor to the Hon'ble Lt Governor for information of the Advisor.
15. Pvt. Secretary to the Chairman/Chief Executive Councilor, LAHDC Leh/Kargil for information of the Hon'ble CECs.
16. Director, KBR Airport, Leh.
17. District Informatics Officer, Leh for uploading on the UT Ladakh website.
18. Assistant Director Information, Leh/Kargil for necessary action.
19. President Hotel/Guest House owners Association, Leh/Kargil.
20. All Religious Heads of religious organizations of Leh/Kargil.
21. Order/Stock file. (w.2.s.c).

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No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A)
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

North Block, New Delhi-110001

Dated 25th November, 2020

ORDER

Whereas, an Order of even number dated 30.09.2020 was issued for containment of COVID-19 in the country, for a period upto 31.10.2020, which was further extended for a period upto 30.11.2020 vide an Order of even number dated 27.10.2020;

Whereas, in exercise of the powers under section 6(2)(i) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has directed the undersigned to issue an order with guidelines for containment of COVID-19 in the country;

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 10(2)(l) of the Disaster Management Act 2005, the undersigned hereby directs that guidelines for surveillance, containment and caution, as annexed, will be in force upto 31.12.2020.


Union Home Secretary

and, Chairman, National Executive Committee (NEC)

To:

1. The Secretaries of Ministries/ Departments of Government of India
2. The Chief Secretaries/Administrators of States/Union Territories

(As per list attached)

Copy to:

- i. All Members of the National Executive Committee
- ii. Member Secretary, National Disaster Management Authority

Guidelines for Surveillance, Containment and Caution

[As per Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I (A)
dated 25th November, 2020]

The country is at a critical juncture in its fight against COVID-19. The number of active cases has declined steadily over the last two months, from over 10 lakhs, on September 18, 2020, to less than 4.5 lakhs now. However, over the last few weeks, the number of new cases has been rising in some States and UTs. The confluence of certain factors, viz., the recent festival season and the onset of winter, and the laxity in observance of the COVID-19 guidelines issued by Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) in certain parts of the country pose the risk of the situation becoming aggravated, thus putting a strain on the health infrastructure. In some States and UTs, the spike observed in the number of new cases has already led to re-imposition of restrictions such as Night Curfew, limitations on number of persons in gatherings, restricted timings of markets etc. In the above context, with a view to consolidating the substantial gains that have been achieved against the spread of COVID-19, and to fully overcome the pandemic, the need of the hour is to maintain caution and strictly follow the prescribed containment strategy, focussed on surveillance, containment and strict observance of the guidelines.

Over the last few months, economic and other activities have been opened up in a phased manner, with the stipulation that the prescribed Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) be scrupulously followed. The essence behind graded re-opening and progressive resumption of activities is to move ahead. However, there is a concomitant need to exercise due care. Every citizen must adopt COVID-19 appropriate behaviour, so as to ensure that the resumption of activities is successful and gains made in the management of the pandemic are not negated. The following guidelines are issued to be effective from 1st December 2020.

COVID appropriate behavior

1. State/ UT Governments shall take all necessary measures to promote COVID-19 appropriate behaviour. Strict enforcement of wearing of face masks, hand hygiene and social distancing must be ensured.
2. Wearing of face masks is an essential preventive measure. In order to enforce this core requirement, States and UTs may consider administrative actions, including imposition of appropriate fines, on persons not wearing face masks in public and work spaces.
3. Observance of social distancing in crowded places, especially in markets, weekly bazaars and public transport, is also critical for containing the spread of the infection. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) will issue a SOP to regulate crowds in market places, which shall be strictly enforced by States and UTs.


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4. SOPs for regulating travel in aircrafts, trains and metro rails are already in place, which shall be strictly enforced. States and UTs shall issue necessary guidelines for regulating travel in other modes of public transport, e.g., buses, boats etc., and ensure that these are strictly complied with.
5. The National Directives for COVID-19 Management, as specified in Annexure I, shall be strictly followed throughout the country.

Surveillance and Containment

6. Effective demarcation of Containment Zones, in vulnerable and high incidence areas, is key to breaking the chain of transmission and controlling the spread of the virus. Containment Zones shall be carefully demarcated by the district authorities, at the micro level, taking into consideration the guidelines prescribed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) in this regard. The list of Containment Zones will be notified on the websites by the respective District Collectors and by the States/ UTs. This list will also be shared with MoHFW.
7. Within the demarcated Containment Zones, containment measures, as prescribed by MoHFW, shall be scrupulously followed, as under:
 - i. Only essential activities shall be allowed in the Containment Zones.
 - ii. There shall be strict perimeter control to ensure that there is no movement of people in or out of these zones, except for medical emergencies and for maintaining supply of essential goods and services.
 - iii. There shall be intensive house-to-house surveillance by surveillance teams formed for the purpose.
 - iv. Testing shall be carried out as per prescribed protocol.
 - v. Listing of contacts shall be carried out in respect of all persons found positive, along with their tracking, identification, quarantine and follow up of contacts for 14 days (80% of contacts to be traced in 72 hours).
 - vi. Quick isolation of COVID-19 patients shall be ensured in treatment facilities/ home (subject to fulfilling the home isolation guidelines).
 - vii. Clinical interventions, as prescribed, shall be administered.
 - viii. Surveillance for ILI/ SARI cases shall be carried out in health facilities or outreach mobile units or through fever clinics in buffer zones.
 - ix. Awareness shall be created in communities on COVID-19 appropriate behaviour.
8. **It shall be the responsibility of local district, police and municipal authorities to ensure that the prescribed Containment measures are**


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strictly followed. State/ UT Governments shall ensure accountability of the officers concerned in this regard.

Strict adherence to the prescribed SOPs

9. All activities have been permitted outside Containment Zones, except for the following, which have been permitted with certain restrictions:
 - i. International air travel of passengers, as permitted by MHA.
 - ii. Cinema halls and theatres, with upto 50% capacity.
 - iii. Swimming pools, only for training of sports persons.
 - iv. Exhibition halls, only for business to business (B2B) purposes.
 - v. Social/ religious/ sports/ entertainment/ educational/ cultural/ religious gatherings, with upto a maximum of 50% of the hall capacity, with a ceiling of 200 persons in closed spaces; and keeping of the size of the ground/ space in view, in open spaces.However, based on their assessment of the situation, State/ UT Governments may reduce the ceiling to 100 persons or less, in closed spaces.
10. SOPs have been prescribed for various activities. These include: movement by passenger trains; air travel; metro trains; schools; higher educational institutions; hotels and restaurants; shopping malls, multiplexes and entertainment parks; yoga centres and gymnasiums; assemblies and congregations, etc.
11. For ease of reference, the list of activity wise SOPs with their web-links is given at Annexure II.
12. The SOPs shall be strictly enforced by the authorities concerned, who shall be responsible for their strict observance.

Local restrictions

13. States and UTs, based on their assessment of the situation, may impose local restrictions, with a view to contain the spread of COVID-19 such as night curfew. However, State/ UT Governments shall not impose any local lockdown (State/ District/ sub-division/City level), outside the containment zones, without prior consultation with the Central Government.
14. States and UTs also need to enforce social distancing in offices. In cities, where the weekly Case Positivity Rate is in more than 10%, States and UTs concerned shall consider implementing staggered office timings and other suitable measures, with a view to reduce the number of employees attending office at the same time, thereby ensuring social distancing.
15. There shall be no restriction on inter-State and intra-State movement of persons and goods including those for cross land-border trade under

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Treaties with neighbouring countries. No separate permission/ approval/ e-permit will be required for such movements.

Protection of vulnerable persons

16. Persons above 65 years of age, persons with co-morbidities, pregnant women, and children below the age of 10 years are advised to stay at home, except for essential and health purposes.

Use of *Aarogya Setu*

17. *Aarogya Setu* enables early identification of potential risk of infection, and thus acts as a shield for individuals and the community.
18. With a view to ensuring safety in offices and work places, employers on best effort basis should ensure that *Aarogya Setu* is installed by all employees having compatible mobile phones.
19. Organizations and Business entities with 50 or more employees are encouraged to avail the *Aarogya Setu* OpenAPI Service (<https://openapi.aarogyasetu.gov.in>). OpenAPI feature will facilitate Organisations and employees to return to work in a COVID 19 risk free environment.
20. District authorities may advise individuals to install the *Aarogya Setu application* on compatible mobile phones and regularly update their health status on the app. This will facilitate timely provision of medical attention to those individuals who are at risk.

Strict enforcement of the guidelines

21. State/ UT Governments shall not dilute these guidelines issued under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, in any manner.
22. For the enforcement of social distancing, State/ UT Governments may, as far as possible, use the provisions of Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) of 1973.
23. All the District Magistrates shall strictly enforce the above measures.

Penal provisions

24. Any person violating these 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, and other legal provisions as applicable. Extracts of these penal provisions are at **Annexure III**.


Union Home Secretary

and, Chairman, National Executive Committee

LIST OF SOPS PRESCRIBED FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES

| S No | Name of Activity | SOP issue date | Weblink |
|------|---|------------------------|---|
| 1 | Sign-on and sign-off of Indian Seafarers at Indian Ports and their movement | 21.04.20 | https://www.mha.gov.in/sites/default/files/MHAOrder_21042020_0.pdf |
| 2 | Movement of Indian Nationals stranded outside the country and of specified persons to travel abroad | Revised on 22.08.20 | https://www.civilaviation.gov.in/sites/default/files/MHA_SOP_dtd_22_08_2020_on_international_travel_under_Vande_Bharat_and_Bubble_flights.pdf |
| 3 | Movement of persons by train | 19.05.20 | https://www.mha.gov.in/sites/default/files/MHA%20Order%20Dt.%2019.5.2020%20reg.%20revised%20SoPs%20on%20movement%20of%20stranded%20workers%20by%20trains.pdf |
| 4 | Domestic air travel of passengers | 25.05.20 | https://www.civilaviation.gov.in/sites/default/files/Order_dated_25th_May_2020_on_recommencement_of_domestic_air_services.pdf |
| 5 | Religious places/ places of worship | 04.06.20 | https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/2SoPstobefollowedinReligiousPlaces.pdf |
| 6 | Hotels, restaurants and other hospitality services | 04.06.20 | https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/3SoPstobefollowedinRestaurants.pdf |
| 7 | Shopping Malls | 04.06.20 | https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/4SoPstobefollowedinShoppingMalls.pdf |
| 8 | Offices | 04.06.20 | https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/1SoPstobefollowedinOffices.pdf#_blank |
| 9 | Training Institutions of the Central and State Governments | 05.07.20 | https://dopt.gov.in/sites/default/files/Scan101.pdf |
| 10 | Yoga Institutes and gymnasiums | 03.08.20 | https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/Guidelinesonyogainstitutesandgymnasiums03082020.pdf |

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| 11 | Metro Rail | 03.09.20 | http://mohua.gov.in/cms/covid19metrosop.php |
| 12 | Skill or entrepreneurship training institutions, higher educational institutions conducting doctoral courses and post graduate studies in technical & professional programs requiring laboratory /experimental work. | 08.09.20 | https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/FinalSOPonSkillinstitutions&PGinstitutes08092020.pdf |
| 13 | Schools | 05.10.20 | https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/SOP_Guidelines_for_reopening_schools.pdf |
| 14 | Cinema hall/ theatres/ multiplex | 06.10.20 | https://mib.gov.in/sites/default/files/SOP%20for%20exhibition%20of%20films.pdf |
| 15 | Festivals | 06.10.20 | https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/StandardOperatingProceduresonpreventivemeasurestocontainspreadofCOVID19duringfestivities.pdf#_blank |
| 16 | Colleges/ Higher Education Institution | 07.11.20 | https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/1360511_UC-C-Guidelines-for-Re-opening-of-Universities-and-Colleges.pdf |
| 17 | Entertainment parks and similar places | 08.10.20 | https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/SOPonpreventivemeasurestobefollowedinEntertainmentParksandsimilarplacestocontainspreadofCOVID19.pdf |
| 18 | Anganwadi Kendra | 11.11.20 | https://wcd.nic.in/sites/default/files/AWC%20services%20continuation_0.pdf |
| 19 | Various congregations | - | Issued by the respective States/ UTs |

ANNEXURE "II"

Subject: SOP for Religious Places/Places of worship-Regarding.

1. Organizations managing the affairs of various places of worship are mandatory required to set up COVID-19 Safety Committees, which may consist of their volunteers/sevadars/employees. These committees shall be required to ensure adherence to this SOP at all times. The District Magistrates shall be required to ensure compliance in this regard.
2. Persons above 60 years of age, persons with co-morbidities, pregnant women and children below the age of 10 years are advised to stay at home. Organizations managing the religious institutions are required to enforce this at their level.
3. All visitors are required to maintain distance of 6 feet from each other in these places at all times, even when queuing up for entry
4. All visitors are to be allowed entry only if they are using face covers/ masks
5. Only asymptomatic persons would be allowed entry into the premises
6. People should be made to wash their hands and feet with soap and water before entering the premises. Necessary facilities shall be provided for this purpose by the organizations managing the premises.
7. Touching of statue, Idols or holy books etc, should not be permitted.
8. Physical offerings like sprinkling of Holy water, Prasad etc., should be avoided.
9. Sanitization of the premises should be done at regular Interval, the timing for which should be fixed by the managing organizations. Frequent cleaning and disinfection roster should be maintained by the management of each place of worship.
10. Installation and use of Aarogya Setu App shall be mandatory for all visitors.
11. Staggering of the visitors should be done to prevent any crowding
12. Shoes/Footwear should be preferably taken off inside own vehicles

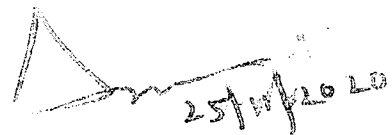
13. Common prayer mats/Durrees should not be used and wherever required, devotees shall carry their own individual mats which shall be taken along
14. Community kitchens/Langers/Bhojaralyas/Food Courts etc., should be allowed to function only subject to norms of physical distancing, while preparing and distributing food.
15. There has to be very effective sanitization of lavatories, hand and foot washing stations/areas, railings, door knobs, etc. Sanitization staff or volunteers have to be provided necessary disinfectants prescribed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Gol.
16. Proper disposal of face covers/masks; gloves and other leftovers by the pilgrims should be ensured.
17. All places of worship will maintain a list of persons (with contactable details) entering their places, which may be required for the purpose of contact tracing subsequently by the concerned District administration
18. In case of a suspected or a conformed COVID case in the premises, the persons should be isolated in an area, he should be immediately reported to the nearest health facility and necessary COVID protocol should be initiated.

NATIONAL DIRECTIVES FOR COVID-19 MANAGEMENT

1. **Face coverings:** Wearing of face cover is compulsory in public places; in workplaces; and during transport.
2. **Social distancing:** Individuals must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet (2 gaz ki doori) in public places.
Shops will ensure physical distancing among customers.
3. **Spitting in public places** will be punishable with fine, as may be prescribed by the State/ UT local authority in accordance with its laws, rules or regulations.

Additional directives for Work Places

4. **Work from home (WfH):** As far as possible the practice of WfH should be followed.
5. **Staggering of work/ business hours** will be followed in offices, work places, shops, markets and industrial & commercial establishments.
6. **Screening & hygiene:** Provision for thermal scanning, hand wash or sanitizer will be made at all entry points and of hand wash or sanitizer at exit points and common areas.
7. **Frequent sanitization** of entire workplace, common facilities and all points which come into human contact e.g. door handles etc., will be ensured, including between shifts.
8. **Social distancing:** All persons in charge of work places will ensure adequate distance between workers, adequate gaps between shifts, staggering the lunch breaks of staff, etc.

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Offences and Penalties for Violation of Lockdown Measures**A. Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005**

51. Punishment for obstruction, etc.—Whoever, without reasonable cause —

- (a) obstructs any officer or employee of the Central Government or the State Government, or a person authorised by the National Authority or State Authority or District Authority in the discharge of his functions under this Act; or
- (b) refuses to comply with any direction given by or on behalf of the Central Government or the State Government or the National Executive Committee or the State Executive Committee or the District Authority under this Act,

shall on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine, or with both, and if such obstruction or refusal to comply with directions results in loss of lives or imminent danger thereof, shall on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years.

52. Punishment for false claim.—Whoever knowingly makes a claim which he knows or has reason to believe to be false for obtaining any relief, assistance, repair, reconstruction or other benefits consequent to disaster from any officer of the Central Government, the State Government, the National Authority, the State Authority or the District Authority, shall, on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, and also with fine.

53. Punishment for misappropriation of money or materials, etc.—Whoever, being entrusted with any money or materials, or otherwise being, in custody of, or dominion over, any money or goods, meant for providing relief in any threatening disaster situation or disaster, misappropriates or appropriates for his own use or disposes of such money or materials or any part thereof or wilfully compels any other person so to do, shall on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, and also with fine.

54. Punishment for false warning.—Whoever makes or circulates a false alarm or warning as to disaster or its severity or magnitude, leading to panic, shall on conviction, be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to one year or with fine.

55. Offences by Departments of the Government.—(1) Where an offence under this Act has been committed by any Department of the Government, the head of the Department shall be deemed to be guilty of the offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly unless he proves that the offence was committed without his

knowledge or that he exercised all due diligence to prevent the commission of such offence.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), where an offence under this Act has been committed by a Department of the Government and it is proved that the offence has been committed with the consent or connivance of, or is attributable to any neglect on the part of, any officer, other than the head of the Department, such officer shall be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

56. Failure of officer in duty or his connivance at the contravention of the provisions of this Act.—Any officer, on whom any duty has been imposed by or under this Act and who ceases or refuses to perform or withdraws himself from the duties of his office shall, unless he has obtained the express written permission of his official superior or has other lawful excuse for so doing, be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine.

57. Penalty for contravention of any order regarding requisitioning.—If any person contravenes any order made under section 65, he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine or with both.

58. Offence by companies.—(1) Where an offence under this Act has been committed by a company or body corporate, every person who at the time the offence was committed, was in charge of, and was responsible to, the company, for the conduct of the business of the company, as well as the company, shall be deemed to be guilty of the contravention and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly:

Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall render any such person liable to any punishment provided in this Act, if he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or that he exercised due diligence to prevent the commission of such offence.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), where an offence under this Act has been committed by a company, and it is proved that the offence was committed with the consent or connivance of or is attributable to any neglect on the part of any director, manager, secretary or other officer of the company, such director, manager, secretary or other officer shall also, be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

Explanation.—For the purpose of this section—

- (a) “company” means anybody corporate and includes a firm or other association of individuals; and
- (b) “director”, in relation to a firm, means a partner in the firm.

59. **Previous sanction for prosecution.**—No prosecution for offences punishable under sections 55 and 56 shall be instituted except with the previous sanction of the Central Government or the State Government, as the case may be, or of any officer authorised in this behalf, by general or special order, by such Government.

60. **Cognizance of offences.**—No court shall take cognizance of an offence under this Act except on a complaint made by—

- (a) the National Authority, the State Authority, the Central Government, the State Government, the District Authority or any other authority or officer authorised in this behalf by that Authority or Government, as the case may be; or
- (b) any person who has given notice of not less than thirty days in the manner prescribed, of the alleged offence and his intention to make a complaint to the National Authority, the State Authority, the Central Government, the State Government, the District Authority or any other authority or officer authorised as aforesaid.

B. Section 188 in the Indian Penal Code, 1860

188. **Disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant.**—Whoever, knowing that, by an order promulgated by a public servant lawfully empowered to promulgate such order, he is directed to abstain from a certain act, or to take certain order with certain property in his possession or under his management, disobeys such direction, shall, if such disobedience causes or tends to cause obstruction, annoyance or injury, or risk of obstruction, annoyance or injury, to any person lawfully employed, be punished with simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to one month or with fine which may extend to two hundred rupees, or with both; and if such disobedience causes or tends to cause danger to human life, health or safety, or causes or tends to cause a riot or affray, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or with both.

Explanation.—It is not necessary that the offender should intend to produce harm, or contemplate his disobedience as likely to produce harm. It is sufficient that he knows of the order which he disobeys, and that his disobedience produces, or is likely to produce, harm.

Illustration

An order is promulgated by a public servant lawfully empowered to promulgate such order, directing that a religious procession shall not pass down a certain street. A knowingly disobeys the order, and thereby causes danger of riot. A has committed the offence defined in this section.
