

जिलाधीश का कार्यालय  
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE  
दक्षिण अंडमान जिला  
SOUTH ANDAMAN DISTRICT  
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Port Blair dated the 03<sup>rd</sup> January 2022

**ORDER NO.** 05

**WHEREAS**, several specific orders were issued by the District Administration, South Andaman from time to time to ensure compliance of the Containment Measures for COVID-19, in view of the recent surge in the positive cases.

**AND WHEREAS**, the Union Home Secretary and Chairperson, National Executive Committee (NEC), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India vide No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 27<sup>th</sup> December 2021 has directed that the Order of Ministry of Home Affairs of even number dated 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021 was issued to ensure compliance to the containment measures of COVID -19 as conveyed by MoH&FW, Govt. of India vide D.O.No.Z.28015/85/2021-DM Cell dated 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021 which was further extended for a period upto 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 vide order of even numbers dated 30<sup>th</sup> 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. D.O.No.Z.28015/318/21-EMR dated 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**AND 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 27<sup>th</sup> December 2021 to consider implementation of normative framework, as conveyed vide advisory of MoHFW's vide D. O. Letter no. D.O.No.Z.28015/318/21-EMR dated 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021 as per Annexure-I until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 and to take necessary measures, under 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 Andaman and Nicobar Islands has ordered 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 Union Territory as per the advisory issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) dated 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021 for ensuring strict compliance prescribing a normative framework for taking evidence based containment

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measures at District/Local Level for the whole of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and shall remain in force till 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

**AND WHEREAS**, in order to ensure compliance to the containment measures of isolation and social distancing in the South Andaman District with some of the strategic areas of intervention focusing on containment, test, track, surveillance, clinical management, vaccination and Covid Appropriate Behaviour to control any surge of the cases of COVID-19- Variant of Concern (VoC), "OMICRON" and also to prevent any disturbance to the peace and tranquility and taking into consideration the request of the public representatives and general public, I, Suneel Anchipaka, IAS, District Magistrate, South Andaman District, in exercise of the powers vested in me U/s 144 of Cr.P.C., hereby order the following:-

1. Night curfew shall be enforced in the entire District of South 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. Shops selling essential and non-essential items shall be allowed to open between 06:00 AM to 09:00 PM with 70% capacity of customers by observing COVID appropriate behavior. It shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/In-Charge of the shop/business establishment to ensure its compliance and he/she shall be held responsible for any violation and he/she shall be liable to be fined to the tune of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only) in addition to sealing of the shop/establishment for a period of 14 days by the Executive Magistrate and shall be liable for action under DM Act.



No movement of men and material without valid movement pass/e-pass shall be allowed after 09:00 PM.

3. Movement shall be allowed after 09:00 PM for medical emergency cases.

4. Persons engaged for essential activities for movement of goods on Andaman Trunk road, loading and unloading of essential cargo after 09:00 PM shall be allowed on production of valid movement permit issued by the Office of District Magistrate.

5. Travel of persons who intend to proceed to their destinations at mainland after 09:00 PM shall be allowed on production of valid travel documents. However, the person (one person) who intend to pick/drop after 09:00 PM, should apply for e-pass well in advance with supporting documents and the same shall be issued by the Office of District Magistrate on case to case basis.

6. Movement of officers/officials involved in providing essential services such as District Administration, Police, CISF, Health Services, ICMR, PBMC, Electricity, Shipping Services, Home Guards, Civil Defence, Tribal Welfare, Fire and Emergency Services, Defence personnel on



duty after 09:00 PM shall be permitted on production of valid Identity Cards issued by their concerned departments.

8. 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.
9. Movement of personnel involved in providing Broadcasting, all print and electronic media persons after 09:00 PM shall be allowed on production of valid movement passes to be issued by the Office of District Magistrate.
10. 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.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only) and shall also be liable for action under DM Act.
11. All POL outlets shall be opened from 05:00 AM to 09:00 PM.
12. Movement of private medical personnel such as Doctors, nursing staff, paramedics etc. attached with diagnostic centres and clinics, veterinary clinics shall be allowed after 09:00 PM on production of e-passes to be issued by the Office of District Magistrate.
13. 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.
14. 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. e-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.
15. Shipping services for Shaheed Dweep and Swaraj Dweep shall be permitted with a carrying capacity of 70% of the vessel and with strict adherence to COVID protocols.
16. 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 e-Passes needs to be obtained, which shall be strictly

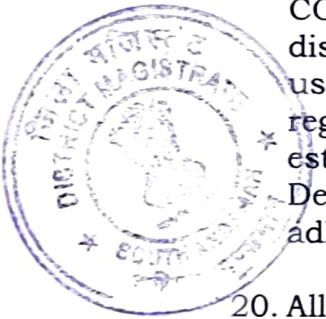


  
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permitted on case to case basis by the Office of the District Magistrate.

17. Movement of persons involved with Hotels/Restaurants and Mess for home delivery of food shall be allowed till 09:00 PM. Dine-in shall be permitted between 06:00 AM to 09:00 PM only with 70% 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. However, take away/parcel service and home delivery should be encouraged. It shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/In-Charge of the shop/business establishment to ensure its compliance and he/she shall be held responsible for any violation and shall be liable to be fined to the tune of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only) in addition to sealing of the shop/establishment for a period of 14 days by the Executive Magistrate and shall also be liable for action under DM Act.
18. Public Transport/Buses shall be allowed to ply with 70% of the capacity following COVID protocols.
19. Sale and service of liquor at licensed premises shall be permitted till 09:00 PM with 70% 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, C1, B1, B2, B3 and B4 category) issued by the Deputy Commissioner (Excise), South Andaman should be strictly adhered to.
20. All Parks/ Playgrounds/ Stadiums/Gyms and yoga institutes shall be permitted till 09:00 pm with gathering not exceeding 70% of carrying capacity of the same and with strict adherence of COVID appropriate behaviours like wearing of mask, social distancing, cough etiquettes etc. Any person violating the above directions shall be liable for fine to the tune of Rs.1,000/-, whereas the organisation shall be fined to the tune of Rs.25,000/-.
21. All Religious places/places of worship are allowed to open till 09:00 PM with gathering not exceeding a maximum of 70% of the capacity of the hall 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. The Management Committee of the religious places shall be responsible to ensure strict compliance of the COVID appropriate behaviours and any violations in this regard shall be liable for fine to the tune of Rs.25,000/- payable by the Committee.

Religious places/places of worship in containment zones shall remain closed. Only those outside containment zones will be allowed to open up.



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22. No tribal passes will be issued for southern group of islands till further orders except for official purposes/national importance and strategic projects.
23. Social gatherings shall be allowed with 70% capacity of the hall and prior permission of the District Magistrate 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. The parties concerned and management committee of the Hall/Hotel shall be responsible to ensure strict compliance of the COVID appropriate behaviours and any violations in this regard shall be liable for fine to the tune of Rs.50,000/-.
24. Theatres shall be permitted to function with 70% 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. The owner of the theatre shall be liable for fine to the tune of Rs.50,000/-, in case of any violations.
25. Academic congregations shall be allowed with 70% 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. The Owner/Proprietor of the academic institutions/coaching centre shall be responsible to ensure strict compliance of the COVID appropriate behaviours and any violations in this regard shall be liable for fine to the tune of Rs.50,000/-. Fresh SOPs in this regard shall be issued by the Education Department.
26. Indoor sports activities shall be allowed with 70% capacity and 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. The management of the indoor facility shall be responsible to ensure strict compliance and any violations of the directions shall be liable for fine to the tune of Rs.25,000/-. SOPs in this regard shall be issued by concerned department.
27. e-pass for emergency movement during restricted timings may be submitted online on <https://epass.andaman.gov.in>. The applicants/organizations submitting applications for e-pass should invariably submit valid and clear supporting documents, failing which the application will be summarily rejected.

**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 South 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 office from time to time.

This order shall come into effect from 04.01.2022 and shall remain in force till 11.01.2022. The order shall subsequently be reviewed after one week.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court on 03<sup>rd</sup> January 2022.



**OFFICE ORDER BOOK**

  
(SUNEEL ANCHIPAKA, IAS)  
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5. The Deputy Commissioner (N&M)/Nicobar for information.
6. The Superintendent of Police, SAD with the direction to ensure strict compliance of the order.
7. The Secretary (PBMC), for information and necessary action.
8. The ADM, South Andaman with the direction to ensure strict compliance of the order.
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