It is brought to the notice of the general public that the World Health Organization has declared the recent Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) as a Pandemic. Till date, it has affected more than 166 countries including China, USA, Germany, Italy, United Kingdom and Japan among others. Worldwide, a total of 207,860 cases and 8,657 deaths have been reported so far. In India a total of 166 cases have come positive so far. The infection is known to spread through droplets generated by coughing and sneezing of an infected individual or through prolonged contact with an infected individual.

The Government of India has been issuing various advisories, instructions and orders etc. to contain the spread of Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) in the nation. These include restrictions on international passenger traffic, advisory on maintaining social distancing measures amongst the members of the public etc.

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 South Andaman District, I Abhishek Dev, IAS, District Magistrate, South Andaman, in exercise of the powers vested in me u/s 144 of the Cr. P.C., do hereby direct the following:

1. All Shops and establishments to be shut with effect from midnight of 19th March, 2020, except the following:
   a. Chemist and pharmacy shops.
   b. Grocery /Kirana shops.
   c. Milk Shops/Bakeries.
   d. Vegetable/Fruit/Meat Shops.
   e. Fuel Stations of ANIIDCO.

The establishments listed above shall strictly follow the norms of Social distancing of maintaining a distance of atleast 1(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.

2. All private offices to be shut with effect from the midnight of 19th March, 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 1(one) meter from a person, as stipulated by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

3. 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 1(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 and not allowing more than 4 persons at a time, inside the premises.

4. 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 1(one) meter from a person, as stipulated by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

5. All Banks/ATMs functioning in the district 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 1(one) meter from a person, as stipulated by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, having a proper queue system and not allowing more than 4 customers at a time, inside the premises.

6. The order does not cover the operations and functioning of the Hon’ble Courts, located in the District.

7. The general public is directed to refrain from making non-essential travel and trips outside their residence, except for essential/emergency needs.

And Whereas, this order shall come in force in the South Andaman District from the Midnight of 19th March, 2020 and shall be effective till the midnight of 26th March, 2020.

And Whereas, 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/Tehsildars as well as public places of prominence, and publication in the newspapers having circulation in the district.

Any disobedience of the above order shall invite penal action u/s 188 of Indian Penal Code, 1860, against the violator(s).

Given under my hand and seal of this Court on the 19th of March, 2020

(ABHISHEK DEV, IAS)
District Magistrate
South Andaman District
F.No.1-1/DC/PA/2020

OFFICE ORDER BOOK
1. Sr. PS to the Hon’ble Lt. Governor for the kind information of HLG.
2. Sr. PS to Chief Secretary, A & N Admn. for kind information.
4. PS to Pr. Secretary(Rev.), A & N Admn. for kind information.
5. PS to Pr. Secretary(Health), A & N Admn. for kind information.
6. The Deputy Commissioner (N&M)/Nicobar for information.
7. The Superintendent of Police, SAD with the direction to ensure strict compliance of the order.
8. The Secretary (PBMC), for information and necessary action.
9. The Director(RD), for information and necessary action.
10. The SDM, South Andaman with the direction to ensure strict compliance of the order.
11. All HoDs for information and necessary action.
12. The Chief Editor, The Daily Telegrams for information and publishing in the newspaper
13. All India Radio, Port Blair for information and wide dissemination.
14. The Doordarshan Kendra, Port Blair for information and wide dissemination.