ORDER

Whereas, the National Disaster Management Authority in exercise of the power under Section 6(2) (i) of Disaster Management Act, 2005 has issued directions to take lock down measures to prevent COVID-19 in the country.

And Whereas, I, Vijendra Singh Rawat, Collector and Chairman of District Disaster Management Authority, Lakshadweep in exercise of power conferred under Sections 30 and 34 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 appoint Executive Magistrate in all islands (DCs/SDOs) as Incident Commanders in respect of their local jurisdictions. The Incident Commanders will be responsible of overall implementation of aforesaid guidelines in their respect jurisdictions. All the other line departments including Civil Supplies authorities will work under the directions of Incident Commander. The Incident Commander will issue passes for enabling essential movements.

And Whereas:-

1. All private and commercial establishments shall be closed.

Exceptions:

   a. Shops dealing with food, ration (PDS), groceries, fruit and vegetables dairy and milk booths, meat and fish, animal fodder between 10.00 AM to 05.00 PM only. However, adequate social distancing of 2 meters shall be maintained. Shop owner will have to make all arrangements for ensuring social distancing. If this instruction is not followed, penal action would be taken.

   b. Banks, insurance offices, and ATMs.

   c. Print and electronic media.

   d. Telecommunications, internet services, broadcasting and cable services. IT and IT enabled Services only (for essential services) and as far as possible to work from home.

   e. Delivery of all essential goods including food, pharmaceuticals, medical equipment through E-Commerce.
f. Petrol Pumps, LPG, Petroleum and gas retail and storage outlets.
g. Power generation, transmission and distribution units and service.
h. Cold storage and warehousing services.

All other establishments may work-from-home only.

2. Industrial Establishments will remain closed.
   Exceptions:
   a. Manufacturing units of essential commodities.
   b. Production units, which require continuous process, after obtaining required
      permission from the state Government.

3. Hospitality Services to remain suspended.
   Exceptions:
   a. Hotels, homestays, lodges and motels which are accommodating persons
      stranded due to lockdown, medical and emergency staff, air and sea crew.
   b. Establishments used/earmarked for quarantine facilities.

4. All educational, training, research, coaching institutions etc. shall remain closed.

5. All places of worship shall be closed for public. No religious congregations will be
   permitted, without any exception. DCs/SDOs & SHOs shall advise the religious
   leaders accordingly. However, in case of any doubt, DCs/SDOs can contact the
   undersigned.

6. All social/political/sports/entertainment/academic/cultural/religious functions/
   gatherings shall be barred.

7. In case of funerals, congregation of not more than twenty persons will be permitted.

8. The organisations/employers must ensure necessary precautions against COVID-
   19 virus, as well as social distance measures, as advised by the Health Department
   from time to time.

9. Supply of essential items: - Petrol/diesel shall be supplied to police, IRBN & Fire
   Service, Medical & health department and other essential services only. It should
   not be given to private individuals.

10. No dine-in service shall be allowed in hotels and restaurants. However, Kitchen can
    function for take away packed food.

11. All enforcing authorities to note that these strict restrictions fundamentally relate to
    movement of people, but not to that of essential goods.

12. Any person violating these containment 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 Sec. 188 of the IPC (as per Appendix).

13. In order to implement these containment measures, DC/SDO’s in respective islands
    are appointed as incident commanders who will be responsible for the overall
    implementation of these measures in their respective jurisdictions. All other line
    department officials in the specified area will work under the directions of such
    incident commander.
14. Incident Commander will ensure the supply of essential commodities. To assist them already an Island Level Disaster Management Committee is there comprising of:

The Island Level Disaster Management Committee

1. Deputy Collectors/SDO’s in all islands - Convener
2. Asst.Engineer/Junior Engineer, PWD - Member
3. Asst.Engineer/Junior Engineer, Electricity. - Member
4. Medical Officer, - Member
5. Circle Inspector/Sub Inspector of Police - Member
6. Information Assistant. - Member
7. Agricultural Officer/Agricultural Demonstrator - Member
8. Asst. Director Fisheries/Fisheries Inspector - Member
9. Principal/Headmaster - Member
10. Veterinary/Asst. Surgeon/Farm Manager - Member
11. Telecom Officer BSNL. - Member
12. Secretary, Co-Operative Supplies and Marketing Society - Member

15. All DCs/SDOs shall open a control room(Help line) around the clock to address the grievance of public about the availability of essential commodities and also issues related to spread of COVID-19.

16. The incident Commanders will in particular ensure that all efforts for mobilisation of resources, workers and material for augmentation and expansion of hospital infrastructure shall continue without any hindrance.

And Whereas, the above containment measures will remain in force, in all parts of the country, for a period of 21 days with effect from 25.03.2020.

Now therefore, in order to facilitate smooth and uninterrupted operations of aforesaid directions, the Incident Commanders in islands are directed to formulate strategies in consultation with other stakeholders. An action taken report in this regard shall be submitted to the undersigned (including closed holidays) by email ldmacoc@gmail.com on every day at 03.30 PM without fail.

Vijendra Singh Rawat, IAS
Collector & Chairman DDMA

To
The Deputy Collectors/Sub Divisional officers in all islands.
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PA to Hon’ble Administrator/PA to Advisor.
The Superintendent of Police, Kavaratti.
All Secretaries/HODs.