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## UPDATE ON COVID 2019 ADVISORIES AND NOTIFICATIONS (20 March 2020)

### News Updates

#### **Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India addressed the nation on combating the challenge of COVID-19.**

The Prime Minister addressed the nation on combating the challenge of COVID-19. He announced the creation of a 'COVID-19 Economic Response Task Force' chaired by the Finance Minister to address the economic challenges of the pandemic.

#### **International commercial passenger aircraft not allowed to land in India from 22 March 2020 for one week**

The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has issued a travel advisory that no scheduled international commercial passenger aircraft shall take off from any foreign airport for any airport in India after 0001 hrs GMT of March 22.

### Central Advisories

#### **Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Government of India issues guidelines for the training institutes**

The Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Government of India has issued a notifications to all the training institutions in India laying down the guidelines to be followed by them to prevent the measures to be taken to contain the spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

#### **Department of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Government of India lays down preventive measures for the government officials**

The Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) has issued directives for government employees to contain the spread of COVID-19. The fresh instructions have been issued in continuation of the office memorandum dated March 17. These instructions do not apply to the offices and employees engaged in essential/emergency services and those directly engaged in taking measures to control spread of Covid-19.

### **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) issues guidelines for notifying COVID-19 affected patients by Private Institutions and Quarantine facilities**

These guidelines by the government prescribe a comprehensive method of prevention and timely separation of affected patients. As per the guidelines it is utmost important that each case (suspects/confirmed) of COVID-19 is isolated and provided appropriate treatment and their contacts are traced at the earliest to break the chain of transmission and private sector engagement is imperative.

### **Ministry of Health & Family Welfare issues Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for passenger movement post disembarkation at airports**

The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has issued SOP's for international passengers as a preventive measure against the spread of Coronavirus. The SOP details out the different layers of screening of passengers after they disembark in the country.

## **State Advisories**

### **Government of Arunachal Pradesh cancels all visitors and tourist inner line permits (ILP)**

Manipur, Nagaland, Mizoram & Arunachal Pradesh has stopped issuing ILP from 21 March till further notice. No visitors will be allowed entry in these states till 15 April.

### **Home Department, Government of Sikkim forbids the entry of new labourers in factories from outside the state**

Chief Secretary, Government of Sikkim has directed all private companies to stop the entry of new labourers in the state. The companies have been asked to work closely with the local medical authorities and avoid concentration of large number workers at one place.

### **West Bengal Government shortens office hours by 1 hour**

In a notification issued by the Government of Bengal it has allowed all the government officials to leave office at 1600 hrs till 31 March. This comes as a precautionary measure to tackle the spread of COVID.

### **Uttarakhand bans entry of domestic and foreign tourists**

In the wake of coronavirus spread, the Uttarakhand government announced a ban on the entry of domestic and foreign tourists into the state till further notice. The state government also announced allocation of Rs 50 crore for the creation of more intensive care units and isolation wards to battle the outbreak.

## **International Advisories**

### **Indonesia closes borders over Covid-19**

At midnight of 19 March 2020, Indonesia closed its borders to foreign visitors and prohibited citizens from leaving the country for a month due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

### **President Trump signs coronavirus aid package with paid sick leave, free testing**

President Trump signed into a law a \$1 trillion emergency aid package aimed at helping Americans impacted by the coronavirus. The measure was approved by the US Congress and includes provisions offering paid leave benefits to Americans, increased unemployment benefits and free testing for the virus.

### **Temporary suspension of entry of Foreign Nationals in Myanmar with entry visa through border check points**

With a view to preventing importation and spread of COVID-19, the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has temporarily suspended entry of foreign nationals through any border check point being opened between Myanmar and its neighbouring countries.

### **Russia Restricts Entry of Foreigners from March 18 to May 1 Amid COVID19 risk**

The Government of the Russian Federation has introduced temporary restrictions on entry of foreign citizens to the Russian Federation in order to counter the further spread of the coronavirus infection

### **The Ministry of Manpower, Singapore urges firms to impose leave of absence on employees who returned from overseas between March 14 and 20.**

The Ministry of Manpower has urged companies to impose a leave of absence (LOA) on employees who returned from overseas between March 14 and 20, before a mandatory stay-home requirement for all those entering Singapore kicks in. Employers who place their staff on this voluntary LOA will be able to claim daily support under a programme by the MOM aimed at alleviating the companies' financial burden during the Covid-19 outbreak.

### **New Zealand Advice on overseas travel**

New Zealand Government has advised its citizens not to travel overseas at this time due to the outbreak of COVID-19, associated health risks and travel restrictions.

### **Ban on Entry into Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.**

The Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste has put a temporary ban on the entry of foreign nationals of 147 countries, affected by the COVID-19, including India, in response to the declaration of the COVID 19 as pandemic by WHO. The order takes effect from March 18, 2020 and will be subject to four weeks periodical review.

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