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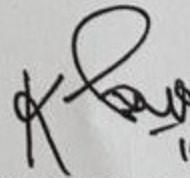
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1. The State Government has been very considerate and sympathetic to the concerns, issues posed by tourism stakeholders and tourism service providers in implementing a middle path in allowing tourists and travelers visiting Sikkim without valid negative RT-PCR Certificate to be screened at entry check posts and ensuring that such tourists or travelers are subjected to Rapid Antigen Test prior before being allowed to enter Sikkim.
2. However, the increasing instances of Covid cases suggests that more rigorous steps are to be taken by Hotels, Restaurants, Tour Operators and Tourism service providers and in exercising vigilance to monitor tourists and travelers for symptoms and having suspect cases subjected to RT-PCR testing, in order that persons found positive and infected are isolated and do not pose threat to the community in spreading the infections.
3. Negative RT-PCR tests obtained within 72 hours prior to entry in Sikkim, are to be strictly checked at the Hotels and various accommodation units before allowing Tourists and Travelers to stay in the premises.
4. SOP and Covid Protocols directed by the State and by the Tourism & Civil Aviation Department are to be strictly enforced. The Department officials have been directed to undertake surprise inspections and those establishments, tourism service providers found violating Government directives and Covid protocols would be subjected to severe penalties and even cancellation of registration in case of repeated violations.
5. All Tourist Stakeholder Associations-Presidents, Secretaries and office bearers are to strictly advise their member establishments to comply with Government Directives and discharge the responsibility of containing Covid infections seriously and with utmost sincerity.

By Order



19 April 2021

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**Additional Chief Secretary,
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To,

- (i) All Tourism Stakeholders Organizations (TAAS, ASTHA, SAATO, SUTO, SHRA, ORHAS, HAS, SPA, SAMA, Luxury Vehicles),
- (ii) All Hotels, Restaurants, Tour and Travel Operators and other Tourism Service providers.