ORDER

Whereas it is imperative to adopt strict social distancing and isolation measures to contain the spread of COVID-19, which is playing havoc in many countries across the world, including India;

And Whereas, the Government Odisha, vide Revenue & DM (Disaster Management) Department Notification No.1706/R&DM(DM) dated 13th March 2020, has declared COVID-19 as a 'Disaster' under section 2(d) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 for the State of Odisha;

And Whereas, the Government of Odisha, in exercise of powers conferred under section 2 of the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897 and the Odisha COVID-19 Regulation, 2020 has ordered lockdown of the entire State till 9 pm of 29th March 2020; and

And Whereas, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Government of India in exercise of powers conferred under section 6(2)(i) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 has directed the State Governments / State Authorities to take measures for ensuring social distancing so as to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and directed the National Executive Committee constituted under the said Act to issue necessary guidelines in this regard; and

And Whereas, the National Executive Committee in pursuance of the said order of the NDMA and in exercise of its power under section 10(2)(i) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 has issued necessary guidelines to the State Governments vide its order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 24th March, 2020;

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the said order of the NDMA, Government of India, the State Government do hereby order lockdown in the entire State of Odisha until midnight of 14th April, 2020 with a view to ensure strict social distancing and isolation to contain the spread of COVID-19.

The lockdown will have the following stipulations:

1. People are required to stay at home and come out only for basic services while strictly following the social distancing guidelines and any other order(s)/ instruction(s) issued by the appropriate authorities from time to time.

Exceptions:

Defence, Central Armed Police Forces, Treasury, public utilities (including petroleum, CNG, LPG, PNG), disaster management, power generation and transmission units, post offices, National Informatics Centre, early warning agencies.

(a) Term 'Treasury' includes, pay & Accounts Offices, Financial Advisers and field offices of the Controller General of Accounts, with bare minimum staff.

(b) Customs clearance at ports/ airport/land border; GSTN; and MCA 21 Registry, with bare minimum staff.

(c) Reserve Bank of India and RBI regulated financial markets and entities like NPCI, CCIL, payment system operators and standalone primary dealers, with bare minimum staff.

3. Offices of the Government of Odisha, its Autonomous Bodies, Corporations, etc. shall remain closed.

Exceptions:

(a) Police, Home Guards, Civil Defence, Fire and Emergency services, Disaster management, and Prisons.

(b) District administration (Collector, Sub Collector, Tahasil & Block) and Treasury (term 'Treasury' includes, field offices of the Accountant General, with bare minimum staff).

(c) Health Department and all its subordinate offices including corporations/ societies.

(d) Electricity, water, sanitation.

(e) Municipal bodies—Only staff required for essential services like sanitation, personnel related to water supply, etc.

(f) Resident Commissioner of Odisha, in New Delhi with bare minimum staff, for coordinating COVID-19 related activities and internal kitchen operations.

(g) Forest offices staff/ workers required to operate and maintain zoo, nurseries wildlife fire-fighting in forests, watering plantations, patrolling and their necessary transport/ movement.

(h) Social Welfare Department, with bare minimum staff, for operations of Home for children/disables/senior citizens/ destitute/ women/widows, Observation homes and pensions.

(i) Any other Department(s)/ Office(s) notified from time to time by State Government.

The above offices mentioned as exception under Clause 1 & 2 should work with minimum number of employees. All other offices may continue to work from home only.
4. Hospitals and all related medical establishments, including their manufacturing and distribution units, both in public and private sector, such as dispensaries, chemist and medical equipment shops, laboratories, clinics, nursing homes, ambulance, etc. will continue to remain functional. The transportation for all medical personnel, nurses, paramedical staff and other hospital support services shall be permitted.

*(Hospitals include veterinary hospitals; pharmacies (including Jan Aushadhi Kendra) and pharmaceutical research labs.)*

5. Commercial and private establishments shall be closed down.

Exceptions:

(a) Shops, including ration shops (under PDS), dealing with food, groceries, fruits and vegetables, dairy and milk booths, meat and fish, animal feed & fodder, seeds and pesticides including their transportation, warehousing and related activities. However, district authorities may encourage and facilitate home delivery to minimize the movement of individuals outside their homes.

(b) Take away and home delivery restaurants including dhabas. Home delivery by operators/ online delivery services such as Amazon, Flipkart, Swiggy, Zomato, Myntra, KFC, Pizza Hut, Dominos, Uber Eats, Blue Dart, DTDC, Big Basket, Grofers, Urban Clap, etc.

(c) Delivery of all essential goods including food, pharmaceuticals, medical equipment through E-commerce.

(d) Retailers of food & grocery items such as Big Bazaar, Reliance Fresh, OMFED, OPOLFED, Chilika Fresh, Spencers etc. They are also allowed to provide home delivery services.

(e) Banks, insurance offices, and ATMs including IT Vendors for banking operation; Banking Correspondent and ATM operation and cash management agencies.

(f) Print, electronic and social media.

(g) Telecommunications, internet services, broadcasting and cable services/ DTH. IT and IT enabled Services (ITeS) (as far as possible to work from home).

(h) Petrol pumps, LPG, Petroleum and gas retail and storage outlets.

(i) Power generation, transmission and distribution units and services.

(j) Data and Call Centres.

(k) Capital and debt market services as notified by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).

(l) Cold storage, Warehousing services and Packaging Units including their transportation.

(m) Private security services.

All other establishments may work from home only.

6. Industrial Establishments will remain closed.

Exceptions:
(a) Manufacturing units of essential goods, including drugs, pharmaceutical, medical devices, their raw material & intermediates.

(b) Production units, which require continuous process, after obtaining required permission from the State Government.

(c) Production, transportation, supply of explosives and activities incidental to mining operations.

(d) Any service or establishment dealing with the production, supply or distribution of coal, power, steel or fertilizers.

(e) Operation of mines of iron ore, coking coal, thermal coal, limestone, dolomite, manganese, chromite, bauxite etc. as well as operations of ferroalloys, iron ore pellet plants etc. which are supply critical raw material for production of steel and aluminum.

(f) Manufacturing units of packaging material for food items, drugs, pharmaceutical and medical devices and other essential commodities.

7. All transport services such as air, rail and roadways will remain suspended. Private vehicles will not be allowed to ply during the lockdown period except those belonging to persons engaged in organisations/ agencies permitted to operate. Such persons should carry appropriate authorization and ID documents.

Exceptions:

(a) Transportation of all goods. All goods carriers, whether loaded or unloaded.

(b) Fire, law and order and emergency services.

(c) Operations of railways, airports and seaports for cargo movement, relief and evacuation and their related operational organizations.

(d) Inter-state movement of goods/ cargo for inland and exports.

(e) Cross land border movement of essential goods including petroleum products and LPG, food products, medical supplies.

(f) Transport to and from hospitals.

8. Hospitality Services to remain suspended.

Exceptions:

(a) Hotels, homestays, lodges and motels, which are accommodating tourists and persons stranded due to lockdown, medical and emergency staff, air and sea crew.

(b) Establishments used or earmarked for quarantine facilities.

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

10. All places of worship shall be closed for public. No religious congregations will be permitted, without any exception.

11. All Government, social, political, sports, entertainment, academic, cultural or religious functions/ gatherings shall be barred.

12. All congregations of more than 5 persons are prohibited in public places.
13. In case of funerals, congregation of not more than twenty persons will be permitted. Social distancing guidelines are to be followed.

14. All persons who have arrived into India after 15.02.2020 and such other persons, who have been directed by health care personnel, shall remain under strict home/institutional quarantine for the period as decided by local Health Authorities, failing which they will be liable to be prosecuted as per law.

15. Wherever exceptions to above containment measures have been allowed, the organisations or 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.

16. Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs) shall take necessary measures for ensuring social distancing and for maintaining essential services. If any violation is found, it is the duty of President or Secretary of RWA to inform the local enforcement authorities.

17. Landlords or house-owners or RWAs shall not harass or force any doctors or paramedical staff or healthcare personnel all over the State of Odisha to vacate their rented residences. Such behavior will amount to obstructing public servant engaged in Disaster Mitigation and essential services in discharging their duties and shall be penalized as per law, as mentioned in Clause 25 of this order.

18. Private establishments (including private security) that support the above services or are linked to the efforts for containment of COVID-19 will remain open. If there is any doubt as to whether a service establishment is essential or not, the Collector and District Magistrate/ Municipal Commissioner shall be the competent authority to decide.

19. All Employers shall make payments of wages/salaries to workers/employees, including those working on contractual and outsourcing basis during the lockdown period.

20. All pregnant women who are expected to deliver in the ensuing months shall be listed, monitored and assisted by field personnel of Department of Health & Family Welfare, to ensure institutional delivery.

21. In order to implement these containment measures, all Tahsildars in the State are designated as Incident Commanders in their respective local jurisdictions. In addition, the Police Commissioner/District Magistrate may deploy additional Executive Magistrates as Incident Commanders in the respective local jurisdictions. The Incident Commander 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. The Incident Commander will issue passes for enabling essential movements as explained.

22. Police Commissioner, Collector, ADM, CDM&PHO, DCP, Sub-Collector, Tahasildar, B.D.O, Municipal Commissioner and Executive Officer of Urban Local Bodies are hereby authorized to take all necessary actions for enforcement and implementation of the aforesaid measures. Local police shall render necessary assistance as and when requisitioned by the aforementioned officers.

23. All enforcing authorities to note that these strict restrictions fundamentally relate to movement of people, but not that of goods.
24. The Incident Commanders will in particular ensure that all efforts for mobilization of resources, workers and material for augmentation and expansion of hospital infrastructure shall continue without any hindrance.

25. Any person violating these containment measures will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of sections 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action under Sec. 188 of the Indian Penal Code.

26. In case of any doubt, the State Government in R&DM (Disaster Management) Department will issue necessary directions or clarifications.

27. The above containment measures will remain in force, in all parts of the State up to midnight of 14.4.2020.

By order of the Governor

Chief Secretary, Odisha

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