CIRCULAR

Ref:- Acad/Term&Vac/2020-21/453, dated 11/02/2020.
MHA Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 30/5/2020

Vide circular referred above date of re-opening of the schools was communicated to all the schools under the jurisdiction of this Directorate. However, due to the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs dated 30/05/2020 in view of Covid-19 pandemic the same is deferred and no students will be permitted in the schools, coaching classes etc.

The fresh dates for re-opening of the schools will be communicated shortly after consultation with the stakeholders as per the guidelines referred above and in line with further guidelines to be issued by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Ministry of Human Resource Development.

During this time before the re-opening, the schools are advised to support their students in every possible way making the best use of technology. The training imparted by the Directorate in collaboration with State Council of Educational Research and Training may be put to the best possible use to conduct online classes wherever possible.

Suggestive list of resources is annexed hereto.

( Vandana Rao, IAS )
Director of Education

Encl:- As above
To: As per list enclosed.
To be circulated to the following:

1. All Heads of Government/Government Aided & Unaided Primary/Middle/Secondary/Higher Secondary & Special Schools in the State of Goa.
2. The Dy. Director of Education, North/South/Central Educational Zone, Mapusa/Margao/Panaji-Goa.
3. The Chairman, Goa Board of Sec and Hr. Sec Education, Porvorim-Goa.
6. The State Project Director, Goa Samagra Shiksha, Porvorim-Goa.
7. The Principal, Govt. Technical High School Centre, Panaji/Mapusa -Goa
8. The Director, Directorate of Sports & Youth Affairs, Campal-Goa
9. The Director, Directorate of Art & Culture, Directorate of Art & Culture, Panaji-Goa
10. The Curator, Central Library, Patto, Panaji-Goa.
11. All the Associations Registered with this Directorate.
12. Shri Dayanand Chawdikar, O.S.D. to C.M., Ministerial Block, Porvorim-Goa.
13. The Chairman, Kala Academy, Campal, Panaji-Goa.
15. The Executive Director, Sports Authority of Goa, Dr. Shyamaprasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium, 1st floor, East Wing, Goa University Complex, Bambolim-Goa.
16. The A.D.E.I.s of all Talukas.
17. The Nodal Officer, IT, for uploading on website
ANNEXURE

National Council of Educational Research and Training
Stay Safe from Coronavirus (COVID-19) and Learn at Home

Access and use Digital initiatives of NCERT under the aegis of MHRD-Govt. of India

ePathshala for Digital Books and eContents: Using ePathshala web portal and mobile app (Android, iOS, Windows) students, teachers, teacher educators and parents can access more than 600 digital books including 377 e-textbooks (classes I to XII) and 3500 audios and videos of NCERT for free in various languages (Hindi, English, Sanskrit and Urdu). Access e-Pathshala free on: epathshala.nic.in

SWAYAM for Online Courses: NCERT has launched 28 online courses for students (Classes XI & XII) and teachers on SWAYAM portal. Students and teachers can access all the course modules (text, videos and assessment questions) free by logging on to: swayam.gov.in

Swayam Prabha for ETV Programmes: e-Contents of NCERT are telecast on *Kishore Manch* DTH TV channel on 24×7 basis for students of classes IX to XII in all subjects. Students can utilize TV sets to watch educational videos for free and enhance their knowledge by connecting to NCERT’s SWAYAM Prabha channel #31. The channel can be accessed on DD Free Dish Channel #128; Dish TV Channel #2370, TataSky #756, Airtel #440, Videocon #477 and Jio TV Mobile App and on swayamprabha.gov.in. Viewers can interact with experts on Toll Free Number: 1800111265, 1800112199, Email ID: kishoremanch@ciel.nic.in, Video programmes can be accessed on Official YouTube Channel of NCERT: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTQ5s92hGqLX6p7qY9BrSA/featured

NISHTHA: National Initiatives for School Heads’ and Teachers’ Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA) is an integrated Teacher Training Portal and Mobile App (Android) created for capacity building programme of 42 lakhs Elementary School Teachers (Classes I to VIII). Pupil teachers, Teachers can access all course modules, videos, audios and other material free online any time anywhere by logging on to: nishtha.gov.in

NROER: National Repository of Open Educational Resources (NROER) web portal is a store house of e-contents for students, teachers, teacher educators and parents. There are about 17,500 e-contents of NCERT and other collaborative partners available on NROER for free in various school subjects (Classes I to XII). These curriculum-based e-contents can be accessed by logging on to: nroer.gov.in. These contents are also available on official YouTube channel of NCERT.

DIKSHA: Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing (DIKSHA) portal and mobile app have been created by MHRD-Govt. of India. It is a store house of large number of e-books and econtents created by states/UTs and National level organizations including NCERT. The eTextbooks of NCERT and mapped e-contents mapped with QR Codes are available on DIKSHA. Log on to: https://diksha.gov.in/ https://diksha.gov.in/ncert/

Alternative Academic Calendar: An Alternative Academic Calendar has been developed for all the level of School Education to facilitate its use by students and teachers and learn from home.

Webinar on ICTs in Education: In order to orient the teachers on various ICT tools for teaching – learning and assessment, a Webinar has been planned and executed, which could be seen on “Kishore Manch DTH TV” and NCERT official Youtube channel.

Online Quiz on the Constitution of India: To sensitize the students on the Constitution of India, an online quiz has been created and available on diksha.gov.in
ORDER

Whereas, an Order of even number dated 17.05.2020 was issued for containment of COVID-19 in the country, for a period upto 31.05.2020;

Whereas, in exercise of the powers under section 6(2)(i) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has directed the undersigned to issue an order to extend the lockdown in Containment Zones upto 30.06.2020, and to re-open prohibited activities in a phased manner in areas outside Containment Zones;

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 10(2)(l) of the Disaster Management Act 2005, the undersigned hereby directs that guidelines, as Annexed, will remain in force upto 30.06.2020.

[Signature]
Union Home Secretary

and, Chairman, National Executive Committee (NEC)

To:
1. The Secretaries of Ministries/ Departments of Government of India
2. The Chief Secretaries/Administrators of States/Union Territories
   (As per list attached)

Copy to:
i. All members of the National Executive Committee
ii. Member Secretary, National Disaster Management Authority
Guidelines for Phased Re-opening (Unlock 1)

[As per Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dated 30th May, 2020]

1. **Phased re-opening of areas outside the Containment Zones**

   In areas outside Containment Zones, all activities will be permitted, except the following, which will be allowed, with the stipulation of following Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to be prescribed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), in a phased manner:

   **Phase I**

   The following activities will be allowed with effect from 8 June, 2020:
   (i) Religious places/places of worship for public.
   (ii) Hotels, restaurants and other hospitality services.
   (iii) Shopping malls.

   Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) will issue Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the above activities, in consultation with the Central Ministries/Departments concerned and other stakeholders, for ensuring social distancing and to contain the spread of COVID-19.

   **Phase II**

   Schools, colleges, educational/training/coaching institutions etc., will be opened after consultations with States and UTs. State Governments/UT administrations may hold consultations at the institution level with parents and other stakeholders. Based on the feedback, a decision on the re-opening of these institutions will be taken in the month of July, 2020.

   MoHFW will prepare SOP in this regard, in consultation with the Central Ministries/Departments concerned and other stakeholders, for ensuring social distancing and to contain the spread of COVID-19.

   **Phase III**

   Based on the assessment of the situation, dates for re-starting the following activities will be decided:
   (i) International air travel of passengers, except as permitted by MHA.
   (ii) Metro Rail.
   (iii) Cinema halls, gymnasiums, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theatres, bars and auditoriums, assembly halls and similar places.
   (iv) Social/political/sports/entertainment/academic/cultural/religious functions and other large congregations.

2. **National Directives for COVID-19 Management**

   National Directives for COVID-19 Management, as specified in Annexure I, shall continue to be followed throughout the country.
3. **Night curfew**

Movement of individuals shall remain strictly prohibited between 9.00 pm to 5.00 am throughout the country, except for essential activities. Local authorities shall issue orders, in the entire area of their jurisdiction, under appropriate provisions of law, such as under Section 144 of CrPC, and ensure strict compliance.

4. **Lockdown limited to Containment Zones**

(i) Lockdown shall continue to remain in force in the Containment Zones till 30 June, 2020.

(ii) Containment Zones will be demarcated by the District authorities after taking into consideration the guidelines of MoHFW.

(iii) In the Containment Zones, only essential activities shall be allowed. There shall be strict perimeter control to ensure that there is no movement of people in or out of these zones, except for medical emergencies and for maintaining supply of essential goods and services. In the Containment Zones, there shall be intensive contact tracing, house-to-house surveillance, and other clinical interventions, as required. Guidelines of MoHFW shall be taken into consideration for the above purpose.

(iv) States/ UTs may also identify Buffer Zones outside the Containment Zones, where new cases are more likely to occur. Within the buffer zones, restrictions as considered necessary may be put in place by the District authorities.

5. **States/ UTs, based on their assessment of the situation, may prohibit certain activities outside the Containment zones, or impose such restrictions as deemed necessary.**

6. **Unrestricted movement of persons and goods**

(i) There shall be no restriction on inter-State and intra-State movement of persons and goods. No separate permission/ approval/ e-permit will be required for such movements.

(ii) However, if a State/ UT, based on reasons of public health and its assessment of the situation, proposes to regulate movement of persons, it will give wide publicity in advance regarding the restrictions to be placed on such movement, and the related procedures to be followed.

(iii) Movement by passenger trains and *Shramik* special trains; domestic passenger air travel; movement of Indian Nationals stranded outside the country and of specified persons to travel abroad; evacuation of foreign nationals; and sign-on and sign-off of Indian seafarers will continue to be regulated as per SOPs issued.

(iv) No State/ UT shall stop the movement of any type of goods/ cargo for cross land-border trade under Treaties with neighbouring countries.

7. **Protection of vulnerable persons**

Persons above 65 years of age, persons with co-morbidities, pregnant women, and children below the age of 10 years are advised to stay at home, except for essential and health purposes.
8. **Use of Aarogya Setu**

(i) *Aarogya Setu* enables early identification of potential risk of infection, and thus acts as a shield for individuals and the community.

(ii) With a view to ensuring safety in offices and work places, employers on best effort basis should ensure that *Aarogya Setu* is installed by all employees having compatible mobile phones.

(iii) District authorities may advise individuals to install the *Aarogya Setu* application on compatible mobile phones and regularly update their health status on the app. This will facilitate timely provision of medical attention to those individuals who are at risk.

9. **Strict enforcement of the guidelines**

(i) State/ UT Governments shall not dilute these guidelines issued under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, in any manner.

(ii) All the District Magistrates shall strictly enforce the above measures.

10. **Penal provisions**

Any person violating these 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 Section 188 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable. Extracts of these penal provisions are at *Annexure II.*

[Signature]

Union Home Secretary

and, Chairman, National Executive Committee
Annexure I

National Directives for COVID-19 Management

1. **Face coverings:** Wearing of face cover is compulsory in public places; in workplaces; and during transport.

2. **Social distancing:** Individuals must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet (2 gaz ki doori) in public places.
   Shops will ensure physical distancing among customers and will not allow more than 5 persons at one time.

3. **Gatherings:** Large public gatherings/ congregations continue to remain prohibited.
   - Marriage related gatherings: Number of guests not to exceed 50.
   - Funeral/ last rites related gatherings: Number of persons not to exceed 20.

4. **Spitting in public places** will be punishable with fine, as may be prescribed by the State/ UT local authority in accordance with its laws, rules or regulations.

5. **Consumption of liquor, paan, gutka, tobacco etc.** in public places is prohibited.

**Additional directives for Work Places**

6. **Work from home (WfH):** As far as possible the practice of WfH should be followed.

7. **Staggering of work/ business hours** will be followed in offices, work places, shops, markets and industrial & commercial establishments.

8. **Screening & hygiene:** Provision for thermal scanning, hand wash and sanitizer will be made at all entry and exit points and common areas.

9. **Frequent sanitization** of entire workplace, common facilities and all points which come into human contact e.g. door handles etc., will be ensured, including between shifts.

10. **Social distancing:** All persons in charge of work places will ensure adequate distance between workers, adequate gaps between shifts, staggering the lunch breaks of staff, etc.

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[Signature]

30/5/20
A. Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005

51. Punishment for obstruction, etc.—Whoever, without reasonable cause —

(a) obstructs any officer or employee of the Central Government or the State Government, or a person authorised by the National Authority or State Authority or District Authority in the discharge of his functions under this Act; or

(b) refuses to comply with any direction given by or on behalf of the Central Government or the State Government or the National Executive Committee or the State Executive Committee or the District Authority under this Act,

shall on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine, or with both, and if such obstruction or refusal to comply with directions results in loss of lives or imminent danger thereof, shall on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years.

52. Punishment for false claim.—Whoever knowingly makes a claim which he knows or has reason to believe to be false for obtaining any relief, assistance, repair, reconstruction or other benefits consequent to disaster from any officer of the Central Government, the State Government, the National Authority, the State Authority or the District Authority, shall, on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, and also with fine.

53. Punishment for misappropriation of money or materials, etc.—Whoever, being entrusted with any money or materials, or otherwise being, in custody of, or dominion over, any money or goods, meant for providing relief in any threatening disaster situation or disaster, misappropriates or appropriates for his own use or disposes of such money or materials or any part thereof or wilfully compels any other person so to do, shall on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, and also with fine.

54. Punishment for false warning.—Whoever makes or circulates a false alarm or warning as to disaster or its severity or magnitude, leading to panic, shall on conviction, be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to one year or with fine.

55. Offences by Departments of the Government.—(1) Where an offence under this Act has been committed by any Department of the Government, the head of the Department shall be deemed to be guilty of the offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly unless he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or that he exercised all due diligence to prevent the commission of such offence.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), where an offence under this Act has been committed by a Department of the Government and it is proved that the offence has been committed with the consent or connivance of, or is attributable to any neglect on the part of, any officer, other than the head of the Department, such officer shall be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.
56. Failure of officer in duty or his connivance at the contravention of the provisions of this Act.—Any officer, on whom any duty has been imposed by or under this Act and who ceases or refuses to perform or withdraws himself from the duties of his office shall, unless he has obtained the express written permission of his official superior or has other lawful excuse for so doing, be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine.

57. Penalty for contravention of any order regarding requisitioning.—If any person contravenes any order made under section 65, he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine or with both.

58. Offence by companies.—(1) Where an offence under this Act has been committed by a company or body corporate, every person who at the time the offence was committed, was in charge of, and was responsible to, the company, for the conduct of the business of the company, as well as the company, shall be deemed to be guilty of the contravention and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly:

Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall render any such person liable to any punishment provided in this Act, if he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or that he exercised due diligence to prevent the commission of such offence.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), where an offence under this Act has been committed by a company, and it is proved that the offence was committed with the consent or connivance of or is attributable to any neglect on the part of any director, manager, secretary or other officer of the company, such director, manager, secretary or other officer shall also, be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

Explanation.—For the purpose of this section—

(a) “company” means anybody corporate and includes a firm or other association of individuals; and

(b) “director”, in relation to a firm, means a partner in the firm.

59. Previous sanction for prosecution.—No prosecution for offences punishable under sections 55 and 56 shall be instituted except with the previous sanction of the Central Government or the State Government, as the case may be, or of any officer authorised in this behalf, by general or special order, by such Government.

60. Cognizance of offences.—No court shall take cognizance of an offence under this Act except on a complaint made by—

(a) the National Authority, the State Authority, the Central Government, the State Government, the District Authority or any other authority or officer authorised in this behalf by that Authority or Government, as the case may be; or

(b) any person who has given notice of not less than thirty days in the manner prescribed, of the alleged offence and his intention to make a complaint to the National Authority, the State Authority, the Central Government, the State Government, the District Authority or any other authority or officer authorised as aforesaid.
B. **Section 188 in the Indian Penal Code, 1860**

188. Disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant.—Whoever, knowing that, by an order promulgated by a public servant lawfully empowered to promulgate such order, he is directed to abstain from a certain act, or to take certain order with certain property in his possession or under his management, disobeys such direction, shall, if such disobedience causes or tends to cause obstruction, annoyance or injury, or risk of obstruction, annoyance or injury, to any person lawfully employed, be punished with simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to one month or with fine which may extend to two hundred rupees, or with both; and if such disobedience causes or trends to cause danger to human life, health or safety, or causes or tends to cause a riot or affray, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or with both.

*Explanation.*—It is not necessary that the offender should intend to produce harm, or contemplate his disobedience as likely to produce harm. It is sufficient that he knows of the order which he disobeys, and that his disobedience produces, or is likely to produce, harm.

*Illustration*

An order is promulgated by a public servant lawfully empowered to promulgate such order, directing that a religious procession shall not pass down a certain street. A knowingly disobeys the order, and thereby causes danger of riot. A has committed the offence defined in this section.

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