

Press release of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu regarding prevention of Corona Virus disease in Tamil Nadu.

Corona Virus disease has been declared as World Health Emergency and WHO declared this as a Pandemic disease of the world.

Due to the serious action taken by the Government of Hon'ble Amma there is no Corona Virus impact in Tamil Nadu. In order to prevent this disease from spreading from the neighbouring states, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered to follow the following preventive measures.

- At present passengers from Foreign countries are coming to the Airports in Chennai, Madurai, Coimbatore and Trichy. Central Government has prohibited passengers from certain Foreign Countries. However Indians settled in foreign countries if they visit India the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered to provide facilities to be arranged near the respective airports as per the guidelines of the World Health Organization, to keep the passengers in 14 days quarantine for observation.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister instructed the Revenue Department, Police Department, Transport Department and Public Health Department to coordinate and monitor the spread of disease and cleaning works in the border checkpoints and to prevent spreading of Corona Virus from neighbouring states.
- Declare holiday till 31.03.2020 to all the Nursery schools (LKG & UKG) and Primary Schools (Class 1 to Class 5).
- To close till 31.03.2020 all cinema theatres, shopping malls situated in the border Taluks of Theni, Kanyakumari, Tiruppur, Coimbatore, Nilagiri, Krishnagiri, Tirunelveli, Tenkasi, Tiruvallur, Vellore, Tirupattur, Ranipet, Erode, Dindigul, Dharmapuri and Virudhunagar.
- In order to speed up the work related to Corona Virus, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered to sanction immediately from the State Disaster Fund to Health and Family Welfare Department Rs. 30 Crores, Transport Department Rs. 5 Crores, Greater Chennai Corporation Rs. 4 Crores, Municipal Administration Rs.6 Crores, Rural Development Rs.5 Crores,

Directorate of Town Panchayats Rs. 2 Crores, Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowment Department Rs. 3 Crores, Department of School Education and Collegiate Education Rs. 2 Crores, Anganwadi Centres Rs. 0.5 Crores and District Collectors Rs. 2.5 Crores, altogether a total sum of Rs. 60 Crores.

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered Rural Development, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department to speed up the sanitary work in a war footing in the Theatres, Shopping Malls and other places like Temple, Mosque, Churches where people gather and to appoint Special Officers to supervise the work.
- He has ordered to create awareness regarding prevention of disease to people who gather in Temple, Mosque, Churches and to prevent people suffering from cold, cough and fever coming to such places. He has ordered the Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments Department and Health & Family Welfare Department to supervise the work related to prevention of disease.
- He has ordered the District Collectors and Senior IAS Officers who are the District Supervisory Officers to monitor the above mentioned disease prevention activities.
- He has ordered that based on the guidelines issued by the Central Government to spend money from the Central Public Health Fund and Central Disaster Management fund for the work related to Corona Virus disease.
- Further he ordered the Commissioner of Revenue Administration to coordinate the work related to Corona Virus disease throughout the state of Tamil Nadu.
- He ordered that the daily report regarding the work related to prevention of Corona Virus should be sent by the District Collectors to the commissioner of Revenue Administration and commissioner of Revenue Administration in turn should send consolidated report to the Hon'ble Minister for Health and Hon'ble Chief Minister.

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister advised the Hon'ble Health Minister to inform the media about the steps taken for prevention of disease in the state.

Further the Hon'ble Chief Minister has appealed to the people of Tamil Nadu to follow the following guidelines

1. For the next 15 days avoid travel to other states and not to gather in large numbers in public places.
2. Senior Citizens, Patients, Children and persons who have less resistance power to diseases should avoid visiting crowded public places.
3. People shall take precautions to safeguard themselves in the interests of individual health. When they enter their home they should ensure frequent washing of their hands with soap.
4. Without washing their hands they should not touch their face.
5. Parents shall prevent their children from playing in a group during holidays and ensure that when they enter their home they must wash their hands with the soap.
6. Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered that taking into consideration that only if all the people take efforts to prevent Corona Virus disease we will be able to overcome the disease and extend whole hearted support to the efforts taken by the Government and people with the symptoms of disease immediately should report to Government hospital.

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