

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA  
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER : WEST JAINTIA HILLS DISTRICT: JOWAI.

**PROHIBITORY ORDER UNDER SECTION 144 Cr. P.C.**

Dated Jowai, the 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2020.

WHEREAS, in view of the prevailing situation concerning COVID-19 in the country and globally;

WHEREAS, to put in place preventive measures and awareness, to identify and take stringent steps to ensure social distancing so the pandemic of COVID-19 does not spread to West Jaintia Hills District and Meghalaya, by way of rigorous contact tracing, testing, quarantine, isolation and ensuring observance of strict protocols of the Advisories issued by Government of Meghalaya in the Health & Family Welfare Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Shri Garod L.S.N. Dykes, IAS, District Magistrate, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai in exercise of the powers conferred upon me under section 144 Cr. P.C. read together with Regulation 3 of the Meghalaya Epidemic Diseases, COVID-19 Regulations 2020 do hereby **PROHIBIT as under with effect from 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2020 until further Orders only for timing falling between 5.00 AM to 9.00 PM each day in all of West Jaintia Hills including Amlarem (Civil) Sub-Division, Thadlaskein & Laskein C&RD Block.**

1. Inter State Movement.
2. Any assembly whatsoever and while enforcing this, every individual to mandatorily maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet, wearing of masks, respiratory etiquette and to strictly follow without fail the various protocols and advisories of the Government in the Health & Family Welfare Department at all times.
3. Border Haats and markets located in the Inter-State Borders.
4. Operation of Cinema Halls, Swimming Pools, Entertainment Parks, Theatres, Bars and Auditorium, Assembly Halls and similar recreational places.
5. All forms of contact sports and spectators in Sports grounds and stadia.
6. Operation of Educational Institutions, training centres and coaching classes (tuitions) barring online/distance learning.
7. Opening of religious places/ places of worship of all faiths to the public including religious gathering and congregation. However, Marriage Rituals in places of worship is permitted only after obtaining due permission from the undersigned.
8. All forms of large public gathering and congregation including social, political, entertainment, academic, cultural, religious functions etc.
9. Movement in public, work places and during transport without wearing of Masks.
10. Spitting in public places.
11. Consumption of liquor, pan, gutka, tobacco etc. in public places.
12. Incoming additional workforce from outside the District EXCEPT for skilled highly, skilled specialized professionals & technicians as regulated by instructions of Political Department, Government of Meghalaya vide Letter No. POL.120/2020/11, Dt. 03.08.2020 and No. POL.120/2020/12, dt.4.8.2020 (Annexure-A) followed by SOPs of Labour Department, Meghalaya vide Notification No. LBG.23/2020/PT.III/13, Dt. 9.6.2020 (Annexure-B) and Order No. Health. 74/2020/123, Dt. 29.7.2020 (Annexure-C) issued by Government of Meghalaya in Health & Family Welfare Department. Due permission will be given on submission of Undertaking to the Deputy Labour Commissioner, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai



General Instructions

In addition to the Prohibition listed above, the public shall strictly comply without fail to the measures listed below: -

1. Individuals must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet/ 2 metres in public places.
2. Funeral/Last rites related gatherings: Number of guests not to exceed 20 (twenty)
3. Weddings ceremonies will be allowed in religious places / places of worship and the number of guests shall not exceed one-third of the seating capacity or 50 (fifty) guests, whichever is less inclusive of the host and the Authority/s presiding over the wedding. However, wedding reception are suspended, till further orders.
4. Persons above 65 years of age, persons with co-morbidities, pregnant women and children below the age of 10 years in public places are advised to stay at home, except for meeting essential requirements and for health purposes.
5. All activities permittee vide Order No. POL.75/2020/PtI/56, Dt. 1.7.2020.
6. Operation of SUPPLY CHAINS/WHOLESALE AND RETAILERS, OUTLETS, SHOPS, SERVICES AND OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS in the whole of West Jaintia Hills District will be opened from 9.00 AM to 7.00 PM



However, the opening of shops in market places will be regulated as per scheduled below:-

Sl. No.	Days	Shop/Stalls to open
1.	Monday	Only Shops/Stalls with Odd number
2.	Tuesday	Only Shops/Stalls with Even number
3.	Wednesday	Only Shops/Stalls with Odd number
4.	Thursday	Only Shops/Stalls with Even number
5.	Friday	Only Shops/Stalls with Odd number
6.	Saturday	Only Shops/Stalls with Even number

7. Operation of PERMITTED SHOPS, SERVICES, ESTABLISHMENTS, AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES shall strictly adhere to the prescribed Standard Operating Procedure (SOPs) and National Directives of Government for COVID-19 Management in Public Places and Work Places including mandatory compliance to the Advisories of Health and Family Welfare Department, without fail.
8. Employers for all forms of activities including SHOPS, SERVICES, ESTABLISHMENTS, AGRICULTURAL, INDUSTRIAL, ETC. shall ensure that Aarogya Setu Application and Behavioural Change Management App is installed by all their employees, without fail.
9. All residents of the District to install Aarogya Setu Application and Behavioural Change Management App and regularly update their health status on the apps for containment of COVID-19 pandemic.
10. SOP dated 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 issued by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare on preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 in Office (Public and Private) shall be duly complied with (Annexure-E)
11. Operation of Yoga institutes and Gymnasiums subject to strict compliance with SOP dated 3.8.2020 issued by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Govt. of India. (copy enclosed).



The above establishments that wish to resume operations should submit an undertaking to the Deputy Commissioner, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai conforming adherence to the relevant SOP mentioned above and the social distancing protocols issued by the Health & Family Welfare Department, Govt. of Meghalaya and obtain specific permission from the Deputy Commissioner before commencement of the activities

12. Cyber Cafes subject to strict compliance with SOP issued by Information Technology and Communication Department, Govt. Of Meghalaya vide No. ITR-49/2011/216, Dt. 17.8.2020 (copy enclosed).

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13. 50 % of private and public transport will operate in West Jaintia Hills District as scheduled below :-

Sl. No.	Days	Vehicle to ply
1.	Monday	Only vehicles with Odd numbers
2.	Tuesday	Only vehicles with Even numbers
3.	Wednesday	Only vehicles with Odd numbers
4.	Thursday	Only vehicles with Even numbers
5.	Friday	Only vehicles with Odd numbers
6.	Saturday	Only vehicles with Even numbers
7.	Sunday	Only private vehicles (both Odd and Even)

The following will be the maximum number of persons allowed to be carried by the different categories of Public/Private Transport :-

1. Bus : 50% of the total capacity.
2. SUV including Sumo and Maxi Cab : 4 persons excluding driver.
3. Light Motor Vehicle (LMV) : 2 persons excluding driver.
4. Auto-rickshaw : 1 person excluding driver.
5. Two-wheeler : One pillion rider restricted only to female or child below the age of 12 years of the same household.

However, the following vehicles are exempted from the purview of Odd/Even arrangement for plying of public/private transport vehicles:-

- (I) All Government Vehicles (both State and Central).
- (II) Private Vehicles of Government Officials on duty. Pass issued by respective heads of Department should be prominently displayed on the windscreen.
- (III) Vehicles carrying Essential Services as under:
  - (a) Medical Teams on duty.



- (b) Fire & Emergency duty.
- (c) Me.ECL, Power Grid and NEEPCO .
- (d) Public Works Department (PWD).
- (e) Public Health Engineering Department (PHED).
- (f) Food & Civil Supply Department including FCI.
- (g) Jowai Municipal Board.
- (h) Postal Service, Telecom, Communications and IT.
- (i) Press, Print & Electronic Media
- (j) Banks.

14. Movement of vehicles and other traffic arrangement will be prepared and regulated by the Office of the Superintendent of Police, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai. Inter-District movement of persons is permitted.
15. The Addl. Deputy Commissioner i/c (Civil) Amlarem Sub-Division, Block Development Officer, Thadlaskein and Laskein and District Heads in West Jaintia Hills District will issue vehicle passes only to their respective Officers and Staff specifically for official purposes.
16. The designated Addl. Deputy Commissioner i/c Amlarem (Civil) Amlarem Sub-Division, Block Development Officer, Thadlaskein and Laskein and District Heads in West Jaintia Hills District will ensure that the passes are utilized strictly for the specific purpose (Official) and any deviation will render the Issuing Authority and the employee/staff/pass holder liable to legal action. Name, Address, contact details, timings and purpose of the pass to be clearly reflected.
17. **HOWEVER, PASSES FOR ALL FORMS OF OUTWARD INTER-STATE MOVEMENT FROM WEST JAINTIA HILLS DISTRICT SHALL ONLY BE ISSUED BY THE UNDERSIGNED.**

In view of the urgency of the matter, this Order has been made ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal this 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2020.



(Garod L.S.N. Dykes, IAS)  
District Magistrate,  
West Jaintia Hills District,  
Jowai.

Memo.No. GEN.253/ COVID-19/2020Pt. II-A/ 198 -A.

Copy to:-

1. The Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Shillong for kind information of the Chief Secretary.
2. The Addl. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Home (Police) Department, Shillong.
3. The Addl. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Political Department, Shillong for kind information.
4. The Commissioner of Division for East/West/South West Khasi Hills/ East/West Jaintia Hills & Ri Bhoi Districts, Meghalaya, Shillong for kind information.
5. The Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Health & Family Welfare Department, Shillong for kind information.
6. The Commissioner of Transport, Meghalaya, Shillong for kind information.
7. The Superintendent of Police, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai.
8. The Addl. Deputy Commissioner & CEO, DDMA, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai
9. The Addl. Deputy Commissioner i/c (Civil) Amlarem Sub-Division
10. All Addl. Deputy Commissioners, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai.
11. All Extra Assistant Commissioners, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai.
12. The Project Director, DRDA, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai.
13. The District Medical & Health Officer, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai.
14. The District Transport Officer, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai.
15. All Block Development Officers.
16. The Station Director, All India Radio, Jowai for announcement in the news bulletin in English and Khasi.
17. The Assistant Director of Information and Public Relations, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai with a request to widely publicise the above Order.
18. The President, Synjuk ki Wahoh Shnong Urban Jowai.
19. The President, Synjuk ki Wahoh Shnong Ri Lum Jaintia.

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and to strict  
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District Magistrate,  
West Jaintia Hills District,  
Jowai.