# PRESS RELEASE

#### Press Release No.129/21

# Night Curfew extended in East Khasi Hills

Shillong, April 19, 2021: In view of the prevailing situation concerning COVID-19 in the state and in order to put in place preventive and mitigation measures so the pandemic of COVID-19 is contained, reduced and eliminated in East Khasi Hills District and Meghalaya, the District Magistrate, East Khasi Hills District in an order issued on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 under Section 144 CrPC read together with Regulation 3 of the Meghalaya Epidemic Diseases, COVID-19 Regulations, 2020 has extended the Night Curfew in East Khasi Hills District with effect from 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 upto 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021 only for timings falling between 10:00 PM to 5:00 AM each day.

The order will not apply to medical teams and officials on COVID-19 duty, police, security and armed forces, Civil Defence and Home Guard volunteers, wholesale and retail pharmacies, Fire and Emergency Service, MeECL, NEEPCO and Power Grid, FCI vehicles, officers and staff of Corona Care Centres, press, print and electronic, Information and Public Relations Department, National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd, Shillong Municipal Board and Telecom service.

However, Petrol pumps and home delivery of cooked food items are permitted till 11:00 P.M.

These services shall strictly comply with all protocols and procedures including social distancing, limiting of field staff to the barest minimum and other advisories of Government in the Health and Family Welfare Department, without fail.

Movement of vehicles carrying essential goods, security forces, medical equipments and shops for repair of trucks on highways are also exempted. However, drivers and attendants of the vehicles shall be subject to medical screening as per laid down protocols.

Curfew passes may be obtained online @ eastkhasihills.gov.in. (MIPR)

# GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA HOME (POLITICAL) DEPARTMENT

#### ORDER

No. POL.75/2020/PtI/88

Dated: Shillong the 19th April, 2021

In view of the rapidly rising COVID-19 cases in the State, it has become necessary to notify additional restrictions on permitted activities.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 22 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the undersigned, in his capacity as Chairperson, State Executive Committee, MSDMA, hereby directs that the restrictions on permitted activities in the State issued vide Notification No. POL:75/2020/PtI/87, dated 16-04-2021 be modified as follows:

 Entry of tourists from outside the State shall not be permitted from 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2021 up to 7th May, 2021.

### For Shillong Urban Agglomeration w.e.f. 20th April, 2021:

- All Schools shall remain closed till 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2021. MBOSE examinations shall continue as per schedule.
- All Public functions and Social / Private gatherings are prohibited except for weddings and funerals limited to a maximum of 50 persons and with prior permission from the Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills.
- 4. Health Department, Home (Police) Department, Fire and Emergency Services shall function at 100% strength.
- Personnel of State Government Departments as notified by Personnel & A.R (A)
   Department vide Notification No. PER.62/2020/28, dated 19-04-2021 shall work from
   home. All other Departments shall function at 100% strength for Group 'A' & Group 'B'
   officers and at 50% strength for Group 'C' & Group 'D' staff.
- 6. Central Government offices shall function at 100% strength for Group 'A' & Group 'B' officers and at 50% strength for Group 'C' & Group 'D' staff.
- 7. Private offices to function at 50% employee-strength.
- Bars, Hotels and Restaurants to function at 50% seating capacity. People are advised to avail
  take away food services in preference to on-premise dining.

Despite repeated advisories, it is still observed that SOPs relating to COVID-appropriate behaviour are not being followed strictly by all citizens. *Citizens are advised to exercise caution, follow all protocols and adhere to the SOPs to ensure that the State does not see a resurgence in cases.* 

All Deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police are to intensify the enforcement measures for strict compliance of the protocols and social distancing norms. They shall strictly impose fines on violators and send a Daily Report on the fines collected to the Home (Political) Department, Government of Meghalaya.

Deputy Commissioners may regulate the schedule and timing of activities. They may also restrict the activities depending on the local COVID situation and to meet the social distancing norms.

(M.S. Rao)
Chief Secretary
Government of Meghalaya

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- 1. The Secretary to the Governor of Meghalaya for kind information of the Hon'ble Governor.
- The Private Secretary to the Chief Minister, Meghalaya for kind information of the Chief Minister.
- The Private Secretary to the Deputy Chief Minister, Meghalaya for kind information of the Deputy Chief Minister.
- 4. The Private Secretary to the Speaker, Meghalaya for kind information of the Speaker.
- 5. The Private Secretary to the Leader of Opposition, Meghalaya for kind information of the Leader of Opposition.
- The Private Secretary to the Health Minister, Meghalaya for kind information of the Health Minister.
- The Private Secretary to the all Hon'ble Ministers, Meghalaya for kind information of Hon'ble Minister.
- 8. The Private Secretary to Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya for favour of information of the Chief Secretary.
- 9. The Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/ Commissioners & Secretaries/ Secretaries of all the Department, Government of Meghalaya.
- 10. The Director General of Police, Meghalaya, Shillong for favour of information and necessary action.
- 11. The Director, Information and Public Relations for wide publicity of the Order.
- 12. The Director of Health Services (MI)/MCH&FW)/Research), Meghalaya, Shillong.
- 13. The Director All India Radio for wide publicity of the above Order.
- 14. The Director, Doordarshan Kendra Shillong for wide publicity of the above Order.
- 15. The Secretary Autonomous District Councils.
- 16. All Deputy Commissioners, Shillong / Nongstoin / Mawkyrwat / Jowai / Khliehriat / Nongpoh / Tura / Ampati / Resubelpara / Williamnagar / Baghmara for information and necessary action.
- 17. All Superintendents of Police, Shillong / Nongstoin / Mawkyrwat / Jowai / Khliehriat / Nongpoh / Tura / Ampati / Resubelpara / Williamnagar / Baghmara for information and necessary action.
- 18. The Chief Executive Officer, Municipal Board, Shillong / Tura / Jowai / Resubelpara.

Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya Home (Political) Department