

Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) - Travel Advisory Update

- In view of the decision taken by Government of India to continue the lockdown upto 17th May 2020, the validity of Ministry of Civil Aviation order dated 23rd March 2020, prohibiting domestic passenger flight operations is extended upto 2359 hrs IST on 17th May 2020.
- All scheduled international commercial passenger services shall remain closed till 2359 hrs IST of 17th May 2020. However this restriction will not apply to international all cargo operations and flights specifically approved by DGCA.
- Indian passenger train services & bookings stand suspended until further notice.
- Indian Railways has started Shramik Special Trains to move migrant workers, pilgrims, tourists, students and other persons stranded at different places due to lock down. These special trains will be run only for those persons, who have been cleared by the originating state in consultation with the receiving state, and not for the general public.
- The MHA has issued new guidelines to regulate different activities in this period, based on the risk profiling of the districts of the country into Red (hotspot), Orange, and Green zones.
- The following are among some of the activities that will continue to remain prohibited across India, irrespective of the Zone (Red / Orange / Green), for a period of two weeks with effect from 04th May 2020 :
 - I. All domestic and international air travel of passengers, except for medical services, air ambulance and for security purposes or for purposes as permitted by MHA.
 - II. All passenger movement by trains, except for security purposes or for purposes as permitted by MHA, at the discretion of respective state authorities.
 - III. Inter-State Buses for public transport, except as permitted by MHA, at the discretion of respective state authorities.
 - IV. Metro rail services.
 - V. Inter-State movement of individuals except for medical reasons or for activities as permitted by MHA, at the discretion of respective state authorities.
 - VI. Hospitality services other than those used for housing health/ police/ Government officials/ healthcare workers, stranded persons including tourists, and those used for quarantine facilities.
 - VII. Movement of individuals, for all non- essential activities, shall remain strictly prohibited from 7 pm to 7 am.

- Movement of individuals and vehicles is allowed only for permitted activities in all zones, with a maximum of 2 persons (besides the driver) in four-wheeler vehicles, and with no pillion rider in the case of two-wheelers.
- Plying of cycle rickshaws and auto rickshaws, Taxis and cab aggregators will be permitted with 1 driver and 1 passenger only, only in Orange and Green Zones.
- Within Green Zones only, Buses can operate with upto 50% seating capacity and bus depots can operate with upto 50% capacity.
- Private offices can operate with up to 33% strength as per the requirement with the remaining persons working from home in all zones.

Note : For the full list of activities permitted and prohibited in Red Zone, Green Zone and Orange Zone districts across India, do refer to detailed MHA guidelines under references.

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