

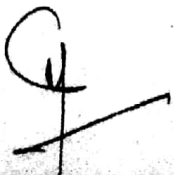
**Government of Jammu and Kashmir**  
**OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY /**  
**DISTRICT MAGISTRATE KATHUA**

**Subject – Shutdown of all establishments and services except essential commodities /services.**

**ORDER**

In continuation to this office's earlier orders issued under endorsements: (i) No. DMK-JC-2145-51 Dated 11-03-2020; (ii) DMK/JC/2020/2170-72 Dated 13.03.2020; (iii) DMK/JC/2174-86 Dated 15-03-2020; (IV) DMK/JC/2220-28 Dated 19-03-2020 (V) DMK/Disaster/2019-20/420-50 Dated 19-03-2020, I, **Om Prakash Bhagat, KAS, Chairman District Disaster Management Authority/ District Magistrate, Kathua** in exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 144 of CrPC read with Section 34 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, and Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 do hereby issue the following directions to enforce strictly social distancing i.e. prevent/minimize close contact between people to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic and break the transmission chain of the virus :

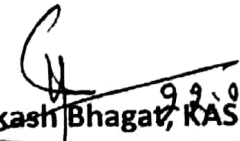
- i. There shall be complete shutdown of all establishments except those providing essential commodities/ services from Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2020 (08:00 PM) till Tuesday the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020 (06:00 PM). The Department of Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs J&K vide Govt. Order No. 60-FCS&CA of 2020 dated 22.03.2020 have notified the list of essential commodities/services as under :-
  - (a) Supply of Groceries (wholesalers and retailers)
  - (b) Supply of Fresh fruits and vegetables (mandies and retailers)
  - (c) Dispensing of Petrol/Diesel at Pumps
  - (d) Milk shops and dairies and related products
  - (e) Supply of Cattle feed and fodder
  - (f) Medicines and other pharmaceuticals (retailers, wholesalers and manufacturing)
  - (g) Banks and ATMs
  - (h) Supply of LPG (domestic and commercial)
  - (i) Health services (including movement of staff thereof)
  - (j) Manufacturing of health and medical equipment
  - (k) Telecom operators and their designated agencies
  - (l) Newspapers
  - (m) Post offices
  - (n) Loading and unloading of Wheat and Rice at FCI and State Food depots
  - (o) Transportation of essential commodities through National and State Highways (Petrol, Diesel, Kerosene, Milk, Vegetables, Fruits, Groceries, FCI supplies etc.);
- ii. All goods vehicles including those carrying essential items shall be allowed to ply during the shutdown period with proper permits/passes issued by the District Administration.
- iii. There shall be complete restrictions on all assemblies (of more than 3 persons) at public places.



- iv. That people are required to stay at home and come out only in case of medical emergency or for procurement of essential commodities that too in the vicinity of their homes while strictly following the norms of social distancing.
- v. There shall not be an assembly of more than 3 customers in any establishment viz. Banks, ATM, Post Offices, Chemist Shops, Grocery Stores, Fair Price Shops etc.
- vi. The Governments Employees of essential services department and such other departments as required by Government shall be permitted to move on production of Identity Cards.
- vii. No traffic shall be allowed to enter Kathua District from outside the Union Territory from the entry points other than Lakhanpur, that too shall be restricted to transportation of essential commodities or any other medical emergency movement on case to case basis after following proper protocol and procedure.

Since it is not possible to serve this order individually it shall be circulated in print, electronic, radio, social media for information of all concerned. **Any violation of this order will lead to prosecution under Criminal Procedure Code and Disaster Management Act.**

Issued under my hand and seal today on 22<sup>nd</sup> of March, 2020.

  
**Om Prakash Bhagat, KAS** 22.03.2020  
Chairman District Disaster Management Authority/  
District Magistrate Kathua  
Dated :- 22.03.2020

**No :- DCK/PA/2019/2019-20/962-972**

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1. Chief Secretary, J&K for favour of information please.
2. Divisional Commissioner Jammu for favour of information please.
3. IGP, Jammu for favour of information please.
4. Senior Superintendent of Police Kathua for information and necessary action.
5. Additional Deputy Commissioner, Kathua/ Basohli / Billawar for information and necessary action.
6. Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Bani / Hiranagar for information and necessary action.
7. Chief Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Kathua for information and necessary action.
8. District Information Officer, Kathua for wide circulation and publicity.