



Covid positive patient with oxygen support on his way to get admitted at a Hospital in Bengaluru on Friday | VINOD KUMAR T

Karnataka and Kerala extend lockdown till 30

Active cases decrease in districts, triple lockdown will continue in Malappuram

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

THE Kerala government on Friday announced a one week extension of the state-wide lockdown till May 30, to contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The state has been under lockdown since May 8 after weekend restrictions and lockdown-like curbs imposed earlier failed to create any desired impact in terms of the daily caseload of the infected persons.

On May 16, the lockdown was extended to May 23.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan also announced the withdrawal of "triple lockdown" measures being implemented in three districts—Thiruvananthapuram, Ernakulam and Thrissur from May 16.

However, the "triple lockdown" will be continued in Malappuram district.

Briefing the media, Vijayan said the average Test Positivity Rate for the last three days was 23.3 per cent. "While the TPR is more in Malappuram, it is decreasing in other districts. Active cases are declining in all districts." Noting that the virus was still spreading, the CM said the number of active cases and TPR has fallen below 25 per cent in the districts where triple lockdown was imposed, except in Malappuram.

"Therefore, the triple lockdown will be exempted in Er-

nakulam, Thrissur and Thiruvananthapuram districts from tomorrow morning (May 22).

It will continue in Malappuram while the regular lockdown will continue in all other districts", he said.

'Please follow SOP'

Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Friday announced extension of lockdown from May 24 to June 7 for a period of 14 days to contain the spread of coronavirus in the State.

The stringent restrictions are already in effect from May 10 and was supposed to end on May 24. However, due to the new order, they would end on the morning of June 7.

"We have taken some decisions regarding the lockdown after discussing them with our senior Ministers, chief secretary and other officials," the Chief Minister told reporters.

"Heeding to the suggestions of experts, we have decided to extend the stringent restriction from May 24 to June 7," he said.

"In view of public health and the suggestions of the experts, the restrictions have been extended, and we expect people's cooperation, Yediyurappa said.

The Karnataka government had put restrictions since April 7 but imposed strict restrictions from May 10.

Pinarayi Vijayan takes over Minority Welfare portfolio

SOVI VIDYADHARAN @TPuram

IN a deft move aimed at winning over the Christian community that has been crying foul over 'im-balance' in disbursement of minority welfare funds, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has taken over the minority welfare portfolio.

The ministry had traditionally been helmed by a representative of the Muslim community during the LDF rule or by a Muslim League member when the UDF

was in power:

Minister V Abdurahiman was widely tipped to handle the portfolio along with Wafk and Hajj pilgrimage. But Pinarayi saw the swearing-in of a new cabinet and fresh allocation of portfolios as the right time to also reach out to the Christian community that was peeved at losing out a major chunk of the minority welfare funds.

The change of guard has been welcomed by the Kerala Catholic Bishops Conference (KCBC), the

apex body of various Catholic rites.

"It was a long-pending demand of a major section among the minority communities that the chief minister should handle the minority welfare portfolio. We welcome the new decision and express our gratitude to the chief minister," KCBC spokesperson Fr Jacob Palackappilly said.

However, Pinarayi clarified that he took over the portfolio due to the general opinion that it was bet-

ter if the department was handled by the chief minister himself.

Asked about the Muslim League's opposition towards the move, Pinarayi said portfolio allocation was not that party's prerogative.

The LDF had already begun attempts to assuage Church leaders in the run-up to the local body elections by appointing a commission led by Justice (Retd) J B Koshy to study the backwardness faced by Christians in the state.



Children take respite from the scorching sun under the shady trees in Visakhapatnam on Friday | **SATYANARAYANA**

Despite lockdown, ICUs see no decrease in admissions

DONITA JOSE @Hyderabad

TEN days have passed since the state came under lockdown but there seems to be no let up in the number of serious cases coming to government hospitals.

Though the medical bulletins record a nearly 22 per cent drop in daily cases between caseload of May 12 and May 20, the rush in government hospitals is still the same, with several even losing lives without getting a bed at the entrance of the hospital.

"On Thursday night one 56 year old male patient had to be shifted to Fever Hospital since the family was not able to afford treatment in a private hospital where they had been for over 10 days. His oxygen saturation was being maintained at around 85% on

the ventilator. However some delay and confusion occurred in the shifting from Private hospital to Fever Hospital and the saturation fell to 45%, forcing the family to shift the patient to Gandhi Hospital," said Sai Charan Chikkulla.

At Gandhi Hospital, the family alleged they waited for over one hour inside the ambulance but got no help due to the rush.

"The son took his father to the emergency ward where no doctors or nurses attended to him. After making alot of hue and cry, the nurse checked the patient and said he was dead. Even after pronouncing death, no one came to speak to the family on what should be done. This is the condition of Gandhi Hospital just a day after CM KCR's visit," said Srikanth Renikunta, who helped the family.

OWNERS BOOKED TOO

MAN BOOKED FOR KILLING NEIGHBOUR'S DOG

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Virudhunagar

ONE 34-year-old man was booked by the Appanaickenpatti police for allegedly killing his neighbour's dog for biting his daughter. His neighbour — a couple — was also booked for failing to control the dog.

According to police, one Senthilraja (34) and his father Veluchamy of Kalaperumalpatti allegedly attacked a dog belonging to one Devi (28) of the same village and killed it. She later found that her dog had reportedly bitten Senthilraja's daughter. Based on her

complaint, an FIR was registered under Section 429 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and an investigation is underway.

Similarly, Senthilraja complained that his five-year-old daughter was bitten by the dog owned by Vasantharaja and Devi and sought action against the couple.

The girl was on her way to a shop to buy chocolate when the dog allegedly bit her. She was taken to a hospital after she arrived house with bite injuries. Based on his complaint, Devi and Vasantharaja were booked under Sections 289, 337 of IPC.



Sangh family (including the BJP) in India can also be considered proto-fascist". Proto-fascist movements are those influenced by classical fascist organisations.

In the class, he said Spain under General Franco, Portugal under Salazar, Argentina under Juan Peron, Chile under Pinochet, the apartheid regime in South Africa, and the Hutu ultranationalist and supremacist movement of Rwanda in the early 1990s could be considered proto-fascist, and posed a question whether India under Narendra Modi since 2014 was one.

In the same class, the assistant professor also criticised the government for exporting vaccines at a time when the country's vaccine needs were not

met. "That shows their patriotism," he said.

The Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) — the students' wing of the RSS — has threatened mass protest if the Vice-Chancellor did not take action against the faculty member.

A Vinod Karuvarakundu, a member of the National Monitoring Committee on Education (SCs, STs, Persons with Special Needs and Minority Education) under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, also wrote a complaint to the Vice-Chancellor. In his letter, he alleged Dr Sebastain tried to "instil hatred and poison" in the minds of the first-semester MA students against the democratically elected government headed by Narendra Modi.

ARULMIGU MEENAKSHI SUNDARESWARAR TEMPLE, MADURAI

Telephone No: 0452-2344360

R.C.No. 2264/2021/C2 (4)

Date: 21.05.2021

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed Tenders are invited by the Joint Commissioner / Executive Officer, Arulmigu Meenakshi Sundareswarar Temple, Madurai from the reputed Outsourcing Agencies for the description of work mentioned in the table below, under **Two Cover System** for Arulmigu Meenakshi Sundareswarar Temple and its sub temples

Sl. No.	Description of work	Tender Schedule cost	EMD	Duration of Service
1.	Supply of, Ex-Serviceman for Security service in Main and sub temple for 1431 Fasali	Rs.15,000/- + GST Rs. 1800/-	Rs. 2,00,000/-	01.07.2021 to 30.06.2022
1)	Date of Issue of Tender Schedule	From 24.05.2021 to 08.06.2021, 5.00PM		
2)	Last Date and Time of Tender Submission	09.06.2021 upto 01.00 PM		
3)	Date of opening of Technical bid	09.06.2021 at 02.00 PM		

Tender Schedule can also be downloaded from www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tnhrce.gov.in, at free of cost.

Other Terms and Conditions should be obtained from Joint Commissioner/ Executive Officer's office, during office working day and working hours. The corrections/modification if any, regarding above tender, will be notified only in the above websites

Karumthuthi T. Kannan
Thakkar

K. Chelladurai, M.A., B.L.,
Joint Commissioner/ Executive Officer

DIPR/ 1603 / TENDER/2021

MANAPPURAM FINANCE LTD.

CIN:L65910KL1992PLC006623
IV/470A (old) W638A(New), Manappuram House,
Vaipad, Thrissur, Kerala - 680 567.

GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

The pledges, in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 16/06/2021 from 10.00 am onwards. We are auctioning gold ornaments defaulted customers who have failed to make payment of his/her loan amount despite being notified by registered letters. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without further notice. Changes in venue or date (if any) will be displayed at auction centre and on website without any further notice.

List of pledges:-
VIRUDHUNAGAR, ARUPPUKOTTAI, 103170700065454, 7572, 7576, 7587, 7701, 7704, 7824, 7881, 8137, 8138, 8320, 8366, 8471, 8585, 8641, 8650, 8891, 9015, 9044, 9250, 103170700071055, 1061, 1065, 1071, 1074, 1076, 1078, 1082, 1084, 1099, 1109, 1130, 1139, 1146, 1147, 1152, 1157, 1183, 1187, 1190, 1193, 1197, 1204, 1206, 1207, 1209, 1212, 1216, 1222, 1233, 1234, 1237, 1238, 1252, 1254, 1261, 1264, 1268, 1269, 1272, 1277, 1282, 1284, 1289, 1292, 1298, 1301, 1302, 1303, 1305, 1314, 1318, 1323, 1325, 1329, 1332, 1338, 1351, 1352, 1357, 1358, 1362, 1368, 1371, 1373, 1376, 1377, 1388, 1391, 1400, 1402, 1403, 1404, 1421, 1424, 1431, 1433, 1435, 1439, 1440, 1450, 1452, 1453, 1460, 1461, 1463, 1472, 1474, 1481, 1482, 1483, 1486, 1488, 1493, 1494, 1495, 1497, 1500, 1506, 1511, 1512, 1520, 1533, 1547, 1551, 1554, 1564, 1566, 1568, 1570, 1574, 1576, 1577, 1579, 1580, 1581, 1584, 1586, 1589, 1592, 1598, 1600, 1609, 1610, 1613, 1614, 1616, 1617, 1618, 1619, 1620, 1623, 1624, 1625, 1626, 1627, 1628, 1629, 1630, 1631, 1640, 1641, 1643, 1644, 10317070018663, 9206, 9207, 9208, 9211, 9261, 9285, 9461, 9509, 9513, 9791, 103170730020140, 0222, 0351, 3529, 3535, 3567, 3568, 3569, 3571, 3572, 3590, 3592, 3616, 3632, 3633, 3634, 3637, 3647, 3660, 3666, 3671, 3672, 3673, 3677, 3678, 3694, 3695, 3696, 3699, 3716, 3730, 3738, 3743, 3744, 3745, 3746, 3747, 3773, 3774, 3775, 3793, 3794, 3796, 3804, 3825, 3832, 3835, 3837, 3855, 3867, 3868, 3869, 3877, 3884, 3901, 3918, 3942, 3945, 3946, 3947, 3948, 3949, 3985, 3994, 3995, 3996, 4001, 4002, 4029, 4032, 4047, 4049, 4058, 4067, 4072, 4073, 4074, 4095, 4096, 4133, 4137, 4141, 4154, 4155, 4161, 4204, 4212, 4223, 4224, 4230, 4233, 4238, BY PASS ROAD SATHUR, 125790700047243, 7430, 7564, 7780, 7884, 7929, 7932, 8072, 8091, 8120, 8318, 8396, 8408, 8463, 8474, 8498, 8546, 8640, 8654, 8715, 8728, 8793, 8836, 8888, 9036, 9910, 125790700050025, 0028, 0218, 0224, 0227, 0332, 0334, 0236, 0243, 0244, 0245, 0246, 0247, 0248, 0249, 0253, 0255, 0266, 0267, 0269, 0331, 0636, 0638, 0645, 0646, 0648, 0650, 0651, 0652, 0653, 0371, 0373, 0378, 0386, 0387, 0389, 0395, 0397, 0398, 0401, 0411, 0423, 0444, 0445, 0457, 0470, 0472, 0473, 0476, 0479, 0482, 0485, 0492, 0493, 0504, 0505, 0509, 0512, 0515, 0517, 0519, 0521, 0523, 0525, 0526, 0527, 0528, 0530, 0531, 0533, 0534, 0536, 0537, 0539, 0542, 0545, 0550, 0551, 0562, 0563, 0576, 0579, 0580, 0584, 0585, 0594, 0607, 0614, 0617, 0618, 0619, 0624, 0625, 0626, 0627, 0629, 0631, 0636, 0638, 0645, 0646, 0648, 0650, 0651, 0652, 0653, 0655, 0656, 0659, 0660, 0662, 0664, 125790730015694, 9379, 5740, 5741, 5742, 5762, 5697, 6415, 6740, 6795, 7329, 7628, 9585, 9620, 9621, 9622, 9691, 9834, 9948, 9960, 125790730020026, 0096, 0117, 0149, 0150, 0183, 0184, 0194, 0198, 0223, 0288, 0289, 0290, RAJAPALAYAM, 10317070076612, 6908, 6975, 7379, 7472, 7488, 7568, 7598, 7600, 7689, 7728, 7862, 8008, 8158, 8319, 8404, 8421, 9084, 9221, 9222, 9235, 9251, 9252, 9261, 9299, 9303, 9315, 9316, 9317, 9319, 9328, 9329, 9332, 9333, 9337, 9360, 9369, 9371, 9372, 9374, 9375, 9378, 9382, 9386, 9387, 9392, 9398, 9399, 9403, 9404, 9410, 9413, 9420, 9435, 9460, 9462, 9464, 9469, 9470, 9472, 9481, 9490, 9491, 9495, 9497, 103170730005790, 6184, 6294, 6543, 6552, 6553, 6559, 6560, 6566, 6568, 6708, 6787, 6843, 6844, 6845, 7441, 7472, 7474, 7475, 7517, 7518, 7525, 7527, 7534, 7535, 7554, 7556, 7572, 7586, 7587, 7607, 7608, 7609, 7683, 7689, 103170780000023, SIVAKASI, 104980700751197, 1273, 1314, 1439, 1551, 1586, 1709, 1729, 1752, 1759, 1849, 2164, 2169, 2170, 2222, 2247, 2305, 2336, 2487, 2557, 2558, 2630, 3512, 3690, 3692, 3787, 3791, 3793, 3801, 3804, 3809, 3810, 3811, 3816, 3819, 3820, 3829, 3837, 3841, 3848, 3862, 3869, 3876, 3877, 3881, 3882, 3887, 3899, 3903, 3907, 3909, 3914, 3917, 3929, 3930, 3933, 3941, 3942, 3945, 3946, 3953, 3954, 3957, 3958, 3960, 3963, 3966, 3967, 3968, 3976, 3985, 3986, 3993, 3999, 4000, 4003, 4015, 4029, 4032, 4033, 4044, 4049, 4050, 4051, 4052, 4053, 4056, 4059, 4060, 4061, 4067, 4081, 4103, 4113, 4121, 4124, 4126, 4133, 4134, 4138, 4144, 4148, 4150, 4152, 4154, 4160, 4162, 4165, 104980730031081, 1141, 1284, 1373, 1375, 1596, 1801, 1960, 2502, 2503, 2504, 2506, 2598, 3134, 3137, 3139, 3233, 4324, 4534, 4681, 4708, 4808, 4816, 4842, 4848, 4876, 4899, 4908, 4927, 4953, 4978, 4991, 5012, 5054, 5055, 5056, 5057, 5058, 5059, 5060, 5061, 5062, 5063, 5064, 5065, 5066, 5067, 5068, 5069, 5070, 5071, 5072, 5073, 5074, 5075, 5076, 5077, 5078, 5079, 5080, 5081, 5082, 5083, 5084, 5085, 5086, 5087, 5088, 5089, 5090, 5091, 5092, 5093, 5094, 5095, 5096, 5097, 5098, 5099, 5100, 5101, 5102, 5103, 5104, 5105, 5106, 5107, 5108, 5109, 5110, 5111, 5112, 5113, 5114, 5115, 5116, 5117, 5118, 5119, 5120, 5121, 5122, 5123, 5124, 5125, 5126, 5127, 5128, 5129, 5130, 5131, 5132, 5133, 5134, 5135, 5136, 5137, 5138, 5139, 5140, 5141, 5142, 5143, 5144, 5145, 5146, 5147, 5148, 5149, 5150, 5151, 5152, 5153, 5154, 5155, 5156, 5157, 5158, 5159, 5160, 5161, 5162, 5163, 5164, 5165, 5166, 5167, 5168, 5169, 5170, 5171, 5172, 5173, 5174, 5175, 5176, 5177, 5178, 5179, 5180, 5181, 5182, 5183, 5184, 5185, 5186, 5187, 5188, 5189, 5190, 5191, 5192, 5193, 5194, 5195, 5196, 5197, 5198, 5199, 5200, 5201, 5202, 5203, 5204, 5205, 5206, 5207, 5208, 5209, 5210, 5211, 5212, 5213, 5214, 5215, 5216, 5217, 5218, 5219, 5220, 5221, 5222, 5223, 5224, 5225, 5226, 5227, 5228, 5229, 5230, 5231, 5232, 5233, 5234, 5235, 5236, 5237, 5238, 5239, 5240, 5241, 5242, 5243, 5244, 5245, 5246, 5247, 5248, 5249, 5250, 5251, 5252, 5253, 5254, 5255, 5256, 5257, 5258, 5259, 5260, 5261, 5262, 5263, 5264, 5265, 5266, 5267, 5268, 5269, 5270, 5271, 5272, 5273, 5274, 5275, 5276, 5277, 5278, 5279, 5280, 5281, 5282, 5283, 5284, 5285, 5286, 5287, 5288, 5289, 5290, 5291, 5292, 5293, 5294, 5295, 5296, 5297, 5298, 5299, 5300, 5301, 5302, 5303, 5304, 5305, 5306, 5307, 5308, 5309, 5310, 5311, 5312, 5313, 5314, 5315, 5316, 5317, 5318, 5319, 5320, 5321, 5322, 5323, 5324, 5325, 5326, 5327, 5328, 5329, 5330, 5331, 5332, 5333, 5334, 5335, 5336, 5337, 5338, 5339, 5340, 5341, 5342, 5343, 5344, 5345, 5346, 5347, 5348, 5349, 5350, 5351, 5352, 5353, 5354, 5355, 5356, 5357, 5358, 5359, 5360, 5361, 5362, 5363, 5364, 5365, 5366, 5367, 5368, 5369, 5370, 5371, 5372, 5373, 5374, 5375, 5376, 5377, 5378, 5379, 5380, 5381, 5382, 5383, 5384, 5385, 5386, 5387, 5388, 5389, 5390, 5391, 5392, 5393, 5394, 5395, 5396, 5397, 5398, 5399, 5400, 5401, 5402, 5403, 5404, 5405, 5406, 5407, 5408, 5409, 5410, 5411, 5412, 5413, 5414, 5415, 5416, 5417, 5418, 5419, 5420, 5421, 5422, 5423, 5424, 5425, 5426, 5427, 5428, 5429, 5430, 5431, 5432, 5433, 5434, 5435, 5436, 5437, 5438, 5439, 5440, 5441, 5442, 5443, 5444, 5445, 5446, 5447, 5448, 5449, 5450, 5451, 5452, 5453, 5454, 5455, 5456,