

Intensify measures to combat COVID-19 during intense lockdown week, Stalin tells Collectors

Ensure availability of oxygen and life saving drugs, essentials

Chennai, May 24
Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin on Sunday directed District Collectors to intensify measures like door to door survey to detect people with COVID-19 symptoms during the week long intense lockdown commencing on May 24.

Conducting medical camps for early detection of infected people, increasing testing and continuation of the vaccination drive without slackness were among the measures the Chief Minister underscored.

Addressing Collectors, police superintendents and medical authorities



through video conferencing from the Secretariat here, Stalin said steps should be taken to ensure supply of vegetables, fruits, milk and drinking water during the intense lockdown.

Monitoring availability

of oxygen and life saving drugs and bringing down disease transmission in their respective districts should be the goal of collectors, he said.

While taking efforts to see that people complied with lockdown norms to break the chain of virus transmission, it should also be ensured that exempted activities like transportation of farm produce were not affected.

Supply of quality food, milk and water for in-patients in government hospitals must be ensured. Also, there should be no difficulty in taking people with symptoms or those who test positive- to

hospitals.

The Chief Minister exuded confidence that when district administrations, elected representatives and voluntary organisations worked in tandem with the general public on tackling COVID-19, the effort would succeed.

A two-week lockdown commenced on May 10 in Tamil Nadu and the government on Saturday announced extension of curbs for one more week from May 24.

Also, the government has brought in additional restrictions between May 24 and 31, including closure of vegetable shops and provision stores, which were allowed earlier to work between 6 AM and 10 AM.

In line with the government's earlier announce-

ment that arrangements would be made to ensure supplies of vegetables and fruits through mobile outlets, Stalin inaugurated the outlets here.

The government said 1,610 vehicles would be deployed in Chennai to sell about 1,160 tonnes of veggies and fruits.

In the rest of Tamil Nadu, 2,770 vehicles would ensure supplies of 2,228 tonnes and procurement shall be from local farmers.

People can call 044-22253884 for information on distribution of vegetables, it said, adding that during the one-week intense lockdown, the mobile sale in local neighbourhoods would be between 7 AM and 1 pm everyday.

TN will hold class 12 board exams at a convenient schedule later

Chennai, May 24:
The Tamil Nadu will conduct class 12 public examinations at a convenient schedule later, informed at a high-level meeting with the Centre.

The virtual meeting was chaired by Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank and Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday to discuss the feasibility of holding the class 12 public exams and entrance exams for professional courses.

Minister Anbil Poyy- amozhi said, "Class 12 public exams are crucial in deciding higher education and career of students. There is no use in giving them 'all pass'.

Many other States including TN are in favour of conducting the exams."

He was part of the virtual meeting of state education ministers organised by the Union Human Resources Minister on Sunday.

Talking to media Minister, Poyy- amozhi said, "They (Union govt) are suggesting July or August. Each state has a stand on the issue. It is related to student's welfare. There is no use in declaring all pass for students. Tomorrow, their future could be jeopardized if the colleges admitting them refuse to accept the all pass given by states. It is not just us. All states want to definitely conduct exams. The Tamil Nadu

government also wants to conduct the Class 12 exams." Adding that they were prepared to hold the exams at a moment's notice, he said, "Our Chief Minister will make an announcement as soon as the pandemic situation improves here. They (GoI) are giving many options. For instance, they sought to know if we can reduce the three-hour exam to 90 minutes or conduct it as an objective type exam. We presented our views as some of the options are not practically feasible."

Stating that they sought clarification on the options given by the Centre, the minister said they offered to consult the Chief Minister and revert.

OPS, EPS warn partymen of severe action for anti-party activities

Chennai, May 24:
The AIADMK, on Sunday, warned of severe action against those

involved in anti-party activities or acting against its bylaws or principles.

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against floating peravaais named after party leaders, portraying names and portraits of some leaders in a bad light, posting anti-party content on social media, among others.

In a joint statement, AIADMK co-ordinator O. Panneerselvam and joint co-ordinator Edappadi K. Palaniswami said the party would never allow praises on any individual or attempts to use the party for anyone's personal gains.

Opinions divided on Class 12 exams as COVID rages

CBSE mulls shorter 90-minute option; revamp system

New Delhi, May 24:
The education sector is divided on the government's plan to conduct the Class 12 board exams in a different format amid a growing call from a section of students and parents for their cancellation due to the coronavirus pandemic.

While many argued that the exams are "crucial and an alternative assessment will not be able to do justice", others said "wellbeing" of students and teachers should be priority in such an extraordinary situation.

The Union Education Ministry, after a high-level meeting on Sunday, said there is a broad consensus among states to conduct the exams and that a final decision will be announced by June 1.

National Students' Union of India president Neeraj Kundan said, "Conducting exams for

these 19 subjects could be equally dangerous as it would have been for all the subjects and considering the present conditions in the country this is not the risk which the Modi government should take. Risking lives of the students is certainly the last thing this government should do."

Anubha Srivastava Sahai, President of India Wide Parents Association, said, "Complete chaos in India due to no unanimous decision regarding board exams. It's all pre-planned. They have plans to conduct it in July as they could not make arrangements for online exam and internal assessment it's their failure." Ashok Pandey, Director of Ahlcon Group of Schools, said, Exams are important but in extraordinary situations, empathy, concern for

wellbeing should precede efforts to conduct exams.

R.C. Jain, President of Delhi State Public Schools' Management Association, said, We are ready to conduct exams. It is unfair of the Delhi government to use vaccination as an excuse for not conducting the exams. The exams are crucial and an alternative assessment will not be able to do justice."

Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said his government is not in favour of the options being explored by CBSE to conduct the exams and going ahead with the process without vaccinating students will prove to be a big mistake.

Educationist Meeta Sengupta said, It takes courage to take really safe decisions. It is easy to water down the status quo. At least make it voluntary and promise a

certificate of completed requirements to standards for those who dont need to chase marks."

According to sources, the CBSE has proposed conducting exams between July 15 and August 26 and the result to be declared in September. The board also proposed two options: conducting regular exams for 19 major subjects at notified centres or conducting shorter duration exams at respective schools where students are enrolled.

The tentative timeline for this option is the first phase of exams from July 15 to August 1 and the second phase from August 8-26.

Exams are proposed to be conducted on Sundays also, the source said.

The h a s h t a g cancelboardexams also trended on Twitter as the meeting was underway.

Those who intend to work for the party should focus on serving the people and should develop their interest in science and improve their talents, the leaders contended. None of the party functionaries or those in the party should air his or her comments either in any public space or on social media over the next course of action of the AIADMK or the party's positions on various issues or criticise the party, they insisted.

"If anyone is found involved in activities, violating the party's directives in the future, they will be removed from primary membership and legal action will be resorted to against them," they warned.

Japan starts mass vaccination

Tokyo, May 24:
Japan mobilised military doctors and nurses to give shots to elderly people in Tokyo and Osaka on Monday as the government desperately tries to accelerate its vaccination rollout and curb coronavirus infections just two months before hosting the Olympics.

Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga is determined to hold the Olympics in Tokyo after a one-year delay and has made an ambitious pledge to finish vaccinating the country's 36 million elderly people by the end of July, despite scepticism it's possible.

Worries about public safety while many Japanese remain unvaccinated have prompted growing protests and calls for cancelling the Games set to start on July 23.

Suga's government has

repeatedly expanded the area and duration of a virus state of emergency since late April and has made its virus-fighting measures stricter. But with COVID-19 cases still persistently high, Suga says vaccines are key to getting the infections under control.

At the two mass inoculation centres staffed by Japan's Self-Defence Forces, the aim is to inoculate up to 10,000 people per day in Tokyo and another 5,000 per day in Osaka for the next three months.

People inoculated at the centres on Monday were the first in Japan to receive doses from Moderna Inc, one of two foreign-developed vaccines Japan approved on Friday.

Previously Japan had used only Pfizer Inc, and only about two per cent of the population of 126 million has received the

required two doses.

Japan began vaccinating health care workers in mid-February while sticking to a standard requirement of clinical testing inside Japan a decision many experts said was statistically meaningless and only caused delay.

Vaccinations for the next group the elderly, who are more likely to suffer serious COVID-19 effects started in mid-April but has been slowed by bureaucratic bungling including reservation procedures, unclear distribution plans and shortage of medical staff to give shots.

Completion of Japan-developed vaccines is still uncertain, but Japanese government officials hope the approvals Friday of Moderna and AstraZenca will help speed up the rollout.

13 killed as cable car crashes on mountaintop

Rome, May 24:
A cable car taking visitors to a mountaintop view of some of northern Italy's most picturesque lakes plummeted to the ground Sunday and then tumbled down the slope, killing at least 13 people and sending two children to the hospital in serious condition, authorities said.

Stesa Mayor Marcella Severino said it appeared that a cable broke, sending the car

careening until it hit a pylon and then fell to the ground. "At that point, the car overturned two or three times before hitting some trees," she said. Some of those who died were thrown from the cabin.

Images from the site showed the crumpled car in a clearing of a thick patch of pine trees near the summit of the Mottarone peak overlooking Lake Maggiore. "It was a terrible, terrible

scene," Severino told Italy's SkyTG24. She said that in addition to the two children, a third person was injured.

The plunge on the the Stresa-Mottarone line happened about 100 meters (yards) before the final pylon, in a spot where the cables were particularly high off the ground, said Walter Milan, spokesman for Italy's Alpine rescue service.



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Statement of Audited Consolidated and Standalone Financial Results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2021

Sl. No.	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
		Quarter ended March 31, 2021 (Audited)	Quarter ended March 31, 2021 (Audited)	Year ended March 31, 2021 (Audited)	Quarter ended March 31, 2021 (Audited)	Quarter ended March 31, 2021 (Audited)	Year ended March 31, 2021 (Audited)
1.	Total Income from Operations	12,303.05	11,580.77	45,717.02	13,084.65	9,277.05	46,528.61
2.	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (before tax and exceptional items)	(2,723.39)	(5,430.82)	(11,715.33)	(2,472.63)	2,251.90	(11,653.00)
3.	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional items)	(2,723.39)	(5,430.82)	(11,715.33)	(2,472.63)	(3,885.93)	(11,653.00)
4.	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	(2,723.39)	(5,430.82)	(11,715.33)	(2,472.63)	(3,885.93)	(11,653.00)
5.	Other comprehensive income (net of tax)	210.79	(263.77)	66.47	210.79	(263.77)	66.47
6.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(2,512.60)	(5,694.59)	(11,648.86)	(2,261.84)	(4,149.70)	(11,586.53)
7.	Equity Share Capital (face value of Rs.10 per share)	4,081.64	4,081.64	4,081.64	4,081.64	4,081.64	4,081.64
8.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	NA	NA	90,134.65	NA	NA	89,803.17
9.	Earnings Per Share (of Rs.10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)						
a.	Basic	(6.67)	(13.31)	(28.70)	(6.06)	(9.52)	(28.55)
b.	Diluted	(6.67)	(13.31)	(28.70)	(6.06)	(9.52)	(28.55)

Note:

1 The Standalone and Consolidated financial results for the quarter and financial year ended March 31,2021 were reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on May 22,2021. The Statutory Auditors have conducted an audit of the above Standalone and Consolidated financial results and have expressed a modified audit opinion.

2 The above is an extract of the detailed format of the quarterly Consolidated and Standalone audited financial results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2021 filed with the stock exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Obligations Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Audited Consolidated and Standalone Financial Results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2021 are available on the website of the BSE Limited i.e. www.bseindia.com and National Stock Exchange of India Limited i.e. www.nseindia.com, on the stock exchanges where the Company's shares are listed and on the website of the Company i.e., www.orchidpharma.com.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors of Orchid Pharma Limited
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