To

1. The News Editor
   All India Radio, Port Blair.

2. The Director
   Doordarshan Kendra
   Port Blair.

3. The Chief Editor
   The Daily Telegram
   Govt. Press, Port Blair.

4. The Chief Editor
   DweepSamachar
   Govt. Press, Port Blair.

5. The Director
   Information & Publicity
   A&N Administration, Port Blair.

Sub: - Declaration of closure of Sports facilities, student Hostel, classes from IV to XII for all Government and all other management schools (i.e., KVs, Zilla Parishad, PBMC, Private aided and unaided) in A & N Islands -reg:-

Sir,

Kindly arrange to Broadcast/Telecast/Publish the enclosed Press Note in your esteemed media for giving wide publicity on two consecutive days in the public interest.

Yours faithfully

[Dr. Dheeraj Kumar]
Dy. Director Education (Acad)

Encl:-As above.

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1. The Sr.PS to Secretary (Edn) for kind information of Secretary (Edn) please.
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Dy. Director Education (Acad)
Press Note

In pursuance to undertaking of preventive measures to contain spread of COVID – 19, all classroom transactions in all schools of Andaman & Nicobar Islands from class IV to class XII are ordered to be suspended immediately till further orders.

However, examinations of class X & XII will continue as usual. The School Authorities shall be required to mandatorily sanitize the examination halls before and after each exam and ensure minimum distance of 01 metre between the examination writing tables.

Any remaining examinations for the Classes governed by the “No Detention Policy” are not to be conducted. For classes V & VIII, any remaining examinations may be conducted after the order for suspension of classroom transactions is lifted.

All student Hostels shall be closed with immediate effect till further orders. However, students of Classes X & XII may be allowed to stay in the hostels in case they are from distant areas and are appearing for Board examinations. The hostel authorities shall mandatorily ensure proper sanitization of common room, reading room and dining room before and after use by the students. All shall be directed to follow respiratory etiquettes meticulously while using common services.

Further, all Sports facilities such as Gymnasium, Swimming Pool, Play Ground/Stadiums, Water Sports activities in Govt. as well as private etc. including hostels are ordered to remain closed with immediate effect till further orders.

[Dr. Dheeraj Kumar]
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