The Embassy of India Djibouti would like to keep the Indian Diaspora updated of the situations with regard to outbreak of COVID – 19 both in India and Djibouti. The Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi has also issued certain advisory for the Indians including observance of Janta Curfew (self-imposed curfew) on 22nd March from 9 am to 7 pm as social isolation is the most effective method to curb this disease in a heavily populated country like India. He also urged Indian citizens to support and thank the Indians working in essential services like doctors, medical personnel, cleaning staff, police & security officials, and others for their service and follow the advisory of the Government.

Latest Travel Advisory on behalf of Government of India, March 20, 2020

The Government of India has issued the following temporary measures to restrict the spread of COVID – 19 which are subject to review by the Government.

1. No scheduled international commercial passenger aircraft shall take off from any foreign airport for any airport in India, after 0001 hrs GMT of March 22, 2020 (*i.e. 0531 hrs Indian Standard Time (IST) of March 22, 2020). These instructions shall remain in force till 0001 hrs GMT of March 29, 2020.

2. A maximum travel time of 20 hours is permissible for such commercial passenger aircraft to land in India.

3. As such, no incoming scheduled international commercial passenger aircraft shall be allowed to disembark its passengers *on Indian soil* (Foreigner or Indian) after 2001 hrs GMT of March 22, 2020 (*i.e. 0131hrs IST of March 23, 2020).

4. These instructions are in addition to the travel restrictions/ advisories already issued and under implementation wherein issue of Indian visas except diplomatic, official, UN/ International Organizations, employment and project visas, has been suspended till 15 April 2020.

5. Visa free travel facility granted to OCI Card holders is also suspended till 15 April 2020.

Djibouti Country-Specific Information:

- Djibouti has one confirmed case of COVID-19 within its borders.
- On March 18, 2020, the Government of Djibouti announced the closure of all land, sea, and air borders. All passenger flights to and from the Republic of Djibouti have been suspended. Passenger service on the on the Djibouti-Addis Ababa railroad is suspended as of March 20, 2020.
- The Government of Djibouti has announced the closure of all international travel into and out of Djibouti. Passenger travel via the rail network is also suspended. The airport, ground, and sea borders are closed.
- Quarantined cases are currently being held at Bouffard Hospital in Djibouti City.
• The Ministry of Health will continue to provide updates to the press regarding the latest information regarding the COVID-19 situation in Djibouti.

General Advisory to contain the disease:

Certain important guidelines have been issued by WHO, Government of Djibouti and Government of India to reduce the risk of Covid – 19 which must be followed by everyone and they are as follows:

i. Wash hands frequently with soap and water for 40 seconds. An alcohol based hand sanitizer with 70% alcohol must be used for 20 seconds. If hands are dirty or soiled, do not use alcohol based hand sanitizer, but wash hands preferably with soap and water.

ii. While coughing or sneezing cover nose and mouth with handkerchief, paper tissue. If handkerchief or tissue paper is not available cough into the flexed elbow. Dispose of tissue immediately after use and wash hands.

iii. Refrain from touching face, mouth, nose and eyes.

iv. Stay at least a meter away from those coughing or sneezing.

v. Monitor your body temperature.

vi. Seek medical care early if you have a fever, cough, and difficulty breathing

vii. Practice social isolation and food safety.

viii. Do not panic and hoard food stuff.

Government of India Helpdesk

The Government of India has also launched WhatsApp bot — MyGov Corona Helpdesk — 919013151515 to get instant authoritative answers to their coronavirus queries.

In the current scenario, the Embassy of India, Djibouti is ready to provide any emergency service to Indian nationals in Djibouti. Any Indian in need of assistance can approach the Embassy with following information: your full name, date of birth, passport number, gender, your current location, the number of family members with you in Djibouti, you e-mail address, and a phone number.

The Embassy of India, Djibouti is monitoring closely all the developments and will share additional information as it becomes available

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