Subject: - Order under section 144 of CrPC read with relevant provisions under Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and the Disaster Management Act, 2005 in connection with apprehended danger to human safety – regarding.

1. Whereas, it has been made to appear to me, in view of the situation emerging due to COVID-19 in District Jammu, that there is sufficient ground for proceeding under Section 144 of CrPC for immediate prevention or speedy remedy is desirable to prevent danger to human life, health or safety; and

2. Whereas, Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and Disaster management Act, 2005 also empower the undersigned to issue certain directions for safety and preventing any harm to human life; and

3. Now, therefore, I, Sushma Chauhan, IAS, District Magistrate, Jammu, vide powers conferred upon me under section 144 of CrPC read with relevant provisions under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and the Disaster Management Act, 2005 do hereby order the following with effect from 8 pm on 22/03/2020 till 6 pm on 31/03/2020:-

i. that there shall be complete shutdown of all Anganwadi centers, Schools, Colleges, Universities, Malls, Gyms, shops, businesses, markets and establishments etc., within the territorial jurisdiction of district Jammu, except for the essential services and supply chains required to maintain the essential services, notified vide department of Food, Civil supplies and Consumer Affairs’ Government Order no. 60- FCS&CA of 2020 dated 22/03/2020 issued vide endorsement number PS/Secy/FCSCA/01/2020 dated 22/03/2020;
ii. that there shall be complete restrictions on the movement of Inter-State /Intra State Buses; Matadors; and other modes of public transports, except for authorized SRTC buses plying for essential purposes.

iii. that there shall be complete ban on assembly of three or more persons for any reason whatsoever;

iv. that assemblies of any kind for demonstrations, rallies, processions, protests etc., are completely prohibited;

v. that gatherings of any kind (social/cultural/political/religious/academic/sports/seminar/conference etc.,) shall be completely prohibited;

vi. that people are required to stay at home and come out only to procure essential commodities for consumption (one person per vehicle), in the immediate vicinity of their homes, while strictly following the norms of social distancing, provided further that there shall not be an assembly of more than three customers/clients in any establishment for seeking essential services. This shall particularly be ensured by the Banks, ATMs, Post Offices, Chemist and Grocery stores/shops.

vii. that the passengers coming out from and going to the Airport shall be permitted to travel on production of air tickets. The staff deployed at Airport (public officials and belonging to Airlines) shall also be allowed to move on production of valid ID proof.

viii. that government employees of essential services’ departments or such other departments as required by government shall be permitted to move on production of ID proofs.

4. Since, it is not possible to serve prior notice of this order, it is as such being issued ex-parte. Any violation of this order shall invite punitive action under section 188 of Indian Penal Code and other relevant sections of Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and the Disaster Management Act, 2005.
5. This order shall be widely circulated for information of all by the Director, Information and Public Relations.

BY ORDER.

No:- DCJ/PS/2019-20/1199-1204
Dated:- 22/03/2020

Sushma Chauhan, IAS
District Magistrate
Jammu

Copy to the:-
1. Chief Secretary, J&K for information.
2. Divisional Commissioner, Jammu for information.
4. Sr. Superintendent of Police, Jammu for information and necessary enforcement.
5. All Sub Divisional Magistrates of Jammu District for information and necessary action.
6. All Tehsildars of Jammu District for information and necessary action.