



**GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM
HOME DEPARTMENT
GANGTOK**

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NOTIFICATION

In pursuance with the appeal made by the Hon'ble Prime Minister for adopting austerity measures and to demonstrate commitment towards the National service and responsible governance, the Government hereby issues the following guidelines for the promotion of efficient utilisation of Government assets and moderation of fuel consumption by Government Departments, Autonomous Bodies, Public Sector Undertakings, and other Government Institutions, with effect from 18/05/2026, Monday.

A. State-Level Measures

Carcade, Pilot and Protocol

- Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed that the number of vehicles in his carcade shall be reduced by 50%, limiting the convoy to five vehicles inclusive of security vehicle.
- Hon'ble Speaker and the Hon'ble Deputy Speaker have decided that they will not use the Pilot Escort Vehicle, except within Gangtok District for use in official function only.
- As directed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, all Protocol Courtesies in terms of reception and see off by DCs, SPs during his official travel shall remain suspended.

Functioning of Government Offices

- All State Government Offices, wherever feasible, shall implement Work From Home arrangements for 50% of employees on a roster basis.
- Government offices shall function on a five-day work week from Monday to Friday and consequently no Government vehicles shall be allowed to ply on Saturday and Sunday except for emergency vehicles.

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- Government officials are encouraged to commute on foot for nearby meetings and events and to utilise public transport to the maximum extent possible.
- All scheduled departmental meetings shall, as far as possible, be conducted virtually. In unavoidable cases requiring physical meetings, participation shall be restricted to a maximum of two officials per Department. Necessary support from NIC and IT Department may be obtained to strengthen Video Conference facilities.
- All official foreign travel of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Speaker, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Hon'ble Ministers, Hon'ble MLAs and Government officials shall remain suspended until further orders except for medical emergency.
- All OSDs and Chairpersons are advised to remain stationed in their respective constituencies and avoid unnecessary travel.

Government Vehicles and Transport

- Use of Government vehicles on weekends, i.e., Saturdays and Sundays, shall be prohibited with the exception of emergency vehicles.
- Pool vehicle services shall be introduced in all Government Departments.
- Fuel allotment (POL) for the Government vehicle of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Speaker, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Hon'ble Ministers, Hon'ble MLAs, and other Government Officers shall be reduced by 30%.
- Use of Government vehicle in every office shall be curtailed by 50%, HoDs shall devise a mechanism for smooth functioning of the office.
- Unless absolutely necessary, movement of Government vehicles for Government officers shall be prohibited outside the State. However, for exceptional circumstances prior approval of the Chief Secretary shall be obtained. The prohibition shall not be applicable to the vehicles of Hon'ble Speaker, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker and Hon'ble Ministers and Hon'ble MLAs.



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- Purchase of new Government vehicles shall be prohibited for One year except for Police and Emergency Service vehicles.
- The Transport Department shall reallocate City Runner buses to ensure smooth public commuting services.
- Use of Electric Vehicles (EVs) is to be strongly encouraged.

LPG Monitoring

- For monitoring and regulation of LPG cylinder distribution, Notification No. 363/LMU/F&CSD dated 26/03/2026 issued by the Food and Civil Supplies Department shall be strictly complied with. Allocation of extra LPGs cylinders shall be granted only for marriage function and death rites.

Implementation of Odd-Even Rule

- The Odd-Even Rule currently in force in Gangtok town, for plying of all vehicles, except taxis and two-wheelers, shall be extended to all the districts.
- All exemption windows for the odd-even rules shall hereby stand withdrawn until further orders.

B. District-Level Measures

District Administration

- All district-level meetings shall be conducted virtually. District officials are also encouraged to commute on foot for nearby meetings and events.
- Officials serving in the District Administration shall not leave their respective districts.
- Under exceptional medical emergency, prior approval of District Collector shall be obtained.
- Inter-district movement of Government vehicles shall remain prohibited.



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- All Protocol Courtesies at the district level shall remain restricted.

Emergency Services shall remain exempted from the aforesaid restrictions.

All Government officials and members of the general public are earnestly requested to extend full cooperation and adhere to these measures in letter and spirit. These interim restrictions are being implemented in the larger public interest to ensure energy conservation, public security, and responsible utilisation of resources.



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