

25 juni Update Corona Tamil Nadu

Greetings and prayerful wishes to you from Dr. I. Sebastian M.A., M.B.A. the Executive Director of St. Joseph's Development Trust.

I just rushed back from Tranquebar due to sudden announcement of rigid lockdown announced for another period of two weeks. This time the lockdown has more restrictions on people and vehicle movements. There is no provision for vehicles to move from one district to the other district. We are living in the border of Theni district and for everything we have to go to Batlagundu for all shopping which is in Dindigul district. Everytime we cross we have to face difficulties. My travel from Tranquebar to our headoffice was an adventurous journey of by-passing main roads and at times fighting with police officials. Somehow I managed to reach our headoffice last night. And I don't know what further restrictions are in store for the future.

However my visit to Tranquebar was very useful. I was able to distribute covid-19 relief packages to about 125 families. In terms of our orphanage I was able to meet with the children in Pudu Irudhayam and advised them on covid-19 preventive measures as well as advised them to undertake some kind of personal development by reading, reflecting and watching educational programs on television. I was also able to supervise the two agricultural farms and advise for further development.

The covid-19 situation in Tamil Nadu is indeed alarmingly increasing day by day and yesterday's 24 hours infected numbers rose up to 2865. The total number of covid-19 infected are as of today is 67,468 and the death number is 866. By this number we are now the second state for scoring highest number of covid-19 infected cases. In addition to Chennai, Chengalpet, Tiruvallur and Kanchipuram now Madurai and Theni districts are also added to the list of worst affected districts. However we still continue to operate our activities as well as covid-19 relief work as usual. Our office is also functioning as usual.

Once again I thank you for all your support

Yours Fraternaly in Christ  
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