

GOVERNMENT OF GOA OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS WILDLIFE & ECOTOURISM (NORTH) DIVISION OLD VIKRIKAR BHAWAN, GROUND FLOOR, PANAJI - 403 001 (GOA)

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ORDER

Sub: Re-opening of Dudhsagar Circuit, post-monsoon for authorized vehicles to facilitate Ecotourism, during the year 2025-26 - reg.

Upon receipt of the Government approval, Dudhsagar Circuit of BMWLS&NP will be opened for authorized vehicles with valid permits to facilitate eco-tourism activities through the bookings made online through Government-authorized portal run by Goa Tourism Development Corporation (GTDC), with immediate effect, and strictly as per the following guidelines;

- 1. "The entry gate of Bhagawan Mahavir National Park at Collem shall be open between 8:00 HRS to 15:00 HRS, for batches of 30-40 persons at hourly intervals, considering the parking space and to avoid over-crowding.
- 2. A maximum of 240 trips are only allowed in a day as recommended by State Board for Wildlife (SBWL) and to be strictly complied.
- 3. Only the vehicles registered with Goa Forest Department and with due permit, shall make trips in the circuit under strict supervision of the Forest Department. No other private vehicles/two-wheelers will be permitted to enter the tourist circuit from the entry gate.
- 4. Entering the falls without life jackets is strictly prohibited.
- 5. Adequate number of Forest Guards, trekkers, nature guides, support staff and lifeguards will be deployed by Goa Forest Department, Goa Forest Development Corporation (GFDC) and GTDC to ensure the safety of visitors, and their directions/services shall be strictly followed/utilized.
- 6. Further, additional forest staff and personnel to be deployed near the river crossing at Collem and at the waterfall site during the initial period of 15 days, and during yellow alerts issued by IMD-Goa.

- 7. The permit holders shall also keep personnel and vehicles on standby at Collem river crossing point, in particular, to ensure safety of tourists.
- 8. Entry to the falls from the Railway track is strictly prohibited.
- 9. The number of adults per vehicle shall be restricted to 07 (Seven) at a time.
- 10. Plastic water bottles and plastic carry bags are not permitted inside Wildlife Sanctuary and National Park.
- 11. Strict action will be taken if anyone found carrying alcohol or found under the influence of alcohol within the Circuit. It is the responsibility of Jeep Operators/Drivers/Permit holders to primarily restrict such entries.
- 12. Do's and Don'ts displayed in the form of Public Notice at BMWLS&NP to be strictly complied by Jeep operators and visitors.
- 13. Over speeding/rash driving is strictly prohibited, and will be dealt seriously and may lead to suspension/cancellation of permits.
- 14. Interested visitors to be allowed to visit the Nature Interpretation Centre at Collem gate for some time (at least 15 Minutes). This will give opportunity to the visitors to get sensitized about the need of Forest and Wildlife Conservation. The Jeep operators/ permit holders to submit an undertaking in this regard, as per usual format.
- 15. Goa Forest Department reserves the rights to call off the ecotourism activity in Dudhsagar Circuit on a particular day, for any valid reasons, and in case of an Orange/Red alerts issued by IMD-Goa.

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Copy to:

- 1) OSD to Hon'ble Minister for Forests, Government of Goa for information.
- 2) The Chairman, Goa Forest Development Corporation for information.
- 3) The Chairman, Goa Tourism Development Corporation for information.
- 4) Chief Secretary, Government of Goa for information.
- 5) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Goa for information.
- 6) The APCCF & Chief Wildlife Warden, Goa for information.
- 7) The Conservator of Forests (Wildlife & Eco-Tourism) for information.
- 8) Collector, South Goa District for information.
- 9) Superintendent of Police, South Goa District for information.
- 10) The General Manager, GFDC/GTDC for information and n/action.
- 11) Range Officer, Wildlife-Mollem for information and n/action.
- 12) Dudhsagar Tour Operators Association for information and n/action.