

CHENNAI/NEW DELHI: In yet another unprecedented measure, the Centre on Sunday decided to completely lock down 80 districts, including Chennai, Kancheepuram and Erode in Tamil Nadu, across the country.

Soon after the Centre's advice, Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami convened an emergency high-level meeting where it was planned that the advisory would be implemented in a phased manner. At the meeting it was also decided that examinations for Classes 11 and 12 would be conducted as per the schedule, sources told DT Next. Similarly, it was also decided that the ongoing Assembly session would continue despite an appeal from the Leader of the Opposition MK Stalin to suspend it.

Meanwhile, Palaniswami, who led the clapping exercise at his camp office in support of sanitary and medical workers, announced the suspension of interstate bus and Chennai Metro Rail services till March 31. Sources in the Transport Department said that there will be no restrictions on the bus services within the state. The MTC will also run as usual from 5 am on Monday. Instructions have also been given to Aavin workers to ensure adequate supply of milk. Food minister R Kamaraj also informed that there was no need for public to panic over ration supply as adequate stock was in place.