

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DIRECTORATE OF ART AND CULTURE

No.195/DAC/S1/2021

Puducherry, dt. 8 OCT 2021

CIRCULAR

Sub: DAC- Scheme – Functioning of Government Libraries in the regular timings – Reg.

Ref: I.D. Note.195/DAC/S1/2021 dt.01.10.2021 of the Director of Art and Culture, Puducherry.

In pursuance of the guidelines and SOPs issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India and by the Puducherry State Executive Committee, this Department has been operating all Public Libraries, Mahakavi Bharathiar Memorial Museum, Thiagi Subbiah- Tmt. Saraswathi Subbiah Memorial, Social, Scientific Literary Research Centre and Library, Pavender Bharathidasan Memorial Museum-cum-Research Centre with restrictions in timings viz. from 10.00 AM to 4:00 PM.

2. Now, in continuation of the relaxations issued in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Government of India and by the Puducherry State Executive Committee, the Government Public and Branch Libraries, Bharathiar Memorial Museum, Subbiah Museum, Bharathidasan Museum within the U.T. of Puducherry, outside containment zones, are hereby permitted to function in the regular timings with immediate effect subject to strict adherence to COVID-19 safety protocols from time to time in addition to the following standard guidelines:

- a) Use of face mask to be mandatory.
- b) Seating inside the library halls shall be arranged to effect social distancing norms.
- c) Disinfection of library premises is compulsory on daily basis.
- d) Time of operation for public visit shall be from 9.00 AM to 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM for the Government Branch Libraries and from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM for Romain Rolland Library without any lunch break.
- e) Time of operation for public visit shall be from 9.40 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 5:20 PM for Mahakavi Bharathiar Memorial Museum, Thiagi Subbiah- Tmt. Saraswathi Subbiah Memorial, Social, Scientific Literary Research Centre and Library, Pavender Bharathidasan Memorial Museum-cum-Research Centre.

/BY ORDER/

(P. RAGINI)
DIRECTOR

To

1. The Assistant Library Information Officer, DAC, Puducherry.
2. The Assistant Library Information Officer, Romain Rolland Library, Puducherry.
3. The Assistant Library Information Officer, Dr. S.R. Ranganathan Govt. Public Library, Karaikal.

Copy to:

✓ All Government Branch Libraries/Museums, Puducherry -- with instructions to adhere to the timings.

Copy submitted to:

The Secretary (A&C), Chief Secretariat, Puducherry ---- for kind information please.