



OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE & COLLECTOR-CUM-CHAIRMAN
DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, BHADRAK

No. 11398 /Emg

Date:10/09/2020

ORDER

Whereas, State Govt. vide Order No.5315/R & DM (DM) dt.10.09.2020 of Chief Secretary, Odisha have allowed observance of Biswakarma Puja, Durga Puja, Laxmi Puja, Kali Puja etc. during September, October and November of 2020 with specific set of conditions with regard Order dated.31.08.2020 passed by the Hon'ble High Court in WP (C) PIL No.21016/2020,

Now Therefore, in pursuance of the above mentioned order we being the authorized Officer do hereby allow the observance of Biswakarma Puja, Durga Puja, Laxmi Puja, Kali Puja etc. in Bhadrak District with strict adherence to the following guidelines:

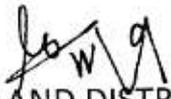
For conducting Puja in Puja Pandals/ Mandaps, the organizers shall have to take **permission from the Sub Divisional Magistrate, Bhadrak**. To get permission the organizers have to obtain one NOC from the concerned IIC of the local Police Station and submit the same to Sub Divisional Magistrate through DIB for issuing of permission to the Puja Committee with the following restrictions.

1. Puja(s) shall be conducted in indoor-like condition only for observance of rituals without public participation, pomp and grandeur.
2. Puja Pandals/ Mandaps shall be covered on three sides. The 4th side shall also be covered in a way not to allow any public view of the idols. There shall be no darshan by public/ devotees.
3. The size of idol shall be less than 4 feet.
4. There shall be no use of public address system.

5. At any given point of time, there shall not be more than 7 persons including organisers (Kartas) and priests and support staff present in the Puja Pandal/ Mandap.
6. The persons present at Puja Pandal/ Mandap shall follow all Covid protocols of social distancing, mask use, personal hygiene and sanitation issued by State Government in letter and spirit.
7. There shall be no immersion procession. The idols will be immersed in artificial pond(s) created by the local administration for the purpose.
8. There shall be no musical or any other entertainment programme.

The above guidelines shall be strictly followed.

Any person violating these measures will be liable to be proceeded against in accordance with the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and Regulations issued there under besides legal action under Section 188 of the PC and other legal provisions as applicable.


COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
BHADRAK

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1. Superintendent of Police, Bhadrak
2. Sub-Collector and SDM, Bhadrak
3. All Tahasildars/ All BDOs
4. All Executive Officers of ULBs
5. DIO, NIC, Bhadrak/ DI & PRO, Bhadrak
for information and necessary action.
6. SRC & ACS (DM) for kind information.