



OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR & DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
JUDICIAL SECTION, COLLECTORATE, BHADRAK

No. 974 /Judl

Date: 27/10/2020

ORDER

Whereas, In pursuance of guideline issued by SRC & Addl Chief secretary to Govt (Disaster Management) vide order No. 5627/R &DM dated 01.10.2020, that the Social, Political, sports, entertainment, cultural, religious functions and other large congregations will remain prohibited till 31.10.2020 for containment of COVID-19.

And whereas, State Govt. vide Order No.5315/R & DM (DM) dt.10.09.2020 of Chief Secretary, Odisha have allowed observance of Laxmi Puja & Kali Puja with specific set of conditions.

And whereas, in pursuance of the above mentioned order District Administration vide its order No. 11398/Emg dtd. 10.09.2020 have allowed the observance of Laxmi Puja & Kali Puja with strict adherence to specified guidelines.

Now therefore, In public interest we hereby reiterate the following guidelines along with other restrictions for strict observance by public .

1. Puja shall be conducted in indoor-like condition only for observance of rituals without public participation, pomp and grandeur.
2. The respective Puja Committees shall take necessary permission from Sub Collector to perform Laxmi Puja & Kali puja and other religious ceremonies.
3. 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.
4. The size of idol shall be less than 4 feet.
5. There shall be no use of public address system.
6. No permission shall be given for holding of opera/melody shows /any other entertainment programme where public gathering are expected both in urban and rural areas.
7. At any given point of time, there shall not be more than 7 (seven) persons including organisers (Kartas) and priests and support staff present in the Puja Pandal/ Mandap.

8. The president/Secretary of Puja Mandap shall ensure installation of CCTV inside and outside of Puja Mandap.
09. 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.
10. There shall be no immersion procession. The idols will be immersed in artificial pond(s) created by the local administration. Maximum 07(seven) persons are allowed to participate in the immersion with out any procession and celebration.

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 IPC and other legal provisions as applicable.


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3. All Tahasildars/ All BDOs
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for information and necessary action.