



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

No.2246/Emg

Date: 20 /03/2021

ORDER

Whereas, the State is passing through a critical situation due to detection of new variant of SARS-CoV-2 and it is necessary to strictly adhere to COVID-19 safety protocols for containment of spread of the infection.

And whereas, the State Government vide Order No.1020/R&DM (DM) dt.27.02.2021, have specifically directed that large gatherings congregations shall continue to be prohibited. Social, political, sports, entertainment, academic, cultural and religious functions and other gatherings shall be allowed with a ceiling subject to strict adherence of the COVID-19 safety protocols.

And whereas resurgence of SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19) have been noticed in many parts of the world including Brazil, Germany, Italy and France etc and in many parts of India such as Maharastra, Panjab, Karnatak, Gujurat, Madhyapradesh and Kerala etc.

And whereas, the sacred festival of **Dola Yatra, Holi & Dola Melan** are approaching and people usually congregate and get in touch with each other to celebrate the festivals and play colours and also sacred festival "**Sab-E-Barat**" is approaching with possibility of large congregation at different Mazhar/Masjid/Kabarstan during which use of face masks and physical distancing norms are not likely to be adhered to and such congregations have a potentiality to cause spread of the virus.

And whereas, the Chief Secretary of Odisha vide Order No.1502/R & DM(DM) dt.19.03.2021 has issued guidelines for celebration of Dola Yatra, Holi and Dola Melan in the State to avoid congregation and to curb further spread of the pandemic COVID-19.

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the above mentioned orders, in the larger interest of the public & for containment of spread of COVID-19, we being the Empowered Officer under "The Disaster Management Act.2005" do hereby order for celebration of **Dola Yatra, Holi, Dola Melan and Sab-e-Barat** throughout the territorial jurisdiction of Bhadrak District as follows :

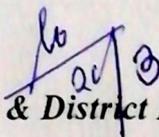
- (a) Congregations for celebration of '**Dola Yatra**' and associated religious and cultural congregations shall not be allowed at public places. Religious rituals in temples and religious places will continue as usual with maximum 10 numbers of persons/devotees with strict adherence of COVID-19 protocols.
- (b) Celebration of '**Holi**' on 28th and 29th and their related rituals shall not be allowed in public places throughout the Bhadrak District. People may celebrate 'Holi' with family members in their houses only and not in any public places including public roads.

(c) Large congregation for Celebration of "**Dola Melana**" shall not be allowed in public places/place of worships. It will be observed with the following stipulations/restrictions:-

- No one will play colours and get touch with each other to celebrate the festival
- All the rituals of the Dola Melana shall be organized in a low key manner.
- In each Biman there shall be not more than 08 persons including Biman carriers, priest, ghantua, light man etc.
- The gathering/ crowd shall not be allowed more than 100 in the Melan ground.
- No. procession with musical instruments, lighting and crowd shall be allowed/ permitted from the village to the melan ground.
- No use of music or loudspeaker shall be allowed/ permitted at the Melan ground.
- No one shall carry lathi/ stick with him to perform cultural activities.
- No cultural function shall be allowed / permitted during Dola Melan.
- No mina bazaar / stall shall be installed near the place of Melan ground
- The function shall be organized in a limited time and not throughout the night.

- (d) Congregation for celebration of "**Sab-E-Barat**" and their related rituals at different Mazhar/Masjid/Kabarstan of Bhadrak District shall not be allowed. Maximum 10 numbers of persons are allowed to enter into the above place of worships with strict adherence of COVID-19 protocols/ guidelines .
- (e) The Govt. guidelines/protocols on COVID-19 of social distancing, wearing of masks and sanitization of the place shall be strictly followed.
- (f) All Tahasildars/ all IICs /OICs are directed to conduct enforcement for strict implementation of this order in order to contain the spread of pandemic COVID-19.

Any person found violating this order shall be punished under the provisions of "The Disaster Management Act,2005" and other relevant laws.


Collector & District Magistrate, Bhadrak

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2. PD,DRDA & PD,DUDA, Bhadrak
3. Sub-Collector and SDM, Bhadrak
4. All Tahasildars/ All BDOs
5. DIO, NIC, Bhadrak/ DI & PRO, Bhadrak
6. All Executive Officers of ULBs
7. All IICs/OICs of Bhadrak District

for information and necessary action.