



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

No. ~~2572~~ /Emg

Date: 26 /03/2021

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**ORDER**

**Whereas**, the State is passing through a critical situation due to detection of new variant of SARS-CoV2 and it is necessary to strictly adhere to COVID-19 safety protocol for containment of spread of the infection ,

**And whereas**, resurgence of SARS-CoV-2(Covid-19) have been noticed in many parts of India;

**And whereas**, the State Govt. 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, entertainment, Sports, academic, cultural, religious functions and other gatherings shall be allowed with a ceiling of 500 persons subject to strict adherence of COVID-19 protocols,

**And whereas**, the Govt. of India in Ministry of Health & Family Welfare have issued SOP on 22.12.20 for stringent Epidemiological Surveillance and Response and the Ministry of Home Affairs, GOI vide Order No.40-3/2020/DM-I(A) dt.26.02.2021 have issued revised guidelines for surveillance containment and caution with regard to COVID-19 ,

**And whereas**, the State Govt. have issued instructions vide Order No.1502/R & DM (DM) dt.19.03.2021 for celebration of 'Holi' and 'Dolayatra' in a restricted manner strictly adhering to the COVID safety protocols;

**And whereas**, the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India vide Order No.40-2020-DM-I(A) dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2021 have issued guidelines for effective control of

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COVID-19;

**And whereas,** the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India vide their DO No.AS(H)/Misc./2021 dated 24.3.2021 have strongly advised the States to consider imposing local restrictions in public observance of festivals and limit/ do away with mass gatherings in public observance of festivals like Holi, Shab-e-Barat, Bihu, Easter and Eid-ul-Fitr etc;

**And whereas,** the sacred festivals of 'Good Friday', 'Easter', 'Pana Sankranti'/'Jhamu Yatra', 'Danda Yatra' and 'Sriram Navami' etc. are falling in the month of April and people usually congregate and get in touch with each other to celebrate the festivals during which it is not possible to adhere to COVID appropriate behavior and such congregations have a potential to cause spread of the virus;

**And whereas,** Chief Secretary, Odisha in exercise of powers conferred under section 24 (1) of DM Act-2005 r/w Rule 8(1) of Odisha Disaster Management Rules vide Order No.1623/R&DM (DM) dt.25.03.2021 has issued the guidelines relating to 'Good Friday', 'Easter', 'Pana Sankranti'/'Jhamu Yatra', 'Danda Yatra' and 'Sriram Navami' etc. with conditions of observing COVID protocols,

**Now, therefore,** in pursuance of the above mentioned order ,we being the Authorized Officer do hereby order to **observe the 'Good Friday', 'Easter', 'Pana Sankranti'/'Jhamu Yatra', 'Danda Yatra' and 'Sriram Navami' etc** with strict adherence to the following conditions.

- a- In the interest of health of the general public and for containment of spread of COVID-19, it is hereby directed that congregation for celebration of the above festivals like 'Good Friday', 'Easter', 'Pana Sankranti'/'Jhamu Yatra', 'Danda Yatra' and 'Sriram Navami' and associated religious and cultural congregations shall not be allowed in public throughout the District.
- b- Religious rituals in churches/ temples/ places of worship will continue as usual

with limited number of persons with strict adherence to COVID protocols.

This order shall come into force with immediate effect.

**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 thereunder besides legal action under Section 188 of the IPC 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/All Executive Officers of ULBs  
for information & necessary action. They shall undertake enforce activities alongwith in coordination with local police with reference to this office order No. 2487/Emg dtd. 24.03.2021 & 2246/Emg dtd. 20.03.2021.
4. DIO NIC/ DIPRO Bhadrak for information
5. SRC & ACS (DM) for kind information.