



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

No. 6918 /Emg

Date: 19 /08/2021

ORDER

Whereas, State Govt. vide Order No.4290/R & DM (DM) dt.31.07.2021 of Chief Secretary, Odisha have ordered to reopen more activities in areas outside Containment Zones upto 6.00AM of 1st September, 2021 wherein District Collector have been authorized to allow public worship in religious places/ places of worship with appropriate restrictions and due observance of COVID-19 protocols to curb spread of COVID-19,

And whereas, accordingly, assessment of ground level situation and due consultation with relevant stake holders have been made

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that all religious places/ places of worship of Bhadrak District shall be opened to general public/ devotees with effect from 23.08.2021(Monday) in adherence to the following guidelines exemptions/restrictions to be ensured and maintained by authorities of the concerned religious places/places of worship.

- 1- The religious places/institutions shall remain open for general public/devotees from 6.00AM to 8.00PM for darshan/worship. However, **Shri Shri Akhandaleswar Mahadev Temple, Aradi** will remain closed for the general public/ devotees every Saturday for the purpose of sanitization. But the nitikanti/ rituals of the deities of the said temple will continue as usual.
- 2- It is mandatory for all general public/devotees to wear mask at all times inside and outside the religious premises.
- 3- General public/devotees must sanitise their hands before entering into the religious places/institutions.
- 4- General public/devotees shall maintain physical distance of minimum 6 feet at all times as per COVID-19 guidelines issued by Govt. of Odisha.
- 5- General public/devotees should not touch statues or idols inside the temple.
- 6- The person with SARI/ILI like symptoms shall not be allowed to enter into the religious institutions/ places of worship.
- 7- The "Anna Prasad Kendra" inside the premises of the religious places/institutions by the concerned authorities shall remain closed for the time being and any kind of community dining is strictly prohibited inside the premises of the religious places/institutions and periphery area.

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- 8- The general public /devotees are not allowed to carry Prasad/Bhoga with them inside the temple to the deities.
- 9- Chewing of Tobacco/ Betel/ (Paan)/ spitting inside the religious places/institution premises is strictly prohibited.
- 10- Parking of vehicles will be done at the designated places earmarked and managed by authorities of the religious places/institutions.
- 11- Persons above 65 years of age, persons with Co-morbidities, pregnant women and children below 10 years are advised not to visit the religious places/institutions in view of prevailing COVID-19 situation.
- 12- The solemnization of marriage and other social ceremony are strictly prohibited inside the religious premises/ institutions.
- 13- After "Darshan" of the Deity, no general public/devotee shall be allowed to stay for longer period inside the premises of the religious places/institutions and shall have to vacate immediately to make the religious places/institutions premises free from commotion/congregation.
- 14- It shall be the responsibility of the authorities of the religious places/institutions concerned to make all the arrangement as well as to ensure maintenance and observance of above guidelines /restrictions/exemptions in letter and spirit for facilitating "Darshan/Worship" in a disciplined manner in order to contain spread of COVID-19 virus.

Any violation shall attract penal actions and proceedings in accordance with the provisions u/s-51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and section. 188 of Indian Penal Code.

The above guidelines/exemptions/restrictions will be reviewed periodically and revised guidelines/instructions will be issued from time to time to further facilitate "Darshan/Worship" by general public/devotees and also for management of COVID-19 pandemic.


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.