



No. 7724 / Emg

Dated 01.10.2020

**OFFICE ORDER**

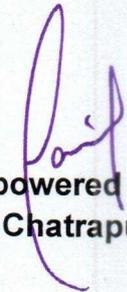
Whereas, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India vide their Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) Dated 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 have issued a set of guidelines for phased re-opening more activities in areas outside the Containment Zones and to extend the lockdown in Containment Zones up to 31.10.2020 for containment of COVID-19;

And whereas, the Government of Odisha in Revenue & Disaster Management (Disaster Management) Department vide its order No.5627/R&DM(DM) dated 01.10.2020 has extended the lockdown in all COVID-19 Containment Zones in the state of Odisha from 01.10.2020 to 31.10.2020 with some stipulations to re-open more activities in areas outside the Containment Zones;

Now therefore, after reviewing the current situation the following guidelines in respect of Ganjam District and in consonance of the Order No. 5315/ R&DM (DM) Dated 10.09.2020, it is ordered that the following guideline shall be followed for observance of Durga Puja, Laxmi Puja, Kali Puja and other similar Puja during September, October and November of 2020 is hereby made.

- For conducting puja in puja Ppandals/ Mandaps, the organizer shall apply to and obtain necessary permission from the Concerned Sub-Collectors & Sub-Divisional Magistrate, who are authorized to give such permissions.
- Puja(s) shall be conducted in indoor like condition only for observance of rituals without public participation, pomp and grandeur.
- Puja Pandals/ Mandapas shall be covered on three sides. The 4<sup>th</sup> side shall also be covered in a way not to allow any public in view of the idols. There shall be no darshan by public/ devotees.
- The size of idol should be less than 4 feet
- There shall be no use of public address system.
- At any given point of time there shall not be more than seven persons including organisers (Kartas) and priest and support staff present in puja Pandal/ Mandap.
- The persons present at Puja Pandal/ Mandap shall follow all COVID protocol of social distancing, mask use, personal hygiene and sanitization issued by Government of India/ Government of Odisha/ Local Administration in letter and spirit.
- The organizers and other persons involved in conducting the puja shall abide by any other condition(s) as imposed by local administration/ appropriate authority.
- There shall be no immersion procession. The idols will be immersed in artificial pond(s) created by the local administration for the purpose.
- There shall be no musical/ any other entertainment programme.
- All Sub-Collectors, Tahasildars, BDOs and EOs of the ULBs shall strictly enforce the above guideline with the help of police.

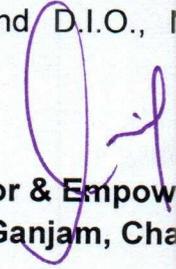
- **Penal provisions:** Any person violating these measures will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and Regulations issued thereunder, besides legal action under section 188 of the IPC and other legal provisions as applicable.

  
**Collector & Empowered Officer  
Ganjam, Chatrapur**

Memo No. 7725/Emg

Dated 09.10.2020

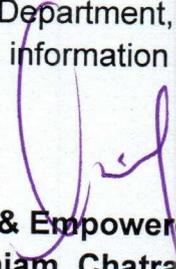
Copy to Superintendent of Police, Ganjam / Superintendent of Police, Berhampur / Commissioner, BeMC, Berahmpur / Project Director, DRDA, Ganjam / ADM & PD, DUDA, Ganjam / All Sub-Collectors / All Executive Engineers of Line Deptt. / BDOs / Tahasildars-cum-Executive Magistrates / EOs of ULBs / CDM & PHO, Ganjam, Berhampur / Deputy Collector, Judicial, Collectorate, Ganjam/ R.O., SPCB, Ganjam, Berhampur/ DIPRO, Ganjam, Chatrapur and D.I.O., N.I.C., Ganjam, Chatrapur for information and necessary action.

  
**Collector & Empowered Officer  
Ganjam, Chatrapur**

Memo No. 7726/Emg

Dated 09.10.2020

Copy submitted to the Special Relief Commissioner & Additional Chief Secretary to Govt., Disaster Management, Odisha / Additional Chief Secretary to Govt., Health & FW Department, Odisha / RDC (SD), Odisha, Berhampur/ Addl. Secretary to Govt., Revenue & Disaster Management Department, Odisha / Addl. Secretary to Govt., GA & PG Department, Odisha for information and necessary action.

  
**Collector & Empowered Officer  
Ganjam, Chatrapur**