



**COLLECTORATE: NABARANGPUR
ODISHA, (COVID-19 CELL)**

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No. 2951 /2020

dated 12 .09.2020.

ORDER

WHEREAS, the Government of Odisha, in exercise of powers conferred u/s 2,3, and 4 of the Epidemic Disease Act,1897 have enunciated the Odisha COVID-19 Regulation 2020 for prevention and containment of COVID-19.;

AND WHEREAS, the Collector & District Magistrate, Nabarangpur has been designated as the Empowered Officer and authorized to enforce and implement various measures for containment of the spread of COVID-19 diseases under Regulation 2 of the Odisha Covid-19 Regulations, 2020;

AND WHEREAS, as per the Covid-19 guidelines issued by the Government of Odisha vide Order No.5039/ R&DM(DM) dated 31.08.2020, all religious places/ places of worship remain closed for public till 30th September,2020 throughout the State. Social, political, sports, entertainment, academic, cultural, religious functions and other large gatherings are not allowed.

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Odisha vide Order No.5315/R&DM (DM) dated 10.09.2020 have directed that the **following guidelines shall be followed for observance of Durga Puja, Laxmi Puja, Kali Puja and other similar Puja during September, October and November of 2020.**

1. For conducting Puja in Puja Pandals /Mandaps the organizers shall apply to and obtain necessary permission from the Collector & District Magistrate.
2. Puja(s) shall be conducted in indoor-like condition only for observance of rituals without public participation, pomp and grandeur.
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. At any given point of time, there shall not be more than 7 persons including organizers (Kartas) and priests and support staff present in the Puja Pandal/Mandap.
7. The persons present at Puja Pandal/ Mandap shall follow all Covid Protocols of social distancing, mask use, personal hygiene and sanitation issued by Central / State Government/Local Administration in letter and spirit.
8. There shall be no immersion procession. The idols will be immersed in artificial pond(s) created by the local administration for the purpose.
9. There shall be no musical of any other entertainment programme.

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NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of powers conferred under Regulation 8 the Odisha Covid-19 Regulations,2020 read with instructions contained instruction no.11 of Order No.5315/R&DM (DM) dated 10.09.2020 of Government of Odisha, I, **Dr. Ajit Kumar Mishra, OAS(SAG), Collector & District Magistrate, Nabarangpur** and the Empowered Officer do hereby direct to implement the aforesaid guidelines issued by the Government as well as the following conditions:-

1. No idol shall be set up in a tent, Pandal or Mandap in the Nabarangpur District jurisdiction for observance of Durga Puja, Laxmi Puja, Kali Puja and other similar Puja during September, October and November of 2020 without prior permission from the undersigned.
2. No permission shall be granted for procession during observance of Durga Puja, Laxmi Puja, Kali Puja and other similar Puja during September, October and November of 2020
3. The general public, devotees are restricted to enter into Puja Pandals / Mandaps except the priests and organizers/ supporting staff.
4. The general public, devotees are hereby advised to celebrate Durga Puja, Laxmi Puja, Kali Puja and other similar festival at their homes.

Any person found violating the containment measures as stipulated supra will be liable to be prosecuted against as per the provisions of section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, and COVID-19 Regulations, 2020, besides, legal action under Sec.188 of the Indian Penal Code and other legal provisions as applicable


12/9/2020
District Magistrate & Collector,
Nabarangpur

Memo No. 2952 /2020

Dated 12.09.2020.

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Copy to all District Level Officers/DIPRO, Nabarangpur for information and necessary action and wide publicity.

Copy forwarded to the Superintendent of Police, Nabarangpur for kind information and necessary action.


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District Magistrate & Collector,
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