



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

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No. 4653 /2020

dated 24 ..12..2020.


**ORDER**

Whereas, the Government of Odisha communicated vide Order No.6691/ R&DM (DM) dated 30.11.2020 of Chief Secretary, Odisha have promulgated the guidelines in the State of Odisha until midnight of 31.12.2020.

Whereas, in pursuance of the instructions contained at Para No.2(viii) of the aforesaid order dated 30.11.2020 of Government of Odisha supra, I, **Dr. Ajit Kumar Mishra, O.A.S., (SAG), District Magistrate & Collector, Nabarangpur**, do hereby promulgate the following for strict enforcement and implementation –

1. Celebration of Christmas shall be allowed in **the indoor only in the Churches** in entire Nabarangpur District on 25.12.2020 subject to strict adherence to SoP on preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 in religious places/ places of worship dated 4.06.2020 issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Extract of SoP is annexed at **Annexure-I**
2. **Outdoor large congregations for celebration of Christmas shall not be permitted.**
3. The authorities of Churches/ Pastors/ Deans etc. are requested to render their cooperation in the interest of controlling the COVID-19 pandemic.

Any person found 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 Sec.188 of the Indian Penal Code and other legal provisions as applicable.


  
**District Magistrate & Collector,  
Nabarangpur**

Dated 24 . 12.2020.

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Copy to the Church authorities for information and necessary action.

Copy forwarded to Additional District Magistrate, Nabarangpur/ CDM&PHO, Nabarangpur/ Sub Collector, Nabarangpur/ All Tahasildars/ All Block Dev. Officers / Executive Officer, Municipality, Nabarangpur & Umerkote/all the IICs & OICs of Police Stations in Nabarangpur district for information and necessary action. They are requested to promulgate the above orders in the respective jurisdiction and wide publicity among the public.


  
**District Magistrate & Collector,  
Nabarangpur**

Dated 24 . 12.2020.

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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.

  
**District Magistrate & Collector,  
Nabarangpur**

4<sup>th</sup> June, 2020

Government of India  
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

**SOP on preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 in religious places/ places of worship**

**1. Background**

Religious places / places of worship get frequented by large number of people for spiritual solace. To prevent spread of COVID-19 infection, it is important that required social distancing and other preventive measures are followed in such premises.

**2. Scope**

This document outlines various generic precautionary measures to be adopted in addition to specific measures to be taken at particular places to prevent spread of COVID-19.

**Religious places/ places of worship for public in containment zones shall remain closed. Only those outside containment zones will be allowed to open up.**

**3. Generic preventive measures**

Person above 65 years of age, persons with comorbidities, pregnant woman and children below the age of 10 years are advised to stay at home. Organisations managing the religious institutions to advise accordingly.

The generic preventive measures include simple public health measures that are to be followed to reduce the risk of COVID-19. These measures need to be observed by all (workers and visitors) in these places at all times.

These include:

- i. Individuals must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet in public places as far as feasible.
- ii. Use of face covers/masks to be mandatory.
- iii. Practice frequent hand washing with soap (for at least 40-60 seconds) even when hands are not visibly dirty. Use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers (for at least 20 seconds) can be made wherever feasible.
- iv. Respiratory etiquettes to be strictly followed. This involves strict practice of covering one's mouth and nose while coughing/sneezing with a tissue/handkerchief/flexed elbow and disposing off used tissues properly.
- v. Self-monitoring of health by all and reporting any illness at the earliest to state and district helpline.
- vi. Spitting should be strictly prohibited.
- vii. Installation & use of Aarogya Setu App shall be advised to all.

**4. All religious places shall also ensure:**

- i. Entrance to have mandatory hand hygiene (sanitizer dispenser) and thermal screening provisions.
- ii. Only asymptomatic persons shall be allowed in the premises.
- iii. All persons to be allowed entry only if using face cover/masks.
- iv. Posters/standees on preventive measures about COVID-19 to be displayed prominently. Audio and Video clips to spread awareness on preventive measures for COVID-19 should be regularly played.
- v. Staggering of visitors to be done, if possible.
- vi. Shoes / footwear to be preferably taken off inside own vehicle. If needed they should be kept in separate slots for each individual / family by the persons themselves.
- vii. Proper crowd management in the parking lots and outside the premises – duly following social distancing norms shall be organized.
- viii. Any shops, stalls, cafeteria etc., outside and within the premises shall follow social distancing norms at all times
- ix. Specific markings may be made with sufficient distant to manage the queue and ensure social distancing in the premises.
- x. Preferably separate entry and exits for visitors shall be organized
- xi. Maintain physical distancing of a minimum of 6 feet at all times when queuing up for entry.
- xii. People should wash their hand and feet with soap and water before entering the premises.
- xiii. Seating arrangement to be made in such a way that adequate social distancing is maintained.
- xiv. For air-conditioning/ventilation, the guidelines of CPWD shall be followed which inter alia emphasises that the temperature setting of all air conditioning devices should be in the range of 24-30oC, relative humidity should be in the range of 40-70%, intake of fresh air should be as much as possible and cross ventilation should be adequate.
- xv. Touching of statues/idols / holy books etc. not to be allowed.
- xvi. Large gatherings/congregation continue to remain prohibited.
- xvii. In view of potential threat of spread of infection, as far as feasible recorded devotional music/songs may be played and choir or singing groups should not be allowed.
- xviii. Avoid physical contact while greeting each other.
- xix. Common prayer mats should be avoided and devotees should bring their own prayer mat or piece of cloth which they may take back with them.
- xx. No physical offerings like Prasad/distribution or sprinkling of holy water, etc.to be allowed inside the religious place.
- xxi. Community kitchens/langars / “Ann-daan”, etc. at religious places should follow physical distancing norms while preparing and distributing food.
- xxii. Effective sanitation within the premises shall be maintained with particular focus on lavatories, hand and foot-washing stations/areas.

- xxiii. Frequent cleaning and disinfection to be maintained by the management of the religious place.
- xxiv. The floors should particularly be cleaned multiple times in the premises.
- xxv. Proper disposal of face covers / masks / gloves left over by visitors and/or employees should be ensured.
- xxvi. In case of a suspect or confirmed case in the premises:
  - a. Place the ill person in a room or area where they are isolated from others.
  - b. Provide a mask/face cover till such time he/she is examined by a doctor.
  - c. Immediately inform the nearest medical facility (hospital/clinic) or call the state or district helpline.
  - d. A risk assessment will be undertaken by the designated public health authority (district RRT/treating physician) and accordingly further action be initiated regarding management of case, his/her contacts and need for disinfection.
  - e. Disinfection of the premises to be taken up if the person is found positive.