

COLLECTORATE: NABARANGPUR ODISHA, (COVID-19 CELL)

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dated 26..03..2021.

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, the Government of Odisha vide Order No.1020/R&DM (DM) dated 27.02.2021 have specifically directed that large gatherings shall continue to be prohibited. Social ,political, sports, entertainment, academic, cultural and religious functions and other gatherings shall be allowed with a ceiling of 500 persons subject to strict adherence of the COVID-19 safety protocols.

AND WHEREAS, the sacred festivals of 'Good Friday', 'Easter', 'Pana Sankranti' /'Jhamu Jatra', '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 festivals during which it is not possible to adhere to COVID appropriate behavior and such congregations have a potentiality to cause spread of virus;

NOW THEREFORE, in pursuance of order No.1623 dated 25.03.2021 of Chief Secretary, Odisha, I, **Dr. Ajit Kumar Mishra, O.A.S., (SAG), District Magistrate & Collector, Nabarangpur**, do hereby promulgate the following guidelines issued by the Government for its strict enforcement and implementation —

- (a) In the interest 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' I'Jhamu Jatra', 'Danda Yatra' and 'Sriram Navami' etc. and associated religious and cultural congregations shall not be allowed in public throughout the Nabarangpur district jurisdiction.
- (b) Religious rituals in churches/ temples/places of worship will continue as usual with limited number of persons with strict adherence to Covid protocols.
- (c) Only 10 devotees shall be allowed inside the temple at a time for celebrations in temples and 100 devotees shall be allowed inside the churches. Wearing of masks, maintaining social distancing and provision of thermal scanning & use of hand wash or sanitizer in the premises of temples will be mandatory. The onus of compliance to the guideline lies with the Organizers/ authorities of the place of worship/ temples, who shall be liable for any violation which may lead to penal action including closure/sealing of the premises.

Further, the following guidelines issued vide Order No.1635 dated 26.03.2021 of Chief Secretary, Odisha shall be strictly enforced throughout the Nabarangpur district jurisdiction for observance of 'UTKAL DIVAS' and related activities on April 1st, 2021 in the interest of general public-

- (a) Large congregation for celebration of 'Utkal Divas' and associated cultural programmes shall not be allowed throughout the Nabarangpur district.
- (b) The official meeting/celebration of **Utkal Divas** shall be made with a **maximum of 200 participants.** COVID-19 safety protocols like social distancing, use of masks, use of soap and water/ sanitizers shall be strictly adhered to. Other activities during the day shall be avoided.
- (c) Other organizations and private institutions willing to observe 'Utkal Divas' shall take prior approval from the undersigned in this regard, subject to the above ceiling and strictly adhering to COVID-19 safety protocols.

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 there under besides, legal action under Sec.188 of the Indian Penal Code and other legal provisions as applicable.

District Magistrate & Collector,
Nabarangpur

Dated % .03.2021.

Copy Addl. District Magistrate, Nabarangpur//Project Director, DRDA, Nabarangpur /CDM& PHO, Nabarangpur / Sub Collector, Nabarangpur/ All Tahsildars / All Block Dev. Officers /All CDPOs/ Executive Officer, Municipality, Nabarangpur & Umerkote/ all the IICs & OICs of Police Stations in Nabarangpur district / D.I.O, NIC, Collectorate, Nabarangpur / all District Level Officers / DIPRO, Nabarangpur for information and necessary action

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District Magistrate & Collector,
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Copy submitted to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Health & Family Welfare Department/ Special Relief Commissioner, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for kind information and necessary action.

District Magistrate & Collector,
Nabarangpur