



OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE & COLLECTOR, JHARSUGUDA

OFFICE ORDER

No. 235/Emg.

/Dated: 11.01.2021

**Whereas** the Govt. of Odisha in Revenue & Disaster Management Department (DM) Vide Order No. 7384/R&DM(DM) dt 30.12.2020 have been pleased to delegate power to the Local authority i.e the District Magistrate to permit public worship in religious places/places of worship with appropriate restriction based on local assessment of the situation and regard to spread of COVID-19 with strict observance of COVID-19 safety Protocols.

**And Whereas** the District Authority has decided vide Order No. 19494/Emg dt.31.12.2020 that public worship in religious places/ at such institutions different sects shall start in the district from 11th January 2021 if the prevalent situation does not demand otherwise.

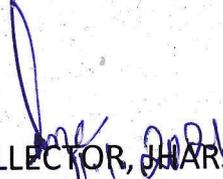
**And Whereas** the District Authority, after assessment of prevalent situation in the district is satisfied that all religious institutions/places of Worship in the district should be opened for public subject to adherence to COVID-19 guideline and necessary precautions.

**Now therefore** in exercise of the authority conferred, I Saroj Kumar Samal, OAS, Collector & DM, Jharsuguda Promulgate the said guidelines for public worship at religious places/ such institutions of different sects in the district of Jharsuguda, save eventual revision which may be occasioned later.

**Public worship at religious places/ such institutions of different sects in the district of Jharsuguda is allowed w.e.f 11.01.2021 subject to the following stipulations.**

1. It is mandatory for all devotees to wear masks at all times inside and outside the religious institutions /places of worship.
2. Devotees should sanitize their hands before entering into respective religious institutions /places of worship.
3. Devotees should maintain physical distance as per COVID guidelines.
4. Touching of Idols and statues is prohibited.

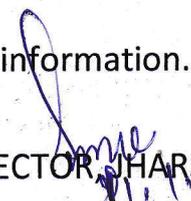
5. It is not allowed to take flowers / Prasad / other related materials for worship inside these institutions /places of worship.
6. Chewing of Tobacco/Gutka & spitting inside the religious institutions /places of worship is prohibited.
7. Persons above 65 years of age, and with co-morbidities, pregnant women & children below 10 years are advised not to visit the places of worship/prayer.
8. Sanitization of the religious institutions /places of worship is to be done at least twice a day.
9. A minimum number of devotees should be allowed inside the Temple/Gurudwara/Masjid/Church keeping in view the availability of space on such premises and the need to maintain physical distance.
10. Proper arrangement should be there in Bhoga mandap /prayer hall so that physical gap can be maintained among the devotees.
11. Phased entry need to be done in order to ensure thin presence at one point of time.
12. No singing or prayer in groups is allowed.
13. There should be no use of common mat.
14. Provision should be made for separate entry and exit.
15. No cultural activity / program will be allowed on the premises.
16. At the entry there will be oval/circle shaped marking on the ground for devotees to stand in queue in case there is rush.
17. A public notice bearing above stipulations shall be displayed at conspicuous points of such religious institutions /places of worship.
18. Anyone violating the COVID-19 safety protocols during the visit to religious institutions /places of worship will be liable for penal action. Liability will be open to be fixed upon the stakeholders who will include priests/ Maulvi/Father/Devotees irrespective of sect.

  
COLLECTOR, JHARSUGUDA

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Copy submitted to the R.D.C.(ND), Sambalpur for kind information.

  
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Copy forwarded to the Superintendent of Police, Jharsuguda for information and necessary action. He is requested to please ensure its implementation across the district. Accordingly instruction may be given.

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Copy to the Sub-Collector -cum- SDM, Jharsuguda for information and necessary action.

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Copy to all Executive Magistrates, Jharsuguda for information and necessary action.

Copy to the DI&PRO/ DIO, NIC, Jharsuguda for publicity.

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