



COVID-19 URGENT

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE & COLLECTOR, JHARSUGUDA

OFFICE ORDER

No. 8807 /Emg.

/Dated: 04.08.2021

Whereas the Govt. of Odisha in Revenue & Disaster Management Department (DM) Vide Order No. 4290/R&DM(DM) dt 31.07.2021 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 the spread of COVID-19 with strict observance of COVID-19 safety Protocols.

Whereas, the rate of positivity in the district over last three weeks' time has consistently remained less than **0.5** percent.

And Whereas the District Authority, after the virtual meeting on dt. 02.08.2021 with the relevant stakeholders of the district is satisfied that all religious institutions/places of Worship in the district will adhere to COVID-19 guidelines and conform to necessary pre-cautionary measures.

Now therefore in exercise of the authority conferred, we allow reopening of Temples/ Mosques/ Gurudwaras / Churches and other religious places of different sects in the district of Jharsuguda for the devotees, save eventual revision which may be occasioned later.

- 1. Public worship at all such institutions of different sects in the district of Jharsuguda is allowed w.e.f 05.08.2021 subject to the following stipulations.**
2. It is mandatory for all devotees to wear masks at all times inside and outside such religious premises.
3. Devotees shall sanitize their hands before entering into the Religious institutions /places of worship.
4. Devotees shall maintain physical distances from others as per COVID guidelines both on the premises and outside.
5. Touching of Idols and statues is strictly banned.
6. There will be no Prasad sevan either on the premises or any where near by.

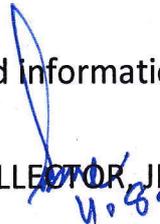
7. Chewing of Tobacco/Gutka & spitting inside the Religious institutions /places of worship is strictly prohibited.
8. Persons above 65 years of age, persons with co-morbidities, pregnant women & children below 10 years are not to visit these places.
9. Sanitization of the Religious institutions /places of worship is to be done everyday.
10. Not more than 10 devotees shall be allowed inside the premises at one point of time.
11. Proper arrangement shall be there in Bhoga mandap / prayer hall so that physical gap can be maintained among the devotees.
12. Phased entry need to be done in order to ensure thin presence at one point of time.
13. No singing or prayer in groups is allowed.
14. There should be no use of common mat.
15. Provision should be made for separate entry and exit.
16. No cultural activity / program will be allowed on the premises.
17. At the entry there will be oval / circle shaped marking on the ground for devotees to stand in queue in case there is rush.
18. A public notice bearing above stipulations shall be displayed at conspicuous place of these religious institutions /places of worship.
19. Anyone violating the COVID-19 safety protocols during visit to religious institutions /places of worship/ prayer will be liable for penal action. Liability of deviation will be fixed upon the stakeholders including priests / Maulavi / Father / Granthi/ Devotees irrespective of sects.


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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COLLECTOR, JHARSUGUDA

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

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Memo.No. 8811 /Emg.

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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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