

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE & COLLECTOR, PURI.

(General & Misc. Section)

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OFFICE ORDER

No. 125 /Gl. Dt. 08.02.2021.

WHEREAS, Ministry of **Home Affairs**, Government of India(GoI) vide **Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A)** dated **27.1.2021** stipulate for surveillance, containment and caution with regard to **COVID-19**.

WHEREAS, Office of Special Relief Commissioner, Govt. of Odisha has issued instruction vide order **No.480/R&DM(DM) dtd.30.1.2021** that large gatherings, congregations shall continue to be prohibited. Social/ religious/ political/ sports/ entertainment/academic/cultural functions and gatherings shall be allowed with a ceiling of **500 persons** subject to conditions laid down in the SOP.

AND WHEREAS, it is felt imperative for conducting Chandrabhaga Mela at Konark and subsequent rituals of deities amidst the prevalence of **COVID-19** in a restricted manner with absence of devotees/general public as well as due observance of **SOP outlined for COVID-19** and to restrict the movement of devotees and congregation of general public at **Chandrabhaga Mela Ground** on the occasion of **Chandrabhaga Mela** and adjacent area of **Konark**.

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred under **Section 2(1) of the Epidemic Diseases Act,1897 & Odisha COVID-19 Regulation'2020** and **Order No.480/R&DM(DM) Dtd.30.1.2021** read with section **30(2) of the Disaster Management Act'2005, I , Sri Samarth Verma,IAS,District Magistrate & Collector,Puri** being **Empowered Officer** do hereby allow for observance of Chandrabhaga Mela at Konark on **19th February'2021** with the following stipulations;

- The servitors/associates/Officials involved for rituals/movement of deities are allowed at the site for observance of Mela restricting to **500 persons** only.

- They must wear face mask properly in worship place and during movement of the deities.
- Physical distancing of 2mtr. Should be maintained for individuals.
- Consumption of Paan, Gutka, tobacco & similar products in public place/Mela ground is prohibited.
- Spitting at site is a punishable offence and shall be avoided.
- The **Sub-Collector, Puri** shall ensure for promulgation of **144 of CrPC** in entire Chandrabhaga Mela area at Konark w.e.f. **18th-19th February 2021** with regard to restrict the mass congregation at the site.
- Vehicles carrying essential service/medical service are allowed for movement at the said roads.
- Anybody who violates/contravenes the above stipulations of **COVID-19** protocol shall be liable for punishment under relevant provisions of the **D.M.Act'2005** and **u/s Section 188 of IPC.**

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Copy forwarded to the Superintendent of Police, Puri/ADM, Revenue, Puri/ADM, R&R., Puri/ PD, DRDA., Puri/ Sub-Collector, Puri/All BDOS/All Tahasildars/All Deputy Collectors/All Asst. Collectors/All District Level Officers/All Executive Officers of ULBs/All Line Department Officers of the district for information and necessary action.

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Copy submitted to the Revenue Divisional Commissioner(Central Division), Cuttack/ Addl. Secretary to Special Relief Commissioner, Odisha, Bhubaneswar/Addl. Secretary to Govt. Law Department/H & UD Department/Health & Family Welfare Department/Revenue & Disaster Management Deptt., Odisha, Bhubaneswar for kind information.

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