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From

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Disaster Management

To

All Collectors
All Superintendents of Police
All Commissioners of Municipal Corporations
Commissioner of Police, Bhubaneswar-Cuttack

Sub: **Strict implementation of guidelines for Thread ceremony/
Bratopanayana and related rituals during covid-19 pandemic**

Madam/ Sir,

Inviting reference to the subject cited above I am directed to enclose herewith guidelines for Thread ceremony/ Bratopanayana and related rituals during Covid-19 pandemic which may be strictly followed by the public while conducting such functions/ related activities.

Hence, it is requested to ensure the implementation of this guidelines/ instructions by the field level functionaries while allowing such functions/ related activities to public during COVID-19.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,

Kim
18.05.2021
Additional Commissioner, Relief
(Disaster Management)

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GUIDELINES FOR THREAD CEREMONY/ BRATOPANAYANA AND RELATED RITUALS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

1. The numbers of persons allowed in a Thread ceremony/ Bratopanayana and related rituals including host, guest, Brahmins, priests and supporting staffs shall be as decided by Government from time to time.
2. Thread ceremony/ bratopanayana and related rituals shall be celebrated only in the family. No outside guest shall be invited to the Thread ceremony/ bratopanayana function.
3. No feast shall be served in the function.
4. No ritualistic ceremonial procession associated with the event is allowed.
5. The ceremony shall be conducted in the house only and not in any public/ private place (other than own house) including Kalyan Mandap/ Hotels/ Clubs/ society buildings etc.
6. The list of participants/ family members should be submitted to the local authorities at least 24 hours before the event. This said list shall be conspicuously displayed inhouse premises which can be easily read by public from a distance of ten (10) feet. If persons other than those declared before the local authorities and as such displayed are found present in the house/ family, it shall be considered as violations of the conditions of permission. Action as deemed proper under relevant sections of E.D Act, 1897, D.M Act, 2005 and IPC shall be initiated against the Head/ guardian/ host of the family. Further Local Authorities may impose penalty on the Head/ guardian/ host of the family apart from taking such other action as sealing, seizure and levy of penalty under prevailing rules/ guidelines/ orders of the Local authorities.
7. Wearing of masks correctly, maintaining social distancing of at least six(6) feet between participants and provision of thermal scanning & use of hand wash or sanitizer shall be mandatory.
8. The Head/ guardian/ host of the function shall be criminally liable for any violation and non-adherence of guidelines/ Covid-19 protocols.
9. The Head/ guardian/ host of the Thread ceremony/ bratopanayana shall make necessary arrangement for checking at the entry point and ensure wearing of mask by the participants/ others during the entire duration of their participation. Head/ guardian/ host shall make arrangement to provide masks to those who have not come with appropriate masks.
10. Thread ceremony/ Bratopanayana and related functions shall be held only with prior permission (in writing or through electronic communication) of the local Administrative Authorities /local Police Authorities/ any other officer authorised by district administration.
11. Local police authorities will ensure that under no circumstances more than the stipulated no of persons participate in the Thread ceremony/ Bratopanayana function.

12. Other permissions, if any required, shall be obtained from the competent authority (ies) and conditions therein shall be complied with.
13. Persons with symptoms of Influenza Like Infection (ILI) and Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) shall not be allowed to the Thread ceremony/ Bratopanayana function.
14. Vulnerable groups of people, such as, persons above 65 years of age, children below 10 years, persons with co-morbidities and pregnant women are advised not to attend the function.
15. At least 2 meter physical distance shall be maintained between individuals during Thread ceremony/ Bratopanayana function.
16. Chewing of gutka and paan and spitting in public is strictly prohibited. The Head/ guardian in the family shall ensure adherence to this.
17. The Head/ guardian/host of the Thread ceremony/ Bratopanayana will ensure elaborate arrangement for hand washing with soap and water and also ensure availability of hand sanitizers.

Liability for violation, if any:

1. The Head/ guardian in the family shall be held responsible for ensuring the guidelines and will be liable for legal action in case of any violation.
2. The participants in the Thread ceremony/ Bratopanayana function will also be held responsible for violation of conditions, if any, on their part and shall be liable for legal action.

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