

Government of Odisha Office of Special Relief Commissioner

No. <u>6597</u>/R&DM (DM) Date: 24-11-2020

ORDER

Whereas, the State is passing through a critical stage of COVID-19 pandemic and it is necessary to strictly adhere to COVID-19 safety protocols for containment of spread of the infection;

And whereas, the State Government, vide Order No. 5145/R&DM(DM) dated 31.10.2020, have specifically directed that large social, political, sports, entertainment, academic, cultural & religious functions and other gatherings will remain prohibited in the State till November 30, 2020.

And whereas, on Kartik Purnima usually large number of people congregate at river ghats or near other water bodies to take bath in the wee/ morning hours and sail miniature boats. Besides, Bali Yatra is organized at different places to mention a few at Cuttack, Paradeep, Bhubaneswar, etc. starting from Kartik Purnima which attract huge crowd;

And whereas, such congregations have large potential for spread of COVID-19 infections;

And whereas, considering the above, the State Government have directed in public interest to prohibit such activities on the occasion of Kartik Purnima;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 24(I) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 read with rule 8(1) of the Odisha Disaster Management Rules, 2010, the undersigned hereby directs that congregation at river ghats / near other water bodies to take bath and sail miniature boats on the occasion of Kartik Purnima on 30th November 2020, conduct of Bali Yatra on the said occasion or on the days following and all other congregations relating to Kartika Purnima & Bada Osha shall remain prohibited throughout the State.

Any person found violating this order shall be punished under the provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and other relevant laws.

> Ash Tarpahs, Chief Secretary, Odisha

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Copy forwarded to the Private Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister/ Private Secretary to all Ministers/ Chief Secretary/ Development Commissioner/ Agriculture Production Commissioner for kind information.

Special Relief Commissioner & Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. (Disaster Management)

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Copy forwarded to the Addl. Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Commissioner-cum-Secretary of all Departments/ Director General of Police/ Director General of Police, Fire Services/ Police Commissioner, Bhubaneswar-Cuttack/ All RDCs/ All Collectors/ Superintendents of Police/ All Municipal Commissioners/ Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board for kind information and necessary action.

Special Relief Commissioner & Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. (Disaster Management)

Memo No. 6600 /R&DM(DM)

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Copy forwarded to the Joint Secretary (Disaster Management), Ministry of Home Affairs (Disaster Management Division), Government of India for kind information.

Special Relief Commissioner & Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. (Disaster Management)