

**GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE & COLLECTOR
WEST TRIPURA DISTRICT, AGARTALA**

F.No.19(3)DMW/JDL/2020/ 6023

Dated-10/11 /2020


ORDER
(Under the Disaster Management Act, 2005)

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Tripura & Chairman State Executive Committee vide his order F.2(1)/CS/H&FW/ Mask/2020 dated 07/11/2020 has issued guidelines for celebrating Diwali and Kali Puja, 2020.

Hence, it is imperative to enforce the guidelines in true spirit and regulate the Kalipuja /Diwali related gatherings so that the spread of COVID-19 Pandemic in West Tripura District is contained. The following guidelines shall be strictly followed by all in West Tripura District:

1. There should be open Puja Mandops/Pandals Unnecessary gathering should be avoided.
2. Wearing of face cover for all the visitors, volunteers, guests etc. and organizers is compulsory. Adequate stock of face covers shall be made available at puja premises.
3. Only upto 5 visitors should be allowed at a time in front of the pandal.
4. All persons should ensure social distancing of 2 gaz ki doori (6 feet)
5. Provision for thermal scanning, hand wash and sanitizers should be made available at the premises of pandals.
6. If any visitor is detected with high temperature immediately contact with local Health authority for necessary action.
7. Avoid distribution of Prasad. Common feast in group is not allowed.
8. Puja should be celebrated with simplicity without grandeur and show.
9. All the Puja Pandals should be sanitized at least three times on the Puja day.
10. The puja organizer should not bring out any procession while transportation of the idol to the puja mandops/pandals and also during immersion of the idols.
11. The Pandal should be strongly erected to avoid accidents & gate etc. be made in such a manner that fire engine can reach the Pandal without obstruction, if exigency arises.
12. No forcible collection of subscription is allowed.
13. Sufficient number of volunteers should be engaged by the organizer i.e. Club, puja committee to maintain physical distancing & covering of mouth & nose by visitors.
14. The organizer should keep fire fighting equipments in the Pandal /Mandop premises.
15. The organizers shall not organize any entertainment programme during the Puja and after the Puja

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16. Puja Committees should not arrange for any overgenerous lighting in the Pandals which may attract excessive gathering of visitors.
17. The public passage or the roads should not be blocked.
18. The use of microphone/sound box/amplifier shall remain prohibited between 10.00 PM to 6.00 AM & sound must be limited to 90 decibel as per judgment of the Hon'ble High Court of Tripura.
19. The height of idol Goddess kali idol in community puja shall be limited within 5 feet.
20. Use of crackers should be avoided during Diwali utsav/celebrations, kali puja as per guidelines issued by the Science & Technology & Environment Department, Government of Tripura. Scheduled timing of any firecrackers would strictly be from 8.00 PM till 10.00 PM only.
21. In the domestic celebrations of Diwali and Kali Puja, invitees should be limited 15 to 20 persons and should wear mask and maintain physical distancing.
22. Any deviation will invite stern action.
23. Immersion of Goddess must be completed by 15th November, 2020 with maximum 20 persons.

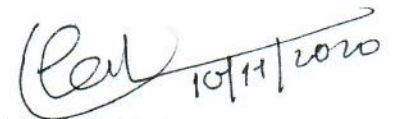
All the Kali Puja / Diwali Organizers are hereby instructed to obtain formal permission from the undersigned by submitting a plain paper application either in person or through the following e-mail address- sectionjudicial@gmail.com .

Any person violating the aforesaid conditions will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provision of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 besides legal action under Section 188 of the IPC and other legal provisions as applicable.

The Superintendent of Police, West Tripura and all the Sub-Divisional Magistrates of West Tripura District in their respective jurisdiction shall ensure strict enforcement of the order.

The DIO, West Tripura is hereby directed to upload the contents of the order in the District website.

The order will take immediate effect.



(Dr. Shailesh K. Yadav, IAS)
District Magistrate & Collector,
West Tripura District, Agartala.

Copy to

1. The Superintendent of Police, West Tripura, Agartala for information.
2. The Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Sadar/ Jirania/ Mohanpur for information and inspection please.
3. The Deputy Director, ICA Department, Government of Tripura for information and he is requested to make necessary arrangement to publish the same in the dailies local premier Newspaper at the earliest.
- ✓ 4. The DIO, West Tripura for information & necessary action.