



**OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR & DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, BALASORE**

**ORDER**

No. 1054 / Judl. Dt. 31/03/21 /

Whereas, the State is passing through a critical situation due to detection of new variant of SARS-CoV2 and it is necessary to strictly adhere to COVID-19 safety protocol for containment of spread of infection,

And whereas, resurgence of SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19) have been noticed in many parts of India.

And whereas, the State Govt., vide Order No- 1020/R &DM (DM) dt, 27.02.2021 have specifically directed that large gatherings, congregations shall continue to be prohibited. Social, political, entertainment, sports, academic, cultural, religious functions and other gatherings shall be allowed with a ceiling of 500 persons subject to strict adherence of COVID-19 protocols.

And whereas, the Govt. of India in Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Department have issued SOP on 22.12.2020 for stringent Epidemiological Surveillance and response and the Ministry of Home Affairs, GOI vide Order No- 40-3/2020/DM-I(A) dt. 26.02.2021 has issued revised guidelines for surveillance containment and caution with regard to COVID-19,

And whereas, the State Govt. have issued instructions vide Order No- 1502/R&DM (DM) dt. 19.03.2021 for celebration of 'Holi' and 'Dolayatra' in a restricted manner strictly adhering to the COVID safety protocols;

And whereas, the State Govt. vide Order No- 1561/R&DM (DM) dt. 23.03.2021 have reduced the ceiling limit of Marriage & related gatherings from 500 to 200 persons and ceiling limit of funeral / Last rites related gatherings from 500 to 50 persons;

And whereas, the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India vide Order No- 40-2020-DM-I(A) dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2021 have issued guidelines for effective control of COVID-19;

And whereas, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Department, Govt. of India vide their DO No-AS (H)/Misc./2021 dated 24.03.2021 have strongly advised the States to consider imposing local restrictions in public observance of festivals and limit/ do away the mass gatherings in public observance of festivals like Holi, Shab-e-Barat, Bihu, Easter and Eid-ul-Fiter etc;

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And whereas, the sacred festivals of 'Good Friday', 'Easter', 'Pana Sankranti' / 'Jhamu Yatra', 'Danda Yatra' and 'Sriaram Navami' etc. are falling in the month of April and the people usually congregate and get in touch with each other to celebrate the festivals during which it is not possible to adhere the COVID appropriate behavior and such congregations have a potential to cause spread of the virus;

And whereas, the Chief Secretary, Odisha in exercise of powers conferred under section 24 (1) of DM Act-2005 r/w Rule 8(1) of Odisha Disaster Management Rules vide Order No- 1623/R&DM (DM) dt. 25.03.2021 has issued the guidelines relating to 'Good Friday', 'Easter' 'Pana Sankranti' / 'Jhamu Yatra', 'Danda yatra' and 'Sriaram Navami' etc. with conditions of observing COVID protocols,

Now therefore, in pursuance of above mentioned order, I, Shri K Sudarshan Chakravarthy, Collector & District Magistrate, Balasore as the Empowered Authority do here by order to observe 'Good Friday', 'Easter' 'Pana Sankranti' / 'Jhamu Yatra', 'Danda Yatra' and 'Sriaram Navami' etc. with strict adherence of the directives as specified below for implementation in the Balasore District.

a. In the interest of health of the general public and for containment of spread of COVID-19, it is hereby directed that congregations for celebration for celebration of the above festivals like 'Good Friday', 'Easter' 'Pana Sankranti' / 'Jhamu Yatra', 'Danda Yatra', 'Sriaram Navami' and associated religious and cultural congregations shall not be allowed in public throughout the District.

b. Religious rituals in churches / temples / places of worship will as usual with limited number of persons consisting of the Sevayats, the Priests, Servitors, members of the Trust Board & devotees not exceeding 50 in toto at any cost and shall be observed with strict adherence to COVID protocols. In no case religious procession/ rallies / congregations etc. shall be held outside the premises of the Temples. Churches, Mosques or religious places. This order shall come into force with immediate effect

**The above guidelines shall be strictly followed.**

**Penal provisions:-**

Any person violating these measures will be liable to be proceeded against in accordance with the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1987 and Regulations issued there under besides legal action under Section 188 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable.


  
Collector & Empowered Officer,  
Balasore

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1. PD, DRDA, Balasore
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3. CDM & PHO, Balasore
4. All BDOs / All Tahasildars / All Executive Officers of ULBs / All IICs & OICs of Balasore District for information and necessary action. They shall undertake enforcement activities jointly and ensure legal action against all persons who violate the above measures.
5. DIO, NIC / DI & PRO, Balasore for information and wide circulation.

  
Collector & Empowered Officer,  
Balasore