

No. SML-ADM(L&O)/COVID-19-356-389
Office of the District Magistrate,
Shimla, District Shimla (HP)

Dated Shimla-1 18 February, 2021

Order

In pursuance of the Order No. LCD-B (12)-1/2017-L dated 15-02-2021 issued by the Additional Chief Secretary (LAC) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, following activities shall henceforth be allowed in the religious places/ institutions located in the district Shimla:-

1. Pilgrims will be allowed in the Temples and they can perform Arti etc. by maintaining proper social distancing.
2. Puja rituals for all individuals will be allowed with the condition that devotees and the staff will wear the masks/ face covering.
3. The events such as singing of devotional songs/ marriages or mundan ceremonies shall be allowed inside the religious premises
4. The devotees will be allowed to enter the sanctum sanctorum (Garabh Grih) of the religious premises for darshan and instructions with regard to number of pilgrims to be allowed in the Garb Grih at a time, shall be issued by the concerned Temple Trusts depending upon the local conditions and space availability:
5. Havans shall be allowed inside the religious premises as per practice.
6. Offerings like dry/ packed Prasad shall only be allowed inside the religious places. The offerings of chunri, jhanda and dry coconut will also be permitted.
7. Langer/ Bhandara will also be allowed to the pilgrims / devotees subject to the seating capacity and observance of COVID appropriate behaviour.
8. Overnight stay in the premises of religious places/ sarai shall be allowed.

All protocol related to COVID-19 i.e. use of mask/ face cover, social distancing, proper sanitization of the premises shall be followed strictly.

This order shall come into force with immediate effect and violation of the same shall be punishable under relevant provisions of law.

Given under my hand and seal of the office on this 18th day of February, 2021.



Aditya Negi (IAS),
District Magistrate,
Shimla District
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