



Government of Odisha
Office of Special Relief Commissioner

No. 1635 /R&DM(DM)
RDM-RLF-MISC-0052-2021

Date: 26/03/2021

ORDER

Whereas, the State is passing through a critical situation due to detection of new variant of SARS-CoV 2 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.1020/R&DM(DM) dt.27.02.2021, have specifically directed that large gatherings, congregations shall continue to be prohibited. Social, political, sports, entertainment, academic, cultural and religious functions shall be held subject to strict adherence to the COVID-19 safety protocols;

And whereas, the Government of India in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has issued SOP dated 22nd December, 2020 for stringent Epidemiological Surveillance and Response and the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India vide Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 23.03.2021 has issued guidelines for effective control of COVID-19;

And whereas, resurgence of SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19) have been noticed in many parts of India and some cases have also been detected in our State for which it is necessary to curb the spread of the virus in an effective manner;

Now, therefore, in exercise of 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 following guidelines shall be in force throughout the State for observance of '**UTKAL DIVAS**' and **related activities** on April 1st, 2021 in the interest of general public;

- a) Large congregation for celebration of 'Utkal Divas' and associated cultural programmes shall not be allowed throughout the State.
- b) The official meeting/ celebration of Utkal Divas shall be made with a maximum of 200 participants. COVID- 19 safety protocols like social distancing, use of masks, use of soap and water/ sanitizers shall be strictly adhered to. Other activities during the day shall be avoided.
- c) Other organizations and private institutions willing to observe 'Utkal Divas' shall take prior approval from the local Administration i.e., Collector or Municipal Commissioner or any officer duly authorised by the Collector/ Municipal Commissioner in this regard, subject to the above ceiling and strictly adhering to COVID- 19 safety protocols.

Any violation of the above condition shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and Regulations issued thereunder besides initiating legal action under Section 188 of the IPC and other legal provisions as applicable.


Chief Secretary, Odisha

Memo No. 1636 /R&DM(DM) **Date:** 26/03/2021

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

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

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