



**Government of Odisha
Office of Special Relief Commissioner**

No. 707 /R&DM(DM)

Date: 31.01.2022

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ORDER

Whereas, as per report of MHA,GOI, due to the current COVID wave, led by the new variant, Omicron, there has been a steady increase in the number of COVID cases in the country and the active cases have increased to over 22 lakhs. Though a majority of active cases are recovering fast and low percentage of cases are in hospitals, it is still a matter of concern that 407 districts in 34 States & UTs are reporting a positivity rate of more than 10%. Therefore, looking at the current trends of COVID virus, there is a need to exercise caution and vigilance.

And Whereas, Home Secretary, Govt. of India vide D.O. No. 40-3 / 2020-DM-I (A) dated 27th January, 2022 has emphasized for continuous focus on the five-fold strategy, i.e., Test-Track-Treat-Vaccination and adherence to COVID Appropriate Behaviour.

And whereas, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India (GoI) Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 27th December, 2021 and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) D.O. letter No. Z.28015/318/21-EMR, dated 21st December, 2021 issued to ensure compliance to the normative framework for taking evidence based COVID-19 containment measures, has been extended up to 28.02.2022.

Whereas, the Government of Odisha vide Order No. 7554 dated 29.12.2021, Order No. 7592 dated 31.12.2021, Order No. 64 dated 05.01.2022 and Corrigendum Order No.70/R&DM(DM) dated.06.01.2022, Order No.280/R &DM(DM) dt.12.01.2022 & 347/R &DM(DM) dt.15.1.2022 have prescribed COVID guidelines/ instructions/ permissions of activities / stipulations for containment of COVID-19 till 5.00 AM of 1st February, 2022;

And whereas, COVID appropriate behavior and protocols are required to be observed scrupulously in order to prevent the transmission of the infection;

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 State Government do hereby extend the guidelines/ instructions/ permissions of activities / stipulations** vide Order No. 64 dated 05.01.2022 and Corrigendum Order No.70/R&DM(DM) dated.06.01.2022, Order No.280/R &DM(DM) dt.12.01.2022 & 347/R &DM(DM) dt.15.1.2022, Order No. 7554/R &DM(DM) dated 29.12.2021, Order No. 7592/R &DM(DM) dated 31.12.2021 **prescribed for**

**January,2022 & General Elections to PRIs,2022up to28thFebruary, 2022
subject to following modifications.**

Night curfew:

Night Curfew shall be imposed **in all urban areas of the State from 10.00 PM to 5.00 AM every day. Shops/ malls/ shopping complexes:** All types of shops, malls, shopping complexes, Markets/Haats, Cinema halls, swimming pools, entertainment complexes, theatres, auditoriums, assembly halls and similar places shall remain open across the State **from 5.00 AM to 10.00 PM every day only.**

During the night curfew period, restrictions shall not apply to the permissible activities prescribed for January, 2022 vide Order No. 64 dated 05.01.2022 and Corrigendum Order No.70/R&DM(DM) dated.06.01.2022. **Further restrictions shall not apply to the following.**

Home Delivery of food, groceries, vegetables, egg, fish, meat, milk and other essential items' by restaurants and aggregators such as Zomato, Swiggy, OPOLFED, OMFED, Chilika Fresh etc.

Celebration of Festivities:

Several Religious functions, Puja and festivities like **Saraswati Puja, festivals namely Magha Saptami/ Magha Purnima** will be observed / celebrated during February,2022. Saraswati Puja shall be observed with all rituals in the temples and religious places without participation of devotees. Saraswati Puja will be allowed in Educational Institutions with participation of limited number of students observing Covid Appropriate Behaviour. However, no Saraswati Puja will be allowed to be celebrated in public places other than in schools and educational institutions. People are advised to perform the rituals/puja on the occasion of Saraswati Puja at home with family members only avoiding mass gatherings and adhering to the COVID-19 safety protocols such as physical distancing, use of face mask/ covering and hand washing/ hand sanitizer. No community feast associated with puja/festivals during the period shall be allowed. There shall be no musical or any other entertainment programme on the occasion of Saraswati Puja.

Large Congregations at river banks/ ghats/ ponds/ sea shore or near other waterbodies to take bath on the occasion of **Magha Saptami/ Magha Purnima** and on the day following shall remain prohibited throughout the State. **However, the rituals on Magha Mela/ Magha Saptami is allowed inside the temple without participation of devotees.** Religious congregations/ celebrations are strictly prohibited.

Considering local conditions, District Magistrates/ Municipal Commissioners/ Police Commissioner, Bhubaneswar-Cuttack may impose appropriate restrictions on entry of devotees into churches/ temples/ mosques/ religious places/ places of worship and in the celebrations in churches/ temples/mosques/ religious places/places of worship. Collectors/ Municipal Commissioners may decide the number of persons to attend any religious ritual/ festival/Puja in their respective jurisdictions with strict adherence to Covid appropriate behaviour and norms

Functioning of Offices

- All offices under the control and superintendence of Govt. of Odisha , Public undertakings/ corporations/ Societies/ Autonomous Bodies shall operate with 100% of the staff with strict adherence to Covid protocols . However, GA & PG Department shall issue detailed guidelines/ SOP regarding attendance of officers & staff.
- Virtual/ online meetings & trainings shall be encouraged.

In case of any other doubt, the State Government in Revenue & Disaster Management (Disaster Management) Department will issue necessary directions or clarifications.

By orders of the Governor


31/1/2022
CHIEF SECRETARY, ODISHA

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Additional Chief Secretary to Govt.
(Disaster Management)

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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.


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