

**OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE & COLLECTOR-CUM-CHAIRMAN
DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, JAJPUR**

No. 2279

Date 24.12.2020

ORDER

Whereas, Maa Biraja Temple, Jajpur was closed initially since 18.03.2020, as per decision of Trust Board of Maa Biraja Temple, Jajpur dtd.18.03.2020 and subsequently it continued to remain closed as per orders of Govt. of Odisha since 20.03.2020 and extended from time to time for entry of general public/devotees in view of threat of spread of COVID-19 till date.

Whereas, Govt. of Odisha vide order No.6691/R&DM(DM) Dtd.30.11.2020 of Chief Secretary, Odisha have ordered to reopen more activities in areas outside Containment Zones up to 31.12.2020 wherein District Collectors have been authorised to accord permission for public worship in religious places/places of worship with appropriate restrictions to curb spread of COVID-19,

And Whereas, accordingly, assessment of ground level situation and due consultation with relevant stake holders have been made,

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that Maa Biraja Temple, Jajpur shall be opened to general public/devotees with effect from 29.12.2020(Tuesday) with strict adherence of following guidelines exemptions/restrictions.

1. The temple will remain open for general public/devotees from 6:00 AM to 5:00 PM. However, the "Darshan" of the Deity will remain closed during "Pahada Niti" as per the traditionally fixed hour of the temple from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. After 5:00 PM the entry into the temple shall be closed for the general public/devotees.
2. The temple will remain closed for public Darshan from 01.01.2021 to 03.01.2021.
3. From 04.01.2021, the temple will be opened for public Darshan.
4. It is mandatory for all general public/devotees to wear mask at all times inside and outside the temple premises.
5. General Public/devotees must sanitize their hands before entering into the temple.
6. General Public/devotees shall maintain physical distance at all times as per COVID-19 guidelines issued by Govt. of Odisha.
7. General Public/devotees should not touch statues or idols inside the temple.
8. General Public/devotees having symptoms of fever, Cough and Cold shall not be allowed to enter inside the temple.



9. The "Anna Prasad Kendra" inside the premises of the temple run by the Trust Board of Maa Biraja Temple shall remain closed for the time being and any kind of community dining is strictly prohibited.
10. Chewing of Tabaco/Betel(Paan)/Spitting inside Temple premises is strictly prohibited.
11. Parking of vehicles will be done at the designated places earmarked and managed by Trust Board of Maa Biraja Temple as per the terms and condition already stipulated in this regard.
12. Persons above 65 years of age, Persons with Co-Morbidities, Pregnant Women and Children below 10 years are advised not to visit the temple in view of prevailing COVID-19 situation.
13. The solemnisation of marriage and other social ceremonies are strictly prohibited inside the temple premises.
14. The religious offerings like "Pinda Dana"/"Shraddha"/"Sankalpa Puja" etc as performed earlier shall be allowed at "Dola Mandap" inside the premises of the temple with prior registration in the designated counter managed by Trust Board of the Temple in front of "Navigaya" and obtaining receipt to this effect.
15. All General Public/devotees shall enter into the temple through "Singhadwar" and proceed through the earmarked queue with barricade separately identified for "Male" & "Female" in the left side by maintaining physical distance to the door situated in the premises of Yagna/Chandi Mandap (as popularly named) and have "Darshan" of the deity from there and exit through the door near "Navi Gaya" towards outside premises of the temple through "Uttardwar".
16. After 'Darshan' of the Deity, no general public/devotee shall be allowed to stay for longer period inside the premises of the Temple and shall have to vacate immediately to make the temple premises free from commotion/congregation.

Any violation shall attract penal actions and proceedings in accordance with the provisions U/s-51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act.,2005, the Epidemic Diseases Act,1897 and Section.188 of Indian Penal Code.

The above guidelines/exemption/restrictions will be reviewed periodically and revised guidelines/instructions will be issued from time to time to further facilitate "Darshan" by general public/devotees and also for management of COVID-19 pandemic.

OF
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Collector & District Magistrate,
Jajpur

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Copy to Sub-Collector-cum-Managing Trustee, Maa Biraja Temple, Jajpur for information and necessary action. He is instructed to implement the guidelines/exemptions/ restrictions scrupulously with the help of local police and Executive Magistrate.


Collector & District Magistrate,
Jajpur

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Copy to Tahasildar, Jajpur/SDPO, Jajpur/Executive Officer, Jajpur Municipality/IIC, Jajpur PS for information and necessary action.


Collector & District Magistrate,
Jajpur

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Copy to DI & PRO, Jajpur /DIO, NIC, Jajpur for information and necessary action. They are requested to make wide publicity for information of general public and all concerned.


Collector & District Magistrate,
Jajpur

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Copy forwarded to the Superintendent of Police, Jajpur for information and necessary action. He is requested to make special arrangements for deployment of adequate police force for maintenance of law & order and to facilitate the "Darshan" of the Deity in disciplined manner.


Collector & District Magistrate,
Jajpur

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Copy submitted to the SRC & Addl. Chief Secretary, R& DM Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action.


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Jajpur