

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

No 9740

Date 2.08.21

**ORDER**

**Whereas**, all religious places/ institutions of Jajpur District were closed initially since 05.05.2021, as per decision of Govt. Order dtd.04.05.2021 and subsequently it continued to remain closed 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.4290/R&DM(DM) Dtd.31.07.2021 of SRC, Odisha have ordered to reopen more activities in areas outside Containment Zones up to 31.08.2021 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 all the religious places/ institutions of Jajpur District shall be opened to general public/devotees with effect from **04.08.2021(Wednesday)** with strict adherence of following guidelines exemptions/restrictions to be ensured and maintained by authorities of the concerned religious places/ institutions.

1. The religious places/ institutions shall remain open for general public/devotees from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM and observed in concerned religious places/ institutions for Darshan/ Worship.
2. It is mandatory for all general public/devotees to wear mask at all times inside and outside the temple premises.
3. General Public/devotees must sanitize their hands before entering into the religious places/ institutions.
4. General Public/devotees shall maintain physical distance at all times as per COVID-19 guidelines issued by Govt. of Odisha.
5. General Public/devotees should not touch statues or idols inside the temple.
6. General Public/devotees having symptoms of fever, Cough and Cold shall not be allowed to enter inside the temple.



7. The "Anna Prasad Kendra" inside the premises of the religious places/ institutions by the concerned authorities earlier shall remain closed for the time being and any kind of community dining is strictly prohibited inside the premises of the religious places/ institutions and periphery area.
8. The general public/devotees are not allowed to carry Prasad/Bhoga with them inside the temple to the deities.
9. Chewing of Tabaco/Betel(Paan)/Spitting inside the religious place/ institution premises is strictly prohibited.
10. Parking of vehicles will be done at the designated places earmarked and managed by authorities of the religious places/ institutions.
11. Persons above 65 years of age, Persons with Co-Morbidities, Pregnant Women and Children below 10 years are advised not to visit the religious places/ institutions in view of prevailing COVID-19 situation.
12. The solemnisation of marriage and other social ceremonies are strictly prohibited inside the temple premises.
13. After 'Darshan' of the Deity, no general public/devotee shall be allowed to stay for longer period inside the premises of the religious places/ institutions and shall have to vacate immediately to make the religious places/ institutions premises free from commotion/congregation.
14. It shall be the responsibility of the authorities of the religious places/ institutions concerned to make all the arrangements as well as to ensure maintenance and observance of above guidelines/ restrictions/ exemptions in letter and spirit for facilitating "Darshan/ Worship" in disciplined manner in order to contain spread of COVID-19 virus.

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/ Worship" by general public/devotees and also for management of COVID-19 pandemic.



Collector & District Magistrate,  
Jajpur

Memo No. 9741 /Dt. 2.08.21

Copy to Sub-Collector & SDM, Jajpur for information and necessary action.

  
Collector & District Magistrate,  
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Memo No. 9742 /Dt. 2.08.21

Copy to all Tahasildars/BDOs/SDPO, Jajpur & Jajpur Road/ Executive Officers, Jajpur Municipality and VN Municipality/ all IICs of Jajpur District for information and necessary action. They are directed to make joint visit of the religious places/institutions under their jurisdictions and hold discussion with the concerned authorities of religious places/institutions by impressing upon the said authorities to make necessary arrangements for ensuring strict observance of the above guidelines/exemptions/restrictions in the religious places/institutions.

  
Collector & District Magistrate,  
Jajpur

Memo No. 9743 /Dt. 2.08.21

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,  
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Memo No. 9744 /Dt. 2.08.21

Copy forwarded to the Superintendent of Police, Jajpur for information and necessary action.

  
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Jajpur

Memo No. 9745 /Dt. 2.08.21

Copy submitted to the Commissioner, Endowment, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for kind information.

  
Collector & District Magistrate,  
Jajpur

Memo No. 9746 /Dt. 2.08.21

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

  
Collector & District Magistrate,  
Jajpur