

GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI
DELHI DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

No. F.1 (540)/DDMA(HQ)/Chhath Puja/COVID-19/2020/1961 Dated: 10/11/2020

ORDER

Whereas, the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) is satisfied that the NCT of Delhi is threatened with the spread of COVID-19 epidemic, which has already been declared as a pandemic by the World Health Organization, and has considered it necessary to take effective measures to prevent its spread in NCT of Delhi;

And whereas, Delhi Disaster Management Authority has issued various orders/instructions from time to time to all authorities concerned to take all required measures to appropriately deal with the situation;

And whereas, Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) has issued Order No. 338 dated 31.10.2020 with regard to extension of lockdown in the containment zones & to maintain status quo with respect to prohibited/ permitted activities in NCT of Delhi, to allow number of persons in marriage related gathering as per guidelines of MHA, GoI and also ordered that stipulations/measures/restrictions as per DDMA Order No. 329 dated 11.10.2020 for celebrating forthcoming festivals shall also be continued upto 30.11.2020 for strict compliance.

And whereas, the situation of COVID-19 in Delhi has been reviewed and it has been observed that there has been a persistent rise in COVID-19 cases in NCT of Delhi in the recent period. Considering this it has been decided that Chhath Pooja celebrations in the month of November, 2020 may not be allowed in public places and people may be advised to celebrate the festival at their home only.

Now, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred under section 22 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the undersigned, in his capacity as Chairperson, State Executive Committee, DDMA, GNCTD in continuation of DDMA order No. 338 dated 31.10.2020, hereby directs All District Magistrates of Delhi & their counterpart District Deputy Commissioners of Police and all authorities concerned to ensure that Chhath Pooja Festival/Celebration in the month of November, 2020 shall not be allowed in public places / public grounds/ river banks (Ghats) / temples etc. in NCT of Delhi and the public shall be encouraged / advised to celebrate the same at their homes at this time of COVID-19 Pandemic.

All District Magistrates of Delhi & their counterpart District Deputy Commissioners of Police and all authorities concerned shall ensure strict compliance of this order and shall adequately inform and sensitize the field functionaries about these instructions for strict compliance, in letter and spirit. It is also directed that District Magistrates and District DCPs shall convene meetings with religious / community leaders / Chhath Pooja Samitis before the festival to get their cooperation to maintain the law & order and harmony & also to sensitize public for compliance of guidelines/ instructions issued for combating COVID-19 by Government from time to time.



(Vijay Dev)
Chief Secretary, Delhi

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4. Pr. Secretary (I&P) for wide publicity in NCT of Delhi
5. Commissioner (South DMC/East DMC/North DMC).
6. CEO, Delhi Cantonment Board.
7. All District Magistrates of Delhi
8. All District DCPs of Delhi

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14. All members of State Executive Committee, DDMA, GNCTD.
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