



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

No. 7458 /R&DM(DM) Date: **24.12.2021**

ORDER

Whereas, the Government of Odisha vide Order No. 6773 Dt. 30.11.2021 has imposed restrictions on religious festivals, festivities and functions for containment of COVID-19 with effect from 1st December 2021 till 5.00 AM of 1st January 2022;

And Whereas, within a matter of few days the new COVID variant B.1.1.529 or OMICRON has been the cause of concern for the State as it has been detected in Odisha. The Government of India has identified fourteen countries as 'at risk' and mandated home quarantine for all who arrive from these countries and are COVID negative in airport screening.

Now, therefore, with a view to protecting the health of the public and preventing spread of new variant of COVID-19, the Government of Odisha in exercise of powers conferred under section 2 of the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897, Disaster Management Act, 2005 and the Odisha COVID-19 Regulation, 2020 impose the following restrictions from **25th December, 2021 till 2nd January, 2022:**

- 1. Christmas celebration shall be limited to Churches with a maximum of 50(fifty) persons joining the mass by strictly following COVID protocols and in terms of specific conditions as imposed by District Magistrates/Municipal Commissioners/ Local Authorities while permitting such mass, if any.**
- 2. Zero Night celebration, Welcome to New Year in hotels, clubs, restaurants, parks, convention halls, Kalyan Mandaps, etc. is completely banned across the State.**
- 3. No celebration other than marriage (but not receptions and ancillary functions) is allowed across the State.**
- 4. Funeral rites is allowed with due COVID-19 protocols.**
- 5. There shall be strict vigilance on crowding and gathering during the above occasions.**
- 6. No community feast is also allowed.**
- 7. No social gathering, rallies, orchestras, dances and other cultural programmes shall be permitted.**

Special Powers:

District Magistrates & Collectors/ Police Commissioner of Cuttack-Bhubaneswar Police Commissionerate/ Municipal Commissioners shall scrupulously implement these guidelines and shall take all possible measures to enforce the guidelines. They may impose any additional restrictions as may be felt necessary in the interest of containment of spread of COVID-19 and to ensure COVID-19 appropriate behavior are followed by all concerned.

Penal Provisions:

Any person violating the above restrictions will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, and COVID-19 Regulations 2000, besides legal action under Sec. 188 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable.

By orders of the Governor


24/12/2021
CHIEF SECRETARY, ODISHA

Memo No. ⁷⁴⁵⁹ /R&DM(DM)

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Additional Chief Secretary to Govt.
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