ORDER

Whereas, the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India has issued orders under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 on dated 30th May, 2020 extending lockdown in Containment zones upto 30th June, 2020 and to reopen certain activities in a phased manner in the areas outside the Containment Zones. In the said orders, it has been provided that Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India shall issue Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for allowing Religious places/Places of Worship for public w.e.f. 8th June, 2020.

AND whereas, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India has issued Standard Operating Procedure on 4th June, 2020 vide F. No. Z.28015/19/2020-EMR (Pt.) allowing religious places/places of worship w.e.f. 8th June, 2020 for public but the organizations managing the religious places/places of worship should strictly observe preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 as these places get frequented by large number of people for spiritual solace. However, all the religious places/places of worship in containment zones shall remain closed. Only those outside containment zones will be allowed to open up.

As a Generic preventive measure, it has also been advised by the MoHFW that the persons above 65 years of age, persons with co-morbidities, pregnant woman and children below the age of 10 years to stay at home. Organisations managing the religious institutions shall advise accordingly.

Hence, in view of the guidelines and the SOPs issued by the M.H.A. and MoHFW as referred above, It is, therefore, ordered that all religious places/places of worship in district Sirsa shall remain open for the public w.e.f. 8th June, 2020 subject to the strict observation of the generic preventive measures; SOP issued by the MoHFW, GoI and the regulations/restriction imposed by the Addl.Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana, Urban Local Bodies, Department vide No.ADULB/Admn/2020/30179 dated 07.06.2020, the extract of which are as under:

(a) The generic preventive measures including simple public health measures, social distancing (2 gaz kl doori), wearing of face covers/masks need to be observed by all (workers and visitors) in these places at all times.
(b) No Aarti, congregation or mass and collective gathering for prayers shall be allowed. Only individual prayers shall be allowed.
(c) Physical offerings like Prasad/Langars etc., distribution or sprinkling of holy water etc. inside the religious places should not be allowed. However, Community Kitchens already running should continue to operate by following physical distancing norms while preparing and distributing food.
(d) Sanitization should be done at regular intervals.
In addition to the above, all the provisions of the S.O.P. dated 04.06.2020 issued by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India as referred above, the extract of which are enumerated herebelow, shall be followed meticulously

i. **Individuals must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet in public places as far as feasible.**

ii. **Use of face covers/masks to be mandatory.**

iii. **Practice frequent hand washing with soap (for at least 40-60 seconds) even when hands are not visibly dirty. Use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers (for at least 20 seconds) can be made wherever feasible.**

iv. **Respiratory etiquettes to be strictly followed. This involves strict practice of covering one’s mouth and nose while coughing/sneezing with a tissue/handkerchief/flexed elbow and disposing off used tissues properly.**

v. **Self-monitoring of health by all and reporting any illness at the earliest to district helpline No. 1950.**

vi. **Spitting should be strictly prohibited.**

vii. **Installation & use of Aarogya Setu App shall be advised to all.**

In addition to the above, in order to contain spread of COVID-19, all organizations managing the religious institutions in district Sirsa shall also be responsible to ensure that:

- Entrance to have mandatory hand hygiene (sanitizer dispenser) and thermal screening provisions.
- Only asymptomatic persons shall be allowed in the premises.
- All persons to be allowed entry only if using face cover/masks.
- Posters/standees on preventive measures about COVID-19 to be displayed prominently. Audio and Video clips to spread awareness on preventive measures for COVID-19 should be regularly played.
- Staggering of visitors to be done, if possible.
- Shoes/footwear to be preferably taken off inside own vehicle. If needed they should be kept in separate slots for each individual/family by the persons themselves.
- Proper crowd management in the parking lots and outside the premises – duly following social distancing norms shall be organized.
- Any shops, stalls, cafeteria etc., outside and within the premises shall follow social distancing norms at all times
- Specific markings may be made with sufficient distant to manage the queue and ensure social distancing in the premises.
- Preferably separate entry and exits for visitors shall be organized
- Maintain physical distancing of a minimum of 6 feet at all times when queuing up for entry.
- People should wash their hands and feet with soap and water before entering the premises.
- Seating arrangements should be made in such a way that adequate social distancing is maintained.
- For air-conditioning/ventilation, the guidelines of CPWD shall be followed which inter alia emphasizes that the temperature setting of all air conditioning devices should be in the range of 24-30 C, relative humidity should be in the range of 40- 70%, intake of fresh air should be as much as possible and cross ventilation should be adequate.
• Touching of statues/idols/holy books etc. are not to be allowed.
• Large gatherings/congregation shall continue to remain prohibited.
• In view of potential threat of spread of infection, as far as feasible, recorded devotional music/songs may be played and choir or singing groups should not be allowed.
• Avoid physical contact while greeting each other.
• Common prayer mats should be avoided and devotees should bring their own prayer mat or piece of cloth which they may take back with them.
• No physical offerings like Prasad/distribution or sprinkling of holy water, etc. should be allowed inside the religious place.
• Community kitchens/langars/"Ann-daan" etc. at religious places should follow physical distancing norms while preparing and distributing food.
• Effective sanitation within the premises shall be maintained with particular focus on lavatories, hand and foot-washing stations/areas.
• Frequent cleaning and disinfection to be maintained by the management of the religious place.
• The floors should particularly be cleaned multiple times in the premises.
• Proper disposal of face covers/masks/gloves left over by visitors and/or employees should be ensured.
• In case of a suspect or confirmed case in the premises:
  i. Place the ill person in a room or area where they are isolated from others.
  ii. Provide a mask/face cover till such time he/she is examined by a doctor.
  iii. Immediately inform the nearest medical facility (hospital/clinic) or call the state or district helpline.
  iv. A risk assessment will be undertaken by the designated public health authority (district RRT/treating physician) and accordingly further action be initiated regarding management of case, his/her contacts and need for disinfection.
  v. Disinfection of the premises to be taken up if the person is found positive.

It is clarified that the any religious place/place of workship shall not commence its activities before 07.00 a.m. and shall conclude it in any case not later than 08.00 p.m.

Dy. Inspector General-cum-Superintendent of Police, Sirsa and all Sub Divisional Magistrates in the district shall ensure strict enforcement of this order.

All concerned/stakeholders must ensure strict compliance of orders No. 40/3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 30th May, 2020 issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India as well as the SOPs issued by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India dated 4th June, 2020, as specified above.

Any person violating the measures will be liable to be proceeded as per provisions of Section 51 to 60 of Disaster Management Act, 2005 besides legal action under section 188 of the I.P.C. and other legal provisions of the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897 etc. by the D.I.G.-cum-Superintendent of Police, Sirsa.
DIPRO, Sirsa is directed to ensure wide publicity through all modes of communication for the information of general public.

Deputy Commissioner Sirsa.

Endst.No. 34541-640 /MA Dated: 07-06-2020

A copy is forwarded to the following for information, necessary action and compliance, wherever required, please:

1. Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana, Chandigarh.
2. Financial Commissioner Revenue & Addl.Chief Secretary to Govt., Haryana, Revenue, Disaster Management & Consolidation Department, Chandigarh.
3. Addl.Chief Secretary to Government, Health, Health Department, Chandigarh.
4. Addl.Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana, Home Department, Chandigarh.
6. Commissioner, Hisar Division, Hisar.
7. IGP Hisar Range, Hisar.
8. District & Sessions Judge, Sirsa.
9. All the District Magistrates in the State of Haryana.
10. DIG-cum-Superintendent of Police, Sirsa.
15. District Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Controller, Sirsa.
16. Deputy Director, District Industries Centre, Sirsa.
17. Deputy Director of Agriculture, Sirsa.
19. District Food Safety Officer, Sirsa.
20. Deputy Excise & Taxation Commissioner (ST)/(Excise), Sirsa.
21. Lead District Manager, PNB, Sirsa.
23. Executive Engineer, H.S.A.M.B. Sirsa.
24. General Manager, Haryana Roadways, Sirsa.
25. Executive Officer/Secretary of concerned Municipal Council/Committee in the district.
26. DIPRO, Sirsa – for wide publicity through all modes of communication.
27. All Heads of Departments in the district.

Deputy Commissioner Sirsa.