

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

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**Karnataka Government Secretariat
Vikasa Soudha,
Bengaluru, date: 25th March, 2021.**

ORDER


Whereas, the State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA) is satisfied that the Karnataka is again under threat of 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 the State and SDMA has issued various orders/instructions from time to time to all authorities concerned to take all required measures to appropriately deal with the situation;

2. And whereas, the situation of COVID-19 in Karnataka has been reviewed and it has been observed that there has been a persistent rise in COVID-19 cases in the State during the last fortnight. It is anticipated that gatherings, congregations and public celebrations during upcoming festivals like Ugadi, Holi, Shab-e-Barat, Good Friday, etc. may pose a considerable threat of spread of virus and may cause setback to the appreciable gains made in the suppression of chain of transmission of COVID-19 cases in Karnataka. Considering this, it has been decided that public celebrations and all gatherings/congregations during upcoming festivals should not be allowed in public places.

3. 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, SDMA, hereby directs Commissioner, BBMP, Deputy Commissioners, and all authorities concerned to ensure that public gatherings and congregations during the upcoming religious festivals like Ugadi, Holi, Shab-e-Barat, Good Friday etc., shall not be allowed in public places / public grounds/ public parks/ markets/ religious places etc. in the State of Karnataka.

4. Commissioner, BBMP, all Deputy Commissioners, 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.

5. In case any person is found violating the aforesaid instructions, the defaulting person(s) shall be proceeded against as per the provisions of section 51 to 60 of Disaster Management Act, 2005, Section 188 of IPC and Section 4, 5 and 10 of the Karnataka Epidemic Diseases Act, 2020.


(P. RAVI KUMAR)
Chief Secretary
Government of Karnataka

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