



**STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE(SOP) FOR REOPENING OF SHREE
JAGANNATHA TEMPLE, PURI**

ORDER NO: 10521

DATE: 13/10/2021

The Chattisa Nijog meeting was held on 11.10.2021 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Krishan Kumar, IAS, Chief Administrator, SJTA, Puri to approve the Niti Nirghanta for the Baladhupa Niti for the upcoming month of Kartika. After a detailed discussion and considering all the connected matters, it was felt that there is a need to revise the Standard Operating Procedure for the darshan of the Lords in Shreemandira. Therefore it was decided to supersede all the earlier SOPs issued in this regard to the extent provided hereunder. This SOP will come into force w.e.f. 15.10.2021.

I. Standing instructions on opening of Shree Jagannatha Temple for Public:

1. The darshan timings will be from **07:00 AM to 09:00 PM** on all days, when temple is open for darshan of the Lords.
2. **The Temple will remain closed for public Darshan on all Sundays** as a measure to contain the spread of Corona Virus disease and in order to sanitize the Temple premises.
3. The Temple will also remain closed on **major festive occasions** in order to avoid any spike in transmission of COVID-19 on account of large gathering that is anticipated on such festive occasions. Accordingly, **the Temple will remain closed for darshan of Lords on 15.10.2021 (Dussehera) and from 12:00 noon onwards on 16.10.2021 (Bhasani).**
4. **Temple will remain open on 20.10.21 (Kumar Purnima) for darshan.**
5. In the Month of November Temple will remain closed for darshan on **04.11.21 (Deepavali), 15.11.21 (Bada Ekadashi) and 19.11.21 (Kartika Purnima).**


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II. General guidelines on account of COVID-19 for all devotees

1. It is mandatory for all devotees to wear Masks at all times, inside & outside the Temple.
2. Devotees should sanitize their hands before entering into the Temple.
3. Devotees should maintain physical distance at all times as per COVID-19 guidelines and follow Covid appropriate behavior.
4. Devotees are requested not to touch Statues or Idols inside the Temple.
5. Lighting of deepas inside the temple at the designated places by the devotees will be permitted.
6. It is permitted to carry flowers/bhoga inside the Temple but such items shall be placed at pre-designated places as earmarked by the Temple administration.
7. Partaking of Mahaprasad is allowed in the designated places decided by the Temple Administration.
8. Chewing of Tobacco / Paan and spitting inside the Temple premises is strictly prohibited. A fine of Rs.500/- will be levied for each violation.
9. There is a complete ban on carrying Polythene Bags inside the Temple. A fine of Rs.100/- will be levied for each violation.
10. There will be a separate queue for Differently-abled devotees, for darshan of the Lords.
11. Parking of the vehicles will be done only at Jagannatha Ballav Math premise or any other designated place.
12. **Advice to senior citizen/Children/persons having co-morbidities:** Persons above 65 years of age, persons with Co-morbidities, pregnant Women & Children below 10 years are advised not to visit the Temple in view of the prevailing COVID-19 situation.


III. Guidelines for all devotees who will be visiting the Temple w.e.f 15.10.2021-

1. Queue system will open from 07:00 AM. Devotees will make entry through the barricades opposite to the Shoe stand, situated on North-East side of the temple complex.


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2. All devotees visiting the Temple will have to produce the Final Certificate for Covid-19 vaccination (of having taken two Doses) or COVID-19 negative certificate (RTPCR) of testing done within 96 hours prior to their visit to the Temple.
3. All devotees will be required to bring their photo ID Card, namely, Aadhaar/Voter ID etc.
4. Devotees will leave their belongings at the designated place outside the Temple; produce their ID proof for verification and follow the COVID19 guidelines of hand sanitization & thermal scanning before entering the Temple.
5. All devotees will enter through Singhadwar. After the Darshan, the exit will be through Uttaradwar.

The above guidelines will be reviewed periodically and revised instructions will be issued from time to time to further facilitate darshan by devotees and also for management of COVID-19 pandemic.


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