



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

**ORDER NO: 128**

**DATE: 09.01.2022**

The Chhatisa Nijog meeting was held on 07.01.2022 under the chairmanship of Chief Administrator, SJTA, to review the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for management of situation arising out of COVID-19 pandemic; with regards to Shree Jagannath Temple.

The meeting was attended by the Collector, Puri, S.P., Puri, Senior officials of Shree Jagannatha Temple Administration (SJTA), Sevak Members of Shree Jagannatha Temple Managing Committee and members of Chhatisa Nijog. The grave challenge posed by the current COVID situation was discussed in detail. All were of the unanimous view that necessary steps must be taken to ensure continuity of age-old traditions of Niti-Kanti (rituals) of Mahaprabhu Shree Jagannatha. The health of Sevayats, who perform daily Seva-puja of Mahaprabhu is of utmost importance to ensure the continuity of rituals in the Temple. In view of above discussion, following decisions were taken, which will come into force w.e.f. 10.01.2022:

1. Shree Jagannatha Temple will remain closed for Darshan of Lords by the public till 31/01/2022. All the daily rituals of Lords will continue as per traditions.
2. Regular screening and testing for Sevayat families and Temple Officials will be taken up to ensure that cases of COVID-19 amongst them are detected at an early date and provided immediate treatment.
3. All rituals will continue with participation of minimum number of Sevayats and other Officials.

The above order will be reviewed periodically and revised instructions will be issued from time to time keeping in view of the evolving situation.

**Chief Administrator  
SJTA, Puri**