

GUIDELINES FOR A SAFE PUJA

BIDHANNAGAR POLICE COMMISSIONERATE

- ❖ Loudspeakers should not be operated after 10 p.m and before 7 a.m
- ❖ Loudspeakers should not be operated in silence zone ,i.e not less than 100 Meters around the premises of schools, nursing homes, hospitals etc.
- ❖ Noise level of loudspeakers as per the Notification No. EN/3346/T-IV-6/001/2007 (Pt.II), Dated. 29th, Dec, 2009 of Department of Environment, Government of West Bengal:

Area	Day (6 A.M. to 10 P.M.)	Night (10 P.M to 6 A.M.)
Industrial Area	75 dB	70 dB
Commercial area	65 dB	55 dB
Residential Area	55 dB	45 dB
Silence Zone	50 dB	40 dB

- ❖ Loudspeakers be used after taking permission from Police.
 - ❖ No loudspeakers without sound limiters.
 - ❖ There must be 4 ft clear open space on all the property of any building, boundary wall or any other permanent structure for security reasons.
 - ❖ Separate entrance and exit Gates to be built in such a Manner that in case of a fire or Other Exigencies, Immediate measures can be taken.
 - ❖ The gates shall measure at least 12 ft to 14 ft. The entry passage to the pandal should be wide enough to allow access to a fire engine without any obstruction.
 - ❖ Emergency exit gate should be wide enough.
 - ❖ No overhead gates should be erected on roads.
 - ❖ No open flame can be lit within 200 yards of the main pandal and cooking arrangements would be allowed within that radius.
 - ❖ Adequate quantity of water, sand-filled buckets and fire extinguishers are required to be maintained.
 - ❖ Only specified materials for construction of puja pandals should be used.
 - ❖ During immersion, the height of the images placed on the trailer should not be more than 17 ft. since the height for the overhead wire of the circular Rail is 17.5 ft. 75 per cent of the space in the pandal area must be kept free for crowd circulation.
 - ❖ Pandals should not be constructed within 100 meters of a hospital or nursing home and should not be Sounded by any Loud Speaker/Sound Box.
 - ❖ Pandals should withstand wind velocity
- ❖ **Functions of Puja Committee** as per the Notification No. No. EN/3158/3C-27/2016, Dt-. 18th, Sept.,2018 of Deptt. of Environment, Govt. of WB.
- a) That the idol shall be made from natural materials i.e. traditional clay, bamboo etc.;
 - b) That no use of POP in the idol making;
 - c) That no use of toxic and non-biodegradable chemical dyes and synthetic colour for painting of the idols;
 - d) That the idols shall be painted by water soluble and non-toxic natural dyes;
 - e) That the height of the super structure of the idol shall be less than **40ft**. And the idol also shall not exceed **20 ft** in height;
 - f) That worship materials like flowers, vastras (clothes), other decorating materials made of paper and plastic shall have been removed before immersion of idols and bio-degradable materials shall have been collected separately for disposal in sanitary landfills.
- ❖ Proper lighting must be ensured
 - ❖ Licensed electrical contractors should be engaged for the lighting & electrical wiring.
 - ❖ Height of electrical wires in & around the pandal shall be not less than 12 ft.
 - ❖ Pandals must have proper ventilation.
 - ❖ Old or naked wires should not touch the cloth Portion of the pandal.
 - ❖ Certificates of Fire Brigade, CESC & WBSEDCL must be obtained by the organizers.
 - ❖ Proper drinking water arrangements must be made available in the pandal area
 - ❖ Toilets (Gents & Ladies) must be arranged
 - ❖ There must be a Public Address System
 - ❖ CCTVs must be installed at vantage Points. (entry/exit, inside circulation) for security reasons for 24 hrs.
- ❖ **Mandatory declaration to be made by puja committee**
- a) That no POP shall be used in the making of idols and raising of super-structure;
 - b) That no synthetic paint or colour containing toxic heavy metals like mercury, cadmium, arsenic, lead and chromium shall be used in the making of idols and raising of super -structure;
 - c) That the height of idol shall be limited to 20 ft.
- ❖ Puja organizers to engage sufficient number of volunteers. These volunteers must be trained to assist in crowd circulation.
 - ❖ Alternative sources of energy / generator must be available.
 - ❖ Display of banners/hoardings are not be allowed within 50 meters of important roads and intersections that may divert the attention of drivers or disrupt traffic.
- For Immersion**
1. No firecrackers to be burst during the immersion processions.
 2. Limited number of vehicles during the immersion processions.
 3. Please desist from unruly behavior and braw I during immersion.
 4. Only few persons from each puja committee should go to the river due to paucity of space.
- ❖ While these guidelines may sound daunting, they are all for the benefit and safety of the citizens.
 - ❖ If the Organizers of Big Durga Pujas Community want to immerse their Idols at any of the Ghats on the banks of the Ganges between **Bagbazar Ghat and Gwalior Ghat** in Kolkata, then the idols height should not be more than 10 ft to 11 ft. Hence we would urge everyone to insist that the Puja committees in their localities follow these guidelines so that we can together celebrate a joyous puja.

N.B: Other guidelines /notifications issued by Government order to be followed strictly and any other order published in future regarding Durga Puja/ Kali Puja, will be uploaded in the website as and when received.