

**Government of Jharkhand**  
**Home, Prison & Disaster Management Department**  
**(Disaster Management Division)**

**ORDER**

Whereas Order number 42 dated 15.11.2020 was issued for the observance of Chhath Puja in the state due to prevailing COVID-19 situation ;

Whereas, in exercise of the powers under section 18(2)(d) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the State Disaster Management Authority has directed the undersigned to revoke the Order number 42 dated 15.11.2020, partially modify the Order number 3170 dated 22.10.2020 with respect to congregation(s) in open spaces and issue guidelines for the observance of Chhath Puja in the state of Jharkhand;

Now therefore, in exercise of the power conferred under section 22(2)(h) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 the undersigned, in his capacity as Chairperson, State Executive Committee (SEC), hereby issues directions to all the Departments of Government of Jharkhand and all the District Administrations for the strict implementation of the following order and guidelines in the course of observance of Chhath Puja in the state of Jharkhand in November 2020.

1. Order number 42 dated 15.11.2020 is hereby revoked.
2. Order number 3170 dated 22.10.2020 is modified to the following extent only for the period and purpose of Chhath:
  - a. Clause 4 shall read as

*In open spaces outside the containment zone(s), congregation is permitted to the extent available space can accommodate people keeping in view the principle of 6 feet( 2 gaz ki doori) social distance between any two individuals.*



3. Following national directives shall be followed in the course of observance of Chhath Puja in public places:
  - a. Wearing of face cover is compulsory.
  - b. Individuals must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet( 2 gaz ki doori).
  - c. Spitting is prohibited in public places especially inside the water body.
4. No stalls of any kind shall be set up by anyone on or near the banks of any river/pond/lake/dam reservoir being used for Chhath Puja.
5. No bursting of firecrackers is permitted in public places.
6. There shall be no musical or any other entertainment/cultural program.
7. Chhath Samitis shall assist the district administration in ensuring the compliance of above guidelines.
8. Any person violating these measures will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act ,2005 besides legal action under Section 188 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable.



17/11/2020

**Sukhdev Singh**

**Chief Secretary,**

**Jharkhand.**

Memo no. ....961/CS.....

Ranchi, Dated:....17.11.2020.....

Copy to – Principal Secretary to Chief Minister/PS to Minister for Disaster Management/All Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary/Director General of Police/All Divisional commissioner/DIG/DC/SSP/SP, Jharkhand for information and necessary action.

Copy to –Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi.