

GUIDELINES FOR A SAFE PUJA

BIDHANNAGAR POLICE COMMISSIONERATE

- ❖ Timing for loudspeakers (with sound box): **6 am to 10 pm**. Use of sound limiter is essential.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ The height of the upperstructure can be no more than 40 ft.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ No overhead gates should be erected on roads.
- ❖ No open flame can be lit within 200 yards of the main pandal and no 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
- ❖ Proper lighting must be ensured
- ❖ Licensed electrical contractors should be engaged for the lighting & electrical wiring. Pandals must have proper ventilation. There should be enough emergency exits. These should be free of any obstruction
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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 brawls 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.

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.