



**Government of Jammu & Kashmir**  
**Office of the Chairperson, District Disaster Management**  
**Authority (DDMA)/District Magistrate, Jammu**  
**Wazarat Road Jammu-180001 (J&K)-India**

**To**

**Administrators/Chairpersons/Presidents**

Auqaf Islamia, Dharmarth Trust, Sanatan Dharam Sabha, Shiromani Gurudwara Prabandak Committee, Various Mandir Committees, Association of Churches and other religious bodies.

No: - DCJ/PS/2019-20/1110-15


Dated:- 18-03-2020

**Subject: Restrictions on assembly of worshippers/ Pilgrims / devotees in various Temples / Mosques /Gurudwaras / Churches under the National Disaster Management Act, 2005-regarding**

1. Section 34 of the National Disaster Management Act, 2005, (DM Act) empowers the District Magistrate to issue directions and guidelines for the purpose of assisting, protecting or providing relief to the community in response to any threatening disaster situation.
2. In order to check the transmission of COVID-19, social distancing is a strict norm that needs to be followed at all places. Our places of worship happen to be major centres of mass gatherings.
3. As such, vide powers vested in me under the said section and in order to take measures to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19 in the Union Territory of J&K, it is hereby ordered that there shall be complete ban on the entry of worshippers/devotees/pilgrims to the places of worship with immediate effect in

district Jammu till 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020. The religious teachers may, however, continue to follow the norms of prayers/worship.

4. These restrictions will apply to all the major events (Navratras / Shab-i-Miraj / Friday Prayers etc) in the respective places of worship till 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020.

  
(Sushma Chauhan) IAS  
Chairman DDMA /  
District Magistrate,  
Jammu.

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