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Government Notifications

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ESALA FESTIVAL OF RUHUNU MAHA KATHARAGAMA DEVALE - 2021

IT is hereby notified for information of the general public that the above festival will commence on the 10th July, 2021 and terminate on, 24th July, 2021.

The general public are informed that the regulations published in the following Gazette Notifications, in terms of the provisions of the Pilgrimages Ordinance, shall be in force within the duration of the festival.

Government Gazette No. 9859 of 30.04.1948

Government Gazette No. 10000 of 22.07.1949

Government Gazette No. 11255 of 07.02.1958

Government Gazette No. 12508 of 07.07.1961

Government Gazette No. 12947 of 02.03.1962

GUNADASA SAMARASINGHE,
Monaragala District Secretary/Government Agent and,
Officer in charge Kataragama Esala Festival Work Force.

The District Secretariat,
Monaragala,
16th June, 2021.



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ATTENTION of the General Public is invited to Regulations relating to pilgrimages published in Gazette No. 9859 dated 30.04.1948, No. 10000 dated 22.07.1949, No. 11255 dated 07.02.1958, No. 12508 dated 07.07.1961, No. 12947 dated 02.03.1962, I hereby notify the following particulars relating to those regulations.

01. Camp Area:

"Camp area" means (a) the area within a radius of a 1.6 km from the ford of the Manik Ganga at Katharagama and (b) the area within a radius of 0.4 km from the Pulleyar Kovil at Sella Katharagama.

02. Construction of Buildings :

No person shall construct any building or boutique whether permanent or temporary within the camp area during the period of 10th July, 2021 to 24th July, 2021 without a written permission obtained from any other authorized officer.

03. Beggars :

No person shall solicit alms within the camp area except in the beggar hut constructed near the second bridge over the Menik Ganga or within a distance of four meters from there and no person shall distribute any alms to beggars within the camp area except at the aforesaid places.

04. Bathing and washing :

No person shall bath or wash cloths or animals within the area of 4.8 km upward the Manik Ganga extending from the place of pumping water through the Katharagama Water Supply Scheme.

05. Vehicles :

- 5.1. No person shall enter any motor vehicle, bicycle, bullock cart or any other vehicle to the sacred area (Eastern part of Menik Ganga) without a permit issued by me or any other authorized Officer.
- 5.2. No person shall park any vehicle within the camp area except within the areas reserve for parking vehicles in the new town.

06. Barber Saloons :

No person shall establish any barber saloon within the camp area except the places reserved for the purpose.

07. Kavadi Kada :

No person shall establish any Kavadi Kada without a permit issued by me or any other authorized officer.

08. Marketing :

- 8.1. Hawkers are not allowed to sell anything within the sacred area, pilgrims rest area, bus stand and on or near foot bridges No. 01 and No. 02
- 8.2. No person shall sell "Thinnoru, Ice-Cream, Pooja Bhandas, Pooja trays, Food items or any other commodities outside the areas reserved for that purpose.
- 8.3. No person shall establish or maintain any sale outlet within the sacred area except selling of flowers within the sheds already constructed on either sides of the road leading to Kirivehera.

8.4 Every building and every boutique shall have a dustbin and all refuse should be deposited there in.

8.5 All processed foods exposed for sale should be kept in boxes with covers so as to protect them from flies.

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