Standard Operating Procedure to Contain Spread of COVID-19 in Religious Places (1/6)

Preventive Measures to be Ensured at Religious Places

- Entrance to have mandatory hand hygiene (sanitizer dispenser) & thermal screening provisions
- Only asymptomatic persons to be allowed in the premises
- Persons without face cover/masks not to be allowed
- Posters on preventive measures about COVID-19 to be displayed at prominent places
- Audio & Video clips on preventive measures for COVID-19 to be regularly played
- Staggering of visitors to be done, if possible
Preventive Measures to be Ensured at Religious Places

- Footwear to be preferably taken off inside own vehicle. If needed they should be kept in separate slots for each individual.

- Proper crowd management in parking lots & outside the premises, duly following social distancing norms.

- Any shops, stalls, cafeteria etc., outside & within the premises to follow social distancing norms at all times.

- Specific markings may be made with sufficient distance to manage the queue & to ensure social distancing in the premises.

- Preferably separate entry and exits for visitors to be organized.
Standard Operating Procedure to Contain Spread of COVID-19 in Religious Places (3/6)

Preventive Measures to be Ensured at Religious Places

- Maintain physical distancing of a minimum of 6 feet when queuing up for entry

- People should wash their hands & feet with soap and water before entering the premises

- Seating arrangement to be made following adequate social distancing norms

- For AC/ventilation, guidelines of CPWD to be followed - all AC devices to be in the range of 24-30°C, Relative Humidity to be in the range of 40-70%, intake of fresh air to be as much as possible with adequate cross ventilation
Preventive Measures to be Ensured at Religious Places

- Touching of statues/idols/holy books etc. not allowed
- Large gatherings continue to remain prohibited
- In view of potential threat of spread of infection, recorded devotional songs may be played & singing groups should not be allowed
- Avoid physical contact while greeting each other
- Common prayer mats to be avoided & devotees to bring their own prayer mat or piece of cloth that can be taken back
- No physical offerings like prasad/distribution or sprinkling of holy water etc. allowed
Preventive Measures to be Ensured at Religious Places (5/6)

- Community kitchens/langars etc. to follow physical distancing norms while preparing & distributing food
- Effective sanitation within the premises to be maintained with particular focus on lavatories, hand and foot-washing areas
- Frequent cleaning & disinfection to be maintained by the management of the religious place
- The floors should particularly be cleaned multiple times in the premises
- Ensure proper disposal of leftover face covers/masks/gloves
Standard Operating Procedure to Contain Spread of COVID-19 in Religious Places (6/6)

Measures to be taken on Occurrence of Case(s)

1. Place the ill person in a room or area where they are isolated from others.

2. Provide a mask/face cover till such time he/she is examined by a doctor.

3. Immediately inform the nearest medical facility or call the state or district helpline.

4. A risk assessment will be undertaken by designated public health authority & accordingly further action be initiated regarding management of case, his/her contacts and need for disinfection.

5. Disinfection of the premises to be taken up if the person is found positive.