



**Pollution Control Board:: Assam
Bamunimaidam; Guwahati-21**

NOTICE

No. WB/G-1603/19-20/47

Dated Guwahati, the 25th Sept, 2019

Kind Attention: All Municipal Authorities and Durga Puja Committees in the state of Assam

In addition to the directions of the District Administration and Municipal Authorities All the Durga Puja Committees in the state of Assam are hereby directed to comply with the following guidelines for Idol Immersion so as to minimize Environmental Pollution:

1. Idols should be made from natural materials as described in the holy scripts. Traditional clay should be used for idol making rather than baked clay, plaster of paris, etc.
2. Painting of Idols should be discouraged. In case idols are to be painted, water soluble and nontoxic natural dyes should be used. Use of toxic and non-biodegradable chemical dyes for painting idols is strictly prohibited.
3. Worship material like flowers, *vastras* (clothes), decorating material (made of paper and plastic) etc. should be removed before immersion of idols. Biodegradable materials should be collected separately for recycling or composting. Non-biodegradable materials should be collected separately for disposal in sanitary landfills.
4. The 'Idol Immersion Points' should be cordoned off and barricaded. Synthetic liner may be placed in the bottom, well in advance. The said liner shall be removed on completion of immersion ceremony so that remains of idols would be brought to the bank. Bamboo and wooden logs, if any would be reused. Clay, etc may be taken to sanitary land fill for disposal.
5. At the immersion sites, burning of solid wastes, so generated comprising of used flowers, clothes, decorating materials, etc. should be prohibited.
6. Use of Single use plastic products such as plastic cups, plastic bowls, bottles plastic carry bags not conforming with the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 is strictly prohibited.
7. Littering of solid waste in and around the *Puja Pandals* (temporary structures) and immersion sites is strictly prohibited.
8. All Puja Committees should abide by the Noise Pollution (Regulation & Control) Rules, 2010 and thereby reduce use of noise generating equipments.
9. All Puja Committees shall comply with all the directives of Govt. issued in this regard.

In case of any query the website www.pcbassam.org may be referred to.

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Member Secretary (i/c)

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1. The All Deputy Commissioner in the state of Assam for favour of information & necessary action.
 2. The ACEE/SEE/REE; RO / RLO; Guwahati-1 / Guwahati-2 / Nagaon / Tezpur / Bongaigaon / Silchar / Sivasagar / Dibrugarh / Golaghat, PCBA for information & necessary action.
 3. P.A. to the Chairman, PCBA for kind appraisal of the Hon'ble Chairman.
 4. The HoIT, IT Section, Head Office, PCBA for information & requested to upload the "NOTICE" in the Board's website www.pcbassam.org
 5. M/s. APS Advertising Pvt. Ltd., Guwahati-1. They are requested to publish the 'NOTICE' in the 'The Assam Tribune', 'Axomia Pratidin', 'Dainik Janambhumi' & 'Samayik Prasanga' in all editions immediately (in minimum font size) on 26.09.2019 and submit the bill for necessary payment.

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Member Secretary (i/c)