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Government Notifications

ESALA FESTIVAL OF MAHIYANGANA - 2017

BY virtue of the powers vested in me by the Transfer of Powers (Divisional Secretaries) Act, No. 58 of 1992, and according to the regulations in terms of the provisions of the Pilgrimages Ordinance (Chapter 362) published in *Government Gazette* No. 9902 of 10th September 1948, *Gazette* No. 10283 of 17th August 1951 *Gazette* No. 14778 of 25th March 1995 and *Gazette* No. 14752 of 09th June 1967, I, Dissanayaka Mudiyanseelage Nimal Dissanayaka, the Divisional Secretary of Mahiyangana, do hereby inform the following orders shall be in force with regard to the camp of Mahiyangana Esala Festival 2017.

1. It is announced the Mahiyangana Esala Festival will be commenced on the 22nd August 2017 in the closure of the event will be followed by the “Diya Kepeema” Ceremony on the 06th September 2017.
2. The camp area for abode of pilgrims shall be the land demarcated by the 37th Mile Post of Mahiyangana-Bibila main road up to the 1/39 culvert in front of Mahiyangana National School, and the land situated between the Mahiyangana - Meegahakiula road leading to the clock tower in front of Mahiyangana hospital and new highway.
3. No person shall cook meals in “Vihara Maluwa”, “Dewala Boomiya”, “Palle Veediya” (The court yards of the Vihara, Bodi and Dewala or within those premises.)
4. On a permit issued by me or by the officer in charge of the camp, selling of flowers, Joss sticks, candles, camphor, offering items and statutes for fulfillment of vows, is allowed in the strip of land opposite the “Sthupa” at “Mada Veediya” and in the strip of land issued to the left of the “Makara Thorana”
5. Within the camp area specified in above Section 2, selling and distribution of all food to pilgrims and selling of other commodities and allowed in the 24 permanent building, or the Officer-in-charge of the camp. The area beyond 20ft, from the drainage system of both sides of Palle Veediya, Mada Veediya, Dutugamunu Vishrama Shala Mawatha (Pilgrims road) Ammodilla road, Badulla Mahiyangana main road, Bodimaluwa Mawatha and the road in front of the “Sangawasa (Bikku abode), prescribed as the way of perahara procession by the “Basnayaka Nilame”, is reserved for business purposes.



6. Near by Sangamiththaramaya from the clock tower in Badulla main road to sides of the road and front of the permanent shop it is trading activities by me.
7. Establishing temporary stalls/mobile stalls and selling goods is entirely prohibited in the camp except as permitted in statement 04 and 05 mentioned.
8. Parking of private vehicles in the main street is hereby prohibited and no person shall enter any type of vehicle in to the camp area including bicycles and bullock carts without a permit issues by me or the officer in charge of the camp.
9. No person shall enter any motor vehicle in to the camp *via* the road reaching the sacred area by the side of the “Wahalkada” (Vestibule) which faces Mahiyangana Bibila main road, Mahiyangana Bibila old road, the main access to the camp area, the road by the side of the clock tower located in front of the hospital, and the road by the side of 1/39 culvert in front of Mahiyangana National School, unless written permission is obtained.
10. Publish notices will be made by me on the procedure of leasing the parcels of land for business purpose within camp area.
11. All the temporary constructions in the leased out commercial lands shall comply with the specifications made by the Department of Health. 01 or 02 sanitary toilets adjacent to each boutique will have to be made available for the use of pilgrims, if ordered after the removal of the temporary building/sheds by the settlers of the leased out land at the end of the festival, old refuse and garbage including polythene shall be collected and disposed under the supervision of the Public Health Inspectors.
12. No person shall construct any building within camp area unless a license has been obtained in that behalf from me.
13. No person shall without the previous sanction of the Divisional Secretary, construct any booth or any sort of building or extend any building, so as to encroach on any land used or street for use as a street within camp area or on any land forming the banks of the river within the camp area.

15th Regulation (Pilgrimages Ordinance)

- (a) No person shall, without the previous of the Divisional Secretary, construct any booth or any sort of building any extend any building, so as to encroach any land used or set apart for use as a street within the camp area or any land forming the bank of the river within the camp area.
- (b) Firing of any sort of crackers is strictly prohibited within the camp area.
- (c) No person shall make any collection of money within the camp area on selling tickets, flags, or on any other purpose unless permission is granted by the Divisional Secretary or other authorized officer.

DISSANAYAKA MUDIYANSELAGE NIMAL DISSANAYAKA,
Divisional Secretary/Mahiyangana,
Badulla District.

MAHIYANGANA ESALA FESTIVAL - 2017

According to the regulations in terms of the provisions of the Pilgrimages Ordinance (Chapter 362) publish in *Government Gazette* No. 9902 of 10th September, 1948, *Gazette* No. 10283 of 17th August 1951, *Gazette* No. 14778 of 25th March 1995 and *Gazette* No. 14752 of 09th June 1967 and the transfer of powers Act, No. 58 of 1992, I, Dissanayaka Mudiyanseelage Nimal Dissanayaka, the Divisional Secretary of Mahiyangana, do hereby notify that the following places are allocated for the purpose of distributing and selling of food items among the pilgrims.

- (a) All the permanent and temporary building in between the 37th k. m. 39/1 culvert opposite the National School, along Mahiyangana Bibila road.
- (b) Permanent and temporary building on both side Mahiyangana/Meegahakiula old road, up the clock tower in front of the hospital.
- (c) Temporary building construction on a permit issued by me, within the allocated ground for abode of pilgrims in side the camp area.

No person shall distribute any sort of food item any place not appointed for the purpose, except specified in above.

DISSANAYAKA MUDIYANSELEAGE NIMAL DISSANAYAKA,
Divisional Secretary/Mahiyangana,
Badulla District.

Divisional Secretariat,
Mahiyangana,
18th August 2017.

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