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**PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL**  
**Government Notifications**

**THE PILGRIMAGES ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 175)**

**THE ESALA FESTIVAL OF SAPARAGAMU MAHA SAMAN DEVALAYA - 2020**

ATTENTION of the General Public is drawn to the regulations relating to pilgrimages in terms of the *Gazette Extra Ordinary* No. 2151/21 of 26.11.2019 published under the Pilgrimages Ordinance Chapter 175, I hereby notify the following particulars relating to those regulations.

**1. Duration of conducting the Procession**

- It is hereby informed that the Esala Festival of Saparagamu Maha Saman Devalaya - 2020 may commence on the 18th August and end with Water Cutting Ceremony and Day Procession on the 03rd September 2020.

**2. The Camp Area:-**

- The Camp area where the Esala Festival to be conducted shall be the area bounded to the North by the cement channel which demarcates public resident lands of Paraveni Officers, vehicle parking area, sales stalls area and the entrance road to the vehicle park, to the South by Thennagewaththa and the 'Kalu' river, to the East by Ratnapura - Panadura Road and to the West by Maha Uyanwaththa possessed by the Devalaya.



### 3. Vehicles

- 3.1 No vehicle, including motor vehicles, bicycles and carts, without my permission or a permission given by an authorized officer, shall park or enter any place or festival premises except the area reserved for parking.
- 3.2 Entering vehicles to the sacred area through the gateway erected facing to Ratnapura - Panadura Main Road is strictly prohibited.

### 4. Construction of Buildings

- 4.1 No person shall construct or build and shelter or structure whether temporary or permanent or add a new part to such building which is already exist within the camp area during the period of time from the 18th August to the 03rd September 2020, without my written permission or such permission obtained from and authorized officer.
- 4.2 Whereas, it shall be permitted to enter any land or place situated in the camp area in order to implement any regulation, among the regulations imposed by me or any authorized officer or to erect a pillar or to conduct a construction or a building on any land or place within the camp area in order to display any notice or signboard.

### 5. Health

- 5.1 No person who is suffering from any contagious or infectious disease shall enter the camp area. Every person shall throughly heed to follow the health instructions currently operative in the country.

### 6. Trade

- 6.1 No person shall, within the camp area, sell lotteries, flags or collect contributions for any other purpose without my permission or the permission given by an authorized officer and sale and consumption of tobacco products and every kind of drugs are strictly prohibited in the premises and within the Devalaya boundary, during the period of conducting the procession.
- 6.2 Actions shall be taken to keep closed from 28.08.2020 to 03.09.2020 the boutiques which are currently selling flowers and other sacred items in the camp area.

### 7. Beggars

- No person shall beg or solicit arms within the camp area except such places as may be appointed for the purpose outside the sacred area.

MALANI LOKUPOTHAGAMA,  
District Secretary/Government Agent,  
Officer In-charge of the Saman Devalaya Camp.

On the 06th July, 2020,  
At the District Secretariat, Ratnapura.

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