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PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

Government Notifications

Notification No. 1

THE PILGRIMAGES ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 175)

The Esala Festival of Sabaragamu Maha Saman Devalaya - 2022

I, hereby notify to the General Public that the aforesaid Festival will commence on the 26th August 2022 and end on 11th September 2022.

Attention of the General Public is hereby drawn that the regulations in terms of the provisions of the Pilgrimage Ordinance Published in the following *Gazette* Notifications.

Gazette No. 2151/21 dated 26th November 2019

Gazette No. 2184/49 dated 17th July 2020

Gazette No. 2243/08 dated 30th August 2021

MALANI LOKUPOTHAGAMA,
District Secretary/Government Agent
Officer in charge of the Camp of the
Sabaragamuwa Maha Saman Devalaya.

At the District Secretariat Ratnapura,
On 04th August 2022.



THE ESALA FESTIVAL OF SABARAGAMU MAHA SAMAN DEVALAYA - 2022

ATTENTION of the General Public is drawn to the regulations related to the pilgrims published in the *Gazette* No. 2151/21 of 26th November 2019, *Gazette* No. 2184/49 of 17th July 2020 and *Gazette* No. 2243/8 of 30th August 2021. I hereby notify the following particulars relating to those regulations.

1. Duration of conducting the Perahera

- It is hereby informed that the Esala Festival of Sabaragamu Maha Saman Devalaya will commence on the 26th August and end with Water Cutting Ceremony and Day Procession on the 11th September 2022.

* All night Pirith Chanting Ceremony	26.08.2022
* Alms Giving Ceremony for Maha Sangha	27.08.2022
* Kap Planting Ceremony	28.08.2022
* Auction of Stalls	28.08.2022
* Kumbal Perahera Festival	From 28.08.2022 to 31.08.2022
* Street Parade of the Perahera	From 01.09.2022 to 05.09.2022
* Randoli Perahera Festival	From 06.09.2022 to 10.09.2022
* Water Cutting Ceremony	11.09.2022

2. The Camp Area

- The area where the Esala Festival to be conducted shall be the area bounded to the North by the public resident lands of Paraveni Officers, vehicle parking area, cement channel which demarcates 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 Uyanawaththa belonged to the Devalaya.

3. Vehicles

- 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.
- Entering vehicles to the sacred area through the gateway erected facing to Ratnapura - Panadura main road is strictly prohibited.

4. Construction of Buildings

- No person shall construct or build any 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 26th August to the 11th September 2022, without my written permission or such permission obtained from an authorized officer.
- 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. Offering Puja for the Perahera

- Stopping between Perahera in order to offer puja for the Water Cutting Perahera will be decided depending on the Situation.

6. Health

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

7. Trade

- 7.1 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 Perahera.
- 7.2 Stalls which are currently selling flowers and other sacred items in the camp area and along road sides starting near Kotaambe up to the entrance to Ketaliyanpalla shall thoroughly adhere to the health guidelines prevailing in the country during the Perahera season.
- 7.3 Whereas, in case it decided to isolate or close the country on health guidance, all boutiques in the area indicated in section 7.2 shall be closed.
- 7.4 No one shall build a shop or sell anything in the sacred area, except for the flowers and puja items that have been erected on both sides of the entrance road to the camp site.
- 7.5 Each of the buildings and stalls shall be placed with a garbage container and garbage shall be disposed in such containers.
- 7.6 All processed food items for sale shall be kept in covered boxes as to protect against flies.

8. Beggars

- No person shall beg or solicit alms and give or distribute anything by way of cash or otherwise 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 Sabaragamu Maha Saman Devalaya Camp.

At the District Secretariat, Ratnapura,
On 04th August 2022.

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