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## PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

### Government Notifications

#### THE PILGRIMAGES ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 175)

#### The Esala Perahera Festival of Historic Sankhapala Raja Maha Viharaya - 2022

I, hereby notify for the information of the General Public that the aforementioned festival will start on the 26th day of September 2022 and end on the 13th day of October 2022.

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Attention of the General Public is drawn that the regulations in terms of the provisions of the pilgrimages Ordinance are effect during the festival season.

The *Gazette Extraordinary* of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka No. 2153/15 of 12th December 2019 is effective.

**MALANI LOKUPOTHAGAMA,**  
District Secretary/Government Agent  
Ratnapura Administration District  
In-Charge of the Camp.

At the District Secretariat,  
Ratnapura.  
On the 14th day of September, 2022.



### **The Esala Perahera Festival of Historic Sankhapala Raja Maha Viharaya - 2022**

ATTENTION of the General Public is drawn to the regulations relating to pilgrimages in the *Gazettes* of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka bearing No. 2153/15 of 12th December, 2019, No. 2193/27 of 16th September, 2020 and No. 2153/15 of 01st October, 2021 published. I hereby notify the following particulars relating to those regulations.

#### **1. Duration of conducting the Perahera :**

- I hereby notify the General Public that the Esala Perahera Festival of Historic Sankhapala Raja Maha Viharaya will start on the 26th day of September, and end on the 13th day of October, 2022.

* The kap planting ceremony	26.09.2022
* Pirith Chanting of thirty hours	05.10.2022
* Alms giving and worship of Chethya at night	06.10.2022
* Kumbal Perahera Festival	07.10.2022
* Salu Perahera Festival	08.10.2022
* Randoli Perahera Festival	09.10.2022,
* Ginisilu Perahera Festival and the festival of fire-walking	10.10.2022
* Maha Perahera Festival	11.10.2022
* The Cutting of Water and Gammadu Shanthikarma	12.10.2022
* Alms giving to the deity at dawn and the end of the Esala Perahera Festival	13.10.2022

#### **2. The Camp Area :**

- The camp area where the Esala Festival to be conducted shall be the area bounded to the North by the Sankhapala peak, to the South by the 'Rakwana' river, to the East by Perahera Mawatha and to the West by Perahera Mawatha.

#### **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 - Embilipitiya 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 September to the 13th October 2020, 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 and 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 thoroughly heed to follow the health instructions currently operative in the country.
- 5.2 Providing health services before and during the Perahera shall be entrusted to the Office of the Medical Officer of Health- Udawalawa, District Hospital- Embilipitiya, Base Hospital - Udawalawa and the Provincial Directorate of Health Services.

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 Perahera.
- 6.2 Boutiques which are currently selling flowers, puja items within the camp area and either side along the main road shall thoroughly adhere to the health guidelines prevailing in the country during the period of conducting the Perahera.
- 6.3 No person shall establish, maintain any permanent or temporary boutique within the sacred area or do business therein except selling flowers, puja items in the boutiques already exist either side of the access roads.
- 6.4 Dustbins shall be placed in every boutique and building and all refuse should be deposited therein.
- 6.5 All processed foods for sale shall be kept with covered so as to protect them from flies.

7. *Beggars :*

- No person shall beg or solicit alms, by way of money or other method, within the camp area except such places as may be appointed for the purpose outside the sacred area.

8. *Power Supply Facilities :*

- Ceylon Electricity Board and Pradeshiya Sabha- Embilipitiya Shall be responsible for the installation of street lamps and extra lamps on the temple premises and the Perahera route.

9. *Water :*

- Installation of additional water tanks providing water for bowzers and providing drinking water facilities to the devotees is entrusted to the National Water Supply and Drainage Board, Udawalawa, Pradeshiya Sabha, Embilipitiya, and to the Divisional Secretariat Embilipitiya.

10. *Security :*

- All security arrangements and handling traffic on the road without obstructing the Perahera and the devotees shall be assigned to the security forces and to the police.

11. *Accommodations* :

- Kolambageara Maha Vidyalaya and Sankhapala Gunaratana Vidyalaya are reserved for accommodation of the dancing troupes participating in the Perahera and carrying out such activities as per the health instructions shall be entrusted to the Zonal Education Office and the principals of the relevant schools.

The Regulations from 03 to 11 above shall be valid until the end of the Perahera Festival.

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