



**OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR & DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, KALAHANDI
(ODISHA)**

No. 254 / Election/Res

Dated 3rd June, 2024

ORDER UNDER SECTION 144 Cr.P.C.

Whereas, the counting of votes for both Lok Sabha (11-PC, Kalahandi) and Vidhan Sabha (Bhawanipatna AC/AS, Lanjigarh AC/AS, Narla AC/AS, Dharamgarh AC/AS, Junagarh AC/AS) in the district of Kalahandi is scheduled to be conducted on 04.06.2024 at or around the premises of Counting Centres in Maa Manikeswari University, Kalahandi, Bhawanipatna and Panchayat College, Dharamgarh & declaration of result thereof.

Whereas, it is being anticipated that the supporters of all contesting candidates/ political parties are likely to be gathered in a large number at or around the premises of counting centres in Maa Manikeswari University, Bhawanipatna and Panchayat College, Dharamgarh for both Assembly Constituency and Assembly Segment. Hence, at the time of taking out of processions by the successful candidates or other undesirable circumstances there is apprehension of breach of peace and thus speedy remedy is desirable for immediate prevention of such circumstances.

And whereas, I am satisfied that directions are necessary in order to prevent obstruction or injury to persons lawfully employed or risk or danger to human life, health or safety or property or a disturbance of the public tranquility or riot or an affray for the larger interest of the general public as well to maintain peace in the locality.

Now therefore, I, **P. Anvesha Reddy, IAS, District Election Officer & Collector, Kalahandi**, in exercise of the power vested on me by virtue of section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, do hereby pass the following orders:

- Entry to Maa Manikeswari University, Kalahandi, Bhawanipatna and Panchayat College, Dharamgarh areas will be allowed only for the authorized staffs and Counting Agents who have been given ID cards by ROs for Counting Process on 04.06.2024.
- Movement and gathering of people are restricted to **five (05)** persons at any point of time in the 200 meters around the University campus and Panchayat College campus from 06.00 am to 06.00 pm or till the completion of Counting Process whichever is earlier on 04.06.2024 and declaration of result thereof.
- Carrying of any explosive substance, fire-arm or any other weapons of offence like licensed arms/ fire-arms, Swords, Lathis, Barchhas, Bhallas, Kulharis, Jellis, Knives, Cycle Chains and any other such things capable of being used as a weapon of offence

or other inflammable materials, Mobile Phones, Wireless Sets, Cordless Phone or any other communication apparatus is prohibited (except Sheathed Kirpans used as a genuine religious symbols of Sikhs).

The entry and gathering prohibition shall not apply to police and other public servants on election counting duty. Further security personnel are allowed to carry arms as part of their duty if necessary. Moreover, it is pertinent to mention here that the normal movement of vehicles near Maa Manikeswari University, Bhawanipatna and Panchayat College, Dharamgarh will not be hampered by this precautionary measures. The Superintendent Police, Kalahandi shall ensure strict compliance of the said order in this regard. Anybody violating this order shall be liable for prosecution and punishment u/s 188 of the IPC and other applicable Act/ Rules.

This order shall be promulgated throughout Kalahandi district by announcement through the Pubic Relation Department and by affixing a copy of this order on Notice Board of all Urban Local Bodies/ Sub-Collectors/ Tahasil Offices/ Block Offices and public places as well as at the local Police stations. In view of the emergent situation and shortage of time, this order is being passed ex-parte and is addressed to the public in general.

**Collector & Dist. Magistrate,
Kalahandi.**

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Copy forwarded to the Superintendent of Police, Kalahandi/ Addl. District Magistrates, Kalahandi/ PD.DRDA, Kalahandi/ CDM & PHO, Kalahandi/ Sub-Collector, Dharamgarh/ Sub-Collector, Bhawanipatna/ All Tahasildars/ All BDOs/ All EOs of ULBs/ All District Level Officers/ All IICs for information and necessary action.

Copy to DIO, NIC, Kalahandi for upload the same in the Kalahandi district portal for wide publicity of the Order.

Copy to the DI & PRO, Kalahandi for information and wide publicity of the same.

**Collector & Dist. Magistrate,
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Copy submitted to the Chief Electoral Officer, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information.

Copy submitted to the Revenue Divisional Commissioner (SD), Berhampur for favour of kind information.

**Collector & Dist. Magistrate,
Kalahandi.**