

## **PRESS NOTE ON GANESH FESTIVAL-2025**

Coordination Meeting with organizers and Stakeholders at the office of Commissioner of Police, Rachakonda on 18.08.2025 in connection with Ganesh Festival-2025

This year, Ganesh Festival will begin on 27.08.2025 (Wednesday) with idol installations and will conclude on 06.09.2025 (Saturday) with immersion processions.

The 10th day of immersions will coincide with Milad-un-Nabi on 05.09.2025 (Friday), which will involve religious gatherings, bike rallies, and foot processions.

On 05.09.2025, police will focus on keeping peace and safety by watching Milad-un-Nabi routes, sensitive places, and busy traffic areas to avoid any trouble on the final immersion day.

In the year 2024, a total of 13,472 Ganesh idols were installed at various Mandaps in Rachakonda Police Commissionerate limits. Zone wise as follows.

### **ABSTRACT OF GANESH IDOLS INSTALLED – 2024 (AS PER RECORD)**

Sl.No.	Zone	No. of Idols Installed
1	Malkajgiri	4644
2	LB Nagar	3385
3	Maheshwaram	2175
4	Bhongir	3268

In the year 2024, a total of 1,029 Ganesh idols were taken to Tank Bund for immersion.

In the year 2024, total (36) cases were registered in various police stations in Rachakonda i.e Malkajgiri Zone (15), LB Nagar Zone (17), Maheshwaram Zone (04), Bhongir Zone (0).

Instructions to Pandal Organizers/volunteers:

#### **1. Before Installation**

- Use only clay idols to protect water bodies; PoP idols shall not be installed.
- Mandaps should be temporary, built with strong and safe materials, covered on three sides and the roof with tarpaulin. Permanent structures are not allowed.
- Maintain a safe distance from electric poles/wires and use proper, quality wiring to avoid accidents.
- Erect sturdy barricades around Mandaps and ensure surroundings are kept clean.

- Provide separate queues for entry and exit points for Darshan and Prasadam at large Mandaps for smooth movement.
- Parking should be allowed only in designated areas, away from crowds.
- Encourage immersion on the 3rd, 5th, or 7th day to reduce rush on the final day.
- Do not install idols on public roads, narrow lanes, disputed sites, or other sensitive locations.
- Avoid welcome arches, stages, or any obstruction on public roads.
- Flags, posters, or banners should not be placed near other religious places.
- Avoid excessive decorative lighting that may cause electrical overload.
- Idol designs must remain respectful and sensitive to all communities.
- Drones or flying cameras are strictly prohibited in crowded areas.
- Donations must be voluntary; no one should be forced.

## 2. During Festival

- Deploy volunteers/young helpers round-the-clock with proper ID cards to manage queues and assist in security checks.
- Keep emergency lamps and fire safety equipment ready like Sand bags and water drums at all times.
- Ensure water drums, Sand bags and other fire extinguishers to prevent on towards incidents and also ensure at least two young responsible persons stay overnight at the Mandap.
- Vendors should not set up stalls or sell food items in the middle of roads to avoid traffic congestion.
- Do not place any items under the Mandap/Stage or puja area.
- Install CCTV cameras with proper storage capacity at Mandaps, and ensure regular monitoring.
- Use speakers only with prior permission; play only devotional music between 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM.
- DJs and loud, non-devotional, or provocative songs that may disturb peace are strictly prohibited.

- Do not store firecrackers at Mandaps.
- Avoid noise or disturbance near hospitals, schools, government offices, and other religious places.
- Consumption of alcohol, gambling, or any illegal activities in or around the Mandap is strictly prohibited.
- Do not draw or use illegal power connections; only authorized electricity connections should be used.
- Tuskers to be arranged at the time of procession start to avoid untoward traffic jams.

### 3. Procession & Immersion

- Immerse Plaster of Paris (PoP) idols only in artificial ponds arranged by authorities.
- Use only fit and safe vehicles for processions; avoid oversized vehicles and display the DCP-issued serial number clearly on the left front windshield.
- Carry only one idol per vehicle.
- Use PVC poles not exceeding 2 feet for tying flags, and fix video/ cameras on procession vehicles for security.
- Submit the list of all participants to the local police station in advance, and prevent strangers or unidentified persons from joining.
- Do not use weapons, firecrackers, loudspeakers, or Gulal/Kumkum during processions.
- Avoid provocative speeches, gestures, or slogans towards any Community and do not slow down near sensitive religious locations.
- Do not allow intoxicated persons on cranes during idol immersion.
- Street dogs, monkeys, etc., should be shifted/controlled in coordination with the Animal Husbandry Department, and volunteers should keep close watch to avoid untoward incidents.
- Procession routes should be clearly fixed, with starting and closing points identified for immersion.
- You are allowed to perform Jagaran activities in peace manner and no interruption will be made by our personnel.
- Before taking the Ganesh idols to Tank Bund for immersion, inform the local SHO or sector in-charge SI to provide necessary bandobust.

#### 4. After the Festival

- Remove all temporary Mandaps immediately after immersion.
- Remove all religious flags tied at Mandaps after the event.

#### Instructions to Stakeholders

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#### I. Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC)

- Remove overflowing garbage quickly along the entire procession route and immersion points to maintain cleanliness and avoid bad smell.
- Provide both static and mobile cranes at immersion sites (Annexure-I).
- Deploy enough sanitation workers at immersion points to lift idols, decorations, and waste after immersion (List of Tanks/Lakes and Baby Ponds in Rachakonda – Annexure-II).
- Fill potholes and repair damaged roads on procession routes, especially where unfinished works remain.
- Remove debris, stones, and construction material from routes to allow smooth vehicle movement.
- Trim trees and remove loose overhead cables or live wires to prevent obstruction and electrical hazards.
- Catch and relocate stray cattle, dogs, and other animals from procession routes and Mandaps to avoid accidents and nuisance.
- Install sufficient mobile toilets at immersion points for public use.
- Arrange temporary street LED lighting along procession routes and immersion points for night safety.
- Remove algae/hyacinth (Gurrapu Dekka) and clear immersed idols daily to keep water bodies clean.
- HMDA: Keep tree-cutting squads, ropes, and JCBs ready for clearance work.
- GHMC/Municipalities: With coordination of SHOs, ensure that nonvegetarian food is not sold at immersion places.

#### II. Roads & Buildings (R&B) Department

- Arrange barricading along procession routes, in consultation with Zonal

DCsP, to allow smooth movement of Police and emergency vehicles.

- Provide wire mesh to close gaps at immersion places as identified by the Police Department.
- Cover all en-route religious places (Mosques, Chillas, etc.) with white cotton cloth (Kannaths).
- Arrange static generators, mobile generators, and watch towers at designated locations in all zones.
- Arrange tuskers in advance with proper barricading to prevent untoward incidents.

### III. Tourism Department

- Provide rescue boats in good working condition along with trained swimmers equipped with life jackets, buoys, tubes, and ropes for emergency rescue operations at immersion points.

### V. Medical & Health Department

- Ensure the availability of 108 ambulances at immersion points and key junctions for quick medical response.
- Keep 108 ambulance staff alert for emergencies, clearances, and medical needs.
- Set up medical camps with qualified staff and first-aid facilities at immersion points to handle emergencies such as injuries, dehydration, or other health issues.

### V. Fire Services Department

- Deploy fire engines, fire brigades, and fire extinguishers at key locations and especially on the final immersion day to respond to fire incidents promptly.

### VI. Telangana State Power Distribution Company Limited (TGSPDCL)

- Provide uninterrupted power supply at all immersion points until completion of immersion activities.
- Maintain continuous power supply in communally sensitive areas and ensure proper lighting at immersion sites from the 5th day of the festival onwards.
- Install additional transformers wherever required for load management.
- Ensure adequate LED lighting at immersion points.
- Arrange sufficient static generators with lighting at important junctions and immersion points, especially at Saroornagar Tank, to ensure uninterrupted power supply.

- Periodically inspect switchboards and electrical fittings at Ganesh Mandaps, and raise or secure low-hanging wires along procession routes to prevent accidents.

#### VII. Transport Department

- Facilitate provision of lorries to organizers who approach the RTA for idol transportation during the festival to avoid inconvenience and delays.
- For Balapur Ganesh, about 50 cars followed in 2024; this year only the Ganesh idol vehicle should be allowed.

#### VIII. Information & Public Relations Department

- Arrange public address (PA) systems at immersion points and Main Junctions, in coordination with the respective SHOs, to make announcements and guide the public effectively.
- Provide PA sound systems at all main junctions and immersion points.

#### IX. Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC)

- Deploy 6 drivers and 4 mechanics for LB Nagar Division, and 5 drivers and 3 mechanics each for Malkajgiri, Kushaiguda, Ibrahimpatnam, and Vanasthalipuram Divisions to attend to breakdowns of RTC buses and other vehicles during the festival.

#### X. Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB)

- Supply drinking water Tins in place of packets at all Ganesh idol immersion points to serve devotees and volunteers



