

PRESS NOTE

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Press briefing of Dr. R.P.Sharma, DGP on Law & Order and Crime Issues in the State.

- Durga Puja Celebration has started throughout the State since 27.9.2017 which will be over after immersion of Durga Maa Idols on 1.10.2017 at most of the places and on 2.10.2017 at Balasore.
- Muharram will be observed on 1 & 2.10.2017.
- Durga Puja and Muharram will be followed by Laxmi Puja starting from 5.10.2017 and Kali Puja starting from 19.10.2017.
- Though all these festivals and observance will be observed throughout the State at urban and rural locations, Durga Puja is important at Cuttack, Balasore, Bhubaneswar, Rourkela and Sambalpur. Chhatar Yatra of Maa Manikeswari in Bhawanipatna Town is being observed on 28.9.2017.
- Muharram will be important at Bhadrak, Balasore, Cuttack, Kendrapara, Rourkela, Sambalpur and Sundergarh.
- Laxmi Puja will be important at Kendrapara, Angul, Dhenkanal, Rourkela and Bhubaneswar.
- Kali Puja will be important at Bhadrak, Jajpur, Cuttack.
- Elaborate Police, Security and Communication arrangements have been made for smooth and peaceful observance of afore mentioned festivals, immersion and Tazia processions.
- Additional arrangements have been made at all important Temples of the State where devotees visit for Darshan and Puja particularly during the period.
- District SsP alongwith District Administration and Commissioner of Police, Bhubaneswar-Cuttack have already conducted several rounds of Coordination meetings with Puja Committee and Peace Committee members for trouble free observance of festivals and have finalised dates for processions of two communities.
- All the Police personnel of the Districts and Police Establishments have been utilised for making Police and Security arrangements alongwith 244 Platoons of force which includes 140 Pltns. of OSAP, 81 Pltns. of I.R. Bn. and 23 Pltns. of OISF. In addition, 3 Coys of Odisha Swift Action Force (OSAF), 2 Coys. CRPF and 3 Units of Strategic Tactical Unit (STU) have been provided to district SsP and Commissioner of Police.
- For Durga Puja / Muharram arrangements, in addition to available Police Officers and Men in the Districts / Commissionerate, 7 Dy.Comdts., 60 Dy.SP/Asst. Comdts., 46 Inspectors/Subedars, 586 SI/ASI/Probationary SIs, 30 Havildars and 200 Constables have been provided to sensitive districts. Out of the above, within Commissionerate jurisdiction, there are 98 Platoons of Force, 2 Coys of CRPF, 3 STU and 7 Dy.Commdts., 51 Asst. Commdts./Dy.SP, 33 Inspectors/ Subedars, 452 Probationary SIs, 30 Havildars and 200 Constables.
- For Communication arrangement, additional 90 Static Sets and 140 Manpack Sets along with 2 Inspectors and 53 SIs/ASIs have been provided to Commissionerate and additional 36 Static Sets and 55 Manpack Sets have been provided to sensitive districts.
- Preventive and precautionary measures including drive against anti-socials, hardened criminals, habitual offenders have started since 20.9.2017 which have yielded very good results.