

**ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF
IDOL IMMERSION GUIDELINES IN MIZORAM FOR THE YEAR 2023**

**1. CIRCULATION OF GUIDELINES ON IDOL IMMERSION FOR AWARENES
CAMPAIGNS & SAFE IDOL IMMERSION**

For the effective implementation of Revised Guidelines on Idol Immersion published by CPCB on 12th May 2020, Mizoram Pollution Control Board vide its letter No. H.88088/Poltn/105/19-MPCB/160 dt. 13.09.2023 issued notice forwarding copy of the guidelines to Project Pushpak, Thuampui Aizawl, 2nd Assam Rifles, Zodin Square, Aizawl, Assam Rifles 23 Sector (HQ), Khatla, Aizawl, Central Gorkha Mandir Committee and Hindustan Club, Aizawl, Mizoram directing them to strictly adhere to the Guidelines and to submit detail information on their scheduled puja celebration programme 2023 to Mizoram Pollution Control Board (Copy enclosed at **Annexure-I**).

Further, a request was made to Deputy Commissioner, Aizawl District and Aizawl Municipal Corporation to go through the guidelines and take further necessary action for compliance of the guidelines in celebration of the upcoming Durga Puja, 2023 and submit the action taken report (if any) before the end of October 2023 via letter No. H.88088/Poltn/105/19-MPCB/159 dt. 13.09.2023 (Copy enclosed at **Annexure-II**)

In response, President, Central Gorkha Mandir vide its letter No. CGMC/1/2023/25 dt.18.10.2023 reported to the Board that there is no idol to immerse in the rivers from Gorkha Mandir of Aizawl District, Mizoram due to installation of the permanent idol in the Mandir/Temple. Executive Member, Hindustan Club also submitted letter to the Board vide letter No. Nil dt 17.10.2023 and stated that permanent idol is put in their Temple and immersion activities performed by Hindustan Club is done only symbolically by immersing the offering of flowers etc which are biodegradable and non-polluting in nature (Copy enclosed at **Annexure-III (a) & (b)**)

Further, Lt Col/21C, Second in Command, 2nd Assam Rifles, Aizawl, Mizoram vide letter No.VIII.11011/PRI/2022 dt. 19.10.2023 informed the Board that the unit is celebrating Durga Puja 2023 and the idol of the Puja will be immersed the Tuirial River on 24th October 2023. Camp Commanadant for Chief Engineer, HQ CE (P) Pushpak also issued letter to the Board vide letter No. 74040/Gen/29/E-1 Camp dt 12.10.2023 mentioning that Idols made of biodegradable materials will be immersed in Tuirial River on 25th October 2023. (Copy enclosed at **Annexure-IV (a) & (b)**)


The Board also received a letter from Municipal Commissioner, Aizawl Municipal Corporation vide letter No. M.16015/1/2022-AMC (SAN) dt. 14.11.2023 stating that as per observation made on the spot by the AMC in Aizawl City, immersion of the idol were performed symbolically and in eco-friendly manner by immersing a few fresh flowers at Tlawng River for celebration of Duga Puja 2023 (Copy enclosed at **Annexure-V**)

2. ASSESSMENT OF WATER QUALITY

As mandated by Revised Guidelines on Idol Immersion, Mizoram Pollution Control Board carried out assessment of water quality in the Tuirial river where Idols was intended to be immersed by 2nd Assam Rifles, Aizawl, Mizoram on 24th October 2023 (pre idol immersion), 25th October 2023 (during idol immersion) and 27th October 2023 (post idol immersion). The analysis result as per the prescribed format is enclosed at **Annexure-VI**.

3. Observations/Remarks:

- As per report received by the Board, Pushpak and 2nd Assam Rifles unit, Aizawl practiced Idol immersion in Tuirial river for celebration of Dusshera 2023.
- It was confirmed that most of the idols used in Dusshera celebration 2023 were made of, traditional clay, bamboo, flowers etc which were all bio-degradable and easily decomposed in water.
- As the Idols immersed in water bodies are of eco-friendly idols with herbal colours/ biodegradable dyes, there was no significant change in water qualities due to immersion of the idols as evidenced by the analysis results indicated above.


(C.LALDUHAWMA)
Member Secretary,
Mizoram Pollution Control Board

MIZORAM POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

No. H.88088/Poltn/105/19-MPCB/

Dated Aizawl, the 13th September 2023.

To,

1. The Chairman, Central Gorkha Mandir Committee, C/o Near OM Mandir, Thuampui, Aizawl, Mizoram.
2. The President, Hindustan Club, Babu Tlang, Aizawl
3. The Commandant, 2 Assam Rifles, Zodin Square, Aizawl, Mizoram
4. The Commandant, Assam Rifles 23 Sector (HQ), Near Mizoram New Secretariat Complex, Khatla, Aizawl, Mizoram
5. Lt Col, Officer Commanding Troops for Chief Engineer, Project Pushpak, Thuampui, Aizawl, Mizoram

Subj.: Effective implementation of Revised Guidelines issued by CPCB for idol immersions during upcoming festivals of Durga Puja and Ganesh Chaturthi 2023 reg.

Sir,

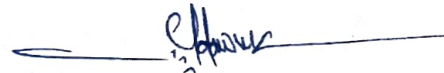
With reference to the subject cited above, please find enclosed herewith Revised Guidelines for Idol Immersion issued by Central Pollution Control Board on 12th May 2020 for implementation and compliance for the upcoming celebration of Durga Puja 2023 and the report on action taken by your community be submitted to the undersigned once the Puja is over as it is to be submitted to Central Pollution Control Board.

Further, State Pollution Control Boards has to assess water quality during Durga Puja 2023 in a phase manner i.e., pre Idol- immersion, during Idol-immersion and post-Idol immersion in a Class-I City (Population more than 1 lakh) as mandated by the Guidelines. As such, you are requested to kindly inform us your schedule for idol immersion with location of the water bodies near the Aizawl City if Idols are intended to be immersed by your community in advance so that water monitoring could be conducted in time by Mizoram State Pollution Control Board.

The Board appreciated your cooperation and support in the previous years and we do hope that we shall continue to work together as ever.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above



(C.LALDUHAWMA)

Member Secretary

Memo No. H.88088/Poltn/105/19-MPCB/

Dated Aizawl, the 13th September 2023.

Copy to: 1. Shri P.K Sharma, Divisional Head, WQM-I, CPCB, Delhi for information with reference to the letter F.No.A-14011/1/2022/WQM-1/3490-3332 dt. 24.08.2023.

2. The Regional Director, CPCB, Shillong for information.



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Dated Aizawl, the 13th September 2023.

To,

1. The Deputy Commissioner,
Aizawl District,
Aizawl, Mizoram.
2. The Municipal Commissioner,
Aizawl Municipal Corporation,
Aizawl, Mizoram.

Subj.: **Effective implementation of Revised Guidelines issued by CPCB for idol immersions during upcoming festivals of Durga Puja and Ganesh Chaturthi 2023 reg.**

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, please find enclosed herewith Revised Guidelines for Idol Immersion issued by Central Pollution Control Board on 12th May 2020 wherein role and responsibilities of the Local and Urban Authorities are listed in part No. 4 of the guidelines.

Kindly go through the guidelines and take further necessary action for compliance of the guidelines in celebration of the upcoming Durga Puja, 2023.

Action taken report may please be submitted to the undersigned before the end of October 2023 for onward submission to Central Pollution Control Board.

Yours faithfully,

Enclo: As above



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OFFICE OF THE MIZORAM GORKHA CENTRAL MANDIR COMMITTEE
AIZAWL, MIZORAM

No. GCMC/1/2023/25 :

Dated Aizawl the 18th October 2023

To

The Member Secretary
Mizoram Pollution Control Board
Aizawl, Mizoram

Subject :- Effective implementation of revised guidelines issued by CPCB for Idol immersion during upcoming festivals of Durga puja and Ganesh Chaturthi 2023 reg.

Reference : Your letter No.H.88088/Poltn/ 105/19-MPCB of dated 13th September 2023

Sir,

With reference to your letter No cited above, I have the honour to report you that, there are no Idol to be immersed in the river viz. Sairang and Tuirial in Aizawl District (which was traditionally immersed in the earlier days) due to installation of Permanent Idol in the Mandir/Temple at Aizawl District. And I would also like to state that only the leaves, herbs viz. banana leaves etc and other fruits offered by the devotees will be immersed in the said river on dated 25th October 2023 as part of the Pooja ceremony/activities.

Further, I am to state that, the two (2) Earthen Idols from Bualpui and Rengtekawn Mandir will be immersed at Saihapui river, at Tuichhuahen (Bairabi Road) of Kolasib District on dated 25th October 2023 . The Idol which will be immersed of the material used such as clay, straw and bamboos only and the paint used for the decoration of the Idol are distemper and strain paints.

This is for favour of your kind information and necessary action.

Yours Faithfully,



(H.B. THAPA)
President

18/10/23

Mizoram Gorkha Cental Mandir Committee
Aizawl, Mizoram
Ph: 9862308258

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To
The Member Secretary
Mizoram State Pollution Control Board
New Capital Complex
Aizawl

Subject: Guidelines for Idol immersion – regarding
Ref: Your letter no H.88088/Poltn/105/19-MPCB/160 dtd. 13/09/2023

Sir,

We are in receipt of your communication vide reference number mentioned above and Central Pollution Control Board guidelines. I would like to place on record our appreciation on the awareness regarding pollution of water bodies and the steps taken to preserve that. As responsible citizens of the country it is also our duty to ensure that our religious services do not become a source of problem for society.

I would like to point out that we have a permanent idol at our temple in Babutlang, Aizawl and hence the idol is not immersed. The immersion activities performed by us is only symbolically by immersing the offerings of flowers etc which are biodegradable and non-polluting in nature. We have been having a permanent idol in our temple for over ten years now.

This symbolical immersion activity is done at Tuirial river and this year too it is scheduled for the 24th of October on the occasion of Vijaya Dashami which marks the end of the Durga Puja celebrations.

It is also my privilege to invite you to our temple at any convenient time to see our permanent idols for inspection or otherwise and if suitable to join us on the occasion of Durga Puja which is celebrated with religious joy and fervor in Mizoram as in other parts of the country.

Thanking You

Yours sincerely

Dr.M.Sarmah
General Secretary
Hindustan Club Aizawl

On behalf of Gen. Secretary

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17/10/2023
(RAJIB SINHA)
Executive Member

Hindustan Club, Aizawl.

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The Director
State Pollution Control Board
Aizawl, Mizoram

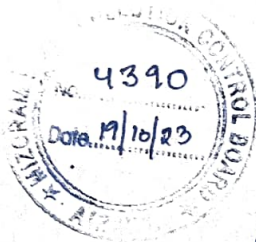
EMERSION OF DURGA IDOL BY PROJECT PUSHPAK

Sir,

1. It is for your kind information that Durga Puja is being organised at Headquarters Project Pushpak, Hari Mandir Thuampui from 15 Oct 2023 to 25 Oct 2023 as per Hindu Rites. 06 Idols made of clayey (soil) has been procured from Silchar for Puja.
2. On completion of Puja the same will be emersed in water on 25 Oct 2023 at about 1400 hrs at Turil River. Idols are made up of bio-degradable materials.
3. You are requested to accord permission for emersion of the idols.

Your's sincerely


Camp Comdt
for Chief Engineer
HQ CE (P) Pushpak



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Mizoram State Pollution
Control Board
Mizoram New Capital Complex
Khatla, Aizawl – 796001

IMMERSION OF IDOL OF DURGA PUJA/ DUSSEHRA

Sir/ Madam

1. Reference to your letter No H.88088/Poln/105/19-MPCB/130 dt 08th September 2022.
2. It is to inform you that this unit is celebrating Durga Puja/ Dussehra from 15 October to 23 October 2023. The Idol of Durga Puja will be immersed at **Tuirial River**, Aizawl, Mizoram on 24 October 2023 at 1400 Hrs.

Yours faithfully,


 Lt Col / 2IC
 Second-in-Command
 2 Assam Rifles

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No. M.16015/1/2022-AMC (SAN)

: Dated Aizawl, the 14th November, 2023

To,

The Member Secretary,
 Mizoram Pollution Control Board,
 Aizawl, Mizoram.


Subject: Effective implementation of Revised Guidelines issued by CPCB for idol immersions during the festivals of Durga Puja and Ganesh Chaturthi 2023 -Regd

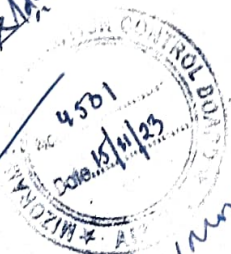
Ref: No. H.88088/Poltn/105/19-MPCB/159, dated 13.09.2023

Sir,

With reference to the subject and Letter No. captioned above, I am to inform you that, according to observation made on the spot during the Durga Puja festival celebration at Aizawl, immersion of the idol were performed only symbolically and in an eco-friendly manner by immersing a few fresh flowers at River Tlawng.

Yours faithfully,


 (Er. LALHRIATPUIA)
 Municipal Commissioner
 Aizawl Municipal Corporation



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Annexure-VI

Water Quality Data Monitored by Mizoram Pollution Control Board on Idol Immersion for Festivals (Ganesh Puja & Durga Puja 2023)

Sl No	State/UT	Name of the Location	Source	Festivals	Event (Pre, during, post)	Date	Time	Colour	DO (mg/L)	pH	BOD (mg/L)	Conductivity (µmho/cm)	Turbidity (mg/L)	TDS (mg/L)	Chlorides (mg/L)	TSS (mg/L)	Hardness (mg/L)	Alkalinity (mg/L)	Chromium (mg/L)	Zinc (mg/L)	Copper (mg/L)	Cadmium (mg/L)	Mercury (mg/L)	Cobalt (mg/L)	Special activity for creating awareness for eco-friendly Idol immersion	Whether State/UT Adopted CPCB 'Revised Guidelines for Idol Immersion 2020'
1.	Mizoram	Tuirial River near Tuirial Village (Idol immersion done by 2 nd AR)	River	Durga Puja	Pre	24 th October 2023	1:00 pm	Pale Yellow	7.7	8.3	0.7	174	6.1	112	8.6	19	80	79.2	0.108	0.0226	0	0	0	0	A copy of the guidelines was distributed to all the concerned Hindu Communities in Mizoram for awareness	No separate Notification for adoption as the Guidelines is Automatically followed and adopted
					During	25 th October 2023	5:30 pm	Pale Yellow	7.2	8.3	1.1	180	6.4	114	9.6	9	100	85.4	0.09	0.0224	0	0	0	0		
					Post	27 th October 2023	2:30 pm	Pale Yellow	7.7	8.4	0.5	187	7.6	110	9.6	7	90	63	0.1161	0.1755	0	0	0	0		
2.	-do-	Tuirial River near Tuirial Village (Idol immersion done by Pushpak)	-do-	-do-	Pre	24 th October 2023	2:00 pm	Pale Yellow	7.7	8.3	0.7	174	6.1	112	8.6	19	80	79.2	0.0994	0.0243	0	0	0	0	A copy of the guidelines was distributed to all the concerned Hindu Communities in Mizoram for awareness	No separate Notification for adoption as the Guidelines is Automatically followed and adopted
					During	25 th October 2023	6:00 pm	Pale Yellow	7.7	7.9	1.3	173	21	100	9.6	61	60	75.9	0.1503	0.1752	0	0	0	0		
					Post	27 th October 2023	2:30 pm	Pale Yellow	8.3	8.3	0.8	184	7.6	96	11.5	4	60	68.5	0.1539	0.02540	0	0	0	0		

Note:

- 1- Any special activities carried out to ensure eco-friendly manner: A copy of the guidelines was distributed to all the concerned Hindu Communities in Mizoram for awareness.
- 2- Provide list of restrictions/prohibitors if any, imposed during the festival : Nil
- 3- No. of household Idols and/or community Idols immersed during the festivals: Only two communities (2nd Assam Rifles & Pushpak, Aizawl) immersed Idol immersion in the river.