

**ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF
IDOL IMMERSION GUIDELINES IN MIZORAM FOR THE YEAR 2024**

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

Mizoram Pollution Control Board circulated Revised Guidelines on Idol Immersion published by CPCB on 12th May 2020 for awareness and safe Idol Immersion to various Hindu Community such as Central Gorkha Mandir Committee and Hindustan Club, Aizawl, Mizoram, Project Pushpak, Thuampui Aizawl, 2nd Assam Rifles, Zodin Square, Aizawl, Assam Rifles 23 Sector (HQ), Khatla, Aizawl vide its letter No. H.88088/Poltn/105/24-MPCB/20 dt. 05.09.2024 requesting them to strictly adhere to the Guidelines and to submit detail information on their scheduled puja celebration programme 2024 (Ganesh Puja and Durga Puja) to Mizoram Pollution Control Board. Copy of the guidelines was also forwarded to them. (Copy of the letter is enclosed at **Annexure-I**).

Further, Deputy Commissioner, Aizawl District and Aizawl Municipal Corporation was requested to go through the Guidelines and take further necessary action for compliance of the guidelines in celebration of the upcoming Durga Puja, 2024 and to submit the action taken report (if any) before the end of October 2024 vide letter No. H.88088/Poltn/ 105/24-MPCB/159 dt. 05.09.2024 (Copy enclosed at **Annexure-II (a) & (b)**).

In response, Camp Commanadant, Project Pushpak,Thuampui, Aizawl vide letter No. 74040/Gen/23/E-1 Camp dt. 12.09.2024 reported to the Board that two (2) bio-degradable Idols will be immersed in Tuirial River on 17th September 2024 at 18:00 hrs for obdervation of Ganesh Puja 2024 (Copy enclosed at **Annexure-III (a)**). Secretary, Hindustan Club also submitted letter to the Board vide letter No. Nil dt 12.09.2024 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. The Hindustan Club also invited the Board's official to join them on the celebration of Durga Puja on 12th October 2024. (Copy enclosed at **Annexure-III (b)**). Lt. Colonel Second-in-Command for Commandant , 2 Assam Rifles , Aizawl also reported that the unit will organize Ganesh Chaturthi Puja on 17th September 2024 and the Idol immersion will be done on 18th September 2024 at Tuirial River vide letter No. VIII.11011/PRI-Bn/2024 18.09.2024. (Copy enclosed at **Annexure-III (c)**).

Further, Chairman, Central Gorkha Mandir vide its letter No. Nil dt. Nil reported to the Board that the community recognized the importance of adhering to the CPCB's guidelines for idol immersion and as such, only biodegradable materials will be used for Iodl making and all worship materials will be removed before Iodl immersion. (Copy enclosed at **Annexure-III(d)**).

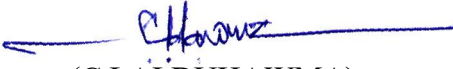
The Board also received a letter from Camp Commandant, Project Pushpak, Thuampui, Aizawl vide letter No. 74040/Gen/33/E-1 Camp dt. 04.10.2024 and stated that Shri Durga Puja is to be organized by Headquarters Project Pushpak at Hari Mandir, THuampui from 3rd October to 13 October 2024 and the idols will be immersed on 13th October 2024@ 15:00 hrs at Tuirial River (Copy enclosed at **Annexure-III(e)**). Lt. Colonel Second-in-Command for Commandant , 2 Assam Rifles , Aizawl vide letter No. VIII.11011/PRI-Bn (Misc)/2024/061 05.10.2024 also informed the Board that the unit will immerse the Idol of Durga Puja on 12th October 2024@14:30 hrs at Tuirial River.(Copy enclosed at **Annexure-III (f)**).

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 Headquarters Project Pushpak, Aizawl, Mizoram and 2nd Assam Rifles, Aizawl, Mizoram on 3rd September 2024 and 17th September 2024 (Pre and during idol immersion for Ganesh Puja 2024), 3rd October 2024, 12th October 2024 and 14th October 2024 (pre, during and post idol immersion for Durga Puja 2024). The analysis result as per the prescribed format is enclosed at **Annexure-IV**.

3. OBSERVATION/REMARKS:

- Headquarters Project Pushpak, Mizoram and 2nd Assam Rifles unit, Aizawl, Mizoram practiced Idol immersion in Tuirial river for celebration of Ganesh Puja and Dusshera 2024.
- It was confirmed that most of the idols used in Ganesh Puja and Dusshera celebration 2024 were made of, traditional clay, bamboo, flowers etc which were all bio-degradable and easily decomposed in water.
- There was no significant change in water qualities due to immersion of the idols during Ganesh Puja and Dusshera as the Idols immersed in water bodies are of eco-friendly idols with herbal colours/ biodegradable dyes as proven by the analysis results indicated above.


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

MIZORAM POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

No. H.88088/Poltn/105/24-MPCB/

Dated Aizawl, the 5th September 2024.

To,

The Chairman, Central Gorkha Mandir Committee, Thuampui, Aizawl
The President, Hindustan Club, Babu Tlang, Aizawl
The Commandant, 2 Assam Rifles, Zodin Square, Aizawl,
The Commandant, Assam Rifles 23 Sector (HQ), Near MINECO, Khatla, Aizawl
Lt Col, Project Pushpak, Thuampui, Aizawl

Subj.: **Effective implementation of 'Revised Guidelines issued by CPCB for idol immersions' during upcoming festivals of Durga Puja and Ganesh Chaturthi 2024 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 2024 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 2024 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 in advance for idol immersion with location of the water bodies near the Aizawl City if Idols are intended to be immersed by your community 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/105/24-MPCB/

Dated Aizawl, the 5th September 2024.

Copy to: 1. Shri Vishal Gandhi, Scientist 'E', WQM-I Division, CPCB, Delhi for information with reference to the letter F.No.A-14011/1/2021-WQM-1/4208-4050 dt. 23.08.2024
2. The Regional Director, CPCB, Shillong for information.


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Aizawl District,
Aizawl, Mizoram.

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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.

The Co-ordination Committee constituted by the Deputy Commissioner, Aizawl District, Mizoram vide letter No. D.13023/1/2021-DC(A)/18 dt. 29.09.2021 may take necessary action for safe Idol immersion within Aizawl City in celebration of the upcoming Durga Puja, 2024 and for compliance of the guidelines.

Action taken report may please be submitted to the undersigned before the end of October 2024 for onward submission to Central Pollution Control Board.


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Aizawl Municipal Corporation,
Aizawl, Mizoram.

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Kindly go through the guidelines and take further necessary action for compliance of the guidelines in celebration of the upcoming Durga Puja, 2024.

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ANNEXURE_III (a)

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12 Sep-24

The Director
State Pollution Control Board
Aizawl, Mizoram



EMERSION OF GANESH IDOL BY PROJECT PUSHPAK

Sir,

1. It is for your kind information that Ganesh Puja is being organised at Headquarters Project Pushpak, Hari Mandir Thuampui from 07 Sep 2024 to 17 Sep 2024 as per Hindu Rites. 02 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 17 Sep 2024 at about 1800 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
Project Pushpak



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Motto – Service to God & His Creations

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To

Dated: 12.9.2024

The Member Secretary
Mizoram Pollution Control Board
MINECO
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Ref: Letter no: H.88088/Poltn/105/24-MPCB/20 – dated 5.9.2024
Subject: Durga Puja – idol immersion regarding

Sir

With reference to the subject mentioned above, it is my honor to inform you that Durga Puja will be celebrated in Hindustan Club Shakti Mandir from the 9th to 12th of October, 2024. The immersion is scheduled for the 12th of October.

As intimated earlier, the Idols used in our Temple are permanent type made of marble and are not immersed. Only a symbolic immersion is done at Sairang of the flowers, leaves and a small bamboo frame which are all biodegradable .

I also take the opportunity to invite you and other officials to join us on the occasion of Durga Puja on the days as mentioned above.

Thanks and regards

Dr. M. Sarmah
12/9/2024
Dr. M. Sarmah
Secretary

General Secretary
HINDUSTAN CLUB
Babutlang, Aizawl
Mizoram



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Dr. M. Sarmah
on behalf of immersion cell
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HINDUSTAN CLUB

Babutlang, Aizawl, Mizoram

*Request your kind presence with your family and friends
on the auspicious occasion of*

Shri Shri Durga Puja Utsab

*to be celebrated on 9th October to 12th October, 2024
and Diwali to be celebrate on 31st October, 2024 (Thursday)
in the club premises, Babutlang, Aizawl*

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President
HINDUSTAN CLUB
Babutlang, Aizawl, Mizoram

ANNEXURE_III (c)

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18 Sep 2024

Mizoram Pollution Control Board
Mizoram New Capital Complex (MINECO)
Thlanmual Road, Khatla, Aizawl,
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**INFORMATION REGARDING IMMERSION OF GANESH CHATURTHI IDOL
AT TUIRIAL RIVER, AIZAWL, MIZORAM ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2024**

1. Reference to office letter No h.88088/Poltn/105/24-MPCB/ 20 dt 05 September 2024.
2. It is intimated that the unit will organize Ganesh Chaturthi puja on 17 September 2024 and its Idol will be immersed at Tuirial River, Aizawl, Mizoram on 18 September at 1500 hrs.
3. For your information & necessary cooperation please.

(Nikhil Prakash)
Lt Colonel
Second-in-Command
for Commandant

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SP/BA
Chief
SP/BA



on idol immersion file

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ANNEXURE III (d)

To,

The Member Secretary,
State Pollution Control Board

Sub: Submission of Reports on Durga Mata Idol Immersion Activities by the Gorkha Community

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Gorkha Community in Mizoram, which comprises approximately 7,000 members. We acknowledge the request from the Pollution Control Board regarding the submission of reports related to the immersion of Durga Mata idols and the associated environmental impacts.

In Kolasib District, our community has traditionally immersed idols at specific locations: Bualpui and Rengtekawn mandirs at Saihapui River, and at the Government Complex Aizawl near Sairang River. We understand that idol immersion can lead to significant pollution in water bodies, particularly when idols are made from non-biodegradable materials such as Plaster of Paris (POP) and painted with toxic dyes. In light of this, we are committed to ensuring that our practices align with environmentally safe guidelines. The materials used for idol construction, The methods employed for immersion, The measures taken to mitigate pollution during and after the immersion process"-

We recognize the importance of adhering to the Central Pollution Control Board's guidelines for idol immersion. These guidelines, emphasize using eco-friendly materials for idols and recommend designated immersion sites to minimize environmental impact. As part of our commitment to environmental stewardship, we will ensure that: Only biodegradable materials will be used for idol making."- All worship materials will be removed before immersion."- Proper disposal methods will be followed for any waste generated during the immersion process We appreciate your guidance in this matter and look forward to collaborating with the State Pollution Control Board to promote environmentally responsible practices within our community.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. We hope to contribute positively towards preserving the environment while respecting our cultural traditions.

Yours Sincerely

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CENTRAL GORKHA MANDIR SAMITY
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The Director
State Pollution Control Board
Aizawl, Mizoram

EMERSION OF SHRI DURGA IDOL BY PROJECT PUSHPAK

Sir,

1. It is for your kind information that SHRI DURGA PUJA is being organised at Headquarters Project Pushpak, Hari Mandir Thuampui from 03 Oct 2024 to 13 Oct 2024 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 13 Oct 2024 at about 1500 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

[Handwritten Signature]

Camp Comdt
For Chief Engineer
Project Pushpak

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ANNEXURE III (f)

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VIII.11011/PRI-Bn (Misc)/2024/ 061

05 Oct 2024

Mizoram Pollution Control Board
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**INFORMATION REGARDING IMMERSION OF GANESH CHATURTHI IDOL
AT TUIRINI RIVER, AIZAWL, MIZORAM ON 12 OCTOBER 2024**

1. Reference to your office letter No H.88088/Poltn/105/19-MPCB/130 dated 08 September 2024 (Copy enclosed).
2. It is to inform you that this unit is celebrating Durga Puja/Dussehra with effect from 03 Oct to 12 Oct 2024. The idol of **Durga Puja** will be immersed at Tuirini River, Aizawl on 12th October 2024 at 1430 Hrs.
3. For your information & necessary cooperation please.

Yours faithfully

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Second-in-Comd
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Annexure-IV

Water Quality Data Monitored by Mizoram Pollution Control Board on Idol Immersion for Festivals Ganesh Puja September 2024

<i>Sl No</i>	<i>State/UT</i>	<i>Name of the Location</i>	<i>Source</i>	<i>Festivals</i>	<i>Event (Pre, during)</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Colour</i>	<i>DO (mg/L)</i>	<i>pH</i>	<i>BOD (mg/L)</i>	<i>Conductivity (µmho/cm)</i>	<i>Turbidity (mg/L)</i>	<i>TDS (mg/L)</i>	<i>Chlorides (mg/L)</i>	<i>TSS (mg/L)</i>	<i>Hardness (mg/L)</i>	<i>Alkalinity (mg/L)</i>	<i>Chromium (mg/L)</i>	<i>Zinc (mg/L)</i>	<i>Copper (mg/L)</i>	<i>Lead (mg/L)</i>	<i>Manganese (mg/L)</i>	<i>Cadmium (mg/L)</i>	<i>Mercury (mg/L)</i>	<i>Cobalt (mg/L)</i>	<i>Special activity for creating awareness for eco-friendly Idol immersion</i>	<i>Whether State/UT Adopted CPCB 'Revised Guidelines for Idol Immersion 2020'</i>
1.	Mizoram	Tuirial River near Tuirial Village (Idol immersion done Project Pushpak)	River	Ganesh Puja	Pre	3 rd Sept 2024	1:00 pm	Light brown	5.6	7.35	1.1	93	164	73	2.55	24	88	30	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	BDL	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	17 th Sept 2024	6:00 pm	Light brown	5.4	7.68	1.9	97	168	67	6.5	24	68	55.4	BDL	0.0669	BDL	BDL	0	0	0	0		

Water Quality Data Monitored by Mizoram Pollution Control Board on Idol Immersion for Festivals Durga Puja October 2024

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1.	Mizoram	Tuirial River near Tuirial Village(Idol immersion done by Project Pushpak & 2 nd AR)	River	Durga Puja	Pre	3 rd Oct 2024	1:00 pm	Light brown	7.7	7.63	0.7	173	56.46	80	5.2	25	60	40	B D L	B D L	BDL	B D L	B D L	B D L	B D L	B D L	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	12 th Oct 2024	5:30 pm	Brown	6.0	7.0	1.3	123.4	164	120	4.6	38	133	44	B D L	B D L	0.0044	B D L	B D L	B D L	B D L	B D L		
					Post	14 th Oct 2024	11:45 am	Clear	7.0	7.39	1.4	128.3	11.89	335	5.1	25	131	63	B D L	B D L	BDL	B D L	B D L	B D L	B D L	B D L		

Note:

- 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.
- Provide list of restrictions/prohibitors if any, imposed during the festival : Nil
- 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 for celebration of Ganesh Puja 2024 &Durga Puja 2024.