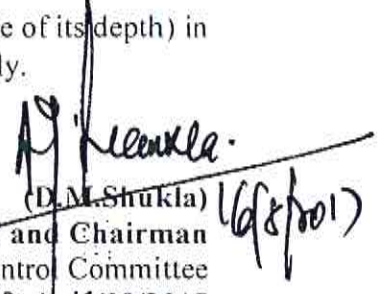


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प्रदूषण नियंत्रण समिति  
**POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE**  
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi has issued orders for strict compliance of the "Guidelines for Idol Immersion" issued by Central Pollution Control Board, New Delhi to all the States and Union Territories. In this connection, all concerned, Puja Committees & Idol makers are hereby requested to comply the following guidelines.

- Idols should be made from the natural material as described in the holy script preferably traditional clay, baked clay; Plaster of Paris should not be used for making Idols.
- Idols are to be painted with water soluble and non-toxic natural dyes. Use of toxic & non-biodegradable chemical dyes for painting is strictly prohibited.
- Worship materials like flowers, vastras (cloth), and decorating material (made of paper & plastic) should be removed before Idol Immersion. Biodegradable materials should be collected separately for recycling or composting. Non-biodegradable materials should be collected separately for disposal in sanitary landfills. Clothes may be sent to local orphan house(s).
- Burning of solid waste comprising of used flowers, clothes, decorating materials etc. is prohibited at the immersion site.
- Idol immersion should be done between low tide lines (irrespective of its depth) in an identified places with permission of District Administration only.

  
(D.M. Shukla)  
Secretary S&T and Chairman  
Andaman & Nicobar Pollution Control Committee  
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**Copy to:**

1. The Deputy Commissioner (SA/N &M Andaman/Nicobar), for information.
2. The Director (IP), Information Publicity, A & N Administration, Port Blair, for publishing the Public Notice in the Daily Telegram and all other local dailies for information of the general public.
3. The Member Secretary, SOVTECH, Dollygunj for uploading the public notice in the A&N Administration website
4. The Director, AIR Port Blair, for broadcasting the Public Notice.
5. The Director Doordarshan Port Blair, for telecasting the Public Notice.
6. All the Puja Organising Committees for information & compliance.
7. All the Idol Manufacturing Unit for information & compliance.

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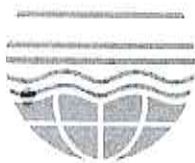
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### **HELPLINE NUMBERS**

**Fire Service-101,  
Ambulance - 102,**

**Police Control Room-100  
District Control Room -1070/238881**

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