



**GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

Date: 16/02/23

No. F.12 (12) ENV / 2023

To,

**The Registrar,
National Green Tribunal,
Principal Bench,
New Delhi.**

Sub: - Compliance of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi order dated 15.02.2023 in Original Application No. 127/2023; Dr. Abid Ali Khan Vs. State of Rajasthan & Ors.

Respected Sir,

Kindly refer to the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT) Principal Bench, New Delhi, order dated 15/02/2023 in the Matter of the Original Application. No. 127/2023, Dr. Abid Ali Khan vs. State of Rajasthan vide which it was directed, inter-alia as follows:

"Having regard to the above, we find it necessary to direct the Chief Secretary, Rajasthan to address the grievance in coordination with State Wetland Authority, PCCF (Wildlife), Rajasthan, District Magistrate, Jaipur and Integrated Regional Office of MoEF&CC at Jaipur. If it is found that the festival at the proposed location will adversely impact the birds or natural habitat of the lake, the festivities may be shifted to any other location where such problem may not arise. Decision in the matter may be taken and placed on the website of the State by 5:00 p.m. on 16.02.2023 as the festival is to commence from 17.02.2023. A copy of the decision may also be sent to Registrar General of this Tribunal by e-mail."

In this regard District Collector, Jaipur has submitted his report dated 16.02.2023 that the events of Sambhar Festivals are being organized at venues which will not effect the birds or natural habitat of the lake. Report of the District Collector and Tourism Department are enclosed at annexure 1 and 2 for your perusal and information.

Yours Faithfully


 (Rakesh Mathur)

Director cum Joint Secretary

कार्यालय जिला कलक्टर, जयपुर

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श्रीमान् अतिरिक्त मुख्य सचिव महोदय,
वन एवं पर्यावरण विभाग,
जयपुर।

विषय : कन्सल्टेन्ट (ज्युडिशियल) एन.जी.टी. (पी.बी.) नई दिल्ली का ई-मेल
दिनांक 15.02.2023 मय आदेश दिनांक 15.02.2023 के क्रम में।
सन्दर्भ : ई-मेल दिनांक 15.02.2023 के क्रम में।

महोदय,

उपर्युक्त विषयान्तर्गत सन्दर्भ के क्रम में निवेदन है कि सांभर में ईको टूरिज्म, साहसिक, आध्यात्मिक एवं स्टार गेजिंग पर्यटन की अपार संभावनाओं को देखते हुए इस क्षेत्र को पर्यटन मानचित्र पर लाने हेतु पर्यटन विभाग द्वारा विगत वर्षों में सांभर क्षेत्र में राशि रु 100.00 करोड के विकास कार्य करवाकर वहां पर्यटकों के लिए इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर विकसित किया गया है। इसी उद्देश्य के तहत सांभर महोत्सव का आयोजन दिनांक 17-19 फरवरी 2023 को जिला प्रशासन एवं पर्यटन विभाग के संयुक्त तत्वाधान में आयोजित किया जा रहा है। जिसके तहत कार्यक्रम निम्नानुसार है :-

S.No.	Activities during festival (17-19 feb, 2023)	Venue	Date and Time
1.	Bhajan Sandhya by Seema Mishra and group	Old town-Ram Leela Rang Manch	17th feb, 2023 7 PM
2.	Folk and Sufi Music Night by Jasu Khan group	Old town-Mela Ground	18th feb, 2023 7 PM
3.	Deepotsav and Maha arti	Devyani kund and Shakambhari Mata Temple	17th feb and 18h feb, 2023 6 PM
4.	Heritage Walk	Sambhar Town Streets	18th feb to 19th feb, 2023 8 Am
5.	Bike Riding, Camel Cart rides, Talk show on birds and sambhar history, Star gazing, Salt lake visit and salt making tour, Art and craft exhibition, Cycling Tour, photo exhibition camping and trekking up to Shakambhari Mata Temple, उक्त गतिविधियों में माईक/साउंड सिस्टम का उपयोग नहीं किया जा रहा है तथा प्रवासी पक्षियों के प्रवास स्थल से 3 किमी दूर नमक के क्वार के अन्तिम छोर पर आयोजन किया जा रहा है।	Camp Site Area near Sambhar town	17th feb to 19th feb, 2023 (All three days) Morning to evening
6.	Para sailing and ATV'S Ride	Revenue land / khatedar land area	17th feb to 19th feb, 2023 (All three days) Morning to evening
7.	Fancy kite flying	-	No such event is organizing

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कैम्प साईट क्षेत्र में जितनी भी साहसिक गतिविधियां आयोजित की जा रही हैं, उनमें Sound System का उपयोग नहीं किया जायेगा। महोत्सव के दोनों दिवस Celebrity Nights का आयोजन सांभर टाउन में किया जा रहा है, में ही Sound System का उपयोग किया जायेगा। जिला प्रशासन एवं पर्यटन विभाग के संयुक्त तत्वाधान में आयोजित किये जा रहे, सांभर महोत्सव में ऐसी कोई भी गतिविधि महोत्सव के दौरान आयोजित नहीं की जायेगी जिससे की वहां के पक्षियों के प्रवास पर कोई भी प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़े। पक्षियों का प्रवास कैम्प साईट से 3 किमी दूर है, जहाँ लगभग 2 किमी पर क्वार में पहुँच कर दूरबीन से देखने की व्यवस्था की गई है, जहाँ ये प्रवासी पक्षी लगभग 1 किमी दूर झील में बैठते हैं।

माननीय एन.जी.टी. द्वारा प्रस्तावित की गई विभागों की समिति के प्रतिनिधियों के तीनों सदस्यों की उपस्थिति महोत्सव के तीनों दिवस कार्यक्रमों में प्रस्तावित है।

संलग्न : — 1. सांभर महोत्सव के कार्यक्रम की प्रति।

2. पर्यावरण विभाग द्वारा जारी मैनेजमेन्ट प्लॉन फॉर सांभर लेक के पत्र की प्रति।

3. पर्यटन विभाग द्वारा सांभर क्षेत्र के विकास कार्यों पर नोट की प्रति।

जिला कलक्टर,
जयपुर

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प्रतिलिपि सूचनार्थ एवं आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु।

1. श्रीमान् संयुक्त सचिव महोदय, मुख्य सचिव कार्यालय जयपुर।

अतिरिक्त कलक्टर,
तृतीय जयपुर

Sambhar Festival 2023

Day wise 9 Activities

S. No.	Time	Activity	Venue
17th Feb 2023			
1	9.30 am	Adventure Ride-Motorcyclists will start their rally from Jaipur and finish at the event venue at Sambhar, Welcome of rally with garlands and balloons	Camping area
2	10 am	Inauguration of art & craft stalls, Photography Exhibition	Camping area
3	10 am	Camel Cart rides for tourists	Camping area
4	10 am	Adventure activities –Para sailing, ATV's, Cycling, etc	Camping area
5	10 am	Salt Lake & Town's Scenic View	Circuit House
6	2 pm	Talk show on the history of Sambhar	Camping area
7	3.30 pm	Bird watching tour, Lake visit, Salt Expedition by train	Salt Train Circuit House to Bird Watching Deck
8	4.30 pm	Trekking	Shakambhari Mata Temple
9	6.15 pm	MahaAarti	Shakambhari Mata Temple
10	7 pm	Bhajan Sandhya by Satish Dehra, Seema Mishra & Fireworks	Ram LeelaRangManch
11	10 pm	Astro Tourism - Star gazing	Camping area
18th Feb 2023			
12	7 am	Moring Raga Session	Camping area
13	8 am	Heritage walk – Sambhar town	Sambhar Town Old streets Old town
14	10 am	Salt Processing Tour	Salt Lake and Salt Processing Plant
15	10 am	Fancy Kite Flying	Camping area
16	10 am	Art & Craft stalls & Photography Exhibition	
17	10 am	Camel/Camel Cart rides for tourists	Camping area
18	10 am	Adventure activities –Para sailing, ATV's, Cycling,etc	Camping area
19	10 am	Salt Lake & Town's Scenic View	Circuit House
20	3.30 pm	Bird watching tour, Lake visit, Salt Expedition by train	Salt Train Circuit House to Bird Watching Deck
21	5.30 pm	Deepotsav, MahaAarti& Fireworks	DevyaniKund
22	7.30 pm	Cultural Evening by Jasu Khan	Mela Ground
23	10 pm	Astro Tourism - Star gazing	Camping area
19th Feb 2023			

24	7 am	Moring Raga Session	Camping area
25	8 am	Heritage walk – Sambhar town	Sambhar Town Old streets Old town
26	10 am	Salt Processing Tour	Salt Lake and Salt Processing Plant
27	10 am	Fancy Kite Flying	Camping area
28	10 am	Art & Craft stalls & Photography Exhibition	Camping area
29	10 am	Camel Cart rides for tourists	Camping area
30	10 am	Adventure activities –Para sailing, ATV's, Cycling, etc	Camping area
31	10 am	Salt Lake & Town's Scenic View	Circuit House
32	4 pm	Closing Ceremony	Camping area


 Deputy Director
 Tourist Reception Centre, Jaipur



राजस्थानसरकार

निदेशालय पर्यटनविभाग,

पर्यटनभवन, विधायकपुरीपुलिसस्थाने के सामने, एम.आई.रोड, जयपुर
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Date: 15.02.23

S. No. 291

District Collector,
Collectorate,
Jaipur

Sub: Reply for National Green Tribunal Application No. 127/2023 in relation to
Sambhar Festival 2023

Sir,

As aforementioned in the subject above, the Department of Tourism is organizing the first ever Sambhar Festival from 17th to 19th February, 2023 in Sambhar, Jaipur to promote and attract more tourists to this region. In reference to the grievance submitted in the National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi by Dr Abid Ali Khan against the proposed Sambhar Festival, we submit our reply as following:

- Sambhar's history goes back to the legendary epic of Mahabharata. Sambhar has a vast scope for Pilgrimage Tourism, Adventure Tourism, Eco Tourism and film shootings. India's largest saline wetland, Sambhar attracts tens of thousands of flamigos and other migratory birds from November to February.
- To promote the region, a budget of almost Rs 100.00 Crores was sanctioned for developing Sambhar from Govt of India as an Ecological destination.
- In accordance, Development works were carried out at numerous popular religious sites such as Shakambhari Mata Temple, Devyani Kund, Sharmishtha Sarovar, Mosque, Naraina & Bhairana & Sambhar Salt Complex, Naliasar. Along with these new sites such as Caravan Park, Festival Ground, Open Air Theatre, Bi-cycle track from Jhapok (Lakeside) and Salt Train were developed. The sole objective of these development works was to encourage more and more tourists to visit this destination.
- After the completion of development works, all sites were handed over to Sambhar Salts Ltd and Nagar Palika, Sambhar. Circuit House, Salt Train were then further leased by Sambhar Salts Ltd to Chandra Entrepreneurs for tourism purposes. A part of Salt Lake was also leased to Chandra Group where they are allowed by SSL to do commercial activities and charge fees for camping, nature photographers, pre wedding shoots, ad shoots and other activities.
- Sambhar Salts Ltd is also engaged in salt production and salt wagons and tractors run regularly in the lake area to serve this purpose.
- A brochure on Sambhar region was also developed by the Department of Tourism to develop Sambhar as a destination. In the 3rd meeting of the **Standing Committee for the Management of the Sambhar Lake** held on 10.12.2020, it was directed to develop Tourism Festival to promote site as an ecological destination. It was decided to organize

Sambhar Eco Festival on the lines of RannUtsav, Gujarat. Though the festival couldn't be organized due to bird catastrophe in 2020 and Covid in 2021 & 2022.

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- The Department of Tourism developed the lake side camping area for camping purposes only. After various meetings regarding Sambhar Festival, it was decided that the lakeside area which is alongside the road was the apt place to be the . Food court, craft shops, camping along with some adventure activities such as Fancy Kite Flying, Parasailing, ATV rides, Cycling, etc are be organized there. No sound related activity is being done here. Also the main lake area, which is home to the migratory birds is atleast 2 kms from this , so this event won't impact the migratory birds in any way.
- Both the Cultural Evenings are already planned to be organized in the Sambhar town and sound arrangements will be made as per the existing Government laws.
- It is important to note that the Department of Tourism, Government of Rajasthan is a non-commercial body which works as a bridge between the tourists visiting Rajasthan and the travel fraternity and has no personal financial interest of its own. The same applies to the development works being carried out in Sambhar region and Sambhar Festival.

So, in lieu of the above stated facts, it is proposed to organize Sambhar Festival in the lake side camping area only.

Enclosed: Festival Programme

Yours Faithfully


(Upendra Singh Shekhawat)
Deputy Director