

POLICE COMMUNIQUE

Prohibition to fly/operate a Remotely Piloted Aircraft (Drone) in the regions of Grand Bassin

The public is hereby informed that pursuant to the Civil Aviation (Amendment) Regulations 2016 (GN 139 of 2016), it is strictly prohibited to fly or operate a Remotely Piloted Aircraft (such as Drones) over a congested area except with the authority granted by the Director of the Civil Aviation Department.

2. With a view to ensuring the safety and security of pilgrims and other persons converging to Ganga Talao, Grand Bassin in connection with the Maha Shivaratree Festival 2023, **NO PERSON** shall fly/operate a Remotely Piloted Aircraft (Drones) over regions where there are processions and gatherings including the whole area of Grand Bassin between **13.02.2023 and 18.02.2023**, unless permission has been obtained from the Director of Civil Aviation.

3. The flying or operating of Remotely Piloted Aircraft (Drones) in the abovementioned regions without the permission of the Director of Civil Aviation will constitute an offence under the Civil Aviation Regulations 2007 (as amended), for which the offender may be liable to a fine not exceeding Rs. 10,000/- and imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months.

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