



# **Indian Association of Amusement Parks and Industries**

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To,  
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Chief Secretary  
Government of Maharashtra

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## **Sub: Request to allow Re-opening of Water Parks in Maharashtra**

Respected Chief Secretary Sir,

Namaskar and Warm Greetings from IAAPI !!!

This is further to our letter dated 3rd February, 2021 to your good office and to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Tourism Minister and Tourism Secretary requesting for reopening of Water Parks in Maharashtra.

On behalf of IAAPI and our members in the state of Maharashtra we wish to convey our gratitude for allowing reopening of Water Sports, Water activities including Naukavihar, Amusement Park, Entertainment, Indoor Entertainment activities as per Government of Maharashtra Order No. DMU/2020/CR. 92/DisM-1, dated 21st December, 2020.

We request you to kindly allow the Re-opening of Water Parks and Attractions in the state of Maharashtra as they are still not allowed to open. Maharashtra has over 20 water parks generating over 10000 direct employment and approx. 40000 indirect employment. Over last one year, people working in this sector have lost their jobs and livelihoods. There has been closure of many businesses in this sector due to the pandemic.

As per the Notification issued by Ministry of Home, Government of India dated 27th January, 2021 order no: 40-3/2020-DM-I (A) wherein swimming pools are allowed to reopen with no restrictions. We are pleased to highlight the difference between public swimming pools and water attractions in water parks as under: -

- Water attractions like slides in water parks contain much less water.
- Even pools present in water park are much smaller and are never used for swimming purposes.
- Water attractions in water parks can allow only limited number of customers.
- Water is continuously filtered using automatic chlorination disinfection systems to maintain free chlorine levels between 1 ppm to 3 ppm as guided by MoHFW.
- Entertainment parks have testing labs for testing of water regularly.

I am pleased to inform you that IAAPI has prepared the SOPs for reopening of Amusement parks and Water parks which is also been issued by Department of Tourism Government of Maharashtra as the reopening SOP. IAAPI will also follow all the guidelines & SOPs set by the state Government and Local Administration.

Keeping in mind the season for Water Parks is from March to June in Maharashtra, it is our humble request to consider reopening of water parks which will now help the industry to work towards its revival. The industry is an integral part of the state tourism sector and needs your support and guidance.

In anticipation of your support.

Yours sincerely,

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