



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (POLITICAL) DEPARTMENT

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CIRCULAR

Sub: National Day Celebrations- Independence Day 2022-
Adherence to the Guidelines- reg.

As this year marks the 75th anniversary of Indian Independence, this year's Independence Day Celebrations shall be celebrated in the most colourful manner.

All officers, members of staff of State Government offices/Public Sector Undertakings/ Autonomous Bodies/ Universities/Colleges/Schools/Local Self Government Institutions under the State Government shall attend the Independence Day functions. The Heads of Departments/Offices/Institutions should ensure participation of all the staff under them as stipulated in the Circular No. 54814/Pol.5/2015 dated 05.11.2015.

State Capital

The ceremony in the State capital would consist of unfurling of National Flag at 9.00 am by the Chief Minister, Ceremonial Parade, Playing of the National Anthem, Presentation of Guard of Honour by the Police, Para Military Force, Sainik School, Mounted Police, NCC, Scouts etc., followed by speech by the Chief Minister, presentation of medals and singing of patriotic songs by the students.

District level

A similar ceremony in the morning at or after 9.00 am should be held at the district level, which may *inter alia*, consist of unfurling of the National Flag by a Minister, playing of the National Anthem, Parade by State Police Personnel, Home Guards/NCC, Scouts, speech by the Minister.

Sub-divisional Level/Block level

Ceremonial Hoisting of the National Flag at or after 9.00 am by the Sub divisional Magistrate/ Block Panchayat President accompanied by a speech by the VIP, unfurling of the Flag, singing of National Anthem, etc.

Local Self Government Headquarters

Ceremonial Hoisting of the National Flag at or after 9.00 am by the Mayor/ Municipal Chairperson/ Panchayat President accompanied by a speech, singing of the National Anthem and patriotic songs, etc.

Public Offices /Schools/ Colleges/Health Institutions

Ceremonial Hoisting of the National Flag at or after 9.00 am by the Heads of Departments/ Offices/ educational institutions/ health institutions accompanied by the singing of the National Anthem, speech by the Heads of the Departments/Offices/Educational Institutions, singing of patriotic songs etc. The Heads of Departments/Offices/ Institutions should ensure participation of the maximum number of staff and students in this endeavor with due regard to the provisions of the Flag Code 2002.

General instructions:

COVID containment activities such as wearing of masks, proper sanitization, etc. shall be followed scrupulously.

All contingents and invitees shall be subjected to thermal scanning at the entrance.

The audience shall stand in attention when the National Anthem is sung/played.

All officers in uniform shall salute when the National Salute is given.

MAKE/SUPPLY/SALE/USE of National flag made of plastic is a prohibited activity.

Green Protocol shall be observed during the celebrations.

The above instructions shall be followed scrupulously while celebrating Independence Day.

Dr. V.P JOY
Chief Secretary

To

All Additional Chief Secretaries/ Principal Secretaries/Secretaries/
Special Secretaries to Government

The Principal Secretary to Governor, Kerala Raj Bhavan

The Secretary, Kerala Legislative Assembly

The Law Secretary, Kerala

The Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission, Thiruvananthapuram

All Heads of Departments/ All District Collectors

The Private Secretary to Chief Minister and other Ministers

The Private Secretary to Leader of Opposition

The Registrar General, High Court of Kerala, Kochi

The Advocate General, Ernakulam

All Departments/ Sections of Secretariat including Finance and Law

Heads of all Public Sectors Undertakings

The Registrars of all Universities in Kerala

The Deputy Secretary & OSD to Chief Secretary

The Director, Information and Public Relations Department

(For wide publicity through print and electronic media)

The Web and New Media (through Government website)

P A to Principal Secretary (GAD)

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