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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

General Administration (Political) Department

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**Sub:—National Day Celebrations—Independence Day Celebrations
2017—Adherence to the Guidelines—Reg.**

The Independence Day Celebrations 2017 shall be celebrated in a befitting 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 5-11-2015.

State Capital

The ceremony in the State capital would consist of a ceremonial parade unfurling of the National Flag at 8.30 a.m. by the Chief Minister, Ceremonial Parade, Playing of the National Anthem, Presentation of Guard of Honour by the Police, Paramilitary 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 8.30 a.m. (preferably by 9.30 a.m.) 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.

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Subdivisional Level/Block level

Ceremonial Hoisting of the National Flag at or after 8.30 a.m. by a Subdivisional Magistrate/Block Panchayat President accompanied by a speech by the VIP, unfurling of the Flag, singing of National Anthem, etc.

Panchayat/Municipality/Corporation Headquarters

Ceremonial Hoisting of the National Flag at or after 8.30 a.m. by the Panchayat President/Municipal Chairperson/Mayor 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 8.30 a.m. 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 endeavour with due regard to the provisions of the Flag Code 2002.

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

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.

NALINI NETTO,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To

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

The Secretary to Governor, Kerala Raj Bhavan, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Secretary, Kerala Legislative Assembly.

The Law Secretary.

The Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission, Thiruvananthapuram.

All Heads of Departments/All District Collectors.

The Private Secretary to Chief Minister.

The Private Secretaries to 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 Sector Undertakings.

The Registrar, University of Kerala/Cochin/Calicut/Kannur/
M.G. University, Kottayam/University of Sanskrit, Kalady/Kerala
University of Health and Allied Sciences, Thrissur/Malayalam
University, Malappuram/Kerala Agriculture University, Thrissur/
Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies, Kochi/Veterinary
and Animal Sciences University, Wayanad.

The Additional Secretary to Chief Secretary.

The Director, Information and Public Relations Department
(for wide publicity).

The Web and New Media.

PA to Secretary (GAD).

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