





GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

General Administration (Political) Department

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

The Republic 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 control of State Government must attend the National 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 shall consist of a ceremonial parade, unfurling of the National Flag at 8.30 a.m. by the Governor, Ceremonial Parade, Playing of the National Anthem, presentation of Guard of Honour by the Army, Air Force, Police including Para Military Force, Sainik School, Mounted Police, NCC, Scouts etc., followed by speech by the Governor 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.) will be held at the District Level, which may *inter alia*, consists of unfurling of the National Flag by a Minister, playing of the National Anthem, Parade by State Police Personnel, Home Guards/NCC, Scouts, etc. and 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 Presidents/Municipal Chairpersons/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 Department/Offices/Educational Institutions/Health Institutions accompanied by the singing of the National Anthem, speech by the Heads of the Department/Offices/Educational Institutions, singing of patriotic songs etc. The Heads of Department/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.

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

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

Green Protocol shall be observed during the celebrations.

Manufacture/supply/sale/use of National flag made of plastic is a prohibited activity.

The above instructions will be followed scrupulously while celebrating Republic Day.

S. M. VIJAYANAND, Chief Secretary to Government. 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 Autonomous bodies.

Heads of all Public Sectors Undertakings.

Registrars of all Statutory Commissions.

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 Science Universities, Wayanad.

The Additional Secretary to Chief Secretary.

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

The Web and New Media.

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