



**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**  
**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (POLITICAL) DEPARTMENT**

*No. 111/Pol.5/2022/GAD*

*Dated, Thiruvananthapuram 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2022*

**CIRCULAR**

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

As this year marks the 75<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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  
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