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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA  
General Administration (Political) Department  
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*Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 10th January, 2016.*

**Sub:—National Day Celebrations—Republic Day Celebrations  
2016—Adherence to the Guidelines—Reg.**

Government expects the National Days to be celebrated in a colourful and most befitting manner. The Republic Day Celebrations 2016 shall be celebrated as per the following guidelines. The Heads of Departments/District Collectors of the State should ensure the maximum participation of the staff during the Republic Day Celebrations 2016, on 26th January, 2016.

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 consists of a ceremonial parade unfurling of the National Flag by the Governor, 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, Student Police etc., followed by speech by the Governor, and singing of patriotic songs by the students.

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**District Level**

A similar ceremony in the morning after 8.30 a.m. (preferably before 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., speech by the Minister explaining the significance of 26th January and exhorting the audience to work for the unity and integrity of the country and singing of the National Anthem.

**Subdivisional Level/Block Level**

Ceremonial Hoisting of the National Flag after 8.30 a.m. (preferably before 9.30 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 Headquarters**

Ceremonial Hoisting of the National Flag after 8.30 a.m. (preferably before 9.30 a.m.) by the Panchayat President accompanied by his speech explaining the significance of 26th January and exhorting the audience to work for the unity and integrity of the country, singing of the National Anthem etc.

**Public Offices/Schools/Colleges**

Ceremonial Hoisting of the National Flag after 8.30 a.m. (preferably before 9.30 a.m.) by the Heads of Department/Offices/Educational Institutions accompanied by the singing of the National Anthem, speech by the Heads of the Department/Offices/Educational Institutions explaining the significance of 26th January and exhorting the audience to work for the unity and integrity of the Country, 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.

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

JIM THOMSON,  
Chief Secretary.

To

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

The Secretary, Kerala Legislative Assembly.

The Law Secretary.

All Heads of Departments/All District Collectors.

The Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission.

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.

The Secretary to Governor, Kerala Raj Bhavan, Thiruvananthapuram.

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

All Departments/Sections of Secretariat including Law and Finance.

Heads of all Public Sectors Undertaking.

The Registrar, University of Kerala, Cochin, Calicut, Kannur, Mahathma  
Gandhi, Sanskrit, Fisheries, Malayalam, Veterinary and Animal  
Science, Agricultural, Health & Allied Science.

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