

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (POLITICAL) DEPARTMENT

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Sub: GAD- Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav- 'Har Ghar Tiranga' programme-Implementation strategy- Guidelines to Government institutions and Government employees- reg.

Ref: Minutes of the meeting convened by Chief Secretary on 14.07.2022

'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' is being celebrated to commemorate 75 years of India's independence and the glorious history of it's people, culture and achievements. As part of the initiative, "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign is envisaged to encourage people to bring the Tiranga home and hoist it to mark the 75th year of Independence.

The Government has decided to celebrate the event in a grand manner and it has been decided to hoist/display the National Flag in all State Government, Public Sector Undertaking, Autonomous bodies and Civil Societies Organizations offices, including Government buildings, Educational institutions, Private institutions, etc. from August 13 to 15, 2022. The active participation of employees of State Government/State PSUs/Autonomous institutions is solicited to hoist/display the National Flag at their residences during the above period.

The following guidelines may strictly be adhered to while hoisting/displaying the national flags on public/private buildings and households.

1. The Flag Code of India, 2002 was amended vide order dated 30th December, 2021 and National Flag made of polyester or machine made Flag have been allowed. Now, the National Flag shall be made of hand spun and hand woven or **machine made**, cotton/**polyester**/wool/silk khadi bunting.

- 2. A member of public, a private organization or an educational institution may hoist/display the National Flag on all days and occasions, ceremonial or otherwise, consistent with the dignity and honour of the National Flag.
- 3. The Flag Code of India, 2002 was amended vide Order dated 19th July, 2022 and clause (xi) of paragraph 2.2 of Part-II of the Flag Code of India was replaced by the following clause:

(xi) "where the Flag is displayed in open or displayed on the house of a member of public, it may be flown day and night;"

- 4. The National Flag shall be rectangular in shape. The Flag can be of any size but the ratio of the length to the height (width) of the Flag shall be 3:2.
- 5. Whenever the National Flag is displayed, it should occupy the position of honour and should be distinctly placed.
- 6. A damaged or disheveled Flag shall not be displayed.
- 7. The National Flag shall not be displayed in an inverted manner.
- 8. The National Flag shall not be dipped in salute to any person or thing.
- 9. No other flag or bunting shall be placed higher than or above or side by side with the National Flag; nor shall any object including flowers or garlands, or emblem be placed on or above the flagmast from which the National Flag is flown.
- 10. The National Flag shall not be used as a festoon, rosette, bunting, or in any other manner for decoration.
- 11. The National Flag shall not be allowed to touch the ground or floor or trail in the water.
- 12. The National Flag shall not be displayed or fastened in any manner as may damage it.
- 13. The National Flag should not be flown from a single masthead (top part of a flagpole) simultaneously with any other flag or flags.
- 14. There shall be no lettering upon the National Flag.
- 15. When the National Flag is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from a windowsill, balcony, or front of a building, the saffron band shall be at the farther end of the staff.

16. Hoisting/use/display of the Indian National Flag shall be made strictly in accordance with the provisions contained in the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971 and the Flag Code of India, 2002.

The District Collectors shall coordinate and monitor the programme at district level. The heads of offices/institutions shall personally ensure that the implementation of the programme is successfully accomplished by the employees pertaining to their offices/institutions.

Dr. V P JOYChief Secretary

Forwarded/By order

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