



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

***No. 08/Pol.5/2023/GAD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023***

**CIRCULAR**

Sub: National Day Celebrations- Republic Day Celebrations 2023-Adherence to the Guidelines- Reg.

The Republic Day Celebrations 2023 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 Republic Day functions.

**State Capital**

The ceremony in the State capital would consist of a ceremonial parade unfurling of the National Flag at 9.00 am by the Hon'ble Governor, Ceremonial Parade, Playing of the National Anthem, Presentation of Guard of Honour by the Army, Air Force, Police, Para Military Force, 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 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 a Sub divisional Magistrate/ Block Panchayat President accompanied by a speech by the VIP, unfurling of the Flag, singing of National Anthem, etc.

**Panchayat/Municipality/Corporation Head Quarters**

Ceremonial Hoisting of the National Flag at or after 9.00 am 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 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.

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 Republic Day.

**Dr. V.P JOY**  
*Chief Secretary to Government*

To  
All Additional Chief Secretaries/ Principal Secretaries/Secretaries/  
Special Secretaries to Government  
The Principal 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 Districts 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 Sectors 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/ APJ Abdul Kalam  
Technological University, Thiruvananthapuram  
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