GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

General Administration Department - National Integration - Observance of “Quami Ekta Week” from 19th to 25th November, 2015 - Orders issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SERVICES-D) DEPARTMENT

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ORDER

“Quami Ekta Week” is observed every year from 19th to 25th November throughout the Country. Communal Harmony Campaign coincides with Quami Ekta Week. The objectives of the programme is to foster the spirit of patriotism and National Integration and Communal Harmony. The celebrations of the week include hoisting National Flag, convening Public Meetings, Prabhat Bheries, taking the Pledge of National Integration of the people, holding debates, discussions, etc. It has been decided to celebrate the “Quami Ekta Week” this year also from 19th to 25th November, 2015 in a befitting manner. Programmes may be drawn up generally in accordance with the following guidelines:-

i) **Thursday, 19th November, 2015—National Integration and Communal Harmony Day**

Befitting programmes promoting the message of secularism, anti-communalism and non-violence may be arranged/organized in all Districts of the State by the District Administration. The Director of Information and Public Relations will chalk out the programmes to be arranged/organized on this day and intimate the District Administration well in advance for proper implementation.

ii) **Friday, the 20th November, 2015—Welfare of Minorities Day.**

Items of the Prime Minister’s 15 Point Programme for the welfare of Minorities to be emphasized. Special fraternal processions should be taken out in riot-prone towns.

iii) **Saturday, the 21st November, 2015—Linguistic Harmony Day.**

Special literary functions and ‘Kavi Sammelans’ (Poet’s Conference) may be organized to enable people of each region to appreciate the Linguistic heritage of other parts of India.
iv) Sunday, the 22nd November 2015 – Weaker Sections Day.

Meeting and rallies may be organized to highlight items under various Government Programmes, which help Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe persons and weaker sections with particular emphasis on the distribution of surplus land to landless labourers.

v) Monday, the 23rd November, 2015 – Cultural Unity Day.

Cultural functions may be organized to present the Indian tradition of ‘Unity in diversity’ promoting cultural conservation and integration.

vi) Tuesday, the 24th November, 2015 – Women’s Day.

The importance of Women in Indian society and their role in development of nation building may be highlighted.

vii) Wednesday, the 25th November, 2015 – Conservation Day & Flag Day.

1. Flag Day will be celebrated on this day during the Communal Harmony Campaign Week.

2. Meetings and functions may be organized to emphasis the growing need for awareness and action to conserve the environment.

3. The National Integration Pledge should be taken on Thursday, the 19th November, 2015 at 11 A.M. by assembling in the premises of the Office/Institution. The active participation of all Staff members in the pledge taking ceremony may be ensured. The Head of Office may administer the pledge. Text of the National Integration pledge both in English and Malayalam is attached.

4. The Director of Information and Public Relations will arrange to publish progress made in the implementation of Prime Minister’s 15 Point Programme through local stations of All India Radio and Doordarshan Kendras. The Director of Information and Public Relations will also ensure that the articles highlighting progress in implementation of 15 Point Programme will be published in news papers especially Minority Language newspapers. Such articles should also highlight measures for tackling educational backwardness amongst minorities as also measures for socio-economic and educational uplift of minorities. The Director Information and Public Relations will enlist the co-operation of All India Radio, Doordarshan and Editors of all news papers in this regard and arrange for wide publicity to the programmes outlined for all the days in the “Quami Ekta Week”.

5. All District Collectors/Heads of Departments particularly the Director of Public Instruction, Director of Collegiate Education, the Director of Technical Education, the Director of Vocational Higher Secondary Education, the Director of Medical Education, the Registrar of Universities and the Chief Executives of all Public Sector Undertakings are requested to draw up suitable detailed programme so as to make it a sustained programme throughout the week and also to issue specific instructions to the Heads of Institutions under their control to carry out the different programmes to drawn up in a befitting manner.
6. All District collectors/the Secretary to Government Cultural Affairs Department, the Director of Scheduled Caste Development, the Director of Tribal Welfare, the Director of Social Welfare, the Secretary-Kerala Sahithya Academy, the Secretary-Sangeetha Nadaka Academy and Chief Conservator of Forests are requested to see that suitable programmes emphasizing the themes on Secularism, Non-violence, Communal Harmony, Minority Welfare, Linguistic Harmony, Welfare of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and weaker sections, Women’s welfare, Cultural unity etc. are formulated and carried out throughout the state and to make all out efforts to make this year’s programme a grand success with the widest possible popular participation.

7. During the Communal Harmony Campaign week, the National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH) raises funds to support its activities. To encourage voluntary contributions to the foundation, donations to the foundation have been fully exempted from payment of Income-tax under section 80G of the Income-tax Act, 1961. Arrangements for circulation of fund collection boxes, Plastic/Tin/Wooden boxes can be improvised with suitable openings. The lid may be suitably sealed to avoid complaints. Suitable arrangements for proper security for the collection boxes, opening the same and counting the collection therein. Remittance of funds collected should be sent to the Secretary, National Foundation for Communal Harmony, C-Wing, 5th Floor, Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi - 110 003 through demand draft etc. The contact phone numbers are (011) 24633968, 24602859, 24643052, Fax (011) 24610524.

(By Order of the Governor)

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Secretary to Government

To

The Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi
(With C.L)

The Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission, Tvmn (with C.L.)
The Secretary to Governor, Raj Bhavan, Thiruvananthapuram.(with CL)
The Secretary, Kerala Legislative Assembly (with CL)
The Station Director, All India Radio, Thiruvananthapuram / Kozhikode / Alleppey/Thrissur (with CL)
The Registrar, Hon’ble High Court of Kerala, Ernakulam (with C.L.)
The Resident Commissioner, Kerala House, New Delhi.
All Additional Chief Secretaries, Principal Secretaries and Secretaries to Govt.
The Director General of Police, Thiruvananthapuram.
The Director of Information and Public Relations, Thiruvananthapuram.
All Heads of Departments.
The Chief Executives of Public Sector Undertakings.
All District Collectors.
The Secretary, Kerala Sahithya Academy, Thrissur.
The Secretary, Kerala Sangeetha Nadaka Academy, Thrissur.
The Chief Conservator of Forests, Thiruvananthapuram.
The Director of Public Instructions, Thiruvananthapuram
The Director of Technical Education, Thiruvananthapuram.
The Director of Medical Education, Thiruvananthapuram.
The Director of Vocational Higher Secondary Education, Tvmn.
The Registrars of Universities of Kerala/Kochi/Calicut/Kannur.
The Registrar of Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam /Kerala Agricultural
University, Thrissur.

The Registrar of Sri Sankaracharya Sanskrit University, Kalady / University of
Health & Allied Sciences, Thrissur / Kerala Veterinary & Animal
Sciences University, Thrissur / Kerala University of Fisheries & Ocean
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NATIONAL INTEGRATION PLEDGE

"I solemnly pledge to work with dedication to preserve and strengthen the freedom and integrity of the nation.

I further affirm that I shall never resort to violence and that I will continue to endeavor towards settlement of all differences and disputes relating to religion, language, region or other political or economic grievances by peaceful and constitutional means".