

**MOST IMMEDIATE**

No. 19/10/2017-Public  
Government of India/Bharat Sarkar  
Ministry of Home Affairs/Grih Mantralaya

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North Block, New Delhi,  
Dated the 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

To

Chief Secretaries of all State Governments,  
Administrators of all Union Territories, and  
Secretaries of all Ministries/Departments  
of the Govt. of India.

**Subject: Observance of Anti-Terrorism Day.**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to say that every year **May 21** is observed as Anti-Terrorism Day. The objective behind observance of this day is to wean away the youth from terrorism and the cult of violence by highlighting the sufferings of common people and showing as to how it is prejudicial to the national interest.

2. The ways in which this objective can be achieved have been enumerated below: -

- (i) by organizing debates/discussions in schools, colleges and universities;
- (ii) holding of symposiums/seminars, lectures, etc. on the dangers of terrorism & violence;
- (iii) a determined and sustained drive to bring about a mass awakening against terrorism and violence by making appropriate projection through the media i.e. newspapers, journals, magazines, All India Radio and Doordarshan etc. including postering and pamphleteering;
- (iv) for the mass education programme, to highlight the ill-effects of violence and terrorism, imaginative use of the electronic/print media by involving prominent sports, film and other prominent personalities and distribution of T-Shirts with attractive anti-violence/terrorist slogans;
- (v) involving voluntary organizations, social and cultural bodies to have their own programmes through lectures, talks, discussions, musical and recitation programmes and cultural functions;
- (vi) anti-terrorism/violence pledge to be taken in all Government offices, public sector undertakings and other public institutions.

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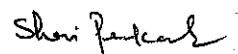
3. The above are some illustrative items of the proposed programme; you may kindly add or modify to suit special requirement, if any, prevailing in your State. I request you to kindly look into the matter personally and provide guidance to all concerned in your State including necessary publicity, to organise various programmes all over the State in observing 21<sup>st</sup> May as 'Anti-Terrorism Day' in a most befitting manner.

4. An important feature of the observance of the Anti-Terrorism Day is the "pledge-taking" ceremony in all Government offices, public sector undertakings and other public institutions. A copy of the "pledge" (both in English & Hindi) is enclosed.

5. This year 21<sup>st</sup> May falls on Sunday, a closed holiday for Central Government offices. To avoid inconvenience to the employees who have to travel long distance from suburbs/cities to come to office on Saturday, it has been decided that the 'pledge taking ceremony' in the offices of the Central Government may be held on Friday, the 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2017. As 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2017 is a closed holiday for the State/UT Government, the pledge taking ceremony may be held on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2017. If 20<sup>th</sup> May is closed holiday in State, the pledge taking ceremony may be held on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2017. The ceremony may preferably be held in the forenoon.

6. You are, accordingly, requested to organize appropriate programmes, including the pledge-taking ceremony, to observe the Anti-Terrorism Day in a befitting manner.

Yours faithfully,



(Shri Prakash)

Joint Secretary to the Government of India

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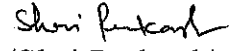
Encl. : As above

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New Delhi, the 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2017.

Copy, with enclosures, forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

1. President's Secretariat
2. Vice-President's Secretariat
3. Prime Minister's Office
4. Registrar, Supreme Court of India
5. Registrar, Delhi High Court
6. Cabinet Secretariat
7. Rajya Sabha Secretariat
8. Lok Sabha Secretariat
9. NITI Aayog, Yojana Bhavan, New Delhi.
10. Election Commission of India
11. Union Public Service Commission
12. Office of Comptroller & Auditor General of India
13. Central Vigilance Commission
14. University Grants Commission
15. National Commission for SCs
16. National Commission for STs
17. National Commission for Backward Classes
18. National Commission for Minorities
19. Telecom Commission
20. National Commission for Women
21. National Human Rights Commission
22. Manager, Reserve Bank of India
23. All attached & subordinate offices of the Ministry of Home Affairs
24. Ad.III Section/MHA for making necessary arrangement in connection with holding of ceremony.
25. Principal Information Officer, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001 for appropriate media coverage of the event
26. ADG (M&C), MHA

  
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## शपथ

हम भारतवासी अपने देश की अहिंसा एवं सहनशीलता की परम्परा में दृढ़ विश्वास रखते हैं तथा निष्ठापूर्वक शपथ लेते हैं कि हम सभी प्रकार के आतंकवाद और हिंसा का डटकर विरोध करेंगे। हम मानव जाति के सभी वर्गों के बीच शान्ति, सामाजिक सद्भाव तथा सूझबूझ कायम करने और मानव जीवन मूल्यों को खतरा पहुंचाने वाली और विघटनकारी शक्तियों से लड़ने की भी शपथ लेते हैं।

## PLEDGE

We, the people of India, having abiding faith in our country's tradition of non-violence and tolerance, hereby solemnly affirm to oppose with our strength, all forms of terrorism and violence. We pledge to uphold and promote peace, social harmony, and understanding among all fellow human beings and fight the forces of disruption threatening human lives and values.