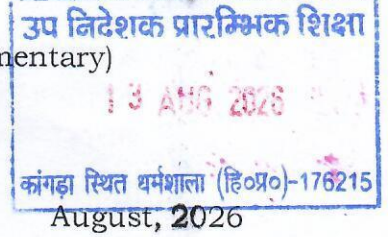


No. EDN-KGR (E-8)-Misc (Vol-II)-2025
O/o the Deputy Director of School Education (Elementary)
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Through Email



Dated: Dharamshala-176215

To

All the Complex Heads-cum-Principals,
District Kangra, Himachal Pradesh

Subject: Regarding Independence Day Celebration on 15th August 2026 instructions.

Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed herewith letter **No. I(5)/2081/MA** dated **12 August 2026**, received from the office of the Worthy Deputy Commissioner, Kangra at Dharamshala, on the subject cited above.

In this regard, you are requested to go through the directions contained therein and ensure compliance with the instructions issued therein. Further, necessary action may be taken accordingly, and an Action Taken Report regarding the activities undertaken for the celebration of Independence Day on **15 August 2026** may be submitted to this office accordingly.

Enclosure: As above.

**Dy. Director of School Education (Elementary)
Kangra at Dharamshala**

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Kangra at Dharamshala

No. I(5)/208/MA dated: 12/08/2026

From

Deputy Commissioner,
Kangra at Dharamshala

To

Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation,
Dharamshala & Palampur, District Kangra

Deputy Director,
Higher/Elementary Education,
Kangra at Dharamshala

District Youth Services and Sports Officer,
Kangra at Dharamshala

District Development Officer (DRDA),
Kangra at Dharamshala

All Executive Officer,
Municipal Council in District Kangra

Coordinator,
Nehru Yuva Kendra, Dharamshala

Sub:- Regarding Independence Day Celebrations on 15th August 2026 instructions.
Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith the letter no GAD-A(F) 10-7/2026-loose dated 11th August 2026, on the subject cited above.

In this connection, you are requested as per para no 5 to organize a fortnight/month Swachh Bharat Campaign and Plantation of Trees campaign from 15th August throughout your jurisdiction in coordination with Government Departments, educational institutions, school students, NSS, My Bharat, NCC, youth organizations and social groups. You are further requested to submit action taken report in this regard specially for Independence Day accordingly to this office.

Yours faithfully


Assistant Commissioner to DC,
Kangra at Dharamshala.

No. GAD-A (F) 10-7/2026-loose
Government of Himachal Pradesh
General Administration Department
Section-A

From

The Secretary (GAD) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

To

1. All the Deputy Commissioner(s), H.P.
2. All the Superintendent(s) of Police, H.P.

Dated, Shimla-2 the

11th August, 2026.

Subject: Regarding Independence Day Celebrations on 15th August, 2026
Instructions.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to enclose herewith a copy of letter No. 2/4/2026-Public dated 10.08.2026 received from Under Secretary to the Government of India/Bharat Sarkar, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi and it is requested to take necessary action as per the guideline/ instruction issued by Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India in the letter ibid.

This may kindly be treated as most urgent.

Yours faithfully,



(Anil Kumar)
Deputy Secretary (GAD) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh.
Tel. No. 0177-2622686 (O)

Endst. No. As above. Dated, Shimla-2 the

August, 2026.

Copy forwarded to following for information/ necessary action:-

- 1 The Pr. PS-cum-Special Secretary to Chief Minister, H.P.
- 2 The Secretary to Governor, Lok Bhawan, Chhota Shimla, H.P.-02.
- 3 The Sr. PS to Chief Secretary, HP Secretariat, Shimla-2.
- 4 The PS to Secretary (GAD) HP Secretary, Shimla-2.
- 5 The Under Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

Deputy Secretary (GAD) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

No.2/4/2026-Public
Government of India/Bharat Sarkar
Ministry of Home Affairs/Grih Mantralaya

MOST IMMEDIATE

Diary No. 55280
Date 11-8-26

Kartavya Bhavan-3, New Delhi
Dated: 10th August, 2026

To

The Chief Secretaries of all State Governments and Administrators of all Union Territory Administrations

Subject: Independence Day Celebrations on 15th August, 2026 - Instructions

Sir/Madam,

Every year, the Independence Day is celebrated with grandeur, gaiety, fervour and enthusiasm. This year also, the Independence Day will be celebrated in a manner befitting the occasion.

2. The Independence Day Celebrations in Delhi shall consist of the following:-

- (i) The Ceremony at Red Fort consisting of the presentation of a Guard of Honour by the Armed Forces and the Delhi Police to the Prime Minister (Pradhan Mantri), singing of National Song, unfurling of the National Flag accompanied by singing of National Anthem and firing of 21-Gun Salute, showering of flower petals by the helicopters of Indian Air Force, speech by the Prime Minister, singing of the National Song followed by National Anthem immediately after PM's speech, and release of tri-coloured balloons at the end.

(ii) "At Home" reception at Rashtrapati Bhawan.

3. The celebration of Independence Day Ceremony/unfurling of National Flag at State Capitals/ District Headquarters/ Sub-Division/ Block/ Gram Panchayat/ Villages etc. should commence in the morning after 09:00 a.m.

4. The Independence Day in States/UTs may be celebrated as under:-

(a) At State level

Singing of the National Song, unfurling of National Flag by the Chief Minister; followed by National Anthem; presentation of Guard of Honour by the State Police/Para Military Forces/Home Guards/NCC/ Scouts; address to public by the Chief Minister followed by singing of National Song followed by National Anthem.

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(b) At District level

Singing of the National Song, unfurling of National Flag by Minister/ Commissioner/District Magistrate followed by National Anthem; parade by State Police personnel; Home Guards/NCC/Scouts followed by address to public by the Minister/ Commissioner/District Magistrate and singing of National Song followed by National Anthem.

(c) At Sub-Divisional level/Block level

Singing of the National Song, unfurling of National Flag by Sub Divisional Magistrate/Sub Divisional Officer/ Block Development Officer as the case may be; singing of National Anthem followed by address to public by the Sub Divisional Magistrate/Sub Divisional Officer/ Block Development Officer and singing of National Song followed by National Anthem.

(d) At Panchayat Headquarters/Villages

Singing of the National Song, unfurling of National Flag by the Sarpanch/Gram Pradhan followed by National Anthem followed by address to public by the Sarpanch/Gram Pradhan and singing of National Song followed by National Anthem.

5. Swachh Bharat campaign in prominent locations

(a) Identify most prominent location of each district in the State/UT and carry out a fortnight/ month long campaign to keep it Swachh through voluntary civil action. School students, NSS, MY भारत, NCC, youth organizations and social groups may be associated with this effort.

(b) Plantation of Trees campaign be held by Government Departments and Educational Institutions to spread awareness for conservation of environment, thereby making a contribution to mitigate climate changes on Earth and preserve natural environment.

6. Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Programme

On the lines of Republic Day Ceremony 2026, some food/cultural events etc. may be planned in the State/UT Capitals on the occasion of Independence Day Ceremony. The State/UT should invite participation from five other States/UTs for their Independence Day Ceremony. These Guest States may send their contingent for food/cultural events etc. to promote engagement among people of different States and UTs so as to enhance mutual understanding and bonding between people of these States/UTs.

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7. Efforts should be made by the States/UTs for propagating the patriotic/national integration messages and songs through the speech of the dignitaries, social media platforms etc. for Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.

8. 'At Home' function

(a) 'At Home' function at Governor/LG House may be commenced in the evening (after 18:00 hrs). This function represents a diverse set of invitees apart from usual protocol based invitees, on this occasion, the following indicative categories of guests could be invited:-

- Divyangjans
- Achievers in different fields
- People who made exemplary contribution to society, including during the time of Covid.
- Eco-warriors, people who performed exemplary for environmental conservation.
- Swacchagrahi.
- References from the State/UT in PM's Man ki Baat.
- Padma awardees from the State/UT.
- NoKs of martyrs.
- Participants/winners of Olympics and other important sports events of National/ International standards.
- Exceptional educators.
- Frontline health workers.
- Children bravery awardees.
- Women Sarpanches etc.
- Student toppers
- Best researchers/innovators

(b) At least 25-50 invites may be reserved for such achievers. The names of such invitees should be announced in advance to enable the invitees to prepare for the occasion.

(c) The majority of the gathering could be under the category of special invitees under different categories. A system whereby the invitee list is generated afresh every year should be instituted, so that the opportunity is given to a broad set of people. It could be considered that a person gets an invite just once.

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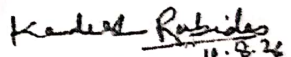
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- (d) Special attention may be paid to the band at Governor/LG House. It should play patriotic songs and not simply songs from movies. A system of competition among school bands should be instituted whereby the winners get to perform at the Governor House during 'At Home' reception.
- (e) The invitation card for Governor/LG 'At Home' should be created in a way that these are treasured for life as souvenir by the invitees, marking it as a special occasion once in life.
- (f) If some good innovation has been done by the State the same can be exhibited during the 'At Home' function.

9. **Band Performance across the Nation:**

To promote patriotic fervor among citizens during the Independence Day Ceremony-2026, Band Performance will be conducted throughout the country in around 343 prominent locations, like last year. Local administrations may be instructed to provide all the necessary support for the same.

Yours faithfully,


(Kamlesh Rabidas)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

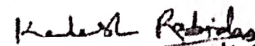
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No.2/4/2026-Public

Dated: 10th August, 2026

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2. All Ministries/ Departments of the Govt. of India
3. President's Secretariat
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5. Prime Minister's Office
6. Registrar, Supreme Court of India
7. Registrar, Delhi High Court
8. Cabinet Secretariat
9. Rajya Sabha Secretariat
10. Lok Sabha Secretariat
11. NITI Aayog, Sansad Marg, New Delhi.
12. Election Commission of India
13. Union Public Service Commission
14. Office of Comptroller & Auditor General of India
15. Central Vigilance Commission
16. University Grants Commission
17. National Commission for Scheduled Castes
18. National Commission for Scheduled Tribes
19. National Commission for Backward Classes
20. National Commission for SafaiKaramcharis
21. National Commission for Minorities
22. National Commission for Women
23. National Human Rights Commission
24. Manager, State Bank of India, Parliament Street, New Delhi
25. Manager, Reserve Bank of India, New Delhi
26. All attached & subordinate offices of the Ministry of Home Affairs located at Delhi/New Delhi
27. Ad.III Section, MHA


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