

**No. 19/9/2020-Public
Government of India/ Bharat Sarkar
Ministry of Home Affairs/ Grih Mantralaya**

North Block, New Delhi
Dated 16 May, 2020

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 on 21st May.

Sir/Madam,

Every year **21st May** is observed as Anti-Terrorism Day. The objective behind the 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. To achieve the above objective, various anti-terrorism programmes and drives had been organised in the past.

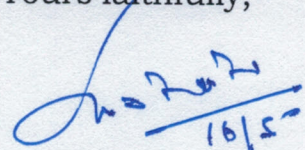
2. In view of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, it is imperative to follow the preventive measures such as maintaining social distancing, wearing of masks, etc. as prescribed and recommended by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, while organizing the appropriate programme for the occasion.

3. It is proposed that anti-terrorism pledge may be taken in all Government offices, public sector undertakings and other public institutions on 21.05.2020. Keeping in view the safety of participants and organisers and to avoid public gathering, officials may be advised to take anti-terrorism pledge solemnly in their rooms/offices itself. A copy of the "pledge" (both in English & Hindi) is enclosed (**Annexure**).

4. In addition, considering importance and solemnity of the occasion, innovative ways of propagating the message of anti-terrorism through digital & social media platforms, may also be considered.

5. Accordingly, I request you to kindly observe 21st May as 'Anti-Terrorism Day' in a befitting manner.

Yours faithfully,



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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, समाजिक सदभाव 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.