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Subject: Flag Hoisting at Amrit Sarovar Site on the occasion of Republic Day-reg.

Dear Colleague,

As you are aware, 'Mission Amrit Sarovar' was launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister on the occasion of National Panchayati Raj Day on 24th April, 2022 with the objective to provide water security for the future generation through construction/rejuvenation of 50,000 Amrit Sarovars by 15th August, 2023.

2. Amrit Sarovars will not only facilitate in overcoming water crisis, protecting environment and promoting water conservation in rural areas but also add new dimension to sustainable ecotourism, rural tourism, entrepreneurship and livelihood generation.

3. Sustainable positive outcomes have been envisaged through implementation of Mission Amrit Sarovar through proper synergy and convergence of various government schemes and resources, including MGNREGA, 15th Finance Commission Grants etc., as well as active participation of Panchayati Raj Institutions and community. Mission Amrit Sarovar serves as an excellent and unique example of a whole-of-government and whole-of-society response to people-oriented initiative under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. In all these endeavours in execution of the Mission projects in a sustainable manner, the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) are playing a pivotal role and will continue to do so.

4. Development of Amrit Sarovars is an occasion which celebrates 75 years of Azadi, and therefore, all associated occasions including foundation laying, plantation, flag-hoisting on the occasion of Independence Day, **Republic Day** and dedication to the community would include and engage elected representatives, PRI representatives, Self Help Groups, youth and school children. Needless to say, freedom fighter/s or their family member/s or by the family of martyr (post-independence) or the senior most citizen of the specific/local Panchayat would be given place of pride in all such events.

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5. Accordingly, it is advisable that State/UTs may issue appropriate instructions to the field level authorities to sensitize all stakeholders, the representatives of PRIs in particular to make arrangements to **hoist Tricolor** on the occasion of every **Republic Day** (i.e. 26th January) at Amrit Sarovar worksite or banks of Amrit Sarovar where work has been completed by the freedom fighter/s or their family member/s or by the family member of martyr or a local Padma Awardee.

6. We request the State/UTs to arrange for **celebrating the Republic Day by hoisting Tricolor on every Amrit Sarovar Site**. Directions in this regard may be issued to **Departments of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj** to call upon **representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions** to participate in the celebration of the Republic Day at Amrit Sarovar Site.

7. Necessary direction may be issued to all the concerned officers to upload the **photographs of the celebration** on the portal of Mission Amrit Sarovar (<https://amritsarovar.gov.in>).



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(except UT of Delhi and Chandigarh)