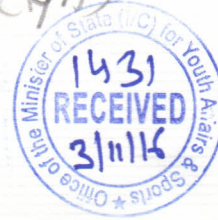


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Dear *Shri Vijay Goel,*



With a view to foster and reinforce the spirit of Communal Harmony, National Integration and pride in our vibrant composite culture and nationhood, the **“Qaumi Ekta Week” (National Integration Week)** will be observed all over the country, this year also, from 19th to 25th November, 2016.

2. This occasion provides us an opportunity to reaffirm our age old traditions and faith in the values of tolerance, co-existence and brotherhood in a multi-cultural and multi-religious society. The observation of the **“Qaumi Ekta Week”** will also help to highlight the inherent strength and resilience of our nation to withstand actual and potential threats to the eclectic and secular fabric of our country, and nurture a spirit of communal harmony in its widest sense.

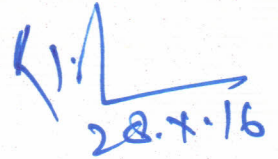
3. I, therefore, request you to give appropriate directions and guidance to all concerned so that the **“Qaumi Ekta Week”** could be organised and celebrated in a befitting manner. The programmes may be given due publicity and organized in a manner that would include and involve participation of people from all walks of society, so that the message of Communal Harmony and National Integration could permeate every part of the State and the society. I feel that this should be an occasion to articulate loudly and clearly, the sentiment that our nation will not countenance any forces that seek to divide our society or threaten our rich composite cultural ethos. A list indicating suggested programmes is enclosed.

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4. The National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH), an autonomous organization with the Ministry of Home Affairs, also organizes a Communal Harmony Campaign coinciding with the **Qaumi Ekta Week** and observes the Communal Harmony Flag Day on 25th November, which needs wide publicity and your support. The Foundation promotes Communal Harmony and strengthens National Integration. It also provides financial assistance for relief and rehabilitation of children rendered orphan or destitute in communal, caste, ethnic or terrorist violence. These programmes may also be supported.

With regards,

Yours sincerely



(Rajnath Singh)

Encl: Programme Sheet.

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**PROGRAMMES TO BE OBSERVED DURING QAUMI EKTA WEEK
(NATIONAL INTEGRATION WEEK) FROM 19TH TO 25TH
NOVEMBER, 2016**

19TH NOVEMBER (Saturday) NATIONAL INTEGRATION DAY

Meetings, symposia and seminars are held to emphasize the themes of secularism, anti-communalism and non-violence.

20TH NOVEMBER (Sunday) WELFARE OF MINORITIES DAY

Items of the 15 Point Programme are emphasized. In riot prone towns, special fraternal processions are taken out.

21ST NOVEMBER (Monday) LINGUISTIC HARMONY DAY

Special literary functions and Kavi Sammelans are organised to enable people of each region to appreciate the linguistic heritage of other parts of India.

22ND NOVEMBER (Tuesday) WEAKER SECTIONS DAY

Meetings and rallies are organized to highlight programmes under various Government which help SCs/ STs and weaker sections with particular emphasis on the distribution of surplus land to landless labourers.

23RD NOVEMBER (Wednesday) CULTURAL UNITY DAY

Cultural functions are organized to present the Indian tradition of unity in diversity and for promoting cultural conservation and integration.

24TH NOVEMBER (Thursday) WOMEN'S DAY

The importance of Women in Indian Society and their role in development of nation-building are highlighted.

25TH NOVEMBER (Friday) CONSERVATION DAY

Meetings and functions are organized to emphasize the growing need for awareness and action to conserve the environment.
