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Government of India/Bharat Sarkar
Ministry of Home Affairs/Grih Mantralaya

Kartavya Bhawan-3, New Delhi.
Dated: 22nd January, 2026

To,

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

**Subject:- Observance of silence on 30th January (Martyrs' Day) in the
memory of those who sacrificed their lives during struggle for
India's freedom-**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to say that on 30th January, every year, two minutes' silence is observed at 11.00 AM., throughout the country, in the memory of those who sacrificed their lives during the struggle for India's freedom.

2. The following standing instructions have been laid down for observance of this day:

- (i) Silence should be observed and work and movement stopped for two minutes throughout the country at 11.00 A.M. on 30th January.
- (ii) Wherever feasible, the commencement and termination of the two minutes' silence period should be indicated by sound of siren or Army guns. Sirens should be sounded from 10.59 hours till 11.00 hours and after two minutes, all clear sirens should again be sounded from 11.02 hours till 11.03 hours. This procedure may be adopted where sirens exist.
- (iii) On hearing the signal (wherever available), all persons would stand up and observe the silence.
- (iv) At places where no signal systems is available, suitable instructions can be issued to all concerned for observing the silence for two minutes at 11.00 A.M.

3. In the past, it has been observed that while two minutes' silence is observed in some offices, the general public goes about its occupation in the ordinary course, unmindful of the solemnity of the occasion. The States/Union Territories Governments are requested to ensure that the Martyrs' Day is observed with due solemnity. States/Union Territories Government may issue instructions to all educational institutions and Public Sector Enterprises under their control for observance of the Martyrs' Day, accordingly. Talks/speeches on freedom struggle and national integration may also be organised including in hybrid mode.

Yours faithfully,

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