

## **Important information related to National Flag**

The Indian National Flag represents the hopes and aspirations of the people of India. It is the symbol of our national pride and there is universal affection and respect for, and loyalty to, the National Flag. It occupies a unique and special place in the emotions and psyche of the people of India.

The hoisting/use/display of the Indian National Flag is governed by the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971 and the Flag Code of India, 2002. Some of salient Features of the Flag Code of India, 2002 are listed below for the information of the public : -

a. The flag Code of India, 2002 was amended vide Order dated 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 and National Flag made of polyester or machine made Flag have been allowed. Now, the National Flag shall be made of hand spun and hand woven or machine made, cotton/polyester/wool/silk khadi bunting.

b. A member of public, a private organization or an educational institution may hoist/display the National Flag on all days and occasions, ceremonial or otherwise, consistent with the dignity and honour of the National Flag.

c. The flag code of India, 2002 was amended vide Order dated 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 is as follows

**“where the Flag is displayed in open or displayed on the house of a member of public, it may be flown day and night”**

d. The National Flag shall be rectangular in shape. The Flag can be of any size but the ratio of the length to the height (width) of the Flag shall be 3:2.

- e. Whenever the National Flag is displayed, it should occupy the position of honour and should be distinctly placed.
- f. A damaged or dishevelled Flag shall not be displayed.
- g. The flag should not be flown from a single masthead simultaneously with any other flag or flags.
- h. The Flag should not be flown on any vehicle except of the dignitaries mentioned in Section IX of Part III of the Flag Code, such as President, Vice-President, Prime-Minister, Governors etc.
- i. No other flag or bunting should be placed higher than or above or side with the National Flag

## **To avoid incorrect display of the National Flag**

- The National Flag shall not be used as a form of drapery in any form whatsoever, including private funerals.
- There shall be no lettering upon the National Flag.
- The National Flag shall not be used to wrap, receive, or deliver things.
- The National Flag shall not be used to cover the sides, back, and top of any vehicle.

## **Correct way to display / disposed the National Flag**

- When the National Flag is displayed flat and horizontal on a wall, the saffron band shall be upper most and when displayed vertically, the saffron band shall be to the right in reference to the National Flag i.e. Should be to the left of a person facing it.
- When the National Flag is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from a windowsill, balcony, or from a building, the saffron band shall be at the farther end of the staff.
- If the National Flag is damaged, it shall be destroyed as a whole in private, preferably by burning or any other method considering the dignity of the National Flag.