



Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Directorate of Colleges
Higher Education Department

Subject: Display of State Emblem of India

Ref: Communication vide DivComK/Dev/2025(7730760)/269/7973-99
dated 28.07.2025 from the Division Commissioner, Kashmir.

Circular

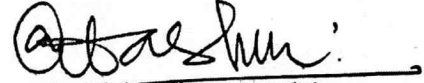
Apropos to the subject matter, it is hereby brought to the notice of all Government Degree Colleges/GCETs across the UT of Jammu and Kashmir that the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has reiterated the need for strict compliance with the provisions of the **State Emblem of India (Prohibition of Improper Use) Act, 2005** and the **State Emblem of India (Regulation of Use) Rules, 2007** (as amended in 2010). The directions have been further reinforced through advisories dated 04.08.2016, 05.02.2019, and 03.02.2025.

In a recent judgment dated **04.04.2025**, the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka, while hearing Writ Petition No. 4635 of 2024 (GM-RES-PIL), has issued specific directions to prevent the misuse and unauthorized display of National Symbols, including the **State Emblem of India**.

Accordingly, all Principals of Government Degree Colleges/GCETs are directed to ensure the following:

1. **Immediate Removal of Unauthorized Emblems:** Any unauthorized use or display of the State Emblem of India, including on letterheads, vehicles, signage, posters, digital media, or any form of institutional communication, must be identified and removed within four weeks of issuance of this circular.
2. **Compliance with Law:** All displays of the Emblem must strictly adhere to the specifications laid out in the Appendices I & II of the Schedule of the State Emblem of India (Prohibition of Improper Use) Act, 2005.
3. **Sensitization of Staff and Students:** Colleges shall conduct awareness programmes involving faculty, staff, and students to educate them about the correct and legal usage of National Symbols and the consequences of misuse. Colleges may collaborate with the Traffic Department for the same.
4. **Public Communication:** Colleges must avoid printing or distributing materials bearing the State Emblem unless explicitly authorized. Official seals and logos should be used only in accordance with guidelines.

Further, the communication from The Ministry of Home Affairs along with enclosures is enclosed herewith for detailed information. An action taken report in this regard should be submitted using the M13 Module of the Directorate Portal.



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Higher Education Department
Dated: 12-08-2025.

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Copy to:

1. All Principals, Govt. Degree Colleges, UT of Jammu and Kashmir.
2. PS to the Financial Commissioner {Additional Chief Secretary}, Higher Education Department, J&K for information of the Financial Commissioner {ACS}.
3. Office file/Master file.