

**STATE ELECTION COMMISSION  
PUDUCHERRY**

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No.1-30(16)/SEC/CE/Dir./2021/ 757

Dated.23.9.2021

**DIRECTION**

**Sub:** Celebration of Gandhi Jayanti - Participation of Political Functionaries – Reg.

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The Gandhi Jayanti falls on 2nd October, 2021 and will be celebrated throughout the country.

The Commission has considered all the relevant factors in view of the ensuing Civic Elections to the Local Bodies in the UT, and has decided that Ministers / MLAs/ political leaders of the UT can participate in the Celebration of Gandhi Jayanti, subject to the condition that the theme of their speeches should be confined only to the extolling deeds and achievements of Mahatma Gandhi and utmost care should be taken to ensure that no political speeches highlighting the achievements / agenda of political parties concerned are made on the occasion. Under no circumstances, it should become a platform for political campaign. Messages if any, issued in the name of Ministers should be confined to the theme of Mahatma Gandhi only and should carry no photograph of the concerned Minister or MLA or leader.

This instruction may be brought to the notice of all concerned and be followed without any deviation.

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(ROY P THOMAS)

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To

1. All Political Parties
2. All official concerned.