



75 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE - AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV

With a vision of building a new self-reliant India- Atmanirbhar Bharat, the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi inaugurated the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav – to commemorate the 75 years of Independence.

An initiative of the Central government, during this monumental occasion, all Departments and Ministries will host a set of activities for a resurgent, Aatmanirbhar Bharat - How do you envision the India of tomorrow, the India which will merge the best of tradition with the most modern, global outlook on the themes of Governance, Development, Technology, Reform, Progress and Policy, including several others. In a series of events, the Mahotsav will be celebrated as a Jan-Utsav in the spirit of Jan-Bhagidari.

The launch of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' – 75 weeks before 15 August 2022 will continue till 15 August, 2023. During the launch of the campaign, the Hon'ble Prime Minister reiterated five pillars, i.e. Freedom Struggle, Ideas at 75, Achievements at 75, Actions at 75 and Resolves at 75 as guiding force for moving forward keeping dreams and duties as inspiration.

Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav means elixir of energy of independence. It means elixir of inspirations of the warriors of freedom struggle; elixir of new ideas and pledges and nectar of Atmanirbharta. A self-reliant India or an Atmanirbhar Bharat is an umbrella concept popularised by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi with a view to make India a bigger and more important part of the global economy pursuing policies that are efficient, competitive and resilient, being self-sustaining and self-generating. ■



Few of the activities undertaken by various ministries/departments

- The Indian Railways to launch 75 Vande Bharat trains to connect India's far-flung areas.
- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched Swachh Bharat Mission -Urban 2.0 and AMRUT- 2.0
- Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology launched Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav: Electronics & IT Ministry to honour Tech Champions for their contributions.
- Environment Ministry kicked off tiger rallies in 18 tiger range States across 51 reserves in the country as part of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' .
- Ministry of Textiles inaugurated Samarth training at 75 training centres in different crafts across the country.
- Ministry of Minority Affairs is to organise 75 'Hunar Haat' events showcasing the skills of traditional craftsmen and their products across the country.
- Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh launched 'AmritGrand Challenge Program', titled 'जनCARE' to identify 75 startup innovations in telemedicine, digital health, mHealth with Big Data, AI, Blockchain and other technologies.
- The Ministry of Tourism exhorted students to take out at least 75 hours in the next one year and involve themselves in nation building.
- The Ministry of AYUSH launched activities that include cultivation of medicinal plants on 75,000 hectares of land to benefit farmers, the launch of the Y-Break App, a five- minute Yoga protocol for office goers, distribution of Ayush prophylactic medicines with a special focus on the above 60 years age group, taking medicinal plants to the doorstep of 75 lakh families during the year under 'Ayush Aapke Dwar' programme.
- Border Roads Organisation (BRO) under the Ministry of Defence to conduct 75 medical camps in border states and friendly countries. A large number of camps are being conducted in Jammu & Kashmir, Arunachal Pradesh, Ladakh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, Mizoram & Tripura as well as Bhutan.
- Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has launched 'Fit India Freedom Run 2.0' in 744 districts to encourage physical activities.



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