

## **75 Years of India's Independence – Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav**

This is in reference to the notifications issued by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting regarding the celebrations of 75 years of India's Independence- "**Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav**". Hon'ble Prime Minister inaugurated the year-long celebrations from Gujarat on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021, which also marks the 91<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the historic Salt Satyagraha led by Mahatma Gandhi. Henceforth, all the educational institutions have been advised to celebrate '**Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav**' by organising plethora of events such as conference/seminar/essay competition, historical walk, visiting museums, historical places and painting competition in their respective campuses as part of the year-long celebrations. The University of Delhi also commenced celebrations of 75 years of India's Independence '**Azadi la Amrut Mahotsav**' by organising an inaugural seminar and '**Charkha Karyashala**' at the Gandhi Bhawan on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 11a.m. The Dean Students' Welfare Office and Gandhi Bhawan jointly organised the event.

Towards this endeavor, the active participation of our constituent colleges would be highly appreciable and relevant. In this context, it is proposed that each college will be requested to organize various online activities/events in their respective Colleges and encourage students to participate and celebrate the landmark achievements. The festival of 75 years of independence should be such that the spirit of the freedom struggle, a tribute to the martyrs and a pledge and resolve to build India of their dreams could be experienced. The series of events organized to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of India's independence would be based on public participation and revolve around five themes: (i) the freedom struggle, (ii) ideas, (iii) achievements, (iv) actions and (v) resolve at 75.

In this regard, each College will be requested to appoint a Nodal officer/s to facilitate the activities based on the theme – 75 years of India' Independence '**Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav**' in their respective Colleges. The contact details (mobile number and email id) of the same should be mailed to the office of DSW as the nodal centre. The colleges will also be requested to have a dedicated section on their respective websites for '**Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav**' and put all the notices and matters pertaining to the Mahotsav in this section.

## About

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is an initiative of the Government of India to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of independence and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements.

This Mahotsav is dedicated to the people of India who have not only been instrumental in bringing India thus far in its evolutionary journey but also hold within them the power and potential to enable Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of activating India 2.0, fuelled by the spirit of Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

The official journey of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav commenced on 12th March 2021 which started a 75-week countdown to our 75th anniversary of independence and will end post a year on 15th August 2023.

## Proposed Activities – MoE

The proposed activities and tentative schedule as suggested by the Ministry of Education in the email dated 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021 are as follows:

S.No.	Activity	Timelines	Details / Directives / Rules	Level	Venue
1.	Organization of webinars/ symposiums/ seminars/talks	1st July 2021 onwards		State	Colleges of University of Delhi
2.	Essay writing competition	August-September, 2021	(i) Language – Hindi or English (ii) Word limit – Maximum 500 words	State	Colleges of University of Delhi
3.	Slogan writing competition	October-November, 2021	Language- Hindi or English	State	Colleges of University of Delhi
4.	Self-composed poetry writing/ poetical recitation/story writing competitions based on forgotten/lesser-known events/figures of independence	January-February, 2022	Language- Hindi or English	State	Colleges of University of Delhi
5.	Poster making/ Placard making/painting and	March, 2022		State	Colleges of University of Delhi

	sketching/ Graffiti making competitions				
6.	Photography competition	April, 2022	-The photographs to be submitted in digital form (jpg/png etc.) -The photo must be in its original state and should not be altered in any way.	State	Colleges of University of Delhi
7.	Recorded audios of the choir of patriotic songs which are to be sung on Independence Day, 15th August, 2021	The recordings are to be sent to University by 31st July, 2021	This to be done in minimum five languages including one language from Sikkim as it is the partner state as per the “Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat” program. There are many official languages of Sikkim: Sikkimese, Nepali and Lepcha.	State	Colleges of University of Delhi
8.	Rashtra Gaan	The recordings are to be sent to University by 31st July, 2021	College students will sing Rashtra Gaan and same shall be uploaded on their website as well as the university website by 9th August, 2021.	State	Colleges of University of Delhi
9.	Organization of Cycle Rallies	30th October 2021#	Starting Point: The college or colleges in the vicinity can choose a common starting point. Destination Point: The colleges are suggested to choose a destination point which is linked to freedom struggle / National Pride*.	State	Colleges of University of Delhi

\* Some Suggested places are India Gate, Red Fort, Flagstaff Tower, Birla Bhavan, Kashmere Gate. The list is suggestive only.

# The organization of this event will depend on the Covid-19 pandemic situation at that time.

Other suggested activities that colleges and departments of the University can partake in:

**10. Translation of existing literature in various Indian languages-** The University's Language Departments will be approached for the translation work as part of the **Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav**.

**Special Activities:** Many Colleges/Centers/Departments may also be commemorating 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their foundation this/next year or may have already celebrated their platinum jubilee in recent years. The completion of 75 years is undoubtedly an important milestone in the life of any educational institution which holds a significant place of all those students who walks through its portals. For most of the colleges, it will be a yearlong celebration of 75 years of academic excellence, growth, community service, scholarship and success. Such Colleges/Centers/Departments can chronicle their 75 year old history and promote it through various activities which can be celebrated and showcased along with the **Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav**.

**Note:**

- Due to the unprecedented situation of Covid-19 pandemic and prevailing public health guidelines, it is suggested that all activities to be organized online till normalcy prevails.
- All competitions mentioned above (at S. Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6) shall be based on the theme of 75 years of India's Independence '**Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav**'. Each College shall send three best entries to the DSW Office for all the competitions held.
- It is further stated that besides the above mentioned activities colleges may explore other activities related to the theme of the '**Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav**'.
- It is proposed that the office of the DSW will work in close coordination with the Committee constituted by the University to oversee the programme "**Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat**".