

Minutes of the meeting regarding celebration of India's 75 years of Independence "Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav" held under the Chairmanship of the worthy Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh on 13th April, 2021 at 03.00 PM.

The following officers were present:-

1. Sh. R.D. Dhiman Additional Chief Secretary (LAC) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
2. Sh. Rajiv Sharma, Secretary (Education) to the Government of H.P.
3. Dr. S.S. Guleria, Secretary (YSS) to the Govt. of H. P.
4. Sh. Suneel Sharma, Director, Language, Art & Culture, H. P.
5. Sh. Gopal Chand, Director, Youth Services & Sports, H. P.
6. Sh. Harbans Singh Brascon, Director, Information & Public Relation, Himachal Pradesh.
7. Dr. Amarjeet K Sharma, Director, Higher Education, H. P.

At the outset of meeting, the Additional Chief Secretary (LAC) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh welcomed all the participants. Thereafter discussion on various points started with the permission of the chair and following decision were taken:-

i) At first, it was decided that the cases of COVID-19 are increasing day by day, therefore, the events/programmes of 75 years on Indian Independence celebration will be undertaken only after COVID-19 situation improves.

ii) The 75 historical places/places of significance highlighting the contribution of Himachal Pradesh in Indian Freedom struggle will be selected, where the celebration of the events will be organized. Indian Institute of Advance Studies, Shimla will be the first place from where these events will start. The event at the birth place of Pahadi Gandhi Baba Kanshi Ram will also be organized. The list of remaining historical places will be provided by the Director, Language, Art &

Culture, HP shortly. The exhibition on the contribution of the Freedom Fighters will be held in all majors events i.e. Summer Festival and International festival like Kullu Dushera etc. The exhibition stalls in all fairs/festivals of the State will be established and the theme for the same will be "***Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav.***" The publicity of all these events will be done before their start.

(Action by Language, Art & Culture Deptt.)

iii) The Department of Youth Services & Sports, Himachal Pradesh will organize five big events on India's freedom Struggle and the information of these five events will be provided by them expeditiously. The documentation with photos, write ups including audio/video recording will be undertaken without any fail.

(Action by YSS Department)

iv) The seminar on Freedom struggle highlighting Dhami Golikand, Suket Satyagrah, Pajautha Andolan will be held in three institutions i.e. Central University of H.P., Indian Institute of Advance Study & Himachal Pradesh University. The Private Universities will also be part of these events. The core committee/expert team will be constituted by the Education Department which will conduct the quiz competitions at all levels. The finals of quiz competitions could be broadcast on **Doordarshan** and other channels live. The students/teachers/people will be encouraged to contribute essays/poems/songs on historical events. A signature song will be selected which will be sung in all State level functions next year to be organized up to Gram Panchayat level.

(Action by Education Department)

v) The Department of Information and Public Relation will prepare a **"Coffee Table Book"** on the contribution of Himachal Pradesh in Freedom Struggle of India. The book will be bilingual **(In Hindi & English)** and will contain all the major historical events & photographs. The coverage of all these events will also be done by the Information and Public Relation Department with appropriate dissemination and advocacy by hiring suitable service providers at all levels.

(Action by IPR Department)

vi) The concerned Department, which built them, will take steps to repair/renovate the statues, Libraries, Schools, Colleges, Parks and Roads etc. constructed in the names of Freedom Fighters which are in a dilapidated condition. The District Committees will honor and recognize the Freedom Fighters or their spouses on Independence Day in their respective Districts.

(Action by All DCs & Department of the State Govt.)

vii) Four different committees i.e. Apex, Executive, State and District level will be constituted for convening it successfully. The Apex Committee will be constituted under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Himachal Pradesh. The State Steering Committee will be chaired by the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.

The Department of Language, Art & Culture will create a portal/link where all the notifications and proceedings of meetings regarding the celebration on India's 75 years of Indian Independence will be uploaded. The name of the portal shall be **"Azadi ka Amrut"**

Mahotsav." The Language, Art & Culture Department will prepare a pledge which will be administered to all the people of the State on 15th August, 2021 from villages/Panchayats to District Headquarters.

(Action by Language, Art & Culture Deptt.)

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the chair.

By Order

Additional Chief Secretary (LAC) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Shimla-2

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1. All Concerned for information and necessary action/compliance.
2. All the Deputy Commissioners with the request to constitute the District level Committee in their respective Districts by including/adding Deputy Directors of YSS, Education, IPR and DLOs (District Language Officers) etc. therein. The Committee will implement the decisions of this proceedings and progress the work on ground level. The District Committees will meet once in two months and will take necessary steps for the successfully convening of **Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav**. All District Committees will submit its report through Director, LAC which will be reviewed by Steering Committee in their meeting.


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