

Younger generation of the state can take inspiration

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The Haryana Government has started extensive preparations for 'Azadi Ka Amrut-Mahotsav', which will be celebrated on August 15, 2022, on the completion of 75 years of India's independence. Haryana Chief Secretary, Sh. Vijai Vardhan, who presided over a meeting regarding celebrations of India's 75 years of Independence -Azadi Ka Amrut-Mahotsav directed various departments to organize programmes, depicting the journey of the nation from independence to the present time, for this festival which will last about 17 months. He directed to constitute a committee of officers for this marathon festival so that the preparations could be reviewed from time to time.

The Chief Secretary said that Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi, had flagged off Dandi-March from Sabarmati in Gujarat on March 12, inaugurating the 'Amrut-Mahotsav'. Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal launched the festivities in Haryana on the same day by inaugurating an exhibition.

Sh. Vijai Vardhan directed the officers that all the programmes organized till August 15, 2022 by various departments should be linked with 'Amrut-Mahotsav' so that people will be proud of their country's independence and progress. He directed the Haryana Information, Public Relations and Language Department to try to trace those men who have sacrificed their lives and contributed to the freedom of India, but have not yet been chronicled. The Chief Secretary also directed to have a documentary on the life-journey of the brave soldiers of the army and paramilitary forces who have played a role in the security of the national border or in maintaining peace in the country and display the information during various ceremonies or programmes. He also directed to publish a souvenir so that the younger generation of the state can take inspiration from the valor and sacrifice of these men. He said that if there is a need to search for persons or other facts related to the freedom movement in Haryana, then the help of History scholars can also be taken. He said that a list of eminent people of Haryana in various fields should be prepared and a documentary based on their life-struggle should be made so that the future generation can

take inspiration from them.

The Chief Secretary directed the officers to ensure maximum participation of public in 'Amrut-Mahotsav'. He directed the Higher Education Department to prepare the activities for connecting the youth from schools, colleges, universities and technical institutions with activities related to this festival, and said that essay competition, street plays on topics of freedom and said that cultural programmes like essay competition, street plays, song competition etc. should be organized on topics of freedom and patriotism.. He suggested that while programmes like 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat', 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and other special campaigns should be organized focusing on the theme of 'Amrut-Mahotsav', while a capsule-class of 'Amrit-Mahotsav' should also be introduced in the training course of HIPA as well.

Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Sh. V Umashankar, Additional Chief Secretary, Cooperation Department, Sh. Sanjeev Kaushal, Additional Chief Secretary, Development and Panchayats Department, Sh. Amit Jha, Additional Chief Secretary, Urban Local Bodies Department, Sh. SN Roy, Additional Chief Secretary, School Education Department, Sh. Mahavir Singh, Additional Principal Secretary to Chief Minister and Director General, Information, Public Relations and Languages Department, Dr. Amit Agrawal, Principal Secretary, Haryana Archives, Archeology and Museums Department, Sh. Ashok Khemka, and Information, Public Relations and Languages Department, Additional Director, Smt. Varsha Khangwal were among other senior officers of various departments were present during the meeting.

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