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## No.P-11017/28/2020-PPC Government of India Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

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Subject: Celebration of India's 75 years of Independence - India@75

This is to inform that the celebration of 75 years of India's Independence – "Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav" would commence 75 weeks prior to the Independence Day 2022 and will extend upto Independence Day 2023. The launch of the celebration will be a 25 day event starting on 12.3.2021 (anniversary of the launch of Dandi March) and conclude on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (conclusion of Dandi March).

- 2. The Hon'ble Prime Minister will launch the opening ceremony on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March from Gujarat. For the inauguration, several events have been planned, including the following:-
  - (i) 75 places of historical significance (2 or 3 per State/UT) to be decided by the States for celebration of the event (*Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs*)
  - (ii) In these 75 places of historical significance, participation by Youth Clubs, NYK, NSS/NSO/NCC volunteers (Department of Youth Affairs)
  - (iii) Organization of Cycle Rallies at different places (Department of Youth Affairs)
  - (iv) 1 hour Conference/Seminar/Symposium by Schools, Colleges and Universities on India's freedom struggle on 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 (Department of School Education & Literacy and UGC).
  - (v) Launch of Essay Competition at School/Tehsil/District/State/ National levels (Department of School Education & Literacy)
  - (vi) Launch of Essay Competition for Universities & Colleges (UGC/AICTE)
  - (vii) Exhibitions to be organised by the State Governments in coordination with BOC-
    - (a) Exhibitions on Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Patel & Netaji to be organised by BOC at various locations (Ministry of I&B) and

- (b) Exhibitions on freedom fighters and unsung heroes to be organised by the State Governments (Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs)
- For effective dissemination and communication of all the events and for coordination with the State Governments, the following Action Plan has been decided upon involving various Media Units:-

## (i) Press Information Bureau:

a) PIB would coordinate with State DIPR for publicity/events

b) Press releases including in local languages of the 12<sup>th</sup> March event and

of subsequent dates

c) Tweeting and retweeting the various events which are organised at the national level and the regional levels including Social Media posts/tweets of Hon'ble PM, Union Ministers, Hon'ble Governors, Chief Ministers, other Ministers and dignitaries

d) Facilitating the publication of Articles in local language by State

dignitaries or eminent historians/academics/defence personnel

## Doordarshan and AIR

- a) Live coverage of the events by DD and AIR including bites/clips in news bulletins, special programmes and primetime discussion on India@75, including a national capsule of all India events in the evening of 12th March, 2021.
- b) DD/AIR to also cover the various events organised by the State Governments on the occasion.

## Social Media

- a) Social Media campaign by the New Media Wing, PIB, DD News and AIR NSD including live streaming of the events, short clips/bites of the guests at the launch, dedicated Hashtags and Infographics and Tweets by influencers
- It is requested that necessary action on the above is taken on priority.

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To

- All Chief Secretaries/Secretary (HE), MHRD/Secretary (Youth Affairs)/ Secretary (School Education & Literacy, MHRD)/Chairman, UGC/Chairman, AICTE
- 2. PDG (PIB);PDG (AIR NSD);PDG (BOC);DG (DD News);ADG (NMW)