

Best Practices for the Session 2022-23

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Title: Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav

The Context: 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 our honourable Prime Minister's vision 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 ended on 15th August 2023. In lieu with this initiative of the Govt. of India, the college spiritedly carried out and organized activities and programmes according to the themes of the Mahotsav and coordinated with the district authorities for the same.

Objective: The main objective of the AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV has been to accelerate the people of India for the 'Panch Pran': Freedom struggle, Ideas@75, Resolve@75, Actions@75, Achievements@75 as announced by our Honourable Prime Minister. Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav aimed to further boost this peoples' movement through collaborative campaigns and outreach across India and the world. Campaigns have been launched on the lines of nine critical themes: Women and Children, Tribal Empowerment, Water, Cultural Pride, Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE), Health and Wellness, Inclusive Development, Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Unity.

The Practice: The launch of the programme on 12th March 2021 to start a 75-week countdown to our 75th anniversary of independence is among the best initiatives to spur the flame of national fervour among the people of India. The programme was launched by the honourable Prime Minister and it was carried on with immense enthusiasm and vigour at the state level and district levels also. The local history of each district of India and how it is integrated with the overall history of the freedom struggle in India was celebrated and documented. The college organized various activities throughout the session to achieve the goals of the AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV initiative, such as Kargil Diwas on 26th July, conduction of multiple activities organized under World Breastfeeding programme from August 1 to 7, 2022, Vibhajan Vibhishika Diwas (Partition Day), National Integration Day was observed on the Jayanti of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel. On the occasion Human Rights Day (Dec. 10th 2022) the students were enlightened about the rights of human beings, and many more. These programmes were conducted successfully with the coordination of faculties and students involving NSS units and Rangers.

Outcome: The 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' is a special effort by the Indian government to celebrate 75 years of India's independence and its rich cultural and historical journey in the past. It's dedicated to those who have played a significant role in India's progress and are working towards a stronger 'India 2.0' through 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' (self-reliant India). The Mahotsav aims to celebrate India's journey towards becoming a developed nation by 2047. The path to freedom was marked by sacrifices and determination. Leaders like Gandhiji, Nehru, Patel, Bose, and Bhagat Singh inspired millions with several movements, leading to independence in 1947. The activities conducted during the session signify that It's not just a celebration; it's a time for reflection and gratitude. We honour freedom fighters' sacrifices and their vision for a prosperous India, fostering pride and patriotism. The Celebrations inspire youth to carry forward ideals of freedom, democracy, and equality, nurturing responsible citizenship. While remembering the past, Mahotsav also highlighted India's advancement in the sphere of science, technology, space, economy, projecting the country as a global power.

Problems: As the main objective of the Programme was to keep pace with the Panch Pran programme of the Honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ji, activities were carried on to spread awareness among women and children, water and environment conservation, health and wellness, nourishing skills for self-dependence and inculcation cultural values among the youth of India. During the campaigns and awareness drives quite often the students had to face difficult situations. Sometimes the target groups showed apathy for the awareness programmes. However, the young energetic students served as a connecting link to motivate them. The cultural values were inculcated through music and arts. Songs, Painting and speech competitions, Nukkad Nataks etc. served as effective media for conveying the messages and outreach people at large.

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Title: Providing a platform to the students for community service and nurturing their commitment for the society.

Objective: One of the major goals of the institution is to nurture value driven, socially responsive, committed and ethical citizens of the world, and to fulfil this aim. Our objective is to create a platform where the students can work towards improving the quality of life of people in need while also empowering them to sustain these improvements. Since this requires an involvement of the stakeholders, we also aim to create an awareness among people on various social issues.

The Context: Our society is plagued with various issues like malnutrition in children, hygiene related issues, health related negligence, food safety, air and water pollution, sanitation, literacy, and unemployment. The people living in the urban slum communities are facing these challenges and many more. With the help of NSS units and Rangers units of students we are striving towards generating awareness in the people about the various social issues and their potential solutions through street theatre, sensitisation sessions, rally and other engaging activities. Our honourable Prime Minister, on 2nd October 2014, beckoned each individual to devote time to Swachhata through the year. Our NSS and Rangers team are working with students to fulfil the Swachchhata Mission.

The Practice: To fulfil the objectives mentioned above NSS and Rangers volunteers under the guidance of faculty members and institutional head organized various awareness programmes and activities for example, Girls Safety Awareness Program, Fit India Cyclothon Program to aware to the student and people for health Fitness through Cycling, AIDS awareness rally in Slum Area, Pulse Polio Awareness Program through Rally and workshop, Blood donation awareness Program “Donate Blood and Save Life” and Poster Competition, “Namaami Ganga Program” through water conservations awareness program, poster, Speech and Rangoli Competition, “Swachhata Pakhwara” through Sanitation and cleanliness Program in and besides the adopted Slum village, poster and slogan writing, plantation programme to encourage protection of environment, and so on. These practices were conducted in such a way as we could prepare the local inhabitants for continuing the cleanliness habits and other healthy concerns. Under the theme of “Om Namami Gnage” awareness activities have been carried out with the help of our students and NSS programme officers to preserve and protect our rivers from pollution.

Outcome: Our society benefitted with the Swachh Bharat mission and other awareness programmes in two distinct ways; on one hand this practice enhanced the sanitation management skills and vigilance about health and other sustainable behaviours of the

volunteers on the other hand it improved the sanitary conditions of the adopted area. The volunteers also developed a vision for hygiene and sanitation maintenance in the community. They discussed about ways and methods to manage waste of various kinds, how to be proactive about health, and how to save environment from hazards. Above all, this practice prepared our youth for future challenges and motivated them to find out all possible solutions to the challenging situations. The volunteers were encouraged by the NSS authorities.

Problems: No work of social changes can be accomplished without facing some obstacles. It was difficult to win the confidence of the local inhabitants who, initially, seemed to be biased regarding the activities conducted by the volunteers. Most of them had the opinion that this drive must be for some personal benefit. However, the volunteers, under the guidance and support of their Programme Officers, managed to overcome the obstacles, step by step.

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