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Respected Sir/ Madam,

Kindly find the attachment on the subject mentioned above

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\*Regards, \*  
\*AKAM DIVISION,\*  
\*IGNCA, JANPATH \*  
\*Ministry of Culture.\*

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D.O. No. 42-22/261/2023-AKAM

August 2, 2023

Dear Shri Chandrashekhar,

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) is being celebrated as a nationwide and people led initiative to commemorate 75 years of India's independence and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements.

2. 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' started on 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 with a march from Sabarmati to Dandi. In this over two years of journey, AKAM programmes have witnessed massive Jan bhagidhari. Till the end of June, 2023, more than 1.9 lakh events were undertaken, out of which State and Union Territories have done 1.6 lakh recorded events. As on date, 9 AKAM related programmes are done every hour. This is the largest celebratory effort in the post-Independence history of India dedicated to 75 years of freedom. This would not have been possible without the active support of the State/UT Governments.

3. "Meri Maati Mera Desh" campaign is envisaged as a culminating event of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. It involves paying tribute to the 'Veers', who have made the supreme sacrifice for the country, by conducting ceremonies at Panchayat/Village, Block, Urban Local body, State and National level.

4. The details of the programmes under the campaign "Meri Maati Mera Desh" to be organized in the Rural and Urban Areas are as under:

A. **Programs in Rural Areas:** There are three key stages to the programme in the rural areas- Panchayat/Village level programme, Block level Programme and the Finale at the National Capital.

i. **Panchayat level programs:** - These programmes are to be organized between 9<sup>th</sup> August and 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. There are five elements of the Panchayat level programmes as detailed below:

a. **Dedication of Shilaphalakam (memorial):** A fundamental aspect of the program is to express heartfelt gratitude to all the bravehearts (Veer) who have made the supreme sacrifice. On the Shilaphalakam, names of the Veers are to be inscribed. For this purpose, the Veers include freedom fighters, defence personnel, personnel of Central Armed Police Forces and State Police who laid down their lives in the line of duty. Shilaphalakam may preferably be erected near Amrit Sarovars or in the absence of Amrit Sarovar, some other appropriate water body. In case, no such water body is available, the Shilaphalakam may be constructed in the Panchayat building or local school or at some other prominent location. (The design of the Shilaphalakam is enclosed in the **Annexure I**). Events may be held at panchayat/Village from 9<sup>th</sup> August to 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 near Shilaphalakam.



- b. **Panch Pran Pledge:** At the memorial site, people will take a solemn pledge covering Panch Pran of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, affirming their commitment to the country.  
**(Panch Pran Pledge enclosed at Annexure II)**  
During the ceremony, people would either individually or collectively take a selfie while taking the pledge with soil in the hand and upload on the dedicated website. This would be a key public activation activity to ensure high jan bhagidari.
- c. **Vasudha Vandhan:** Each Gram Panchayat/village will renew and replenish Mother Earth by planting 75 saplings of indigenous species and developing an Amrit Vatika.
- d. **Veeron Ka Vandan:** Panchayats may hold felicitation ceremonies for honoring the freedom fighters and the families of the deceased freedom fighters. They may also honour retired personnel from Defence, CAPF and State Police and the families of the brave hearts of these forces who have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty. Felicitation may be as per local traditions and customs.
- e. Hoisting of the National Flag and singing of Rashtagaan may be undertaken at each of the programme sites.

ii. **Block Level Programs:** Youth volunteers and other people would collect Mitti from each Panchayat/Village and bring them to the block level. From each Block, Mitti-Kalash having the soil from all the Panchayat/Village, would be carried to the National Capital. For better youth participation at Gram Panchayat/Village and Block level, the District Youth Officer of NYKS, Department of Youth Affairs may be associated with the campaign.

iii. **Finale Event at New Delhi:** From 27<sup>th</sup> August to 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, the collected Mitti-Kalash will be transported to Kartavya Path, New Delhi. The Mitti from all parts of the country would be utilized to develop a unique garden, called Amrit Vatika, with plantation of the indigenous species. An AKAM Memorial dedicated to all the heroes who have contributed for the freedom, unity and integrity of the country would be erected.

**B. Programs in Urban Areas:** There are three key stages to the programme in the Urban areas. The first level of programmes will be held in the small Urban Local bodies, Notified Area Councils (NACs), Cantonment Boards, Town Panchayats. Second level programmes will be at bigger Municipalities and Municipal Corporations and the third level, i.e. the finale will be at the National Capital.

- i. **Programmes in Small Urban bodies/NAC/Cantonment Boards/Town Panchayats:** These programmes are to be between 9<sup>th</sup> August and 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023. In these areas, all the five elements detailed for the rural areas in para 4 (A)(i) may be conducted.
- ii. **Programmes at the larger Municipalities/Corporations:** These programmes are to be organized between 16<sup>th</sup> August and 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. The Mitti-Kalash are to be brought ceremoniously to larger Municipalities/Corporations.

- iii. **Finale Event at New Delhi:** From 27<sup>th</sup> August to 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, the collected Mitti-Kalash from the Municipalities will be transported to Kartavya Path, New Delhi.

**C. Program at the State Capital:** State Governments may like to organize State level ceremonial programmes dedicated to Meri Maati MeraDesh Campaign. These programmes may be held between 16<sup>th</sup> August and 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.

**Important Dates for the Meri Maati MeraDesh Campaign**

Dates	Details
9 <sup>th</sup> August, 2023-15 <sup>th</sup> August, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Main launch event of the Campaign on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2023</li><li>• Programmes in Panchayats/Villages, Small Urban Local bodies</li><li>• Uploading of Selfies</li></ul>
16 <sup>th</sup> August, 2023-20 <sup>th</sup> August, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Programmes in Blocks, bigger Municipalities/Corporations</li></ul>
16 <sup>th</sup> August, 2023-25 <sup>th</sup> August, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• State Level ceremonial programmes</li></ul>
<b>Towards the Grand Finale Proposed at Kartavya Path – 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2023</b>	
27 <sup>th</sup> August, 2023-28 <sup>th</sup> August, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arrival of Youth delegates in Delhi and Preparation for the Finale</li></ul>
29 <sup>th</sup> August, 2023 or 30 <sup>th</sup> August, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Finale programme with VVIP presence at Kartavya Path</li></ul>

5. To encourage active participation, a dedicated website is being created ([https://yuva.gov.in/meri\\_maati\\_mera\\_desh](https://yuva.gov.in/meri_maati_mera_desh)), where both general public and Gram Panchayat/Village/Urban Local Bodies representatives can get the programme details, the communication material, take pledge and post selfies and thus amplify the digital traction of the programme. Further, the design of Shilaphalakam would be downloadable from the website.

6. "Meri Maati Mera Desh" envisions a unified celebration of India's soil and valor, commemorating the nation's journey of freedom and progress. By connecting with the land and honoring our heroes, this program will instill a sense of national pride and inspire future generations to protect India's cherished heritage. Through collective efforts and participation, "Meri Maati Mera Desh" will leave an indelible mark on India's history. It is therefore, requested to encourage all employees under your administrative jurisdiction to participate in the program, take Panch Pran Oath and upload selfie with Mitti on [www.merimaatimersdesh.gov.in](http://www.merimaatimersdesh.gov.in). Adequate outreach of this campaign on various social media platforms should be encouraged.

*With regards,*

Yours sincerely,



(Govind Mohan)

Dr. Srivari Chandrashekhar  
Secretary  
Department of Science and Technology  
Ministry of Science and Technology  
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## Annexure- II

मैंने शपथ ली कि

भारत को विकसित देश बनाएँगे

गुलामी की मानसिकता को जड़ से निकाल फेंकेंगे

देश की समृद्ध विरासत पर गर्व करेंगे

एकता और एकजुटता के लिए कर्तव्यबद्ध रहेंगे

नागरिक के कर्तव्य निभायेंगे

देश की रक्षा करने वालों का सम्मान करेंगे

भारत को 2047 में विकसित देश बनाने का सपना साकार करेंगे

I pledge to

Make India a developed nation.

Root out all traces of a slave mindset.

Be proud of India's rich culture and tradition.

Work for the unity and integrity of India.

Fulfill the duties of citizens.

Honor those who defend the nation.

Work to fulfil the dream of a developed India in 2047.


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# ANNEXURE I

SILAPHALAKAM DESIGN - ENGLISH - For places **with** names of Veer

	<p><b>"To Live Each And Everyday. Every Moment Of Time, Every Breath Of Life Dedicated To The Motherland Will Be Our True Tribute To The Freedom Fighters."</b></p> <p><b>Narendra Modi</b> <small>Prime Minister</small></p>	<p><b>NAMES OF THE VEER</b></p> <p>XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX</p>
<p><b>Panchayat, State</b> <b>DD/MM/YYYY</b></p>		
<p><b>Salutations To The Heroes Who Sacrificed Their Lives To Protect The Freedom And Pride Of The Motherland.</b></p>		

SILAPHALAKAM DESIGN - ENGLISH - For places **without** names of Veer

	<p><b>"To Live Each And Everyday. Every Moment Of Time, Every Breath Of Life Dedicated To The Motherland Will Be Our True Tribute To The Freedom Fighters."</b></p> <p><b>Narendra Modi</b> <small>Prime Minister</small></p>	<p><b>SALUTATIONS TO THE HEROES WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES TO PROTECT THE FREEDOM AND PRIDE OF THE MOTHERLAND.</b></p>
<p><b>Panchayat, State</b></p>		
<p><b>DD/MM/YYYY</b></p>		

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<p>पंचायत, तालुका DD/MM/YYYY</p>		
<p>मातृभूमि की स्वतंत्रता और उसके गौरव की रक्षा के लिये बलिदान हुए वीरों को शत शत नमन।</p>		

SILAPHALAKAM DESIGN - HINDI - For places **without** names of Veer

 <p>आज़ादी का अमृत महोत्सव</p>	<p>“एक-एक दिन, समय का प्रत्येक क्षण, जीवन का प्रत्येक कण, मातृभूमि के लिए जीना और तभी आजादी के दीवानों को हमारी सच्ची श्रद्धांजलि होगी।”</p> <p><b>नरेंद्र मोदी</b> प्रधानमंत्री</p>	<p>मातृभूमि की स्वतंत्रता और उसके गौरव की रक्षा के लिये बलिदान हुए वीरों को शत शत नमन।</p>
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