

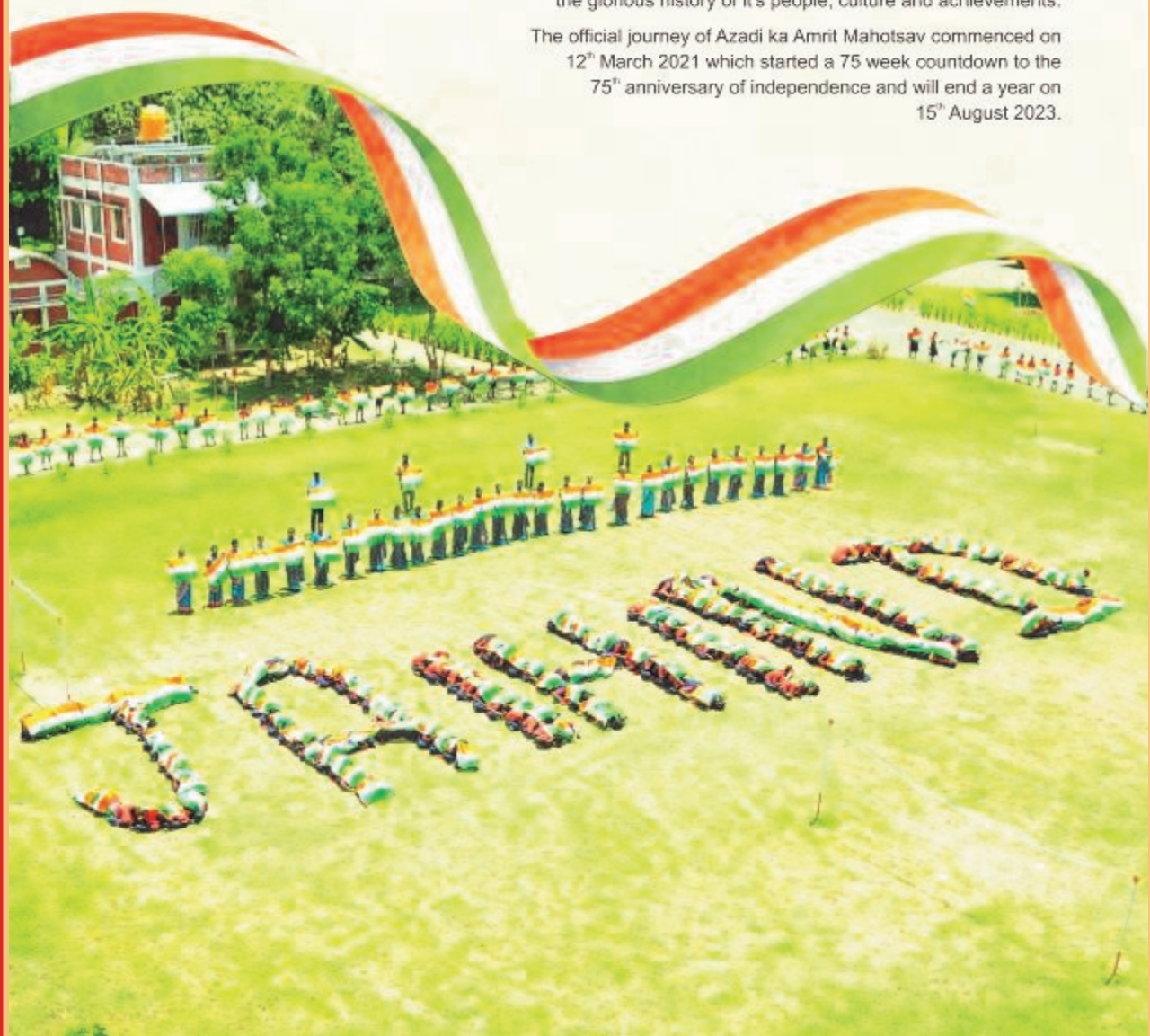
75 Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav



Introduction

An initiative of the Government of India, Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrates and commemorates 75 year of Indian Independence and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements.

The official journey of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav commenced on 12th March 2021 which started a 75 week countdown to the 75th anniversary of independence and will end a year on 15th August 2023.





Partners in Rural Education and Integrated Community Development

AIM FOR SEVA

A pan India registered charitable trust, AIM for Seva's motto is educating rural India. The NGO was founded by Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati, one of the foremost scholars in Vedanta in contemporary times. His benevolence and empathy extended to all civilisations and cultural forms.

Over the course of the last twenty years, our work spanning education (Chatralayams and schools), community development projects, healthcare facilities, support for residents with developmental disabilities and sustainable living has impacted over 20 million lives.

A brief report of the 75th Independence Day celebrations conducted at Manjakkudi and across AIM for Seva's project locations is enclosed.

SWAMI DAYANANDA EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Manjakkudi is a tiny hamlet with a population of over 2,500 people. Located on the banks of Chozha Choodamani, a tributary of river Kaveri, Manjakkudi village in Tiruvarur district, Tamil Nadu is the birth place of our Founder, Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati.

Over the last two decades, the Swami Dayananda Educational Trust (SDET) has initiated and currently manages an integrated community development programme in the region.

The Trust is overseeing 14 projects in the spheres of education, traditional knowledge systems, healthcare facilities, sustainable living projects and community service initiatives.

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PRE INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS AT MANJAKKUDI 13TH AND 14TH AUGUST 2022

The 75th Independence Day celebrations at Manjakkudi commenced with distribution of flags by senior trust and staff members of the Swami Dayananda Educational Trust (SDET).

A huge helium filled balloon that was embossed with the tricolor was released by Swami Brahmayogananda Saraswati ji, Guest of Honour and a senior disciple of Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati.

Senior staff members of the educational institutions managed by SDET and other important dignitaries participated in this function.



தயானந்தா கல்லூரியில் நடந்த விழாக்களில் தயானந்தா கல்லூரி தலைவர் வலிதாவிடம் தேசிய கொடிபகிர்வு. அதில் முக்கிய நேதா, விபிசா எஜகோபால் மற்றும் பலர்

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து. வசகம்: பழக்கமுடி தயானந்தா கல்லூரியில் கிராம மக்களுக்கு தேசியக் கொடி வழங்கும் திட்டத்தில் நடந்த, சிறப்பிக்கு கல்லூரி தயானந்தா கல்லூரி தலைவர் வலிதாவிடம் தேசியக் கொடி பகிர்வு. அதில் முக்கிய நேதா, விபிசா எஜகோபால் மற்றும் பலர்



12 SANKALPAS FOR VISHWA GURU BHARAT

Senior disciples of Swami Brahmayogananda Saraswati ji presented an interesting PPT (power point presentation) on how India could emerge truly as Vishwa Guru (teacher to the world) by the end of the next century on 14th August 2022 at Jnana Pravaha.

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15TH AUGUST 2022

15th August 2022 was a **twice celebrated** day at Manjakkudi. It marked the 75th Independence Day festivities and also the birth date of our Founder, Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati. It is on this day in 1930 that G. Natarajan was born in Manjakkudi to Smt. Valambal and Sri. Gopal Iyer.

The students and staff of Swami Dayananda Matric Higher Secondary School, Swami Dayananda College of Arts & Science, T.T.N. Swami Dayananda Higher Secondary School at Manjakkudi, Tamil Nadu and Semmangudi Higher Secondary School, Sembangudi, Tamil Nadu, got together to commemorate this historic event.



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The NCC cadets welcomed the dignitaries with the Guard of Honour. The Chief Guest, Swami Brahmayogananda Saraswati ji hoisted the national flag.

Sri. M.G. Srinivasan, correspondent and Trustee, Swami Dayananda Educational Trust (SDET) delivered the welcome address. He recollected how he was born in British India and the contribution of lesser known freedom fighters to the independence struggle. In her presidential address, the Chairperson and Managing Trustee of Swami Dayananda Educational Trust (SDET), Ms. Sheela Balaji extolled the students to work hard to build a powerful *Bharat*. "Think bigger. Starting with me, my family, then go on to my community, my village and finally, my country. Only then India will be a *Vishwa Guru*," she said.



The highlight of the day was the march past by the NCC cadets and release of hundreds of tricolor balloons in the air. The hopes and aspirations of hundreds of students were tied to these balloons that reached out to the skies.



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Cultural Performances by the Students



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75TH INDEPENDENCE DAY
CELEBRATIONS BY
THE AIM FOR SEVA FAMILY



**Swami Dayananda Rotary Matric Higher
Secondary School, Kadalur, Tamil Nadu,**

Rallies

The staff and students celebrated Independence Day in a grand manner by taking out a bike and car rally with the tricolor fluttering high in the air.

Participation by Local Villagers

The Independence Day celebrations wasn't restricted to just the school premises. Many students and the parents hoisted the flags in their homes, fields and even outside grocery shops. One girl student hoisted the flag atop her home and did a smart gun salute along with her policeman father.



Competitions

The school staff had also organised a series of competitions and awarded prizes on this memorable occasion.



Swami Dayananda Saraswati Vidyalyaya, Khargone, Madhya Pradesh

A procession was taken out by the students. Independence Day was celebrated at the school campus.



**Inder & Prabha Sharma Girls School
Khatagaon, Madhya Pradesh**

A road rally was taken out by the students.



Independence Day Celebrations Across Chatralayams

The air was filled with slogans like *Jai Hind*, *Bharat Mata Ki Jai*, *Vande Mataram* and *Jhanda Uuncha Rahe Hamara*.



On this momentous occasion, AIM for Seva and SDET pay homage to the country's patriots.
We renew our pledge to continue our efforts in the nation building process.



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