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Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions
Department of Personnel & Training

North Block New Delhi
Dated the 4th August, 2017

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Commemoration of 75th anniversary of the Quit India Movement- regarding.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the subject cited above and to say that there are moments in the journey of nations that fundamentally alter the course of history. One such moment was the Quit India Movement, also known as 'August Kranti' Andolan that began on 9th August 1942.

2. The 'Quit India Movement' was an important milestone in the Indian freedom struggle. Under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi, people across India, in every village, city transcending all barriers came together with a common mission- to uproot imperialism. Five years after the Quit India movement, India attained freedom on 15th August 1947. As the nation will be observing 75th Anniversary of the Quit India Movement this year, five years from now i.e. in August 2022 we will complete 75 years as an independent nation.

3. This five-year period, from 2017 to 2022 gives us a unique opportunity of 'Sankalp' to 'Siddhi' towards a 'New India.' Hence, 15th August 2017 be celebrated as the 'Sankalp Parva' or the Day of Resolve, and in 2022 our nation will certainly transform that resolve into 'Siddhi' or Attainment. This five-year period can ignite the transformation that will create an India, which our freedom fighters will be proud of. As such, let us work together, in the same spirit as lakhs of Indians did during the five-year period from 1942 to 1947. May this month herald the birth of a new mass movement- 'Sankalp se Siddhi – Attainment through Resolve', from the 9th of this August.

4. The following are a set of activities which could be complemented at individual / organisational / local levels :

(A) Pledge:

It all begins with a pledge- a pledge to create a New India that is strong prosperous and inclusive; an India that will make our freedom fighters proud.

This is the best time to make every Indian a Builder of a New India. During his 'Mann Ki Baat' programme the Hon'ble Prime Minister said, "In this month of August, the month of the Quit India movement, let us come together and resolve: Dirt – Quit India; Poverty – Quit India; Corruption – Quit India; Terrorism – Quit India; Casteism – Quit India; Communalism – Quit India!" In this spirit, let us go to www.newindia.in, make the Sankalp, take a pledge to become a Builder of New India. Let us also encourage others to do the same. The text of the Pledge will be shared by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

(B) Quit India Quiz:

Hon'ble Prime Minister's firm belief is that "Sankalp Se Siddhi" is not possible without inspiration from the past and India is a nation replete with such inspiration from the pages of our history. As such, this provides us a unique opportunity to know more about the Quit India movements, the people behind it and nuggets of history that would surely fascinate you.

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A 'Quit India Quiz' is being launched by the Ministry of Human Resources & Development. A Quiz will also be available on the 'Narendra Modi Mobile App' that will also familiarize India's youth about the 'Quit India Movement.' Thus, it would be wonderful to see India's youth taking part in the Quiz competitions in large numbers.

(C) 'New India Manthan' : Share your ideas for a New India

The best discussions lead to the strongest determination. 'New India Manthan' is the best way to come together, discuss together and set the foundation of working together for a 'New India.' 'New India Manthan' is simple- all one needs is a venue to bring together people from across all age groups, willing to engage in intellectually stimulating discussions on how India should be in 2022. These deliberations can be followed by concrete efforts to realize the endeavours identified. This is the best possible means to further a spirit of teamwork and togetherness.

(D) Causes: One would like to dedicate oneself to:

There is a lot to do for India! Today India needs the skills and strengths of every Indian. This is a space dedicated to issues that cater to the passions of 125 Crore Indians. Hence, share your idea for a 'New India', search for various events, participate in events and stay connected with various online activities. Go to www.newindia.in and find the right cause that inspires you in the 'Causes' section and associate yourself with it. One can even create causes that one is passionate about in the section titled "Causes Dear To You" and get others associated with it. As such, if someone who is passionate about a cause that is in and of national interest, he/she can be urged to visit the website www.newindia.in too. If 125 crore Indians commemorate August Kranti Day on 9th August, and resolve on 15th August to work towards achieving a New India, there is no force that can stop us! Let us work together and make the 'Sankalp to Siddhi' movement a success.

5. Accordingly, all Ministries/Departments of Govt. of India are requested to give wide circulation to this O.M. at their individual/organizational/local levels for carrying out the suggested activities in its letter and spirit.

6. Hindi version will follow.

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