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COMMEMORATING 75 YEARS OF INDIAN INDEPENDENCE

On the midnight of 15th August 1947, India marked an end to the 200-year-long struggle for Indian independence and put a permanent end to the British rule. The struggle was never easy. It took the blood and effort of millions of



Indians. The movement towards becoming a free and independent nation was spearheaded by leaders like B.G Tilak, C.S Azad, Bhagat Singh, G.K. Gokhale, Mahatma Gandhi and manyothers.

The movement and the independence, however, was a result of the efforts of the leaders, the snowballing effort of several unsung heroes and the common citizens of the country have played an important role in it. India's grapple never fails to instill a sense of pride in its citizens. The Indian independence day of 2022 is remarkable. To celebrate and commemorate 75 year of Indian independence, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi initiated a celebration -Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM). The celebration commenced on 12th March 2021, with a 75-week countdown to 15th August 2022 to mark 75 years of Indian independence. The five themes of AKAM were -

- Freedom struggle: It aims to acknowledge and honour the valor of thousands of freedom fighters and unsung heroes in helping India achieve Independence. Few events observed under the theme include Birsa Munda Jayanti (Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas), Declaration of Provisional Government of Free India by Netaji, and Shaheed Diwas.
- Ideas@75: The theme Ideas@75 brings into the limelight the activities and gatherings driven by various notions and philoso-

phies that helped shape India and that will continue to do so in the next 25 years. The period from India's 75th to 100th independence year called the AmritKaal. The theme encompases events like Kashi Utsav, a cultural and heritage festival to celebrate the legacy of Kashi, and Post Cards to the Prime Minister, where students from grades 4-12 pen their letters to the Hon'ble Prime Minister on themes like "The Unsung Heroes of Freedom Struggle" and "My Vision for India in 2047".

- Resolve@75: The theme is focused on achieving the goals and targets of the nation through good plans, collective efforts, and a vision for the motherland. Programs like Constitution Day and Good Governance Week fall under the theme.
- Actions@75: The theme centers around the efforts the Indian government is taking to help India rise on a global scale. It looks forward to the collective effort of all the people and organizations in the country to rise to its global competitors. It looks into different government policies and action plans to make the nation a better place for its citizens. Few initiatives under the theme include Gati Shakti - National Master Plan for Multi-Modal Connectivity and WEP Nxt: An Initiative to Nurture Women Entrepreneurship.
- Achievements@75: The theme Achievements@75 takes a look at the landmark achievements that the nation has witnessed up to the 75th year of independence. Swarnim Vijay Varsh and the opening of the ShreshthaYojana during MahaparinirvanDiwas are a few events recognized under the theme.

Another initiative that was part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was "Har Ghar Tiranga". The initiative encouraged all Indian citizens to unfurl the tricolor Indian flag in their homes or workplaces. The HarGharTirangacampaign began on 13th August 2022 and continued to 15th August 2022. More than 5 crore tricolor flags have been pinned on the Indian land showing the unity and pride of Indians in their nation. Aatmanirbhar Bharat was another initiative the Prime Minister put forth during AKAM. The notion of a self-reliant nation is what is being envisioned and is similar to the "Make In India" movement. It aims to encourage Indian nationals to stay in the nation and serve its finance and economy in many different ways possible. Through such initiatives, India seeks to achieve Independence 2.0, a path to meeting sustainable development goals and becoming the so-aspired "Nation of the future". The Prime Minister has indeed put forth a strong message for all Indians, taking inspiration from the long-drawn freedom struggle. It is one such moment in history that will never cease to inspire the youth to serve the nation.

From the Editors:

This issue of Veritas, the forensic science newsletter published bi-annually by the Department of Forensic Science at Kristu Jayanti College, Autonomous, Bangalore, is a special edition commemorating the 75 years of Indian independence. Kristu Jayanti College, Bangalore, had organized several events across all the different departments to cherish the historic day and foster patriotism in the present youth. The Department of Economics organized a celebration themed "Heroes of India's Freedom - Revisiting History" that included pledges, elocution, quiz, and polls, and the Department of English organized "The Song of Freedom" (singing competition) and "The Freedom Quiz" (quiz competition).

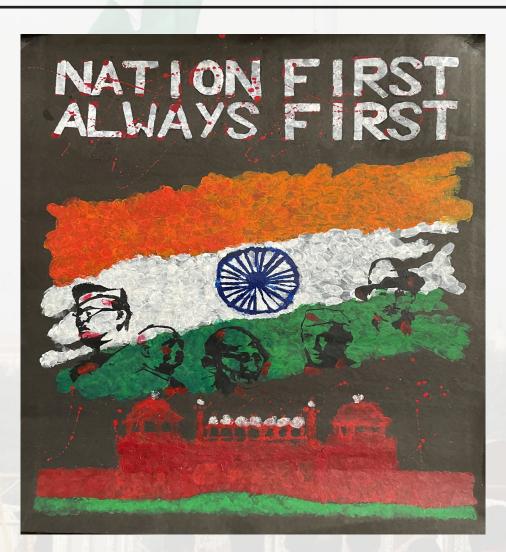
The Department of Forensic Science organized a poster-making competition for all the UG students. The participants were asked to create posters using only finger and palm prints (a unique element of Forensic Science) with the theme being Indian independence, freedom struggle, and patriotism. The highlights of the event have been published in the following section.

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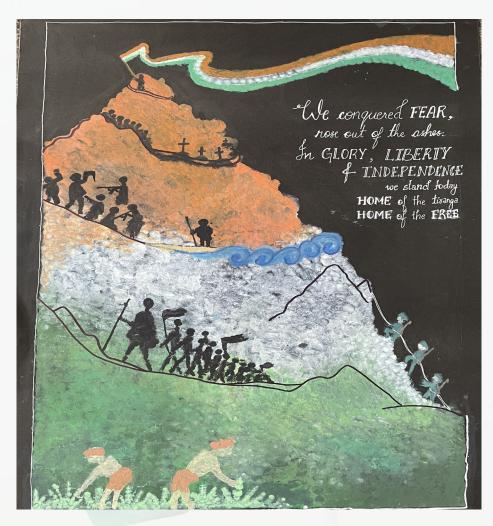
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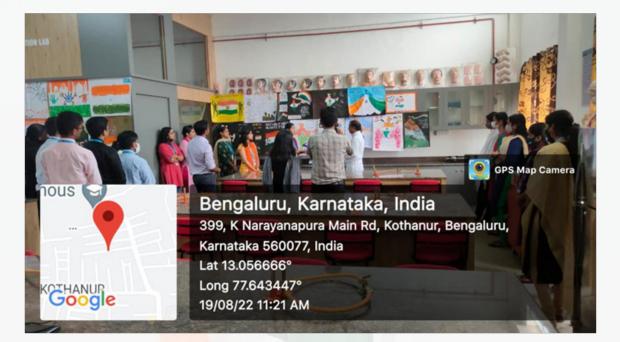
Brief Write-up on the Programme:

In tune with 'AzadikaAmritMahotsay' a Gol initiative, the Department of Forensic Science at Kristu Jayanti College, Autonomous organized a poster competition for the students belonging to the department. The call for posters was circulated on 12th August 2022. The rules of the contest were to create a poster on chart paper using fingerprints and palm prints, to have relevance to Forensic Science. The theme of the competition was the Indian Independence movement, freedom struggle and the progress India has made in the 75 years of independence.

Students from the department of Forensic Science participated in the event enthusiastically with fervor and submitted their creations. The posters were displayed in the Forensic Science Laboratory 2, third floor, main block on 19th August 2022. The Principal, Kristu Jayanti College, Rev. Dr. Augustine George graced the event with his presence. The dean, Faculty of Science, Dr. Calistus Jude A L and the faculty members of the department along with the participant students highlighted the meaning of the posters, the learning points from the activity and the impact it had on their sense of patriotism. Students and faculty members of Kristu Jayanti College visited the venue and witnessed the posters created by the students. The posters were judged and the best three posters were awarded.

Posters displayed in the venue





Principal Rev. Fr. Augustine George interacting with the participants

List of winners:

Position	Register number	Student name
First	21FRSB01	A Sherlin Gomez
Second	20LS3H1050	Swetha Ann Mathew
Third	22FRSB60	Varun Sai S