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*Dear Madam / Sir*

As the country commemorates 75 years of India's Independence in a befitting manner at national and international level in the form of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Ministry of Defence is celebrating its iconic week of events **from 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2021**. This week (13 – 19 December 2021) also encompasses the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our country's victory in the war of 1971. As part of iconic week celebrations, 'Swarnim Vijay Parv' is celebrated to commemorate the glorious victory of the Indian Armed Forces in the 1971 war. The events planned seek **Jan Bhagidari** to celebrate the valour of our Armed Forces in fighting for and upholding what is just and right.

2. In this context, I would request State/UT Departments of Panchayati Raj to call upon Panchayati Raj Institutions to consider undertaking the following activities with active involvement of rural masses to mark 'Swarnim Vijay Parv' in the spirit of **Jan Bhagidari** as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav: (i) Felicitations of living war heroes/ gallant heroes / freedom fighters in specially convened meetings, (ii) Felicitations of the Ex-Servicemen, families of Soldiers /Martyrs who have sacrificed their lives for the country, (iii) Setting up of Gram Panchayat libraries in the name of Martyrs/ freedom fighters/social reformers, (iv) Photo exhibition of the freedom fighters with themes like Quit India Movement, Civil Disobedience Movement etc., (v) Laying foundation stone of commemorative work in the honour of War Heroes/ freedom fighters, (vi) Lecture on the 1971 War, (vii) Visit to nearby War Memorials, (viii) Special Cleanliness Drive, (ix) Awareness to COVID-19, (x) Various Competitions in Panchayat-run Schools, (xi) Cleaning of Statues of War Heroes/ Freedom Fighters etc. Apart from the aforesaid suggested activities, State / UT Department of Panchayati Raj may also like to recommend different set of events and activities around the theme to be undertaken during 13 – 19 December 2021.

3. Together, let us pay our rich tributes to the courage, valour and sacrifices of our martyrs and salute our gallant soldiers to commemorate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

*With regards*

Yours Sincerely,

  
(Bijaya Kumar Behera)

**Addl. Principal Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary,**

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