

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.491**  
ANSWERED ON 07.12.2023

**EVENTS HELD AS PART OF AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV**

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Dr. Sikander kumar:  
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Will the Minister of **CULTURE** be pleased to state:

- (a) the detailed account of events held as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) ;
- (b) the details of funds used for these events; and
- (c) the specific actions taken by Government to honor freedom fighters?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT  
OF NORTH EASTERN REGION  
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a)&(b) Under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) about 2.00 lakh events/ programmes have been organised in last two years. The entire country has participated in these events. The main events/programmes organised under AKAM are as under:

1. An exhibition on Women Freedom Fighters was organised in Rampur Raza Library, Rampur on the occasion of birth anniversary of Rani Laxmi Bai from 19th to 29th November 2022 .
2. The Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressed the closing ceremony of the year- long celebrations of the 400th birth anniversary of Lachit Borphukan in New Delhi on 25th November 2022 were organised and release the book 'Lachit Borphukan - Assam's hero who halted the Mughals' on the same occasion.
3. The Ministry of Culture organized the 217th Pazhassi Veerathu Raja Day on November 30th, 2022 and celebrated the contributions of Pazhassi Raja in Valliyoorkavu Temple ground, Mananthadavu.
4. On the special occasion of 150th Birth Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo, Hon'ble Prime Minister released a commemorative stamp and coin in honour of Sri

Aurobindo's memory.

5. Shruti Amrut – Campaign under the theme “Cultural Pride” is a musical fiesta dedicated to honor the memories of unsung heroes. The performances by renowned singers is being organized across the nation from 1st October 2022 to 5th February 2023.

6. Har Ghar Tiranga - The Hon'ble Prime Minister announced the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign on 22nd July 2022, encouraging people to bring home the National Flag to mark the 75th year of independence. More than 20 crore households hoisted the flag from 13th to 15th August 2022 and in the year 2023, more than 10 crore people uploaded their selfies with Tiranga on [harghartiranga.com](http://harghartiranga.com).

7. Rani Durgavati Commemoration: Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi performed 'bhoomi poojan' of 'Veerangana Rani Durgavati Smarak aur Udyaan' in Jabalpur in line with the 500th birth centenary celebrations of Rani Durgavati.

8. SWASTI Zonal Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav was organized from 29th September – 2nd October 2023 at Central Park, Connaught Place. Hon'ble Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah graced the occasion on 2nd October with his presence.

9. The closing ceremony of AKAM was held under the grace presence of Hon'ble Prime Minister on 31st October, 2023 at Vijay Chowk, Kartvya Path. "Meri Maati Mera Desh" was a momentous nationwide initiative which centered on recognizing the deep connection individuals have with their homeland and the pride they feel in being a part of this diverse and culturally rich nation.

All Ministries/Departments, State Governments, UTs and their Attached/Subordinate/Autonomous Bodies, PSUs etc. incur the expenditure on the events organised by them from their respective budget heads and there is no separate budget for AKAM.

(c)A Digital District Repository has been compiled to discover and document stories of people,events, and places linked to the freedom struggle of India at the micro level of the district. As on date, about 14500 stories have been compiled and uploaded on the portal. These stories are broadly classified under the heading - People & Personalities, Events & Happenings, Hidden treasures -Built & Natural Heritage, and Living Traditions & Art Forms.

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