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Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

Activities under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' during July to September 2022

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National exhibition on Partition Horrors Remembrance Day, August 14, 2022

A report on the Exhibition titled **Story of India's Partition (1947)** and a follow up lecture organized by **ICHR on 14 August 1947** in commemoration of the **Partition Horrors Remembrance Day**:

The Indian Council of Historical Research organized an Exhibition on **Story of India's Partition (1947)** on 14 August 2022 at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, Janpath, New Delhi. Shri Sanjay Murthi (IAS), Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education and Prof. M Jagadesh Kumar, Chairman University Grants Commission inaugurated the Exhibition. Prof. Raghuvendra Tanwar, Chairman (ICHR) and Prof. Umesh Ashok Kadam, Member Secretary (ICHR) were also present and took the dignitaries around the exhibition panels highlighting the key points. A large number of scholars, students and visitors saw it inquisitively. The exhibition was on display for 2 days, i.e. 14 & 15 August 2022 which was well received by the visitors.

A follow up lecture was also organized at the same venue. The lecture also significantly attended by the academia and common people. The lecture programme commenced with welcome address of the Prof. Umesh Ashok Kadam, Member Secretary (ICHR). Prof. Kadam, in brief, underlined the sufferings and pains of the millions of Indians during partition. He then introduced the dignitaries to the audience and welcome all for the programme on behalf of ICHR family.

Next to him, Prof. Raghuvendra Tanwar, Chairman (ICHR) who has worked for decades on the theme spoke on it and shared his research with the audience and brought numerous hitherto unknown facts of the partition before the audience. He shared various data and figure about unprecedented displacement and loss of lives of the people. He also highlighted the sufferings of women and children during the period. He touched upon many other aspects like condition of refugee, epidemic and corruption in the camps and so on.

While sharing his views as Chief Guest of the lecture program Shri Sanjay Murthi (IAS) has emphasised that such aspects of our history should be highlighted through such exhibitions to make the common men familiar with our historical past. He also congratulated ICHR for organizing programmes like this and encouraged to keep such works on for sensitising the people of India especially the students.

The programme was concluded by the Guest of Honour, Prof. M Jagadesh Kumar, Chairman UGC who also chaired it. He also stressed upon remembering such horrors to acquaint the people of India about our history. He informed that the UGC is going to organize

a series of hundreds of lectures on it. He also sought ICHR collaboration with UGC in such academic programme. Prof. Kumar closed his remarks by congratulating ICHR for its efforts.

The Programme ended with National Anthem.