YAAD KARO KURBANI
(FREEDOM FORTNIGHT)
ACTION TAKEN REPORT (ATR)

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CHITKARA UNIVERSITY
HIMACHAL PRADESH
“Azadi 70- Yaad Karo Kurbani”

*Events organised by Chitkara University during August 9, 2016 to August 23, 2016*

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Mass recitation of the National Anthem
Azadi 70- Yaad Karo Kurbani
(August 9, 2016 to August 23, 2016)
A report submitted by Chitkara University, Himachal Pradesh

As India geared up to celebrate its 70th Independence Day on August 15, 2016, with patriotic fervour and renewed enthusiasm, the celebrations begin with a speech of the Hon’ble Vice Chancellor for fellow students and staff.

The University conducted various activities during August 9, 2016 to August 23, 2016 to pay a tribute and to remember our national leaders and freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives to gain independence for the country. The list of the activities organized by the University is as follows:

- **Greeting Cards for Jawans**
  A deep gratitude for Indian Army was expressed by the students, as they prepared the greeting cards for Independence Day and also sent them to the jawans at the nearest APO.

- **Painting Competition:**
  The University organized a painting competition; the theme of the competition was “Incredible India”. A number of students participated and presented their creativity and ideas.
• **Freedom Run:**
  “A run for freedom” was organized wherein the students' and staff participated to mark the 70th year of Independence.

![Freedom Run Image]

• **Declamation Contest:**
  A University level declamation contest was organized on the topic “History of Freedom Fighters”.
  The contest was not restricted to display of language skills but also about remembering the freedom struggle of India and how we make most of our freedom today.

![Declamation Contest Image]

• **A talk with Persons of Defence Forces**
  The University invited the ex servicemen and they shared their experiences with the students and staff. The University also honoured them with souvenir.

![A talk with Persons of Defence Forces Image]
• **Flag Hoisting Ceremony:**
  On August 15, 2016, the University organized a special function for Independence Day, the NCC Cadets also took a march past during followed by a Flag Hoisting ceremony. Thereafter the students also took part in tree plantation drive “Van Mahotsav” in the nearby areas of the University to extend the awareness about Environmental conservation.

• **Street Play:**
  The students presented a street play based on ‘Quit India Movement’
• **Essay writing**
An essay writing competition was organized on the topic “The glory of independence” It was a spectacular event wherein a number of students participated.

NSS Activities
The NSS wing of Chitkara University organized the following activities to mark the Institutional Social responsibility and to inculcate the feeling of oneness among the students and volunteers.

• **Shramdaan under Swachh Bharat Pakhwara**
The NSS Unit of Chitkara University organised a cleanliness drive at Government Senior Secondary School followed by open discussion to spread awareness on Swatch Bharat Pakhwara at Primary School of village Kalujhanda which is adopted by the University.
• **Pledge on cleanliness**
  The school students along with NSS volunteers of Chitkara University also took a pledge on self cleanliness and hygiene factors surrounding the nearby areas of the village.

• **Mass Tree plantation drive**
  A mass tree plantation drive to inculcate the idea of sustainable development among the students and environmental awareness was conducted by NSS volunteers along with the students.

• **Cloth Distribution**
  The NSS Unit organized a cloth distribution event for the needy people from nearby slum areas.
**Interactive Session with NSS Volunteers:**
The Director Regional, NSS Captain Subhash Chand was invited to give a talk to the aspiring students of NSS wing and increase their participation in social activities and human empowerment.

**Blood Donation Camp**
The NSS unit in collaboration with PGI, Chandigarh conducted a Blood donation camp on August 23, 2016.
**Seminar on the theme of Independence Struggle**
A special talk was conducted by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Brig (Dr) R S Grewal on “The concept of India & Some Challenges” on August 23, 2016 for the students and staff.

![Seminar on the theme of Independence Struggle](image)

**Closing Ceremony:**
To mark the closing ceremony of about a month long celebration of the “Azadi 70- Yaad Karo Kurbani” on a positive note a few lines as quoted by Sir Rabindranath Tagore were remembered

> Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high;  
> Where knowledge is free;  
> Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by domestic walls;  
> Where words come out from the depth of truth;  
> Where timeless striving stretches its arms towards perfection;  
> Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary desert sand of dead habit;  
> Where the mind is led forward by thee into ever-widening thought and action—  
> Into that heaven of freedom, my father, let my country awake.

Followed by mass recitation of the National Anthem by all students of the University at 11 AM on August 23, 2016.

![Closing Ceremony](image)