

Maharashtra launches **Quit India** Movement 2 against social evils

It is time to convert our 'Swaraj' into 'Suraj' says Venkaiah Naidu

Commemorating the Platinum Jubilee anniversary of the **Quit India** Movement the Government of Maharashtra today launched the **Quit India** Movement 2 against various social ills, in the presence of Union Minister Shri M Venkaiah Naidu. The launch took place at the historic August Kranti Maidan in Mumbai, from where Mahatma Gandhi had given the clarion call of Quid India in 1942.



Speaking on the occasion, Shri Naidu said “today after 68 years of Independence, there is a need for the people to respond with similar passion, zeal and commitment to “quit” several social and other evils plaguing the nation and take India to newer heights”. He said, poverty has to be completely eradicated from the country. “Providing education to all, creating employment, combining development with welfare measures are all part of the larger ‘Quit Poverty’ campaign and every Indian should supplement the efforts of the government in this regard. Antyodaya is the way forward” he asserted.

Shri Naidu further said, for the nation to achieve faster progress on all fronts, every section of the society irrespective of caste, creed, religion and region should be part of the growth story. He said, that precisely this is the philosophy behind Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s “Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas” slogan. The Minister said we need to say ‘**Quit India**’ to

illiteracy, discrimination, disunity and disharmony, terrorism and anti-nationalism to take the country from 'Swaraj' to 'Suraj'

The Union Minister, who holds both the Urban Development and Information & Broadcasting portfolios informed that Government of India is celebrating this year's Independence Day as 'Azadi 70 Saal – Zara Yaad Karo Qurbani' in a bid to rekindle patriotism among citizens of India, especially among the younger generation. "All the Central Ministers and also Chief Ministers of the States have been assigned with two places each for visiting birth places of national icons and places of historical importance related to India's independence movement such as Jallianwala Bagh, Chauri Chaura, Cellular Jail, Sabarmati Ashram, Dandi etc" he added.

Earlier, addressing the gathering, Maharashtra Chief Minister, Shri Devendra Fadnavis said Mumbai had played a significant role during the freedom struggle. "Today, the city is taking a lead in launching the second **Quit India** Movement. This time the fight is not against the British, but against the social evils plaguing the state like corruption, farmer suicides, malnutrition, water wastage and terrorism".

Earlier, Shri Venkaiah Naidu, Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Maharashtra Ministers Shri Sudhir Mungantiwar, Shri Vinod Tawde and others paid their respects at the August Kranti Diwas Memorial at Mumbai's August Kranti Maidan.

Maharashtra Department of Culture staged a captivating dance-drama, full of patriotic fervor recreating India's freedom struggle.

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