

# I-Day: Varsities told to take students to houses of martyrs, memorials

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The government has asked all universities and educational institutions to take students to memorials of freedom fighters and residences of martyrs in the run-up to the 70th Independence Day celebrations next week.

Students at various universities and educational institutions across the country will also take a pledge tomorrow at 9.30 am along with teachers and non-teaching staff to make the country a “terrorism-free, caste-free, corruption-free, uncleanness-free and poverty-free society”.

“Faculty should be requested to conduct guided tour of students to memorials of freedom fighters and places/houses of any martyr from military, paramilitary and police, to acquaint the students about contribution of the freedom fighters,” UGC Secretary JS Sandhu said in a communication to Vice-Chancellors of all universities.

“The Prime Minister’s endeavour to have a terrorism-free, caste-free, corruption-free, uncleanness-free and poverty-free society would only actualise with the help of the society and make his vision a reality. Accordingly, you are requested to kindly organise pledge-taking ceremony on August 9 at 9.30 am,” he added.

A quiz competition to sensitise students about the contribution of our



Workers paint the national emblem at the state secretariat in Mumbai. AFP

freedom fighters and the events as they unfolded during the freedom struggle besides talks by eminent educationists, debates and declamation contests are among the activities listed by UGC for commemoration of 75th year of ‘Quit India Movement’ and 70th year of India’s Independence. — PTI