Greetings from National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Indian Institute of Science Campus, Bengaluru. The AKAM Secretariat, under the Ministry of Culture, aims to commemorate India’s journey through the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. It aims to further boost this people’s movement through collaborative campaigns and outreach across India and the world. The following campaigns are on the lines of nine critical themes aligned with the ‘Panch Pran’ announced by the Hon’ble Prime Minister: Women and Children, Tribal Empowerment, Water, Cultural Pride, Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE), Health and Wellness, Inclusive Development, Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Unity. NIAS Bengaluru is collaborating with the AKAM secretariat, on the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav theme.

NIAS was conceived and established in 1988 by the vision and initiative of the late Shri JRD Tata, primarily to nurture a broad base of scholars, managers, and leaders to address complex and important challenges faced by Society through inter-disciplinary approaches. The institute engages in advanced multi-disciplinary research in the areas of humanities, social sciences, natural science, and engineering as well as conflict and security studies. NITI Aayog has recognized NIAS as an “Institute of Exceptional Repute”.

Towards the above-mentioned, we plan to host a website/blog site that shall publish op-eds (800 words) / blogs (1000 words) / essays (4000 words), under our project theme “India@75: Journey of a Young Nation”. We request your contribution through yourself and your associates/scholars/colleagues for any one of the following topics: Digital Nation (IT / Space (Geospatial & Remote Sensing / Telecom), the Food Basket of the World Smart Farm Brief note- Journey from independence to green Revolution to Smart Farms - Net Importer to an exporter, culinary arts, culinary cultural heritage. PSU’S, Nationalism & Private Sector, Our Motherland - Natural resources – Biodiversity, Dance of Democracy - Electoral system, ballots, EVM, equal franchisee, the transition of power, New age Ashrams, communes, NGO’s, health startups - holistic lifestyle, Fashioning the future - open platform, climate change, mitigation, Raksha & Suraksha – Peacekeepers of the nation (Defence and Paramilitary). [A remuneration of 1000/- INR may be given per writeup upon acceptance on a limited and first cum basis based on the decision and discretion after review by the editorial board].

I am aware of the great demands on your time but would request your contributions before 25th June 2023. My colleagues at NIAS Mr. Shailesh Gaur (PI) 9019386374 and Mr. Amit Mukherjee (Co-PI) 0080-22185161 / 8095961971 are coordinating the project and shall be available for any further communication at akam@nias.res.in.

We look forward to your acceptance and your contribution and replies for the same at amukherjee@nias.res.in

With Warm regards,
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