



Vice-President Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan Attends Parakram Diwas Celebrations in Kolkata

Honour Over Comfort, Freedom Over Fear Defined Netaji's Life: Vice-President

Vice-President Launches Book on Netaji, Pays Tribute to INA Legacy at Victoria Memorial

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The Vice-President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, today attended the Parakram Diwas celebrations at Victoria Memorial Hall, Kolkata, West Bengal, commemorating the 129th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

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Addressing the gathering, the Vice-President said that Parakram Diwas is not merely a tribute to Netaji, but a transmission of courage across generations. He recalled Netaji's conscious choice of sacrifice over comfort, including his refusal to accept a prestigious post in the Indian Civil Services and his decision to relinquish high office in pursuit of complete freedom for the nation. He noted that Netaji charted an alternative course in India's freedom movement by mobilising the Azad Hind Fauj and inspiring countless Indians to place honour above safety and freedom above fear .

The Vice-President also highlighted Netaji's deep connection with different regions of the country, including the South, and recalled the significant contribution of INA soldiers from several districts of Tamil Nadu. He said that Netaji's life and ideals continue to inspire the youth to rise above fear, take responsibility for the nation's future and work towards the goal of a Viksit Bharat, in line with the vision articulated by the Prime Minister of India .

During the event, the Vice-President also launched the book "Dad Remembers Netaji", authored by Shri C. V. Ananda Bose. He noted that personal recollections and writings such as these add a valuable human dimension to the understanding of Netaji's life and legacy, especially for younger generations .

The celebrations included cultural performances organised by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, reflecting Netaji's clarion call of "Jai Hind" and his enduring influence on India's national consciousness.

On the occasion, the Vice-President inaugurated a special exhibition featuring rare and significant memorabilia associated with Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The exhibits included Netaji's fountain pen, his educational certificate, and medals of the Indian National Army (INA), offering a vivid glimpse into the life, ideals and sacrifices of the legendary freedom fighter. The Vice-President described the memorabilia as silent witnesses to the courage, discipline and indomitable spirit that shaped India's freedom struggle, and noted that such artefacts carry not only historical value but also the pulse of an aspiring nation.

On Parakram Diwas, Vice-President Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan inaugurated a special exhibition at Victoria Memorial, Kolkata, showcasing rare memorabilia of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, including his pen, certificates and INA medals. The exhibition reflects Netaji's indomitable... pic.twitter.com/MRr4Lt3VJ

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The event was attended by the Governor of West Bengal, Dr. C. V. Ananda Bose; Director General, National Council of Science Museums, Shri Arijit Dutta Choudury; Secretary, Victoria Memorial Hall, Shri Anurag Kumar ; Director , Indian Museum, Kolkata , Shri Sayan Bhattacharya , along with the other dignitaries.

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