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MESSAGE

I am happy to know that the Amar Shaheed Hemu Kalani Yadgar Mandal, along with the Vivekanand Education Society and the Bharatiya Sindhu Sabha are celebrating the 100th Birth Anniversary of Amar Shaheed Hemu Kalani on 23rd March, 2023.

Hemu Kalani's Birth Centenary year coincides with the 75th year of India's Independence and I am reminded of the time when I paid homage to this great son of mother India by unveiling a bust of his in Bhilwada, Rajasthan during my Swarna Jayanti Rath Yatra which I undertook in 1997 to commemorate the golden jubilee of India's Independence.

Hemu Kalani was indeed an extremely inspiring personality. He was one of the youngest revolutionaries who sacrificed his life fighting the British during India's freedom struggle. Responding to Mahatma Gandhi's call for "Do or Die" during the "Quit India" movement in 1942, the young Hemu was only 19 years old when he was executed by the British on 21st January, 1943. I felt particularly overwhelmed when I read what he had said while walking towards the gallows prior to his hanging- "I promise you that, if I am born again, I shall sacrifice my next life also to the cause of India's freedom."

On Amar Shaheed Hemu Kalani's 100th Birth Anniversary, I pay my respectful tribute to this great patriot. May his courageous acts, struggle and sacrifice for our great nation continue to inspire future generations.

My felicitations to Shri Bansi Wadhwa and to all at the Amar Shaheed Hemu Kalani Yadgar Mandal, Vivekanand Education Society and the Bharatiya Sindhu Sabha. And all good wishes for the success of the Centennial celebrations.

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