

GOA CELEBRATES CHIEFTAIN MARTYRS DAY ON **JULY 15 AT NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL IN NEW DELHI**

Shri Shripad Naik, Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India and Member of Parliament paid homage to all the brave hearts who made the supreme sacrifice for the nation since Independence at the National War Memorial at Delhi **today**.

Shri Naik led the delegation comprising of freedom fighters and officials from Goa Government who visited National War Memorial in Delhi to pay respects to the martyrs. The delegation included Shri Rohidas Desai, Freedom Fighter, Shri Sanjay Naik, Member of Goa Board, Shri Naguesh Sardesai, Member of Goa Board, Shri Santosh Malik, Convener of BOS Hindi Goa Board and Shri Ashok Naik, Member of BOS Konkani along with the Shri Sanjeev Ahuja, Resident Commissioner and Shri Vikas Kamble, Deputy Resident Commissioner of Goa.

Central government has asked States to mark one day of the year for paying tributes at the National War Memorial in New Delhi. Accordingly, Government of Goa has decided to pay respects to martyrs at the National War Memorial in Delhi on **July 15** every year, to mark the first liberation struggle against the Portuguese rule in the State (the uprising of Cuncolim – 1583).

The State Government paid tributes to the Chieftain Martyrs who laid down their lives for the cause of “Dev, Desh and Dharma’ during the revolt against the cruel Portuguese regime.

The delegation also paid homage to 2nd Lt. Jayendra Jaisingh Rane, VrC (posthumus) of the Indian Army, who was from Goa and he laid his life during India-Pakistan war in 1971 and Lt N. A. Mayekar of 11th Sikh regiment who laid his life in the year 2000. Names of both these soldiers are inscribed on the Roll of Honour at the National War Memorial.

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