

## OPEN LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT

To  
Honourable Shri Ram Nath Kovind  
President of India  
Rashtrapati Bhavan  
New Delhi – 110 004

January 28, 2022

Dear Honourable President Shri Kovind:

We, the undersigned, are writing to you as Head of State on a matter which we believe to be of considerable importance. The Government of India has announced its intention of installing a granite statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at India Gate to honour him. At present he is being represented by a hologram.

Honouring national figures at India Gate is an excellent idea. However, we would like to suggest that instead of a permanent statue, holograms of different national leaders be represented there, rotating periodically every few months. In this way, we would be able to honour many national leaders in the heart of the national capital.

Such a move would also promote greater unity and amity throughout India. People from across our diverse country would welcome this honour being conferred on iconic leaders (both women and men) from their states. It would keep alive the memory of many of our great nation's heroes. Children visiting the site would also learn about them.

We, as citizens, hope that the Government will seriously consider this suggestion, made in a positive and constructive spirit, both for this commemoration and for similar commemorations that are planned in the future.

With kind regards,

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