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### **BRIEF REPORT ON THE BACKGROUND OF NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE STATUE INSTALLATION CELEBRATIONS ORGANISED BY NETAJI SUBHASH MAHAVIDYALAYA, UDAIPUR ON 23/01/2020 AT 11 AM**

Netaji Subhas Mahavidyalaya, Udaipur had started its journey as Government Degree College Udaipur in 1979 in the premises of KBI H.S School with a few students. The institution shifted to its present campus in 1986 and was renamed as Netaji Subhas Mahavidyalaya on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 1997 on the birth centenary year of the great freedom fighter and an illustrious son of Mother India. Since then a demand was raised by various stakeholders of the college from all corners of the district. During the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Azad Hind Fauj, 2018-2019 as the college arranged for a small tribute to Netaji an initiative was taken to install a bust size statue in the campus by the Teachers' Council. As the Alumni Association of the college strengthened they too showed an interest in this issue which was a long standing demand of all students during their student years. The matter was conveyed to the Department of Higher Education and State Higher Education Council. Incidentally it was also found that there were no statues of Netaji in the Udaipur town. Our local MLA, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Transport and Tourism, Chairperson, Udaipur Municipal Council, local Gaon Panchayat functionaries also showed keen interest for installation of a statue in the campus . Department of Higher Education was kind enough to grant a NOC in the matter. In a joint meeting of NSM Alumni Association, guardians, teaching faculty and non-teaching staff of the college, in the kind presence of Hon'ble Minister, Sri Pranajit Singha Roy and Hon'ble Chairman, UMC Sri Sital Chandra Majumdar it was decided that a full size statue of Netaji will be installed in the campus.

We are fortunate enough that Department of Tourism has provided us the full size statue and the UMC is constructing the base of the statue. The District Administration has also been approached for their help. The Statue installation Committee is looking after the entire programme. All faculty members, staff, past and present students, well-wishers of the college are also contributing to the Alumni as a mark of respect to the great leader of nation and to make this programme successful.

**Subhas Chandra Bose**, a brilliant student of the University of Calcutta and a member of the Indian Civil Service, resigned his attractive career to serve the cause of India's freedom. He formed a new party known as Forward Bloc. He was arrested in July 1940 but released a few months later on the ground of ill health but was interned in his house under strict police surveillance. However he managed to elude police vigilance on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 1941 and travelled through Peshawar, Russia and reached Berlin on 28 March, 1941. Subhas Chandra Bose was invited to Tokyo by Rash Behari Bose who had formed the Indian National Army. He reached Japan on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 1943 and got the assurance of the Japanese authorities to extend all help against the British. He took over as the Commander of the INA and gave it the famous battle cry, "Delhi Chalo" and the Provisional Government of Free India set up by him on 21 October, 1943 in Singapore and it got the recognition of nine world powers.

The INA Brigade assisted by the Japanese army advanced up to the Indian borders and hoisted the Indian flag for the first time in the town of Moirang, in Manipur, in north-eastern India. Moirang remained under the Azad Hind government for four months. The adjacent towns of Kohima and Imphal were then encircled and placed under siege by divisions of the Japanese Army, working in conjunction with the Burmese National Army, and with Brigades of the INA, known as the Gandhi and Nehru Brigades. This attempt at conquering the Indian mainland had the Axis codename of Operation U-Go. After the Japanese defeat at the battles of Kohima and Imphal, Bose's Provisional Government's aim of establishing a base in mainland India was lost forever. Still the INA fought in key battles against the British Indian Army in Burmese territory, however, with the fall of Rangoon, Bose's government ceased to be an effective political entity. A large proportion of

the INA troops surrendered under Lt Col Loganathan. The remaining troops retreated with Bose towards Malaya and Thailand. Japan's surrender at the end of the war also led to the surrender of the remaining Indian National Army. The INA prisoners were then repatriated to India and some were tried for treason.

Accordingly the statue installation programme is observed on **23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020** in the college premises. The programme started by unveiling the statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose by Sri Biplab Kumar Deb, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tripura followed by lighting of the lamp, opening song and felicitation to the dignitaries. The welcome address was given by Sri Partha Sarathi Nandi, Secretary, Alumni Association. Sri Pranajit Singha Roy, Hon'ble Minister of Tourism, etc. Govt. of Tripura also addressed the audience referring to the importance of this event in the history of Udaipur. Sri Biplab Kumar Deb, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tripura in his speech emphasised the role of Netaji in the Indian freedom struggle and advised the students to be inspired by his sense of patriotism. Dr. Dipannita Chakraborty, Principal of this college expressed her valuable insights regarding the relevance of the day and thanked to all dignitaries present in the stage. She also expressed her profound thanks to all members, who were directly or indirectly involved in the success of this programme. The inauguration programme was followed by beautiful cultural programme in the evening organised by Alumni Association.