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## 76th Anniversary of Azad Hind Government

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The 76<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the Azad Hind Government will be celebrated on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2019, at the Red Fort, Delhi.

Last year on 21st October 2018, the Prime Minister of India hoisted the National Flag at the Red Fort and also **unveiled the plaque** commemorating the **75th Anniversary of the formation of Azad Hind Government.**

### Azad Hind Government

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- On 21<sup>st</sup> October 1943, **Subhash Chandra Bose** announced the formation of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind (Free India) in Singapore, with himself as the Head of State, Prime Minister and Minister of War.

- The Provisional Government not only enabled Bose to negotiate with the Japanese on an equal footing but also facilitated the mobilisation of Indians in East Asia to join and support the Indian National Army (INA).
  - The struggle for independence was carried on by Subhash Chandra Bose from abroad. He found the **outbreak of the Second World War** to be a convenient opportunity to strike a blow for the freedom of India.
  - Bose had been put under house arrest in 1940 but he managed to escape to Berlin on March 28, 1941. The Indian community there **acclaimed him as the leader (Netaji)**. He was greeted with **'Jai Hind' (Salute to the motherland)**.
  - In 1942, the Indian Independence League was formed and a decision was taken to form the Indian National Army (INA) for the liberation of India.
  - On an invitation from Ras Bihari Bose, Subhash Chandra Bose came to East Asia on June 13, 1943. He was made **president of the Indian Independence League and the leader of the INA popularly called 'Azad Hind Fauj'**.
  - He gave the famous **battle cry 'Chalo Dilli'**. He promised independence to Indians saying, **'tum mujhe khoon do, main tumhe Azadi dunga'** (You give me blood, I will give you freedom).

**Source: PIB**