CRPF and ITBP to join Odisha Government in celebration of 126th Birth Anniversary of Netaji

India's struggle for Independence has given the nation Heroes who will continue to inspire the posterity till eternity. The story of this long and arduous struggle has a special place for the legendary Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, who not only had the ability to achieve the impossible, but had the charisma of galvanising the masses at his call who would rally behind him.

To mark the 126th Birth Anniversary of Netaji, Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Iconic Events week is being celebrated from 17 Jan 2023 to 23 Jan 2023. As part of iconic week celebration, CRPF, ITBP & Odisha Government are conducting various events in Cuttack- birthplace of Netaji on 20 Jan 2023.

The celebrations will commence with a massive Prabhat Pheri from Netaji Birth Place Museum to Anand Bhawan Museum and Learning Centre on the morning of 20 Jan, 2023 where the students, reminiscing the contributions of Azaad Hind Fauz, will participate in Indian National Army (INA) Uniforms. This will be followed by a cross country run from Indoor stadium and back through ring road, Cuttack and a cycle rally of about 10 km starting from Indoor Stadium, Cuttack and concluding at the same venue.

A plantation drive in Ravenshaw Collegiate School, has also been scheduled on the same day. In the spirit of Netaji's famous call 'Tum Mujhe Khoon do. Main tumhe azadi doonga' a blood donation camp will be organised in collaboration with the Indian Red Cross at Barabati Palace. Display of arms, ammunition & special equipment by CRPF and ITBP, and philately exhibition by Indian Post and Telegraph at Shaheed Bhawan will be the major attraction for General Public. The Netaji fans will also be able to witness his life and works in the static exhibition at Shaheed Bhawan. While, the students of Utkal Sangeet Mahavidyalaya have planned a novel tribute to the great leader through their drama 'Mu Subhash Kahucchi' in the cultural night, the Odisha Sahitya Academy will organise a congregation of poets of the state in their 'Kabi Sammelan' and a painting exhibition from 20 Jan to 23 Jan, 2023 will be organised by the Odisha Lalit Kala Academy. As a mark of respect, NOK's of Martyr's from different Forces and State Police will be honoured in a function at Shaheed Bhawan auditorium, Cuttack. All the events will be organised by District Administration, Cuttack in collaboration with CRPF and ITBP.