

BRIEF ON NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL

The memorial has distinct scheme of concentric circles, as follows:

(a) **Amar Chakra (Circle of Immortality)**. This has an Obelisk with Eternal Flame. The flame symbolises the immortality of the spirit of fallen soldiers with the assurance that the Nation will never forget their sacrifices.

(b) **Veerta Chakra (Circle of Bravery)**. This circle depicts the Bravery of Indian forces in the form of a covered gallery that exhibits six bronze murals, depicting valiant battle actions of Indian Armed Forces.

(c) **Tyag Chakra (Circle of Sacrifice)**. This includes circular concentric walls of honour, which symbolise the ancient war formation 'Chakravayuh'. The walls are clad with granite tablets where an independent granite tablet is dedicated to each soldier who has made the supreme sacrifice. Each name on the tablet is etched in golden letters.

(d) **Raksha Chakra (Circle of Protection)**. The outermost circle made of rows of trees in the Raksha Chakra is a reassurance to the citizens of the country about their safety against any threat, with each tree representing the soldiers who ensure the territorial integrity of the Nation, round the clock.

2. The National War Memorial represents the gratitude of a nation to its Armed Forces. The Memorial strengthens the sense of belonging, high moral values, sacrifice and national pride in our citizens. It stands testimony to the sacrifices made by our soldiers during various conflicts, United Nations Operations, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response Operations since Independence. Accordingly, to augment the reach of the National War Memorial to a younger and wider audience, the digital appeal of the Memorial has been enhanced with creation of National War Memorial Website, Mobile App and placement of Interactive Screens.

3. **NWM Website / Mobile App**. The Website and App showcase the Memorial history, significance, concept and details of the Battle Casualties. The features incorporated in the website / app include multilingual interaction in 21 regional languages to facilitate easier comprehension for visitors from all over the country, user friendly features for specially /

differently abled persons, creation and integration of 166 Bluetooth Beacons for location and live mobile mapping with virtual tour guide, audio commentary in 21 languages providing information on various battles/ wars, Param Vir Chakra awardees and guided routes within the Memorial, High-Definition 360 degree view of the National War Memorial including Param Yodha Sthal, search facility to locate individual names amongst 26,368 battle casualties, online quizzes/ events and provision for online donations to Armed Forces Battle Casualties Welfare Fund.

4. **Digital Screens**. To enhance the digital appeal of the National War Memorial and display information for a wholesome experience to the visitors, four digital screens have been installed. Besides providing information to visitors, the digital screens facilitate paying of virtual tributes at the National War Memorial with Augmented Reality (AR) feature which incorporates provision of virtual photograph with Battle Casualties, Roll of Honour of 26,368 Battle Casualties and OTP-based registration of visitors.

ACTIVITIES AROUND THE YEAR

- **Ceremonial wreath-laying to commemorate important days/events.**
- **Wreath-laying by senior dignitaries from foreign countries.**
- **Daily Retreat Ceremony daily in the evening.**
 - Traditionally symbolized end of the fighting and closure of work for the day.
 - Entails lowering of flags with the bugle call of 32 seconds.
 - Those present within the earshot of bugle call to please get up if sitting, come to attention and be silent.
- **Daily NoK (Next of kin) Ceremony by Next of Kin of a martyr** just before Retreat ceremony ie 30 mins before Sunset, **daily**.
- **Change of Ceremonial Guard** 45 minutes before Sunset (duration 20 minutes), **every Sunday**.
 - Organised visits by Scout & Guides, NCC cadets, National Integration Tours, students of Schools & Colleges etc.

Facilities and aids:

- 'Persons with Disabilities' friendly.
 - e Rickshaws.
 - Urban corridor.
 - Walkways.
 - Benches.
 - Drinking water.
 - Conveniences.
 - First Aid.
 - Guide/ Ushers
 - Souvenir Outlet- Smarika
 - Mobile App to help trace specific inscribed granite tablet at Tyag Chakra.
 - Digital Interactive Information Panels.
- **Entry is free.**
 - **Timings:**
 - Open daily.
 - Entry restricted on certain days / timings.
 - Nov – Mar 9 am - 7.30 pm (Last admission 7 pm)
 - Apr – Oct 9 am - 8.00 pm (Last admission 7.30 pm)
 - Drop off and Pick Up zones.
 - **Daily footfall:** Approx 6000-8000 on weekdays, 15000-20000 on weekends.