

India@75 - A tribute to INA veterans - 101st birthday celebration of Madam Anjalai Ponnusamy, an INA Veteran from the Rani of Jhansi Regiment

High Commission of India in Malaysia in partnership with Netaji Service Centre, Netaji Welfare Foundation and Malaysia India Heritage Group organized an event “Remembering the Rani of Jhansi Regiment” in conjunction with the 101st birthday celebrations of Madam Anjalai Ponnusamy, an Indian National Army Veteran. The event, held at Netaji Subash Chandra Bose Indian Cultural Centre Kula Lumpur, on 20 April, was a part of a series of programmes being organised to commemorate 75 years of Indian Independence - India@75- Azadi Ka Amrit Mahostav.

Speaking on the occasion, H.E. Shri Mridul Kumar, High Commissioner of India to Malaysia conveyed heartfelt gratitude to the war heroes and heroines from Malaysia for their selfless contribution to the Indian freedom struggle. He added that their sacrifice would always be remembered as an epoch event in our shared journey.

In 1943, Madam Anjalai Ponnusamy joined the Rani of Jhansi regiment, the first Women’s army in the world. She was trained in combat operation. She has the enviable experience of following the troops right up to the Burma-India Border in the effort to liberate India from the British Rule.

High Commission of India celebrated and honoured Madam Anjalai on her centennial birthday, in recognition of her invaluable service and sacrifice for the freedom struggle of India. She was felicitated by the High Commissioner with a Silver Plaque, at the event.

She was also awarded with the title “Veera Thaaai” (Valiant Mother) by the Netaji Service Centre.

Celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahostav with the INA Veterans enriched the India@75 celebrations in Malaysia. Indian community in Malaysia, INA veterans, dignitaries from PIO community enthusiastically participated in the event.

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