

Flag Foundation of India gifts 207 feet high monumental flagpole to the Government of Afghanistan

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Kabul, Afghanistan 10th September 2014: The Flag Foundation of India (FFI) today gifted Kabul's first and highest monumental flagpole measuring 207 ft. in height and the country's largest National flag to the Government of Afghanistan. The President of Afghanistan, H.E, Hamid Karzai hoisted the largest **60x90 Afghanistan National flag** and dedicated the same to the people of Afghanistan at the Wazir Akbar Khan Hill here.

The monumental flagpole was presented by **Mr. Naveen Jindal, President, Flag Foundation of India** and a leading industrialist from India. This is the first time ever that a monumental flagpole of another country has been gifted by a nation to another country.

The mammoth **60x90 National Flag of Afghanistan**, costing Rs 4.36 lakh and weighing 45kg, is made of knitted polyester fabric called 'Deneir Polyester' and was manufactured in Mumbai, India by the '*Flag Shop*'.

The monumental flagpole, costing Rs 50 lakhs, has been manufactured by Bajaj Electricals, Mumbai and is made of high-tension steel weighing 12.5 tonnes. The National Flag would fly day and night with proper illumination, according to international norms. The total cost for the project is over 2 crore.

The seven section flagpole was transported to Afghanistan from India. A special plane was organised to transport the entire unit and the assembling of the flagpole was done in Afghanistan by technicians from India.

The commissioning of the monumental flagpole was initiated after the Indian embassy in Kabul requested the Flag foundation of India to gift a monumental flagpole to the people of Afghanistan.

The Flag Foundation of India has so far installed 40 monumental flagpoles in India of 100 feet height and 12 monumental flagpoles of 207 feet height, across geographies in India. In all, the foundation has installed **55 monumental flagpoles in India, which is the highest number in the world for a country**. Besides India, there are 13 more countries with such flagpoles.

The hoisting of mammoth sized flag and commissioning of monumental flagpoles is part of Flag Foundation of India's initiative since 2009 to inspire Indians across the world to take

pride in displaying the Indian National Flag and instil a sense of nationalism and patriotism among the citizens of the country.

For more details about monumental flags visit-

<http://www.flagfoundationofindia.in/monumental-flags.html>

About Flag Foundation of India

The Flag Foundation Of India was set up as a registered society under the Societies Registration Act of 1980, a non-profit body on 3rd June 2003. Hon'ble MP Shri Naveen Jindal won a decade long legal battle when the Hon'ble Supreme Court ordered the historic judgement that enabled all Indians to display our National Flag with respect, dignity and honor thus becoming a fundamental right of every citizen.

Inspired by the judgment, the '**Flag Foundation of India**' was established by Shri Naveen Jindal with a vision to popularize the display of the Tiranga by more and more Indians, with a great sense of pride. The Flag epitomises as the greatest symbol of our 'unity in diversity'. It has been functioning over a decade now with the aim of promoting a spirit of nationalism, patriotism and love for the national flag of the country through its liberal use and display.

The Flag Foundation of India is a sincere effort to rekindle that spirit of nationalism amongst the citizens. It is an endeavour to build a relationship of today's youth with the Tricolor so that it becomes a power symbol of our struggle for independence, and serves as a great source of inspiration for countless Indians, spread across the globe, bringing laurels to the country in whatever field they are.

In an endeavor to promote the use of the national flag by the general public, the Foundation has been organizing talks on the subject, has released books containing information on the flag and audio cassettes with patriotic songs rendered by noted singers of India. Flag Foundation has also organized several Tiranga runs in Delhi and Haryana.

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