

PPFA bats for preserving Netaji's INA headquarter in Yangon



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Guwahati: As [President](#) of [India](#), Ram Nath Kovind sets to visit [Myanmar](#) next week, an Assam based patriotic citizens' forum appeals to the Head of the State for pursuing his counterpart in NayPyiTaw to preserve all monuments relating to [India](#)'s glorious freedom struggle including the INA (Azad Hind Fauj) headquarter in Yangon (formerly Rangoon) city.

It may be noted that [President](#) Kovind will arrive in the southeast Asian country on 10 December next with a five-day visit schedule. He is expected to visit NayPyiTaw as well as Yangon and meet with his host [President](#) U Win Myint and State Counselor Aung San Suu Kyi. Several issues are on card for discussions and bilateral agreements are expected to be signed during the [President](#)'s visit to the neighbouring country.

“[Myanmar](#) (earlier Burma) played an important role in [India](#)'s freedom movement where many legendary Indian [leaders](#) either took shelter or imprisoned there by the British colonial administration,” said Patriotic People's Front Assam (PPFA), in a statement adding that [Netaji](#) Subhas Chandra Bose later shifted the Indian [National](#) Army's head quarter to Rangoon and fought against the imperialist forces with its 40,000 valiant soldiers from the soil of Burma.

The forum of nationalists expressed apprehensions that rampant construction activities in various parts of [Myanmar](#) might have destroyed most of the historical ruins including the INA building in Yangon. So the PPFA urges [President](#) Kovind to discuss specially with Nobel laureate Suu Kyi, whose [father](#) General Aung San was a close friend of [Netaji](#) Subhas, for her personal initiative to preserve those Indian heritages scattered in Brahmadesh.

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