

Freedom Fighters Wall

The Wall of Freedom is a tribute to the known and unknown heroes of India's Freedom Struggle. It acknowledges the contributions of those who fought for independence using both violent and non-violent means.

The current display features 75 ceramic plates depicting portraits of legendary national heroes. These plates were created by Khurja artisans, who are known for their floral painted ceramics. The artisans used their centuries-old craft to replicate lifelike portraits of the heroes, even though they sometimes had to work with blurred pictorial inputs and sketchy data.

The resulting display is a unique form of historical documentation that showcases the superior skills of the Khurja artisans. It is also a first-of-its-kind portraiture display on the prestigious platform of Bharat Mandapam.

The Khurja display of ceramic portraiture not only represents India's bygone heroes but also reflects the Indian aesthetic of self-reliance and innovation. It has shifted the concept of Nationalism from a linear political and social makeover to one of inclusive references, for formulating the dynamics of an independent and ever-evolving India.