

**For favour of publicity**

**17th May, 2012**

**Cellular Jail to remain open on Sawarkar's Birth Anniversary**

**Mumbai, Thursday:** On Shri Ram Naik, former Petroleum Minister's request Cellular Jail of Andaman will remain open for tourists on 28th May i.e. Birth Anniversary of Swantanryaveer V.D. Sawarkar. This information is given in a press statement issued today.

Hundreds of foreign and national tourists visit Andaman's National Memorial viz. Cellular Jail daily. Veer Sawarkar, his brother and many other freedom fighters of the country were imprisoned in this jail by the British Government during pre-independence struggle. Hence, Indian tourists visit the place. Every year the Cellular Jail attracts number of Sawarkar-followers and other patriotic tourists on the Birth Anniversary of Veer Sawarkar. These tourists were likely to be disappointed as this year the anniversary falls on Monday which is a weekly holiday for the memorial. On learning this Shri Naik immediately contacted Lt. Governor of Andaman and Director of the Memorial with a request to keep it open on 28th May. Accordingly, Director, Art & Culture of Andaman has informed Shri Naik that considering the national interest, the Cellular Jail will be kept open on Monday, 28th May on the occasion of Birth Anniversary of Veer Sawarkar.

**(Office Secretary)**

**Encl: letter**

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Port Blair, Dated 8<sup>th</sup> May 2012

To,

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Sub: - Keeping National Memorial open on Monday on the occasion of Jayanti of Swatantrya Veer Savarkar.

Sir,

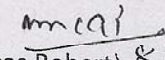
Kindly refer your letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2012 addressed to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands on the subject cited above and to inform that Museums of the Cellular Jail will remain open on Monday i.e.28<sup>th</sup> May 2012 as a special case to facilitate all visitors to pay tribute to Swatantrya Veer Savarkar on his Jayanti .

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17 MAY 2012

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Yours Faithfully,

  
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Director (Art & Culture)

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Director (Art & Culture)