

Amar Jawan Jyoti

After the Indo-Pakistani War of 1971, Amar Jawan Jyoti was conceived and built, and it was inaugurated on January 26th, 1972. Following the 1971 Indo-Pakistani War, Amar Jawan Jyoti was added under the India Gate of New Delhi. The fight, which lasted from December 3rd, 1971, to December 16th, 1971, and culminated with the fall of Dhaka, was part of East Pakistan's liberation struggle.

About Old Amar Jawan Jyoti

- It served as India's national war memorial till February 2019, when the new National War Memorial was unveiled and lit, along with its own immortal flame.
- The former flame of India Gate was combined with the latest one at the National War Memorial on January 21st, 2022.
- The earlier Amar Jawan Jyoti was made out of a marble podium with a cenotaph on top of it. On all four sides of the cenotaph, "Amar Jawan" (Immortal Soldier) was inscribed in gold, with a reversed rifle (an L1A1 Self Loading Rifle) and a military helmet on top of it. Four urns surrounded the pedestal. The fires were kindled in accordance with the observances. It was built in a short period of time in accordance with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's demands.
- The flame was burnt using Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) cylinders for the first few decades and then with the Pipelined Natural Gas (PNG).
- The Military Engineer Services had been in charge of the flame's overall responsibilities.
- It was always guarded.

About New Amar Jawan Jyoti

- It was inaugurated in the year of 2019 along with the National War Memorial.
- The Amar Jawan Jyoti is currently housed in the National War Memorial's inner ring, the Amar Chakra.
- The Memorial consists of 4 concentric rings and a central obelisk with a 'eternal flame' burning at its base depicting an immortal soldier.

- For the conceptualisation of the architectural design, and for the coordination of the construction of the project, a worldwide design competition was held in which a Chennai based architectural company, WeBe Design Lab's entry was chosen as the winner.

Remembrances, Commemorations, and Celebrations

- Each year, as a custom, the Prime Minister of India, all the three military service chiefs as well as any dignitaries placed a wreath on the Amar Jawan Jyoti at the commencement of the Republic Day Parade till the 2019 Republic Day.
- The President of India lays a wreath on the Amar Jawan Jyoti each year, customarily on the occasion of Independence Day.
- The Union Defence Minister lays a wreath on the Amar jawan Jyoti each year on the day of 16 December on the occasion of Vijay Diwas.
- Since the year 2020, on the occasion of Republic Day, the Prime Minister of India, all the three military service chiefs as well as any dignitaries place a wreath on the newer Amar Jawan Jyoti situated at the Amar Chakra of the National War Memorial.