Ms. Arti Mehra, Mayor of Delhi paid floral tributes to the renowned patriot, statesman and freedom fighter Veer Vinayak Damodar Savarkar Ji on the occasion of his 125<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary. MCD organized a simple function at Lajpat Nagar where statue of Mr. Savarkar is installed.

Veer Savarkar was one of those freedom fighters who had many firsts to his credit. He was the first Indian student who was rusticated from college owing to his patriotism. He was the first person who burnt foreign clothes and material. He was the first person who was awarded two life imprisonments. He was the first writer whose book was seized before publication. He was the first historian who declared mutiny of 1857 as first battle of India's freedom.

Mr. Savarkar always wanted India to be a mighty nation after attaining independence. He was supporter of one nation, one language, unity and integrity of the Nation. He was deadly against imitating western culture.

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