CONGRESS SOCIALIST PARTY (CSP) AT A GLANCE
AND
SHORT PROFILES WORKS OF ITS LEADERS

In 1926, Sampurnand and Acharya Narendra Deva draw up a socialist agrarian program, under the aegis of UP Congress Committee (UPCC) and send it to the perusal of AICC. Jawaharlal Nehru got the AICC, to accept this UPCC’s Socialist Programme, in 1929. At the 1931, Karachi session of the Indian National Congress, socialist pattern of development was set as the goal for India and resolution on fundamental rights and economic programme was passed by AICC. According to Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, who drafted the Karachi resolution of AICC, the origin of this resolution was UPCC’s resolution of 1929. (Pt.J.L.Nehru’s Autobiography, P.266).

During 1932 movement, many socialist-minded young men people like Jayaprakash Narayan, Minoo Masani, Achyut Patwardhan, Ashok Mehta, Charles Mescrenhas, Narayan Swami, M L Dantawala, N G Gorey and S M Joshi were lodged in Nasik Jail in 1932-33, in connection with Civil disobedience Movement. While in jail they all felt to form a Congress Socialist Party with in the Congress Party (INC) wedded to Marxism. At the same time a group of ‘left wing’ Congressmen disillusioned with the policy of Congress, met at Poona in July 1933 for the purpose of organizing a Socialist opposition group. They elected a committee to draft a constitution and programme which subsequently became known as the “Poona draft”. The meeting was organized by Purshottam Tricumdas, Yusuf Meherally, Smt. Kamla Devi Chattopadhyay and Acharya Narendra Deva. (Selected works of Acharya Narendra Deva, vol.1 page 29).

After this meet in Poona, Bombay Presidency Socialist Party, was formed and invited all those who believe in socialist ideology to attend the foundation conference of Congress Socialist Party (CSP) at Patna on 17th May 1934. Earlier, in July 1931, Jayaprakash Narayan, Phulan Prasad Verma and Baba Ranodar Das (later known as Rahul Sankritayan) Abdul Bari, Ganga Sharan Sinha and Ambika Kanat Sinha had established the Bihar Socialist Party. There was also the Punjab Socialist Party whose leaders were Prof. Brij Narain, Jeevan Lal Kapur, later a Judge of Supreme Court, and Lala Feroz Chand. SELECTED WORKS OF ACHARYA NARENDRA DEVA, VOL-1 PAGE (xxviii-xxix).

Congress Socialist Party was founded in Patna (Bihar) on 17th May 1934, under the Chairmanship of Acharya Narendra Deva and draft proposals were circulated before the Foundation Conference at Patna. To draft the Party’s constitution, policy and programme a draft committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Acharya Narendra Deva and Jayaprakash Narayan as Secretary.

Following were the members of the committee. Prof. Abdul Bari, Purshottam Tricumdas, Minoo Masani, Sampurnanand, C.C. Banerji, Faridul Haq Ansari, Rammanohar Lohia, Prof. Abdul Aleem, N.G. Ranga.

The Draft proposals of Socialist programme circulated before the Foundation Conference at Patna, were sent to AICC for its approval. Congress Working Committee (CWC) at its meeting in Bombay on 17-18 June, 1934, approved this Socialist programme with some modifications. Socialists didn’t like it and Acharya Narendra Deva, Sampurnanand, Sriprakasa and Jayaprakash Narayan issued a strongly worded statement from Benaras on 22nd June, 1934. (SELECTED WORKS OF ACHARYA NARENDRA DEVA, VOL-1 PAGE (245-246).
FIRST CSP CONFERENCE, BOMBAY 21-22, OCTOBER, 1934.
GENERAL SECRETARY: JAYPRAKASH NARAYAN. JOINT SECRETARIES: M R MASANI, MOHANLAL GAUTAM, N G GOREY, EMS NAMBOODRIPAD. MEMBERS: NARENDRA DEVA, SAMPOORNANAND, KAMLADEVI CHATTOPADHYAY, PURSHOTTAM TRICUMDAS, P Y DESHPANDE, RAM MANOHAR LOHIA, S M JOSHI, AMRENDRA PRASAD MITTRA, CHARLES MESCRENHAS, NABKRUSHNA CHAUDHRY, ACHYUT PATWARDHAN. MEMBERS AGAINST VACANCIES: YUSUF MEHERALLY, SAURABH BATLIWALA, ROHIT MEHTA, FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI, RAMVRAKSH BENIPURI.

SECOND CSP CONFERENCE, MEERUT, 20-21, JANUARY, 1936.
GENERAL SECRETARY: JAYPRAKASH NARAYAN. JOINT SECRETARIES: M R MASANI, EMS NAMBOODRIPAD, RAM MANOHAR LOHIA, DINKAR MEHTA. MEMBERS: NARENDRA DEVA, SAMPOORNANAND, MOHANLAL GAUTAM, B P SINHA, KAMLADEVI CHATTOPADHYAY, NABKRUSHNA CHAUDHRY, R K KHADILKAR, S M JOSHI, FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI, P Y DESHPANDE, SHIVNATH BANERJI. MEMBERS AGAINST VACANCIES: YUSUF MEHERALLY, SATYAWATI DEVI, SURESH CHANDRA DEV, CHARLES MESCRENHAS, RAJNI MUKHERJI.

THIRD CSP CONFERENCE, HELD AT FAIZPUR, 24-25, DECEMBER, 1937. ALONG WITH ANNUAL AICC MEET. DETAILS OF OFFICE BEARER’S AND MEMBER’S OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

FOURTH CSP NATIONAL CONFERENCE, LAHORE 12-13, APRIL, 1938.
GENERAL SECRETARY: JAYPRAKASH NARAYAN. JOINT SECRETARIES: M R MASANI, EMS NAMBOODRI PAD, DINKAR MEHTA, YUSUF MEHERALLY. MEMBERS: GUNADACHARAN MAJUMDAR, MUNSHI AHMAD DIN, KAMLADEVI CHATTOPADHYAY, NARENDRA DEVA, ACHYUT PATWARDHAN, RAM MANOHAR LOHIA, SATYAWATI DEVI, ASHOK MEHTA, KAMLA SHANKAR PANDYA, DAMODAR SWAROOP SETH, SAJJAD ZAHEER, SHIVNATH BANERJI. MEMBERS AGAINST VACANCIES: N G GOREY, MUBARAK SAGHAR, Z A AHMED, SAURABH BATLIWALA, BPL BEDI.

FIFTH CSP NATIONAL CONFERENCE, KANPUR 23, FEBRUARY TO 1ST MARCH, 1947.
DETAILS OF OFFICE BEARER’S AND MEMBER’S OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

GENERAL SECRETARY: JAYPRAKASH NARAYAN. MEMBERS: ACHYUT PATWARDHAN, PURSHOTTAM TRICUMDAS, N G GOREY, S M JOSHI, YUSUF MEHERALLY, ASHOK MEHTA, RAM MANOHAR LOHIA, NARENDRA DEVA, HARIHARKA SHASTRI, KAMLA DEVI CHATTOPADHYAY, MUNSHI AHMAD DIN, GANGA SHARAN SINGH, BASAWAN SINGH, RAMNANDAN MISHRA, SHIVNATH BANERJI, SUKHENDU DUTT, FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI, MAGANLAL BAGDI, S R SUBHRAMANIAM, ARUNA ASIF ALI.


GENERAL SECRETARY: JAYPRAKASH NARAYAN. TREASURE: PURSHOTTAM TRICUMDAS. JOINT SECRETARIES: K B MENON, N G GOREY, SURESH DESAI, PREM BHASIN. MEMBERS: NARENDRA DEVA, RAM MANOHAR LOHIA, ASHOK MEHTA, ACHYUT PATWARDHAN, YUSUF MEHERALLY, KAMLA DEVI CHATTOPADHYAY, ARUNA ASAF ALI, GANGA SHARAN SINGH, RAMNANDAN MISHRA, MUNSHI AHMAD DIN, SHIVNATH BANERJI,
MAGANLAL BAGDI, HARESHWAR GOSWAMI, CHOTUBHAI PURANI, SURENDRA NATH DWEADI, NARENDRA NATH DAS, MADHU LIMAYE, MOINUDDIN HARRIS, B P SINHA.

DEPARTMENTAL HEAD
CSP LEADERS PROFILE
CONGRESS SOCIALIST PARTY'S FOUNDER MEMBERS & MEMBERS OF ITS NATIONAL EXECUTIVE (1934-48).

Here are the Profiles of Founder members and the members of the National Executive of the Congress Socialist Party.

1. ACHARYA NARENDRA DEVA, Father of the Indian Socialist Movement, was a scholar, an Educationist and an ardent Nationalist. Son of Shri Baldeo Prasad and Jawahar Devi, Narendra Deva born on October 31, 1889, at Sitapur in U.P. He was married to Shrimati Prema Devi, and had two sons and three daughters. He was Educated at Muir Central College Allahabad and Queens College Benaras. Did M.A, L.L.B. was one of the leading theorists of the Congress Socialist Party in India. His democratic socialism renounced violent means as a matter of principle, and embraced the Satyagraha as a revolutionary tactic.

Acharya Narendra Deva was first drawn to Nationalism around 1915, under the influence of B G Tilak and Aurobindo Ghosh.He started political life as a follower of Tilak. During Non-cooperation movement, 1920-21, he quit from law practice. He joined Kashi Vidyapeeth as a teacher and later he became its Principal, 1926-36. He was deeply interested in ancient Indian history and culture. In order to study Buddhist literature, he learnt French, German and Pali. During his incarceration in Ahmednagar Fort Prison (1942-45) he translated ‘Abhidharmakosha’ from French into Hindi.

In 1928, he was Secretary Independence of India League. Acharyaji was Founder of Congress socialist Party and presided over the foundation Conference of Congress Socialist Party, at Patna on 17th May 1934, and thereafter he devoted his life to the cause of Socialism. In 1936, he became Member of the Congress Working Committee and Member of the United Province Legislative Assembly, in 1937-46.

As a teacher he became interested in Marxism and Buddhism. He was also active in the Hindi language movement. He was also imprisoned several times during the freedom struggle. Acharyaji consistently stood for moral and ethical values in politics. He was a member of the Uttar Pradesh legislative assembly in 1948, and resigned from Assembly membership when he left Congress. After Independence he served as vice-chancellor of Lucknow University and Benaras Hindu University and as Member of Rajya Sabha respectively.

Acharya Narendra Deva advocated the abolition of poverty and exploitation not just through his belief in the Marxist materialist dialectic, but especially on moral and humanistic grounds. Furthermore, he insisted that "without political democracy social democracy was a sham".

Acharya Narendra Deva was active in the peasant movement and served as president of the All-India Kisan Congress. He was also an atheist, rejecting the glorification of God which, he argued, by implication-denigrated humankind. He remained associated with the Socialist Party and its successor, the Praja Socialist Party, until his death in 1956.

On his death Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru paid rich tribute to him. Speaking in the Rajya Sabha on 20th February, 1956 he said:

“The death of Acharya Narendra Deva is something much bigger for many of us and, I think, for the country than just the passing away of an important person. He was a man of rare
distinction—distinction in many fields—rare in spirit, rare in mind and intellect, rare in integrity of mind and otherwise. Only his body failed him. I do not know if there is any person present here in this House who was associated with him for a longer period than I was. Over 40 years ago we came together and we shared innumerable experiences together in the dust and heat of the struggle for independence and in the long silence of prison life where we spent—I forget now—four or five years together at various places, and inevitably got to know each other intimately; and so, for many of us, it is a grievous loss and a grievous blow, even as it is a grievous loss for our country. There is the public sense of loss and there is the private sense of loss and a feeling that somebody of rare distinction has gone and it will be very difficult to find his like again”.

During his centenary celebrations in 1989, the then Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi while paying his tribute to Acharya ji said, "Acharya Narendra Deva was one of the greatest sons of India and the nation owes a great debt to him." Acharya Narendra Deva passed away on 19th February, 1956 at Pendurai (Madras).

**Positions Held:**
Vice-Chancellor, (i) Lucknow University, 1947-51 and (ii) Banaras Hindu University, 1951-54.
President Kisan Sabha, 1952. Member, Rajya Sabha, 3-4-1952 to 2-4-1954 and 3-4-1954 to 20-2-1956.

Founder weekly ‘Sangharsh’. Author of books on Socialism and Buddhism.” His books “Rashtriya aur Samajwad” and “Baudh Dharma Darshan” Gyan Mandal Prakashan, Varansi (UP), were awarded by Bihar Rashtrabhasha Parishad, Patna, 1956 and Sahitya Academy 1957.

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Acharya Narendra Deva: a centenary tribute, 1991-92, by Anjan Kumar Banerji, Banaras Hindu University. 1991-103 pages. Birth centennial volume for Narendra Deva, 1889-1956, Indian social reformer; comprises articles on him. Acharya Narendra Deva, the father of democratic socialism in India, was a great freedom fighter, great political thinker and outstanding academician.


Complete works of Narendra Deva, 1889-1956, social reformer; includes articles and transcript of speeches on socialism and politics.
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Narendra Deva, by Lambert M Surhone, Mariam T Tennoe, Susan F Henssonow. Betascript Publishing, 2011 - 76 pages. Please note that the content of this book primarily consists of articles available from Wikipedia or other free sources online. Acharya Narendra Deva (1889-1956) was one of the leading theorists of the Congress Socialist Party in India. His democratic socialism renounced violent means as a matter of principle, and embraced the satyagraha as a revolutionary tactic. Deva was first drawn to nationalism around 1915 under the influence of B G Tilak and Aurobindo Ghosh. As a teacher he became interested in Marxism and Buddhism. He was also active in the Hindi language movement. He was a key leader of Congress Socialist Party from its founding in 1934, and was imprisoned several times during the freedom struggle. He was at various times a member of the Uttar Pradesh legislative assembly, and after 1948 served as vice-chancellor of Lucknow University.

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2. JAYPRAKASH NARAYAN, popularly known as JP was born on October 11, 1902 at Sitabdiyara, India. He was married to Shrimati Prabhawati in 1920. JP educated at Patna Collegiate School and Patna College. He Left Studies to participate in non-cooperation movement, in 1921. He Went to California and Ohio University in the United States, for higher studies where he became a Marxist, took Master's degree in Sociology from Ohio University. Upon his return to India in 1929, JP joined the Indian National Congress and attended Lahore Congress (AICC Session). In 1930, he participated in Salt Satyagrah and took responsibility of Labour Research Department of AICC in Allahabad. In 1931, he worked as private secretary to Ghanshyam Das Birla briefly and later he was appointed Acting General Secretary of the Congress Party In 1932 and worked underground. In 1932 he was arrested first time and sentenced to a year’s imprisonment for his participation in the civil disobedience movement against British rule in India. Upon his release JP took a leading part in the formation of the Congress Socialist Party, a left-wing group within the Congress Party, in 1934, and became its first General Secretary. He was Member Congress Working Committee in 1936 and 1946. JP was imprisoned by the British again in 1939 for his opposition to Indian participation in World War II on the side of Britain. In 1940 he was arrested at Jamshedpur, released and again arrested and put at Deoli Camp Jail.

In 1942 JP made a dramatic escape from Hazaribagh Jail (Bihar) and for a short time tried to organize violent resistance to the government before his recapture in 1943. From 1934 to 1950, he was General Secretary of the Congress Socialist Party and Socialist Party respectively.

In 1948 he, together with most of the Congress Socialists, left the Congress Party and formed the Socialistic Party and later Praja Socialist Party in 1953. Soon becoming dissatisfied with party politics, JP announced in 1954 that he would henceforth devote his life exclusively to the Sarvodaya and Bhoodan Yajna Movement, founded by Vinoba Bhave, which demanded that land be distributed among the landless. In 1957 he resigned from Praja Socialist Party’s ordinary membership and became President, All India Sarvodaya Conference in 1961. He Was Chairman India-Pakistan Reconciliation Group in 1962. Received Ramon Magsaysay Award in 1965. In 1971-73, he arranged surrender of dacoits in Madhya Pradesh and many infamous Dacoits of MP surrendered before him.

In 1974, Jayprakash Narayan suddenly burst on the Indian political scene as a severe critic of what he saw as the corrupt and increasingly undemocratic government of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and gained a following from students and opposition parties and launched “Sampoorna Kranti” (Total Revolution) Movement.

When Indira Gandhi was convicted by the Allahabad High Court of corrupt election practices, JP called for her resignation. Instead, she declared a national emergency on 26th June 1975 and jailed JP and several other opposition leaders. This was the first time when JP was arrested in Free India. In prison his health broke down. He was released after five months on 12 November, 1975 but never regained his health. When Indira Gandhi announced General Elections in 1977, JP Narayan advised and helped opposition parties to form Janata party and campaigned for its candidates. He died on October 8, 1979, in Patna (Bihar).
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J.P., his biography, by AllanScarfe, Wendy Scarfe. Orient Blackswan, 1998-274 pages. This revised edition brings to a close the fascinating life story of Jayaprakash Narayan, one of the last outstanding moral and political figures who carried forward Gandhi’s legacy of non-violent mass struggle and village self-sufficiency into post-Independence India. The biography vividly illustrates JP’s infinite capacity for reflection and change, working relentlessly as he did for issues as varied as the freedom struggle, panchayati raj, workers’ rights, and collective self-help.


3. **ABDUL BARI (PROFESSOR)** was born in an ordinary family at Keowar in Old Shahbad Distt of Bihar. He became an extra ordinary soldier of the National Movement. Prof. Bari Particpated in Non Co-operation movement in 1920. He became Member of All India Congress Committee and attended Bombay AICC in 1923. He Participated in ‘Salt Satyagraha’ started by Gandhiji in 1930. He was the founder member of Congress Socialist Party (CSP) and its first National Committee and drafting Committee, also he was Chairman of The Reception Committee of the foundation Conference held at Patna on 17th May, 1934. He was the first President of Bihar CSP. In 1937, he got elected to Bihar Legislative Assembly and became its Vice-Chairman, 1937-39. During the Quit India Movement he was arrested and imprisoned at Hazaribagh jail. He was President of Bihar Pradesh Congress Committee (P.C.C) from 1946 to 28th March, 1947 till his death. In the wake of the partition in 1946, communal riots spread in Bihar also and it was then that Prof Bari was at his secular best trying to extinguish the fire of communalism. Later when normalcy restored in the state, Mahatma Gandhi visited riot affected areas of Bihar. Gandhi ji came and stayed in Bihar for about a month.

Prof. Bari was in Hazaribagh on 28th March, 1947 and he was coming to Patna to meet Gandhi ji but he was brutally killed on Patna-Fatuhia road by some un-identified miscreants in the night only. After Prof. Bari’s gruesome murder Gandhi ji visited his native place Koelwar and met the bereaved family. Gandhi ji was visibly moved at the pathetic sight of abject poverty of this great freedom fighter’s family. There was no money with the family even for Prof. Abdul Bari’s burial. The Congress Party announced a monthly amount of Rupees two hundred and fifty to Mrs. Bari, but after a couple of months even that paltry sum of money ceased to be given.

The Bihar government decided to give 200 acre of land in Bettiah to the family but even that remained a lip service.

Professor Abdul Bari’s life is a saga of sacrifice for the freedom of the Motherland.

**MAHATMA GANDHI’S SPEECH AT PRAYER MEETING PATNA, March 29, 1947.**

At the outset Gandhiji told the audience that he would be leaving for Delhi the next day and hoped to return in about four or five days. Gandhiji then feelingly referred to the death on the previous evening of Prof. Abdul Bari, President of the Bihar Provincial Congress Committee, under tragic circumstances. Prof. Bari was a disciple and co-worker of Dr. Rajendra Prasad. Dr. Rajendra Prasad has built for himself a unique and undisputed position and influence in the province by his service and sacrifice. Prof. Bari had also by his service in the cause of the workers in Jamshedpur and other places endeared himself to the people and risen to occupy the position of the President of the Provincial Congress Committee. A fearless fighter, Prof. Bari was with the Congress during the different phases of its struggle for freedom. Gandhiji referred to his visit earlier in the day to Prof. Bari’s house to console the members of the bereaved family and ask them not to grieve and to hearten them for the work that had specially descended upon the weak shoulders of his children.

Gandhiji said that as he entered the house he was struck with its simplicity and the simple life Prof. Bari had led. The house was located in an ordinary narrow lane and what he saw inside the house fully bore out what everyone had said about Prof. Bari, that he was a poor man and that though he had opportunities he scrupulously maintained his integrity as far as public finances were concerned. At a time when the administration of the country was in the Congress hands and crores of rupees had to be administered, men of Prof. Bari’s honesty
would have been of invaluable help. He had hoped on his return from the third tour just finished, to be more closely associated with him and to make an effective appeal to him to modify, if not altogether get rid of, his short temper which went ill with the very high office, in fact the highest in the province of Bihar, especially when there was a nationalist ministry at the head of affairs which naturally had to be influenced by the premier provincial Congress organization. Gandhiji said that he had had full faith in Prof. Bari and had known that his word carried great weight with him. But God had willed otherwise and He had deprived Bihar of the great service of a very brave man with the heart of a fakir. But men like Bari never died, and it was for those who remained to carry on the noble work he had left behind. Gandhiji then referred to the circumstances of Prof. Bari’s death and said that.

1 Extracted from “Gandhiji’s Bihar Tour Diary”
In an unfortunate altercation that had ensued between him and one Gurkha member of the anti-smuggling force and a former member of the Indian National Army, the latter shot him. He warned the audience that there was no politics of any kind in the death and that it would be wrong and unjustified to associate the whole I. N. A. organization with the death of Prof. Bari because of what one single individual did. Harijan, 13-4-1947. (COLLECTED WORKS OF MAHATMA GANDHI.VOL. 94: 17 FEBRUARY, 1947 - 29 APRIL 1947).

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(ABDUL BARI (1882-1947) Professor Abdul Bari was a great nationalist and labour leader of Bihar, who lived and died for the noble cause of the country. Abdul Bari, son of Qurban Ali, a police inspector was born in 1882 at Koilwar).


Prof. Abdul Bari, the Muslim President of the Bihar Provincial Congress Committee, had been shot dead by a Gurkha of the anti-smuggling force. He was challenged by the Gurkha on duty but failed to reply.

Prof. Abdul Bari, the officiating President of the Provincial Congress Committee mentione by Dr Rajendra Prasad in his book on page number 315. Dr. Rajendra Prasad: Correspondence and Select Documents, Vol. 10: Volume 10.1988 - 349 pages.


Abdul Bari jumped into the freedom struggle during the days of the Khilafat movement, and became a leader of the 'Tata Workers' Union in 1936. With the arrival of Abdul Bari, the labour movement in Jamshedpur gained new, vigour.

History of the Indian National Congress in Bihar, 1885-1985, by P. N. Ojha, Kashi Prasad Jayaswal Research Institute. 1985-934 pages. Narain Prasad (Chapra) became its President while Prof. Abdul Bari became Secretary. Krishna Ballav Sahay (Hazaribagh) and Harinandan Sahay (Chapra) became Assistant Secretaries. On 9th May 1923 the party set up a new Executive.
Trade unionism, myth and reality: unionism in the Tata Iron and Steel Company, by Kuriakose Mamkoottam. Oxford University Press, 1982-140 pages. Abdul Bari was an active nationalist, and was then the deputy speaker of the Bihar Assembly. There was a drastic change in the history of the labour movement in Jamshedpur with the arrival of Abdul Bari in 1936.

THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE OF THE CSP, Shri Narendra Deva, President. Shri Jayaprakash Narayan Secretary. Members, Professor Abdul Bari, Shri Purushottamdas Tricumdas, Shri MR Masani, Shri Sampurnanand, Dr. CC Banerji, Mr. FH Ansari, Dr. Rammanohar Lohia, Dr. Abdul Alim, N G Ranga. (The Indian nationalist movement, 1885-1947: select documents, by Bishwa Nath Pandey. Macmillan, 1979-272 pages).

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4. PURSHOTTAM TRICUMDAS, was born in 1897, at Bombay. He was Educated at Bombay and Cambridge, England. Was Member, Bombay Home Rule League and Joint Secretary Bombay Unit of Swarajya Party in 1924. In 1930, he participated in Civil Disobedience Movement and salt satyagraha. In 1934, he was one of the Founder Members of the Congress Socialist Party and Member of its National Executive. He was Member A.I.C.C, in 1945. He left Congress party in 1948, and Presided Socialist Party’s Nasik Conference and was elected Party’s Treasure, in 1948. He got elected to Maharashtra Legislative Assembly, in 1951.

He was appointed Chairman of Legal Inquiry Committee on Tibet by the International Commission of Jurist. 1959-60, Purshottam Tricumdas was a lawyer by profession and practiced at Supreme Court. He died on 19th May 1969.

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5. MINOCHER RUSTOM MASANI, popularly known as Minoo Masani, son of Shri B. P. Masani was born at Bombay, on November 20, 1905. He was Educated at Cathedral High School, Bharad New High School, Elphinstone College, Bombay, London School of Economics and Lincoln’s Inn, London 1930. He was B.A., LL.B., Bar-at-Law. He was married to Shrimati Shakuntala Srivastava and had one son.

Minoocher Rustom Masani came back to India and started legal practice at Bombay court. After few days he gave up practice and joined the Indian Freedom Movement. For his active participation he was imprisoned several times by the British Government.

Minoo, was previously associated with the Communist Party, Indian National Congress, and Congress Socialist Party and later with Swatantra Party. A barrister trained in London, Masani joined the freedom struggle as a Member of Indian National Congress in 1932 and Participated in Civil Disobedience Movement and jailed during 1932-39. He was Founder Member and Joint Secretary of the All India Congress Socialist Party, (CSP) 1934-39.

At the young age Minoo Masani was an ardent follower of the communist leader of Soviet Union but the brutality of Stalin compelled to change his views. He started opposing the communism and refused to accept communist members in the Congress Socialist Party. Minoo Masani did not succeed to persuade the party members in this matter for a while and walked out of the Congress Socialist Party along with Rammanohar Lohia, Achyut Patwardhan and Asoka Mehta. Later communist members were excluded from the party.

During this time Minoo Masani wrote famous article ‘Socialism Reconsidered’ opposing the Marxist doctrine. After that he plunged into ‘Quit India Movement’ led by Gandhiji and left the job of Tata Company. He was imprisoned in Nasik jail where he came into close contact with some great Congress leaders.

Minoo Masani was Councillor, in Bombay Municipal Corporation 1935-45, and Mayor of Bombay, 1943-44. He was Member, (i) Central Legislative Assembly, 1945-47, (ii) Constituent Assembly (Legislative) 1946-48, and Provisional Parliament, 1949-52. Minoo Masani contributed a lot in drafting the Constitution of India. He was also the member of Fundamental Rights Sub-Committee and Union-Powers Committee.

Minoo Masani started thinking about socialism in a different way. He propagated the idea of mixed economy, which was appropriate for Indian democracy. He also wrote an article “Plea for a Mixed Economy”.

He was nominated by the Government of India as representative on the U.N. Sub-Commission for Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. Minoo Masani invited Prime Minister Nehru’s wrath when he refused to turn a blind eye to the persecution of the minorities in the Soviet Union and its satellites in Eastern Europe. He was recalled and sent off in 1948 as India’s Ambassador to Brazil. He was Ambassador of India in Brazil, 1948-49. Those were the Cold War years when the Soviet Union sponsored front organisations to promote its interests worldwide. Several organisations were set up internationally to counter the Soviet challenge. One of these was the ‘Congress for Cultural Freedom’ based in Paris. In India, Masani, along with Jayaprakash Narayan, Asoka Mehta and A.D. Gorwala took the initiative in establishing the Indian Committee for Cultural Freedom (ICCF) and affiliated it to the Congress in Paris. The ICCF was a non-party organisation and the members of this Indian Committee for Cultural Freedom were open-minded scholars, writers, artists and
scientists to defend intellectual liberty, to cultivate a spirit of free enquiry and an appreciation of the arts.

Two years earlier he had founded, with the blessings and encouragement of the then Deputy Prime Minister and home minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the ‘Democratic Research Service’ to eradicate separatist ideology in India, and to educate public opinion on the dangers to India’s national independence posed by communists who, acting under instructions from the ‘Comintern’ in Moscow and were, in the early fifties conducting a violent insurrectionary movement in Telengana in Andhra Pradesh.

In 1957, Minoo Masani was elected as the member of the Lok Sabha from Ranchi in Bihar, on the symbol of the then Jharkhand Party. As a member of Lok Sabha, he gave full effort to implement the mixed economy and tried hard to resist socialist policies.

In 1959, he accompanied C. Rajagopalachari to found the Swatantra Party. He was General Secretary of Swatantra Party, and Member of its Executive Committee. As a General Secretary of this party, Minoo Masani used his organizing capability to spread Swatantra Party all over the India. In 1967 election the party earned 44 seats in the Lok Sabha as the single largest opposition party. Swatantra Party also became the main opposition party in the Rajasthan and Gujarat legislative Assemblies.

He was Member, Second Lok Sabha, 1957-62, Third Lok Sabha, 1962-67 and Fourth Lok Sabha 1967-71. His was an outstanding performance as member of the Lok Sabha between 1957 and 1971. He was chairman of the Public Accounts Committee of Parliament. As leader of the single largest party in the opposition he invariably opened the debate on the Finance Bill that follows the introduction of the Union Budget. Many of his speeches in parliament were later published under the title “Congress Misrule and Swatantra Alternative”. Masani kept a close watch on the attendance of members of his group and their behavior. He firmly believed that occupying the opposition benches did not mean opposing for the sake of opposition. On many an occasion he supported the ruling party but did not hesitate in going against all other groups in the house if any issue warranted such action.

In 1970, when Indira Gandhi’s popularity sidelined all the parties Swatantra Party also became on the verge of extinction. At that time Minoo Masani resigned the party and bade adieu to the active politics. He was a noted parliamentarian. As the leader of opposition party and member of different committee appointed by the lower house he raised his voice in proper time and delivered valuable speeches. Later these crucial speeches were accumulated and published as a book named “Congress Misrule and Swatantra Alternative”.

He took over the editorship of Freedom First, which he had founded in 1952. As editor he fought the censorship imposed during Mrs. Gandhi’s ‘Emergency’ and sought the court’s intervention against her censors in what came to be known as the ‘Freedom First case’. Though the court vindicated his stand he suspended publication as found that there were too many impediments to his exercising editorial freedom. Publication was soon after the Emergency was withdrawn. Freedom First is now published as a Quarterly and is generally regarded as Liberalism’s authentic voice in India.

In 1978, when the Janata Party was elected to power, Minoo Masani, was appointed Chairman of the Minorities Commission but soon resigned over differences on principles and approach.
Minoo Masani the socialist agitator in his ‘twenties became the Liberal par excellence whose contribution to the Liberal movement was acknowledged when he was honored as a patron of the Liberal International. He was a secularist (Though he disliked the word preferring to call himself by the more cumbersome description ‘Non-denominationalist’) and an uncompromising champion of individual liberty. Starting out as a friend and supporter of Pandit Nehru he began to see in his later years the practical wisdom in Sardar Patel’s policies.

Though he had retired from the politics he continued to be active in public life and was great supporter of Individual liberty. In March 1968, he founded the Leslie Sawhny Programme of Training for Democracy to train young people in citizenship to be conscious of their rights and their duties as good citizens.

He founded the Society for the Right to Die with Dignity and enjoyed being in the centre of a minor storm when he campaigned for passive euthanasia for the terminally ill. In 1985 he set up the Project for Economic Education in association with the Leslie Sawhny Programme and Prof. B.R. Shenoy’s Economic Research Centre to educate public opinion on issues relating to the economy in general and the economic reform programme that began in the ‘eighties, in particular.

Masani’s reputation as a man with a very high level of integrity in public life was formidable. This quality by itself was enough to disqualify him from being a ‘successful’ politician where success is measured in terms of ministerial positions or other similar patronage-wielding offices.

He concluded his two-volume autobiography (which he wrote in 1981) with the observation:

“Since our politicians are by and large beyond repair, if India is to be saved, it will have to be saved by the small man, particularly the middle class of the cities and the landed farmers of the countryside who are the backbone of the nation. These classes have suffered cruelly under the so-called ‘socialist pattern’ that Nehru imposed on the country and which is still rampant, but their back is still not broken. It is to these that I would look to save this country.”

He was happiest when surrounded by young people. Not surprisingly his first and last books were meant for the young. The first was ‘Our India, an all-time bestseller and a prescribed text book in schools even in pre-independence India (the book was withdrawn when he parted company with Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and the then Establishment), and the last was its sequel ‘We Indians, If optimism exuded every page of Our India, We Indians was a confession of failure and a plea to the young to avoid the mistakes of his generation. In the concluding chapter in We Indians he wrote: “We of my generation have made such a mess of our country’s affairs that, in my opinion, we have no right to preach to young folks....”

In 1981, Minoo Masani wrote his autobiography ‘Against the tide’.

He was indeed the quintessential dissenter. He was Management Consultant, Head of Personnel and Productivity Service, Bombay. He passed away on 27th May 1998.

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Minocher Rustom Masani, by Frederic P Miller, Agnes F Vandome, John McBrewster. VDM Publishing House Ltd., 2011-92 pages. Please note that the content of this book primarily consists of articles available from Wikipedia or other free sources online. Minocheher Rustom Masani (born 20 November 1905 in Mumbai, died 27 May 1998), popularly known as Minoo Masani, was a politician and leader of the Swatantra Party in India. He was a member of the second, third and fourth Lok Sabha, representing Rajkot constituency in Gujarat. Masani was a Parsi from Rajkot. He founded the Indian Liberal Group, a think tank to promote Liberalism in India. A barrister trained in London, Masani joined the freedom struggle with the Quit India Movement and was drawn into the Communist Party in the 1930s. However, he moved away to become a Socialist and a supporter of the mixed economy. Post Independence, Masani’s political conviction propelled him to support "democratic socialism" in India as it avoided monopoly, private or public.


6. DR SAMPURNA NAND, was born on January 1st 1989, in a lower middle class family in (Benaras) Varanasi. He was educated at Benaras and Allahabad University. He began his career as a teacher in 1911, and became a Professor of Mathematics and was taken up as Principal of Doonger College Bikaner, 1918-21. He was Professor of Philosophy, at Kashi Vidyapeeth, 1922. He was well read even at the young age of 10 and reached matriculation level when only 14. At this tender age, he could not appear for the examination but young Sampurnanand did not waste his time. He joined the Carmichael Library at Kashi and read all the books that he could find there. He was a person who had interests in varied subjects. On the one hand he has written books on Indian Philosophy and culture and on the other he has authored several books on history astrology socialism and other subjects. In the field of journalism he left his contribution as editor of journals and news papers such as ‘Maryada’, ‘Agran’, ‘Aaj’ and ‘Today’. He also contributed frequently to the National Herald and the Congress Socialist.

Dr. Sampurnanand was an eminent nationalist, freedom fighter, a great thinker with a socialist bent of mind, an able administrator and above all, a scholar of great merit. He was a versatile personality. He was well versed in such widely divergent subjects as Mathematics.
and Astronomy, and Philosophy, Religion and Literature, and was, besides a veteran journalist of repute.

During the freedom movement he spent almost 5 years in prison and was associated with and greatly influenced by Mahatma Gandhi. At the call of Mahatma Gandhi, he participated in the Non-cooperation in 1920, and was imprisoned several times in National movement. Sampurnand was District Secretary Benaras District Congress Party in 1921 and was elected to the All-India Congress Committee in 1922.

In 1926, Sampurnand and Acharya Narendra Deva draw up a socialist agrarian program, under the aegis of UP Congress Committee and send it to the perusal of AICC. Jawaharlal Nehru got the AICC to accept this UPCC's Socialist Programme, in 1929. At the 1931, Karachi session of the Indian National Congress, socialist pattern of development was set as the goal for India and resolution on fundamental rights and economic programme was passed. According to Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, who drafted the Karachi resolution of AICC, the origin of this resolution was UPCC's resolution of 1929. (Pt. JL Nehru’s Autobiography, P.266).

Sometime in March 1930, Sampurnanand, had published a booklet entitled "When We Are In Power", it contained a comprehensive list of the Socialist programme. In this booklet Sampurnanand called for the abolition of the Zamindari system.

In 1930-31, Sampurnand participated in Civil Disobedience Movement and organized peasant’s movement of cane growers. The cane-growers movement and the Siswa Bazar episode which followed the calling off of Mahatma Gandhi’s Civil Disobedience Movement made him one of the mass leaders of the movement.

The Congress Socialist Party was founded in 1934, within the Congress party. Sampurnand was one of the Founder Members of the Congress Socialist Party and presides its First Conference at Bombay and elected to the CSP’s National Executive as member, 1934-36.

He left Congress Socialist Party in 1936, and was a member of the first Ministry formed in what was then known as united provinces (U.P.) in 1937, and became provincial Minister for Education in the U.P. cabinet in 1937-39, of Education, Finance and Labour, 1946-51, and of Home and Labour, 1951-54. He was Minister in U.P., from 1946-60. He showed considerable political tact at the time of Badrinath Temple Bill in the U. P. Legislature. As a Minister of Education in the U. P. Cabinet, he did much for the propagation of basic education and adult education. Vocational education and military education in schools were among Dr. Sampurnanand’s contributions in the sphere of education. The innovative concept of open jails was first introduced by him.

Dr. Sampurnanand succeeded Govind Ballabh Pant as Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh. Dr. Sampurnanand was Chief Minister of UP from 1955-1960. He was elected to the Uttar Pradesh legislative assembly several times. He was a member of U. P. Legislature up to 1962. Following a political crisis in Uttar Pradesh initiated by late Kamlapati Tripathi and C.B. Gupta, Dr Sampurnanand was asked to resign as CM and sent to Rajasthan as the Governor. He was Governor of Rajasthan from April 1962 to May 1967.

Sampurnanand was a devoted scholar of ancient Philosophy, Religion, and Culture and he passionately pleaded for the right perspective in the study and interpretation of the Vedas. He has written several books on various subjects, both in English and Hindi. He was
President of 29th Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, Poona, in 1940, and was Chancellor of Kashi Vidya Peeth, for a decade till his death on 10-1-1969.

It is interesting to note that all names in Dr. Sampurnananda's family end in "Anand" as the result of a Blessing from a great saint*, which his great grand father, a Minister of the Independant King of Varanasi, received during the time of Warren Hastings.

He belonged to Benaras and brought up under the influence of the Benaras ethos, he was a strong votary of traditional culture. A scholar of Sanskrit and Hindi, he was deeply interested in ancient Hindu culture including Sanskrit and Phalit Jyotish (astrology). His interest in Phalit coupled with his academic bent of mind got him interested in astronomy.

A Sanskrit University, University was established in 1958 by Dr. Sampurnanand and Education Minister Pt. Kamlapati Tripathi at Varanasi with the Name of "Varanaseya Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya". Dr. A.N. Jha was the first Vice Chancellor of the University. It was renamed as Sampurnanand Sanskrit University under the U.P. State University Act, 1973, in 1974.

Dr. Sampurnanand had a large number of publications to his credit, including Dharmvir Gandhi (a life sketch of the Mahatma during his South African Campaign), 'Maharaj Chhatrasal', Bharat Ke Deshi Rajya The individual and the state, Aryan Ka Adi Desh. 'Outwardly Dr. Sampurnanand was orthodox, but at the same time he had a rational and liberal approach to religion. As he wrote, 'It is true that a Man's religion, using the word not in the sense of a credo, or set phrases out of a catechism influences his whole conscious and sub-conscious life, and a study of it cannot be excluded from an analysis of the forces which have moulded his personality.'

He lived a quiet, austere and a philosopher's life and did not pursue public acclaim or recognition. He was one of the silent constructive workers of our freedom movement whose contribution to the making of modern India was really immense.

Dr. Sampurnanand passed away on 10th January, 1969.

**PUBLICATIONS OF SAMPURNA NANDA**

Dr. Sampurnanand was an eminent nationalist, freedom fighter and a great thinker with a socialistic background. His other publications are 'Maharaja Chhatrasal', 'Bharat ke Deshi Rajya', 'Aryan ka Adi Desh. Vratyakanda-atharvaveda, Chidvilas, Antarrashtriya Vidhan, Kuch Smritiyan Aur Kuch Sphurt Vichar, Hindu Vivah Main Kanyadan Ka Sthan and Samajwad for which he received Mangla Prasad Prize. A Sampurnanand Sanskrit University named after him under the U.P. State University Act, 1973, in 1974.

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Dr. Sampurnanand, came in contact with Mahatma Gandhi and was deeply influenced by him. He written 'Dharmvir Gandhi' (a life sketch of the Mahatma during his South African Campaign, 1914). Collection of private papers in National Archives of India. National Archives of India. 1990-40 pages.

MAHATMA GANDHI TO SAMPURNANAND
MAHATMA GANDHI’S LETTER TO SAMPURNANAND, July 27, 1937.
BHAI SAMPURNANAND,
I had taken your book*1(Samajvad) to Tithal, and had started reading it there. I finished it last Saturday, i.e., on July 24.I used to read it whenever I had a few minutes to spare. I have read it carefully from cover to cover. I liked the book, the language is sweet but it might also be regarded a bit difficult for those totally unacquainted with Sanskrit. The glossary of English-Hindi and Hindi-English equivalents given at the end is useful for the student. It is laudable that arguments in favour of socialism have been put forward without any disparagement of others.

I have no difficulty in accepting almost all the principles of socialism propounded in the book. I have also read with care the book *2 (Why Socialism?) by Jayaprakash. Can there possibly be any difference between his interpretation and yours? Neither in your book nor in his do I find a clear idea how the ultimate revolution in India will be brought about. This I could not understand even after discussing it with many others. Only the day before yesterday a report of Meherally’s Madras speech came into my hands and I went through it 3*(Vide also “Letter to Mahadev Desai”, 27-7-1937, and “Letter to Jawaharlal Nehru”, 30-7-1937). It explains fully what the socialists are doing. The object is to start a revolt in every sphere. But a revolt has never been possible without violence. In your book, however, I find nothing of the kind. Have we or have not we acquired strength through peaceful ways such as the civil disobedience or non-violent non-co-operation carried on since 1920?

You say that the principles of socialism cannot be fully implemented until we have State power. Supposing, you ask, a powerful land-owner turned a complete socialist, could he well and truly act upon his principles? Assuming that he had no punitive power, could an Indian raja who was a socialist be able to implement socialism? I recollect your having written that socialism cannot be practiced in its entirety until the whole world turns socialist. Does this imply that even if we gain complete independence socialism will not be fully or almost fully implemented? I hope you have understood my point. The purpose behind this question is only to ascertain how far it would be possible for me to accept the socialist principles and the means of their implementation.

You may reply to this letter at your leisure. I am in no hurry.

Yours,
M. K. GANDHI

1. Samajvad.
2. Why Socialism?
LETTER TO SAMPURNANAND SEGAON, WARDHA, July 19, 1938

Bhai SAMPURNANAND,

What is this news item about a Congress platoon of 10,000 to be formed in Farrukhabad? If an armed platoon is envisaged, is it compatible with the Congress creed of non-violence?

Your s,

M. K. GANDHI


LETTER TO SAMPURNANAND September 8, 1938.

Bhai SAMPURNANAND,

I agree with everything that you have said. The Congress has merely given a new name to the language. It has not made any other difference. No honest person would reject a word because of its Hindu or Muslim origin. What can we say of others? And it has become fashionable these days to oppose anything done by the Congress or Congressmen. Do you want to know my views on the subject or something else? Because, I have spoken and written at length on this subject.

Yours,

M. K. GANDHI


LETTER TO SAMPURNANAND February 2, 1939

Bhai SAMPURNANANDJI,

I received your letter but could not acknowledge it promptly. I hope you have also written to Dr. Zakir Husain what you wrote to me. Your letter regarding the flag and Bande Mataram was received at a time when I was traveling. What you have said in it is correct. I am working on the same lines.

The problem of those who have entered Councils is becoming difficult day by day. But after all it is nothing but a symptom of the malaise. I see clearly that the Congress is going downward each day.

Selfishness, infighting, untruth and violence have crept into the Congress and are on the increase. I fear we are destroying ourselves because of our inner failures. Let us see what God wills.

Yours,

M. K. GANDHI

From the Hindi original: Sampurnanand Papers. Courtesy: National Archives of India.

LETTER TO SAMPURNANAND, SEVAGRAM, May 31, 1940

Chh. SAMPURNANANDJI,

I have your letter. I have a fear that if there is disorder I may prove ineffective. Because no one will listen to me. I tell those who ask me that everyone should be at his post—using the lathi if they must but with non-violence if they have the faith.

I do not worry whatever may happen. We can but make the effort and say: “God’s will be done.”

You can not take office like that. If there is disorder, of what good will the office be? Still, if I can find a way I shall. There is no sign from Simla.

Yours,

M. K. GANDHI

From the Hindi original: Sampurnanand Papers. Courtesy: National Archives of India.
LETTER TO SAMPURNANAND*1, SEGAON, WARDHA, January 29, 1940.
BHAI SAMPURNANANDJI,
Your letter. You have been very close to me for so long. I understand what you say. I write with an open heart as far as possible, yet the soldiers’ burden must continue. What you write regarding the charkha is enough. The work of adult literacy has been well accomplished. I could not deal with an earlier letter for want of time.
Yours,
M. K. GANDHI

LETTER TO SAMPURNANAND*1, December 30, 1946.
BHAI SAMPURNANANDJI1,
How can I ignore your letter? I trust the silver jubilee*2 (the institution was founded by Gandhiji in 1921) will be celebrated in fine style. May Kashi Vidyapeeth bring forth true workers.
Yours,
M. K. GANDHI

1 U. P. Congress leader who succeeded G. B. Pant as Chief Minister of U. P.; earlier Minister of Education and Finance
2 On January 27, 1947; the institution was founded by Gandhiji in 1921.
From a copy of the Hindi: C. W. 10428. Courtesy: Kashi Vidyapeeth

BOOKS ON SAMPURNANAND
Sampurnanand, by Lambert M Surhone, Mariam T Tennoe, Susan F Henssonow. Betascript Publishing, 18 April 2011-92 pages. Please note that the content of this book primarily consists of articles available from Wikipedia or other free sources online. Dr Sampurnanand (January 1, 1891 - March 7, 1969) was a teacher and politician in Uttar Pradesh, India. He was elected to the Uttar Pradesh legislative assembly and served as chief minister of the state from 1954 to 1960. If we consider single tenure in the office of the U.P. C.M. then Dr. Sampurnanand had the longest stretch from 28 December 1954 to 7 December 1960, which is almost six years in the office. Dr. Sampurnanand, a scholar of Sanskrit and Hindi, succeeded Govind Ballabh Pant. His council of ministers numbered 28 and the educationist ruled UP till Dec 7, 1960.

Sampurnanand Sanskrit University, by Lambert M Surhone, Mariam T Tennoe, Susan F Henssonow. Betascript Publishing, 13 May 2011-96 pages. Please note that the content of this book primarily consists of articles available from Wikipedia or other free sources online. Sampurnanand Sanskrit University is an institution of higher learning in oriental learning, Sanskrit allied areas, etc. and is located in Benares which is also known as Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, India. In the year 1791, during British rule in India Jonathan Duncan, Resident of the East India Company proposed an establishment of Sanskrit College for development and preservation of Sanskrit Vangmaya and to show that English people are in favour of development of India people. This was sanctioned by Governor General Lord Cornwallis. The first teacher of this Institution was Pandit Kashinath. Governor General sanctioned a budget of Rs. 20,000 per annum at that time. The first principal of Government Sanskrit College was J. Myor, followed by Dr. J.R. Ballentien, Ralph T. H. Griffith, Dr. G. Thevo, Dr. Aurther Venice, Sir Ganganath Jha, and Gopinath Kaviraj among others.
Sampurnanand was born 1889, in a lower middle class family in Varanasi. The family environment under which ... Like all youths of the early ' twenties Sampurnanand was greatly stirred by the nationalist fervour of the time Socialist thought in modern India, by Rai Akhilendra Prasad. Meenakshi Prakashan, 1974-300 pages.

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Late Mr. Charu Chandra Banerji (affectionately known as Cham Babu ) a singularly broadminded and sympathetic gentleman. He was handsome, cultured and popular. He was a Brahmo and his father-in-law was the Principal.

RSN and IGN Railway Companies Labourers and Workers Union This association was formed in a meeting on the 3rd September 1934, under the presidency of Dr. Charu Chandra Banerji (detenu) at the All India Trade Union Congress office.

Twentieth session of AITUC was held at Nagpur on 1-3 May 1943 under the presidency of Mr. Charu Chandra Banerjee in absence of Mr. VV Giri. Mr. VV Giri, the President elect of the Session, was in jail, and Mr. Charu Chandra Banerji presided over the session. The
Government had banned visitors and holding of mass meetings. VV Giri, the President, being in detention, Dr. Charu Chandra Banerjee, one of the Vice-Presidents, presided over the Session. All meetings and demonstrations were banned by Government under the Defence of India Rules.

(MORE DETAILS ABOUT HIM ARE NOT AVAILABLE)


Member, Member Rajya Sabha, 3-4-1958 to 2-4-1964 and 3-4-1964 to 4-4-1966. Passed away on 4 April 1966. (Biographical note on Faridul Haq Ansari from Jayprakash Narayan Selected Works, Vol. I, p. 156)

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From the early 1920s, some of the close relatives of M A Ansari, Aziz Ansari (1889-1985), Faridul Haq Ansari (1895-1966) and Shaukatullah Ansari (1908-1972) played an important part in political affairs. None succeeded in scaling the heights. Faridul Haq Ansari (1895-1966) was a nephew of MA Ansari. He was educated in Delhi, Oxford and London; a leading figure in the Delhi Congress Committee. In Delhi, Congress Socialists such as Faridul Haq Ansari and Asaf Ali began to prepare the groundwork for expansion of the Mass Contacts campaign. An "enrollment week" observed in Bombay resulted in 500 Muslims joining Congress Party.

9. RAMMANOHAR LOHIA, Son of Shri Hiralal Lohia and Smt. Chanda, the renowned socialist leader of India was born on 23rd March 1910, at Akbarpur, Faizabad district in Uttar Pradesh in a Marwari family of hardware merchants. His father, Hira Lal was a Gandhian and Congress worker and because of this background Rammanohar had early initiation to Nationalism. He was Educated at Akbarpur, Marwari High School, Bombay, Benaras Hindu University (BHU), Calcutta University and Humboldt University, Berlin.

In 1924, as a schoolboy, he attended the Congress session as a delegate. While in college he led students’ procession against the visit of Simon Commission in 1928. The same year he
came in contact with Jawaharlal Nehru and Subhas Chandra Bose. In 1929 after graduating from Vidya Sagar College he moved to England and Berlin. In 1932, he obtained a doctorate degree (Ph.D) for his thesis was on ‘Salt Satyagraha and effect of Civil Disobedience on Economy’.

He attended Guwahati Congress, AICC Session, in 1932, and played an important role to found Congress Socialist Party. He was founder Member of its Drafting Committee and its National Executive. Became Editor of ‘Congress Socialist’ in 1934. He was appointed Secretary, AICC Foreign Department, 1936-38. In May 1939 he was arrested in Calcutta for anti British activities and released in July 1942. He opposed the Cripps Mission of 1942 and participated in ‘Quit India Movement’ launched by Mahatma Gandhi. He led underground movement in 1942, along with Smt. Usha Mehta and Ms. Aruna Asif Ali. He started broadcast from Bombay and Calcutta and was arrested on 20 May 1944 in Bombay and interned at Lahore and Agra Jail under extreme hostile environment and faced cruelty of Britisher’s at Lahore Fort. He was released in April 1946, from Agra prison. In 1946, he refused proposal for AICC Secretary ship but accepted membership of CWC.

Dr. Lohia also fought for the civil liberty and freedom of Goa and was arrested twice. When communal riots erupted in Bengal, Bihar and other parts of the country in 1946 he visited some areas. He joined Gandhiji in his Noakhali (now in Bangladesh) Peace Mission and worked for pacifying communal tensions.

He presides Congress Socialist Party’s Kanpur Conference in February, 1947 and left the Congress Party, in March 1948, and formed the Socialist Party. The next year he became the first President of Hind Kisan Panchayat. He suggested a thirteen-point programme for the welfare of exploited people. The ideas of balancing the prices of agricultural and industrial goods, and land ceiling were some of the points of his suggestions. He was also among the Founder’s of Asian Socialist Conference in 1952.

After Independence of India he started Liberation Movement for the Nepal’s freedom in 1948. He was founder member of the Socialist Party but after the merger of Kisan Mazdoor Praja Party (K.M.P.P) into Socialist party and the formation of Praja Socialist Party, (P.S.P) He became General Secretary of Praja Socialist Party in 1954. After the split in P.S.P. in 1955, he again founded Socialist Party and became its President. In 1956, he started a journal entitled the “Mankind” and was Chairman of its Editorial Board. He also started a Hindi journal "Jan".

A strong voice in opposition politics under SP. PSP, and SSP, and a forceful critic of Jawahar Lal Nehru’s policies and builder of strong opposition, Lohia was founder of alternative politics based on socialist ideology, with programs of spade, vote and jail and seven revolutions.

In 1962 general elections he contested against Prime Minister, Pt. Nehru but lost the election but he won a Lok Sabha bye-election in 1963 from Farrukhabad. He was Member of Third and Fourth Lok Sabha, 1963-67.

In 1956, he initiated Goa struggle again and launched Kisan, (Peasant) marches. He was arrested twenty-five times for participation in freedom movements of India, Goa and Nepal and civil disobedience movement in free India and also in Mississippi, America against racial discrimination in 1964.
His original and creative mind attracted writers and artists and inspired young generations. He instilled the spirit of self-respect among the classes, victim of the caste-system and enabled them to assert their will to power which transformed the political scene in India. In international politics he associated with World Government Movement, civil-rights movements for African-American, Asian Socialism, Third Bloc movement etc. Dr Rammanohar Lohia was unmarried and passed away on 12th October 1967, in New Delhi.

Accomplishment in letters, art and science, Doctor of Philosophy of the Berlin University; formulated theories of Twin origins of Capitalism and Imperialism; Small Unit Machine; Equal irrelevance; The Third Camp; Immediacy-Oscillation between Class and Caste; Efficiency, total or maximum; physical and Cultural approximation of Mankind; Permanent Civil Disobedience; Co-existence with Approximation; Autonomous relationship of general and economic aims or spirit and matter; Inverse relationship of Internal Rebellions and External Invasion; preferential opportunity for Backward Groups in place of equal opportunities and Seven Revolutions.

**Important works:** Marx, Gandhi & Socialism, Foreign policy, Interval During Politics, Caste-System, Wheel of History, Guilty Men of India’s Partition, Lohia America meet and several booklets containing his speeches. The Third Camp in World Affairs.


Lohia edited the first thirteen issues of the Congress Socialist.


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10. **ABDUL ALEEM PROFESSOR**, Professor Abdul Aleem, (1906-1976) Writer and Critic Abdul Aleem was born at Ghazipur on 25th August, 1906. His father Maulvi Abdul Azeem was a Vakil at Ghazipur and was a well-to-do Zamindar of village Pahitya, district Ghazipur. Joined The Khilafat Movement and Non Cooperation Movement. Graduated from Jamia Milia Delhi, and PhD from Berlin University. Joined Indian Association of Central Europe at Berlin with Dr Ram Manohar Lohia and became its president. A Marxist and close associate of Jai Prakash Narayan, participated in freedom struggle and arrested several times. Founder Member of the Congress Socialist Party and its National Executive. Worked with Dr Zakir Hussain at a salary of Rs. 45/ per month at Jamia. Started writings along with Hayatulla Ansari. Was one of the directors of 'Hindustan' the famous nationalist weekly of its time. Later became Vice-Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, (1968-74). President of Tarraqqi Urdu Bureau. Passed away in 1976.

He was the Director, Institute of Islamic Studies, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh and Vice-Chancellor Aligarh Muslim University with effect from 4th January, 1968 to 3rd, January 1974, handing over the charge of his office to Prof. KA Nizami, Pro-Vice-Chancellor. The very next day he was appointed Chairman Traqqi-e-Urdu Board, Delhi. He passed away on 18th Feburary, 1976.
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11. N G RANGA, (GOGGENI RANGANAYUKULU) better known as N. G. Ranga (B.Litt. (Oxon), D. Litt. Diplomas in Political Science, Economics and Social Science (Oxford). Was an Indian freedom fighter, parliamentarian, and kisan (farmer) leader. He was an exponent of the peasant philosophy, and considered the father of the Indian Peasant Movement after Swami Sahajanand Saraswati. Ranga son of Shri Nagaiah Gogineni was born in Nidubrolu village in Guntur District of Andhra Pradesh on 7th November, 1900.

He went to school in his native village, and graduated from the Andhra-Christian College, Guntur. He received a B.Litt. in Economics from the University of Oxford in 1926. On his return to India, he took up teaching as Professor of Economics at Pachaiyappa's College, Madras (Chennai). He was married to Shrimati Bharati Devi.

Ranga joined the freedom movement inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's clarion call in 1930. He led the ryot agitation in 1933. Three years later, he launched the Kisan Congress party. He held historic discussions with Gandhiji on the demand for a rythu-coolie state. He wrote a book, 'Bapu Blesses' regarding his discussions with Gandhi.

Ranga was one of the founders of Congress Socialist Party and was member of its National Executive and drafting Committee in 1934. He was also among the founders of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers. He represented India at the Food and Agriculture Organisation (Copenhagen) in 1946, the International Labour Organisation (San Francisco) in 1948, the Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (Ottawa) in 1952, the International Peasant Union (New York) in 1954 and the Asian Congress for World Government (Tokyo) in 1955.

He quit the Congress Party and founded the 'Bharat Krishikar Lok Party' and the 'Swatantra Party', along with Rajaji who was a trenchant critic of the cooperative farming idea. Ranga became the Founder-President of the Swatantra Party and held that post for a decade. In the general elections held in 1962, the party won 25 seats and emerged as a strong Opposition. He rejoined the Congress (I) in 1972.


Agricultural University of Andhra Pradesh is named in his honour and memory as Acharya N. G. Ranga Agricultural University. His name found a place in the Guinness Book of World Records as a Parliamentarian with fifty years of service.

The N.G. Ranga Farmer Award for Diversified Agriculture was instituted by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research in 2001. A commemorative postage stamp was released by Government of India in 2001. He was awarded Padma Vibhushan by the President of India in 1991. He passed on 9th June, 1995. (7 November 1900–9 June 1995).
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12. MOHAN LAL GAUTAM, B.A. (Hons) Son of Pandit Chittamal born at village Birpura, Tehsil Khair, Distt Aligarh, UP on August 5, 1902. Educated at Aligarh and Lahore, 1915-21. Married to Shrimati Draupadi Devi, 1 son and 2 daughters participated in Non Cooperation and Khilafat Movements. He joined Servants of the People Society, in 1924. He was arrested in connection with Kakori Conspiracy case, 1925. In 1928, he participated in the boycott of
Simon Commission and arrested for giving a speech at Jallianwala Bagh, Amritsar. In 1930, he participated in Salt Satyagrah, arrested and awarded 6 years rigorous punishment. He was General Secretary, UPCC, 1930-31, and its Secretary in 1936, 1963-64, and President, 1969. General Secretary, A.I.C.C., 1950-51.

In 1934, he joined Congress Socialist Party as one of the founders, became its joint secretary in the first Conference at Mumbai and Member of its National Executive in 1936. In 1942, he participated in Non Cooperation Movement and jailed. He was Founder ‘Kendriya Kisan Sangh’ in and started ‘Sangharsh’ weekly under Acharys Narendra Devas guidance.


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13. NARAYAN GANESH (N G) GORAY, Shri son of Shri Ganesh Govind Gore; Born at Hindla village, Ratnagiri Distt. Maharashtra on June 15, 1907. Education at Ferguson College Poona and Bombay University, B.A., LL.B. Married Shrimati Sumati, June, 1935. One daughter. Social worker. One of those who started a branch of Youth League in Maharashtra in 1928. Joined Satyagraha campaign in 1930 and was sentenced to four months’ Rigorous Imprisonment. Same year joined the Congress. Sentenced in 1932 to two years' imprisonment. Member of the National Executive of the Congress Socialist Party when it started its work in 1934 and also a Member of the All India Congress Party. Was continuously in jail from 1941 to 1946 except for an interval of four months when he participated in the underground movement against the British. Worked as the Joint Secretary of the Socialist Party in 1948 when it severed its connection with the Congress. General Secretary of the Praja Socialist Party, 1953-54. Was President of the Sakhar Kamgar Federation (Sugar Workers Federation); President of Poona Electric Supply Company's Employees Union; President, Hind Oil Kamgar Sabha (H.M.S.) and Oil Companies Depot Superintendents Association, India; Elected to the Court of the University of Poona from the Trade Unions' Constituency for two consecutive terms, 1949-54 and 1954 onwards. Led the first batch of Satyagrahis in Goa in May 1955. Was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment by the Portuguese Government; Was released in February, 1957. Member Lok Sabha, 1957-62. Mayor Poona Municipal Corporation 1965. Member Rajya Sabha, 1970-76. India's High Commissioner in Britain 1977-79.

A stylish prose writer, N G Gorey was active on the literary front also. He has written a number of books in English and Marathi. He was also Critic, essayist, story writer and top-ranking translator.

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'kaahii paane, kaahii phule' by Narayana Ganesa Gore in Marathi.

Popularly known as EMS, was born on June 13, 1909 to Parameswaran Namboodirippad in the family of Elamakulathu Mana, a namboodiri home, near to Perinthalmanna taluk of the present Malappuram district in Kerala State.

He neglected studies and got involved in politics and to fight against social injustices. During his days there were social upheavals in his community and in other communities in Kerala. In his early years, he was associated with V. T. Bhattathiripad, M. R. Bhattathiripad and many others in the fight against the casteism and conservatism that existed in the Namboodhiri Brahmin community. He became one of the office bearers of ‘Valluvanadu Yogaskshema Sabha’, an organization of progressive Namboodiri youth.

During his college days, he was deeply associated with the Indian National Congress and its Movement. He started his political career in Indian National Congress and joined its socialist group. In 1931, he participated in Civil Disobedience Movement launched by Mahatma Gandhi. In 1934, he was one of the founder leaders of Congress Socialist Party (CSP), a Socialist wing within the Indian National Congress and was elected as its All India Joint Secretary from 1934 to 1940. During this period he was also elected to the Madras Legislative Assembly (1939).

In 1940, he got disillusioned with the Congress, and the Congress Socialist Party, (CSP) and joined the Communist Party and worked for the same. He remained committed to Socialist ideals and his compassion towards the downtrodden working class made him join the ranks of the Communist movement in 1940. He sold his portion of the ancestral property and donated the proceeds to the Party fund. He was a person who was listened to and respected by his followers as well as his opponents.

When Communism was banned and most of the leaders were arrested and in jail, he cleverly evaded arrest by changing his costumes and appearance by make ups. This helped the party as he led it from outside the jail while others were in jail and could not communicate with the masses. He being one of the masses, they helped him to escape from police. One instance where he escaped is in Alappppy, when he was pursued by the police he ran and mingled with the lady coir workers and put a towel over head and started beating the coconut fibrous part. There are such several instances. Even a section of police might have also helped him.
He was considered to be one of the founders of the Communist Party of India (CPI) in Kerala, for which he had to go in hiding for some time and was member of its Central Committee, 1942.

EMS Namboodiripad was a historical figure in the sense that he led the Communists to victory in the first election for the state government in Kerala, making him the first communist leader anywhere in the world to head a popularly elected Communist government. It was also the first time a regional party anywhere in India to win state elections.

On 5th April 1957, he was appointed as the first chief minister of Kerala. His government soon introduced the Land Reform Ordinance and Education Bill. His government was dismissed in 1959 by the Central Government, which invoked the controversial Article 356 of the Indian Constitution following what became later known as 'The Liberation Struggle'.

EMS was the Leader of Opposition in the Kerala Legislative Assembly from 1960 to 1964 and again from 1970 to 1977. He was a writer and author of several literary works and his book on the history of Kerala is notable. During the 1962 Sino-Indian war, he was among those leaders who aired China's view on the border issue. He became the Chief Minister of Kerala for the second time in 1967 as the leader of a seven-party coalition including the Muslim League. This time his tenure lasted for two and a half years. He was one of the founders and a main pillar of Communist party of India. EMS was the General Secretary of the undivided CPI and the CPM after the split till his health started failing him.

When the CPI split in 1964, EMS stood with the Communist Party of India (Marxist) CPI (M). He served as a member of the Central Committee and the Politburo of the CPI (M), before becoming its General Secretary in 1977, a designation he held until 1992. He was a member of the party Politburo until his death on March 19, 1998.

He was married to Smt. Arda Antharjanam and had two sons and two daughters. EMS passed on March 19, 1998.

**Contribution to Arts and the Society:**
EMS associated himself with Kesari Balakrishna Pillai, Joseph Mundasseri, M P Paul, K Damodaran and others. They were architects of "Jeevat Sahitya Prastanam", which later came to known as “Purogamana Sahitya Prastanam” (progressive Association of Arts & Letters).

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LeftWord Books is proud to present some of EMS’s most important writings in a series of volumes in his birth centenary year.


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THE 34th and 35th volumes of the Complete Works of E. M. S. Namboodiripad contain some important documents of the period 1962-66 which have a bearing on the India-China war and the split in the Communist Party of India (CPI). The Left-wing Communists were under attack at the time for alleged pro-Beijing leanings. EMS responded by charging the other side with adopting an anti-Beijing position.

While calling for resolution of the border conflict between the two countries through talks, he laid stress on the reality that Aksai Chin was in China's possession and "Azad" Kashmir in Pakistan's hands. He also makes out a strong case for India and China to learn from each other’s experience.

The writings on the ideological split in the Communist movement are characterised by polemical attacks on the "revisionists". The CPI comes in for severe criticism for its willingness to help the Congress against the Jana Sangh and the Swatantra Party.

A document of immense interest to students of the Communist movement is a 100-page note on the CPI programme, which was prepared by EMS at the height of the ideological conflict. It was submitted to the party's national council, but not taken up for discussion.

The Left-wing circulated it shortly before the seventh party congress, where the split finally took shape. In this document, EMS describes Indian society as an unusual mixture of caste, communal and tribal institutions and monopoly capitalism.

He argues that it is the duty of the proletariat and its party to bring together all the revolutionary and progressive forces to destroy the pre-capitalist elements and check the growth of monopoly capitalism.

In an article, EMS discusses the issue of national integration from the Marxist standpoint. In another he provides a detailed analysis of Kerala's unusual election experience in 1965. The poll had thrown up an assembly that was too fractured to permit the emergence of a government.

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3 Mārksisavum sāhityasamvādam
4 The Mahatma and the Ism
5 Indian planning in crisis
6 Put them in the dock
7 The BJP-RSS
8 Conflicts and crisis
9 The Frontline years
10 A history of Indian freedom struggle
11 Kerala, society and politics
12 The Frontline years
13 Economics and politics of India’s socialist pattern
14 History, society, and land relations
15 The republican constitution in the struggle for socialism
16 The Communist Party in Kerala
17 History, society, and land relations
18 Crisis into chaos
19 Selected writings
20 On organisation
21 What really happened in Kerala
22 India under congress rule
23 Problems of national integration
24 Kerala and the ugly face of the congress
25 Nehru, ideology and practice
26 How I became a Communist
27 The programme explained
28 The Mahatma and the ism

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3 Yūrō kamyūṇisavum Intyan vipḷavavum
4 Oru munmukhyamanticyute ērmakkuppukal
5 Malayāḷasāhityattil Mārksisavum etirālikaḷuṃ
6 Nammuṭe bhāṣa
7 Intyan svātantryavum atinuśēsavum
8 Tiriññu nōkkumpōḷ
9 Kēraḷacaritṛ̲avum samskāravum
10 Kēraḷattile kamyūṇisṭ̲ṭ̲ pṛ̲asthānaṃ
11 Acyutamēnōn, vyaktiyum rāṣṭriyavaṃ
12 Bhāratattanimakketire Indyaṇ dēsiyata
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16 Kamyūnī Parti Kēralatitil
17 Matanirapekṣatayum visvanāgarikatayum
18 Bharanākūtaṃ, viplavam, ati viplavam
19 Kēralacaritṛam Mārksisṭṭ vīkṣanaṭṭtil
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15. KAMALADEVI CHATTOPADHYAY Smt., Born on April 3, 1903 at Mangalore. Her father, Ananthaya Dhareshwar was the District Collector of Mangalore, and her mother Girijabai, from whom she inherited an independent streak, belonged to an aristocratic family from Karnataka. Education at Annie Convent and Bedford College London. Was a Gandhian, a social reformer, a freedom fighter, and most remembered for her contribution to Indian independence movement, for being the driving force behind the renaissance of Indian handicrafts, handlooms, and theatre in post-Independence India, and for upliftment of the socio-economic standard of Indian women by pioneering the co-operative movement in India.

In 1917, when was only fourteen years of age, she was married to Krishna Rao, and within two years she was widowed, while she was still at school. According to orthodox Hindu rules of the times, being a widow she was not allowed to continue her education, yet she
defiantly moved to Chennai, and continued her education from St. Mary's School, Chennai and finally completed her high school in 1918. When she was twenty years old, Kamaladevi married Harindranath Chattopadhyay, much to the opposition of the orthodox society of the times, which was still heavily against widow marriage. Their only son Ramu was born in the following year.

Shortly after their marriage, Harin left for London, on his first trip abroad, and a few months later Kamaladevi joined him, where she joined Bedford College, University of London, and later she received a diploma in Sociology.

While still in London, Kamaladevi came to know of Mahatma Gandhi’s Non-Cooperation Movement in 1923, and she promptly returned to India, to join the Seva Dal, a Gandhian organisation set up to promote social upliftment and became its G.O.C. Soon she was placed in charge of the women’s section of the Dal, where she got involved in recruiting, training and organizing girls and women of all ages women across India, to become voluntary workers, 'sevikas'.

In 1926, she met the suffragette Margaret E. Cousins, the founder of All India Women's Conference (AIWC), and was inspired her to run for the Madras Provincial Legislative Assembly. Thus she became the first woman to run for a Legislative seat in India. Though she could campaigned for only a few days, she lost only by 200 votes. She was Organising Secretary and President of All India Women’s Conference.

Later she was a part of the seven member lead team, announced by Mahatma Gandhi, in the famous Salt Satyagraha (1930), to prepare Salt at the Bombay beachfront, the only other woman volunteer of the team was Avantikabai Gokhale. Later in a startling move, Kamaladevi went up to a nearby High Court, and asked a magistrate present their whether he would be interested in buying the 'Freedom Salt' she has just prepared.

On 26 January 1930 she captured the imagination of the entire nation when in a scuffle, she clung to the Indian tricolour to protect it.

In the 1930s, she was arrested for entering the Bombay Stock Exchange to sell packets of contraband salt, and spent almost a year in prison. In 1936, she preside Congress Socialist Party’s Second National Conference at Meerut and was Member of its National Executive, 1934-39, working alongside Jayaprakash Narayan, Ram Manohar Lohia and Minoo Masani. She was Member of A.I.C.C and Congress Working Committee in 1946.

For her, feminism was inseparable from socialism, and where necessary she opposed her own colleagues when they ignored or infringed women's rights. For instance, when Mahatma Gandhi opposed the inclusion of women in the Dandi March (claiming that Englishmen would not hurt women, just as Hindus would not harm cows), Kamaladevi spoke out against this stand. Some time in the 1920s she and Harindranath separated and divorced by mutual consent; their marriage had largely been one of convenience and they had followed different paths.

She was Founder President Indian Cooperative Union and also set up the National School of Drama and later headed the Sangeet Natak Akademi, and also a member of UNESCO.

The Government of India conferred on her the Padma Bhushan (1955) and later the Padma Vibhushan in 1987, which are among the highest civilian awards of the Republic of India. She
also received the Ramon Magsaysay Award (1966) for Community Leadership. She was awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship, Ratna Sadsya, in 1974.

UNESCO honoured her with an award in 1977 for her contribution towards the promotion of handicrafts. Vishwa Bharti University, Shantiniketan honoured her with the distinction of ‘Desikottama’ its highest award. UNIMA (Union Internationals de la Marlonette), International Puppetry organization, also made her their Member of Honour. She passed away on October 29, 1988.

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Kamaladevi's radical stance on the nationalist cause, birth control, and women's rights led Gandhi to block her ascension within the Indian National Congress leadership, partially contributing to her decision to leave in 1939. In Europe to attend several international women's conferences, Kamaladevi then spent eighteen months in the U.S. visiting luminaries such as Eleanor Roosevelt and Margaret Sanger, lecturing on politics in India, and observing numerous social reform programs.

This paper argues that Kamaladevi's experience within Congress throughout the 1930s demonstrates the importance of gender in Indian nationalist politics; that her critique of Western "international" women's organizations must be acknowledged as a precursor to the
politics of modern third world feminism; and finally, Kamaladevi is one of the twentieth century's truly global historical agents.

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16. PURSHOTTAM YASHWANT DESHPANDE (PY), was born on 11th October, 1899, at Amravati. He was educated at Amravati and Ferguson College. In 1920, he Left College to participate in Non Cooperation Movement. He did his M.A, from Bombay University in 1925. In 1931, he did Law (LLB) from Nagpur University and in 1932, Participated in Khadi Movement and Organised Kisan Movement. He was among the founder members of Congress Socialist Party in 1934, and elected Member of its National Executive, 1934-38. Later he joined Communist Party but disillusioned and left it on 9th August 1942. He actively participated in Mahatma Gandhi’s non cooperation movement and was imprisoned during ‘Quit India movement’ of 1942.

He has special interest in studying Vedic and Buddhist literature. During his formative years he was very much influenced by thoughts of Ramkrishna Parmhans, Vivekananda and Swami
Ramteeratha. During 1933 to 1942, he was also impressed by Marxism thoughts, though Gandhism was the main sources of inspirational thought of his life.

In his book Gandhijicha Ka? (Why only Gandhi ji?), he has analysed the greatness of Gandhi ji.

He was Editor ‘Bhaktivya’ weekly. He was arrested in 1944. He was Vice President INTUC, 1946-47, and was Member Provisional Parliament 1950-52. In 1952 he quit from active politics and became Editor Nagpur Times, 1954-55. He was a progressive writer and novelist of Marathi. He wrote famous novel ‘Bandhanachya Palikade” and was honoured by Sahitya Akademi in 1962 for his book ‘Anamikachi Chintaniika, (Contemplations of an unnamed Man).

His other famous novels are Sukulele Phul, 1931, Sadaphule, 1933, Vishal Jivana, 1939, Kali Rani, 1941, Nave Jaga, 1941, Ahuti, 1959, Bherighosha ki Dharmaghosha (1972). Nave Mulye, 1946, is a collection of his critical essays while Nirmalya Mala, 1933, is a book of his poetry.

He has also written Bharatiya Sanskritila Avhana (A challenge to Indian Culture), Soviet Russia Va Hindusthan (Soviet Russia and India, 1944) and a biography of Sant Jnaneshvara and a commentary on Jnaneshvara's mystical writings Amritanubhara in English. Jnanadeva was a South Indian Saint who flourished in the thirteenth Century AD His main works are Jfianeswari, Amritanubhva and Abhangas. Of these, the first one, which is a commentary on Bhagavadgita, is taken by UNESCO for rendering it into English.

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INTRODUCTION PURUSHOTTAM YESHWANT DESHPANDE, popularly known as PY is a multifaceted personality in Marathi Literature. He was a novelist and journalist, communist labour leader, and a political activist and was an MP.

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17. SHRIDHAR MAHADEV JOSHI (SM), One of the most eminent Leader of the Socialist movement in India and son of Shri Mahadev Janardan Joshi born at Junnar, Poona Distt., November 12, 1904. He was educated at Golap, near Ratnagiri, New English School, Fergusson College and Law College, Poona and the University of Bombay. He did B.A.LLB.

He was a popular student in the New English School, Poona. His political longings were aroused when he took part in the Gujarat festivals and Tilak processions.

His academic career was exceptionally brilliant. He made an underlying reputation as a speaker. He bagged many prizes in the Fergusson College in oratorical contests. Joshi got involved with the Independence movement when he was a student at Fergusson College in 1924. In 1928, he started movement for the entry of Harijans in Mandirs. In 1930, he participated in the Civil Disobedience Movement and was sentenced to one year rigorous imprisonment. After his release he was again arrested and imprisoned for two years. He was charged with sedition for his speech on "Roy's Day" and jailed. Sacrifices entitled him to the high esteem of the people. He was imprisoned, in 1930, 1932-34 and 1940. He was also jailed for participating in Quit India Movement in 1942.

S M Joshi, was instrumental in the formation of the Congress Socialist Party in 1934. He was Founder Member of CSP and elected to its National Executive at Bombay, (1934-37). He was General Secretary Poona Congress Committee, 1937-38, and Chief Organiser, Rashtra Seva Dal, 1941-42. In 1935 he was the Secretary of the Maharashtra Youth Conference presided over by Swami Sampurnanand. With tireless zeal he worked for the success of the Faizpur Congress Convention. He also actively participated in Jayaprakash Narayan's total revolution movement, 1973-74. He was a founder member of Janata Party in 1977 and was President of its Maharashtra Unit, 1977-80.

He was a great organizer and even his opponents have acknowledged that he was the most useful and devoted volunteer. Be it uniting political parties in Maharashtra during the Samyukta Maharashtra Samiti Movement that fought for a unilingual state, creating worker unions in Pune, participating in Dalit movements or setting up the Mandal commission, Joshi was actively involved in it all.

He was Journalist, social worker and Life Insurance Agent. He contributed many articles of high literary excellence to the "Kiloskar". He was Trustee, Maharashtra Arogya Mandal, Poona, Antar Bharati Trust and Rashtra Seva Dal; Managing Trustee, Sadhana Trust and Chairman, Janawani Ltd.

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He was Journalist, social worker and Life Insurance Agent. He contributed many articles of high literary excellence to the "Kiloskar". He was Trustee, Maharashtra Arogya Mandal, Poona, Antar Bharati Trust and Rashtra Seva Dal; Managing Trustee, Sadhana Trust and Chairman, Janawani Ltd.

18. AMREN德拉 PRASAD MITTRA, Born and brought up at Calcutta. Education M.A. Lecturer at a College in Calcutta. Elected Member National Executive, CSP during Bombay Conference. To help and organize to form the Bengal Unit of CSP. Soon after Bombay Conference quit politics.

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Deshpande, Dr. Rammanohar Lohia, SM Joshi, Amarendra Prasad Mitra, Charles Mascarenhas, Nabakrushan Choudhury and Achyut Patwardhan as members. ...

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19. CHARLES MASCARENHAS, Born in 1903. Arrested and interned with Jayprakash Narayan in 1932, at Nasik Central Jail. A Royist, Charles Mascarenhas, had been one of the original five members of the socialist group founded by JP Narayan at Nasik prison. Founder member of CSP and its National Executive during Bombay Conference, 1934. Member All India Congress Committee (AICC) 1937. Expelled with Royist group from Congress party. Charles Mascarenhas was a close associate of MN Roy of the Radical Democrats and was the editor of Independent India. In 1934, he was taken into detention with RI for one year along with other leaders.

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The league issued a periodical, Independent India, of which Charles Mascarenhas was editor. The journal was the organ of the League of Indian Independence formed by the Royist group in Bombay; its editor was Charles Mascarenhas.

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20. NABAKRUSHNA CHOUDHURY, Son of famous advocate Gokulananda Choudhuri, born at in a landlord family of Kherash village near Jagatsinghpur, Orissa in 1901. When he was still continuing his graduation at Ravenshaw College Cuttuck, in 1921, he left education and participated in Non-Cooperation Movement and jailed. After his release he established Alka Aashram. In 1930, he started movement against Chowkidari Tax. He has been imprisoned in the years 1930, 1932, 1940 and 1942 for taking part in breaking the salt law, law-disobedience revolution and Garhjat revolution. He was one of the founder members of CSP and its National Executive, in 1934. He was elected to the Orissa legislative assembly in the year 1937. In 1938, organise protest against atrocities in Talchar and Dhenkanal. In 1946, he held the position of Finance minister in Harekrushna Mahtab ministry. He resigned from his post because of his son’s death in 1948.

On 12th May 1950, he became the Chief Minister of Orissa. He worked as the Chief Minister till 1956. Then he resigned from his post and left the party and started serving the country. Some of his works include the first five year plan for Orissa (1950-1956), the removal of
landlord System, the law to make Oriya language the official language, establishment of the agricultural university.

Later he joined Sarvodya and in 1964 he visited Nagaland and Kashmir and tried to pacify the situation there. Then he dedicated himself to the field of education. Due to degradation of the political environment in India again he returned to the field of politics in 1974. He was imprisoned in 1975 during the emergency period. He has dedicated his entire life for helping the poor. The Champati Munda Jeevan Vidyalay and the Nava Jivan Mandal are the two organizations set up by him for the schedule caste and schedule tribe students. He was very honest, fearless, and selfless and was a person of high morale and integrity. Throughout his entire life he has struggled against corruption and suffering. Nabakrushna Choudhury passed away on 24 June 1984.

A Nabakrushna Choudhury Centre for Development Studies (NCDS), Bhubaneswar, Orissa, was set-up in his memory. (an ICSSR research institute under the Deptt. of Higher Education, Govt, of Odisha.

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Government of Oriss: General Books LLC, 2010-102 pages. Chapters: Chief Ministers of Orissa, Excerpt: Nabakrushna Choudhuri was a politician and activist who served as Chief Minister of the Indian state of Orissa. He was born on 23 November 1901 at Cuttack, Orissa State, India. Son of the famous advocate Gokulananda Choudhuri, Nabakrushna had shown unusual talents during his childhood. He was very fond of games and sports. Noticing that he was devoting more time to games and sports, his father engaged a private tutor for him. Subsequently he studied at the Peary Mohan Academy and completed his studies leading to Matriculation Examination at the age of 14. He had to wait for two years and eventually passed the examination with a good division. In 1917, Nabakrushna Choudhuri took admission in the Ravenshaw College, Cuttack. At about this time his brother Gopabandhu Choudhury resigned from government service to serve the people of Orissa. That year the people of Russia had achieved victory by fighting against the oppressive king. This had a deep influence on Nabakrushna Choudhuri. One thought repeatedly came to his mind. When the people in the country are facing innumerable... More: http://booksllc.net/?id=9104918

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The Indian journal of adult education: Volume 63; Volume 63, Indian Adult Education Association, quoted a profile of NABAKRUSHNA CHOUDHURI-THE MAN OF MASSES: HIS LIFE AND THOUGHTS, by Bibhuti Bhusan Mohanty. His Early Life Nabakrushna Choudhuri was born on 23 November 1901 at Cuttack, Orissa State, India

(Nabakrushna Chaudhury joined the Freedom Movement in 1921 when he was reading B A. He went to Shantiniketan, where he decided to marry Malati Sen (Now Malati Choudhury) who hailed from a family of a top bureaucrat. Malati Choudhury was eminent social worker and freedom fighter, 1904-1998. She plunged wholeheartedly into various campaigns including the movement for a new pattern in irrigation, the establishment of evening
schools, educated at Santiniketan; participated in the 1930, 1932 and 1942 movements; associated with Utkal Navajivan Mandal; member, Constituent Assembly 1946).

21. ACHYUT PATWARDHAN Shri, born on 5th February 1905 into a prosperous Brahmin family in Ahmednagar, Maharashtra and was adopted soon after by his uncle, Sitaram Patwardhan, after the death of Hari Keshav, his father. After schooling in Ahmednagar, Patwardhan did his masters in economics from the Central Hindu College in Benares and joined his Alma Mater as a Professor, but left in 1932 to Participate in civil disobedience Movement under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi.

An extensive tour of England and Europe in the early Thirties, however, exposed Patwardhan to the changes brought by socialism and, encouraged by people like Jawaharlal Nehru, Patwardhan joined the Congress Socialist Party in 1934, becoming one of its founder member and Member of its National Executive, 1934-38, at the age of 31, but tender his resignation in protest against party’s policy towards Communists, in 1939. He was a member of Congress Working Committee, 1936-47. Participated in Quit India Movement and Went under ground. He guided parallel Government in Satara Distt. With Nana Patil and others DURING 1942-46. But he realised the climate in the Congress was inhospitable to socialism and, 13 years later, at the time of India's independence, Patwardhan left the Congress and formed the Socialist Party proper, in 1947. From childhood, Patwardhan was deeply influenced by theosophy, a philosophy professing to achieve a knowledge of God through spiritual ecstasy and occult mysticism, as his entire family were ardent followers of Dr Annie Besant, its high priestess in India, and Jiddu Krishnamurti, its modern messiah.

Patwardhan’s commitment was further strengthened by a deathbed promise made to his uncle that he would never desert Krishnamurti. His opulent uncle, influenced by Malthus’s population theory, also made him promise he would never wed nor ever work for a living. Patwardhan kept all three promises, but his fealty to Krishnamurti was neither unquestioning nor without turmoil. Overpopulation and at all public forums he stressed the need to control rising numbers, something which today’s political establishment is seriously considering.

In 1950, quit active politics and devoted most of his time to spirituality. He was associated with J. Krishnamurti and hi movement. He passed away in 1992 at the age of 88.

BOOKS BY ACHYUT PATWARDHAN


22. YUSUF JAFFAR MEHARALLY, an Indian Freedom Fighter and Socialist leader was born at Bombay on September 23, 1903. He was educated at Calcutta and Elphinstone College Bombay, and did B.A., L.L.B. He was in the vanguard of India's struggle for independence. He founded Young India Society in 1925. In 1928, he organized youth congress and boycotted Simon commission. He coined the term 'Simon Go Back'. In 1929, he launched National Militia, and the Bombay Youth League and founded 'Vanguard'. He played leading role in peasants' organisations and trade unions.

During Mahatma Gandhi's famous Dandi March Yusuf Meherally met Gandhi ji on 22nd March, 1930 at Amod and the following dialogue took place between the two. Meherally asked: "Would you suggest any method by which the Muslims could be still more attracted to the Congress fold and protected from the pernicious propaganda of communalists?"

Gandhiji replied: "Congressmen must serve the Muslims to get their representation to the Congress. ... Soon the Congress will stand higher in the affection of Muslims than it ever did before. The masses are sound at heart. They only require a correct and courageous lead. I repeat that the best way of winning over the Musalmans is by seeking occasions of service and assuring them that the resolution of the Congress on the communal question means what it says."

(Collective Works of Mahatma Gandhi-Vol. 48: 21, NOVEMBER, 1929-2 APRIL 1930)

In 1930, Yusuf Meherally got two years rigorous imprisonment for hatching conspiracy to oust British Empire. He was imprisoned eight times during the freedom movement. It was during his stint in Lahore jail that he was elected the mayor of Bombay in 1942. The 'Quit India' slogan coined by him was adopted by Gandhiji for India's final nationwide campaign for independence. One of the founders of the Congress Socialist Party, Yusuf Meherally wrote, "I hate ugliness and cruelty and that is why I am a socialist. My socialism is based on aesthetic and ethical premises and not on Economics." In 1936, he traveled all over India extensively to promote CSP's ideology and membership as its Secretary. In 1941, he presides All India Student Conference (Nationalist wing) at Patna, he was arrested and awarded one-year sentence. In 1942, he was elected Mayor of Bombay. In 1948, he was elected to the Bombay Provincial Assembly (MLA) unopposed. He passed away on July 2, 1950.

A voracious reader and a connoisseur of arts, he himself was a writer of a couple of books and had founded a journal. In the words of late Dr. Zakir Hussain, the former President of India, who formally inaugurated Yusuf Meherally Centre in 1965, "It was the primeval sorrow of Man for what Men do to each other, knowingly or unknowingly, which moved him and not any idea of a more efficient and a more utilitarian organisation of industry and economy."

"This sorrow could have made him a philosopher, a man of religion or a poet. Yusuf Meherally was more fortunate. It made him into a friend. His gift for friendship struck all who came into contact with him and it made his concern for them something deeply inspiring." He was by all standards a great man. Jayaprakash Narayan's evaluation of him may help in measuring his greatness. He says, “To me Yusuf Meherally’s dedicated life will ever
remain an expression only next to Gandhiji. He was a powerful writer who wrote many learned books.

**BOOKS BY YUSUF MEHERALLY**

*India: struggle for freedom, political, social and economic*, by Jayaprakash Narayan, Yusuf Meherally.

Towards struggle selected manifestoes, speeches & writings, by Jayprakash Narain, Yusuf Meherally.


*What to read: a study syllabus*, Congress Socialist Party (India), by Yusuf Meherally. 1937-95 pages.


*Babu Rajendra Prasad*. Edited by Yusuf Meherally.

*The Price of Liberty* by Yusuf Meherally.


**Books on Yusuf Meherally.**
The great Indians. One India One People Foundation. One India One People Foundation in collaboration with Authorspress, 2006-594 pages. Brief biographies of Indians from various fields, previously profiled in the magazine One India one people.


Yusuf Meherally by Prof. Madhu Dandavate (paperback).


23. SAURABH BATLIWALA (SOLI), born on May 3, 1905. Educated at St Xavier’s College and Elphinstine College Bombay. In 1930, he participated in Salt Satyagrah arrested and jailed. In 1932, he participated in Civil Disobedience Movement and jailed for two and half years. In 1934, he joined Congress Socialist Party and was elected Member of its National Executive. In 1935, he joined Communist Party. In 1944-45, he was arrested again and kept at the Deoli concentration camp with other communist detainees like, B T Ranadive, S A Dange, Patkar etc. Later he left Communist Party and look after Bhula Bhai Memorial Trust.

PUBLICATIOS:

CSP-A Congress Socialist Looks at World politics by S.S. Batliwala, 1938.


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The Communist Party in Kerala: six decades of struggle and advance, National Book Centre. 1994-300 pages. Furthermore, a few known Communists who had returned from abroad, such as Sajjad Zaheer, Dr. Ahmed and Dr. Ashraf, were taken on to the National Executive. Together with Soli Batliwala, who was a member of the National Executive of CSP from its inception.

Indian government and politics, by Dharam Chand Gupta - 1978 - 758 pages, quoted Soli Batliwala were put in charge of other important offices in the CSP. From inside the Congress, the CPI leaders gave Communist orientation to CWC resolutions. From inside the CSP, they endeavoured to seek control of the socialist.

Communism in India, by Marshall Windmiller - 1964-724 pages. quoted on page no. 436, There was an interesting exchange in 1946 between KA Abbas and Soli Batliwala concerning the CPI’s relationship to the IPTA. Batliwala had been elected to the CPI Central Committee.
at the First Congress in 1943, but severed his connections with the party in 1945, because of its interference in his private life.

Quoted in Cambridge South Asian archive; records of the British period: in South Asia relating to India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Burma, Nepal and Afghanistan held in the Centre of South Asian Studies, University of Cambridge, by Mary Thatcher. 1973-346 pages. Soli Batliwala, Reminiscences of Gandhiji's first satyagraha in Champaran (Bihar).

The Nehru-SP relationship nearly broke down towards the end of 1937. The issue was the Congress ministries stand on law and order. Nehru was upset because Mumbai’s law minister Munshi had not cancelled curbs on the activities of some 20 Communists. Also disliked by Nehru was a decision of the Mumbai ministry to provide police protection to workers not heeding a Communist call to strikes. After S S Batlivala, a Mumbai socialist was arrested in Vellore for inciting violence, Nehru proposed a rule requiring a provincial ministry to consult the Working Committee before making arrests of the Batliwala kind. Rajagopalchari, SP and G opposed Nehru’s proposal. The policy of non-intervention by the Congress in the affairs of princely states found Nehru at odds with SP who agreed with G that the rulers of these states must not be pushed into the Raj’s arms. Nehru sought a change in this policy but was repeatedly outvoted in the WorCom. Nehru decided to resign from the WorCom but did not. They never clashed head-on but SP’s sympathies were there for all to see. He knew the value of silence and cost of unnecessary speech. By Sanjeev Nayyar, February 2001

The arrest and conviction in Vellore in the southern presidency of SS Batlivala, a Bombay socialist, placed CR in the centre of a Congress controversy. In November 1937, Batlivala was given a six-month sentence for incitement to violence. Leftist were indignant. Jawaharlal, Congress President, disapproved of the prosecution and tried to lay down a rule that provincial ministry to consult the Working Committee before making arrests of the Batliwala kind. The Rajaji story, 1937-1972, by, Rajmohan Gandhi. 1984-420 pages.

When, in November 1937, C R(Rajaji) authorized the arrest of S S Batlivala, a Bombay socialist, for a speech in Madras province that allegedly incited violence, Nehru protested to Gandhi. He also proposed that premiers be required in such cases to obtain directions from Working Committee. Neither Gandhi nor the Working Committee agreed with Nehru, though ministers were asked not to object to criticism. Gandhi: the man, his people, and the empire, by Rajmohan Gandhi. 2006-738 pages.

According to the statement of SS Batlivala, a former member of the Central Committee of the CPI, during his interview given to the press on February 22, 1946, there was an alliance existed between the Politbureau of the Communist Party and the Home Department of the Govt. of India. Batlivala disclosed that PC Joshi had appointed certain party members "without the knowledge of the Central committee or the rank and file of the party to be in touch with Army Intelligence department, and supplied the CPI Chiefs with such information as they require against nationalist workers who were connected with the 1942 struggle or against the persons who had come to India on behalf of the Azad Hind Government of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. Quoted by Indian communism, its role towards Indian polity on Page 61, by Ram Sakal Singh, Champa Singh. 1991-169 pages.

The Communist Party of India: a short history, by Minocheher Rustom Masani, V. B. Karnik - 1967-265 pages. Statement given to the press by SS Batlivala, a former member of the
Central Committee of the Communist Party, in Bombay on 22nd February 1946, explaining the reasons for his severing his connection with the Party a little while earlier. "I became thoroughly convinced ",

Freedom first: Issues 371-382; Issues 371-382. Indian Committee for Cultural Freedom, Democratic Research Service (Bombay, India). 1984. In Bombay on 22nd February 1946, SS Batlivala, a former member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of India, explaining the reason for his severing his connection with the party a little while earlier. "I became thoroughly convinced ",

According to the Communist leader, SS Batlivala, an alliance was established between his party's politbureau and the Home Department of the Government of India. The Communists were opposed to the activities of Subhas Chandra Bose. Conflict in Indian society: a historical survey, by V. B. Kulkarni, V. B. Kulkarni. 1981-375 pages.

India's freedom struggle, several streams, by Jagannath Sarkar, Ardhendu Bhushan Bardhan, En. I. Bālar ̲ām. 1986-272 pages. SA Dange, Soli Batlivala, SS Mirajkar, ZA Ahmed, P. Sundarayyya and others used to visit Kerala and help in organising the trade unions, kisan sabha, student and youth organisations.

So did an intended meeting with SS Batlivala, one of the INA's defence lawyers, whom a friend of the Nag Chaudhuris suggested he meet. He subsequently sent Batlivala a set of questions about the disposal of prisoners. Paul Scott's Raj, by Robin Moore, Robin Moore - 1990 - 246 pages.


This file was seen by SS Batlivala, a former member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, who referred to its contents in an interview given to the Press on 22 February, 1946. According to him, it is quite clear from that...The History and Culture of the Indian People: Struggle for freedom, by Ramesh Chandra Majumdar, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Bharatiya Itihāsa Samiti - 1969.

24. ROHIT MEHTA, popularly known as Rohitbhai, born on August 3, 1908 at Surat (Gujarat) in the family of Hasmanram. The bright child was destined to do un-usual things from the early age. At the age of 22, he led a student strike in the Gujarat College in Ahmedabad against the dictatorial behavior of its then principal G. Findlay Shirras. His two other associates were Jayanti Dalal, writer and Nirubhai Desai, who later became a famous journalist and author. Shirras had ordered that no student shall participate in any political activity. The strike continued for three months at the end of which the young Rohitbhai was rusticated from the college and the Bombay University. Interestingly this episode was reported to Mahatma Gandhi and he intervened in the matter by calling Rohitbhai through a telegram.

(TELEGRAM TO ROHIT MEHTA, BY MAHATMA GANDHI. BORSAD, July 2, 1931, ROHIT MEHTA VALLABHBHAI ROAD. AHMEDABAD."YOUR PRESENCE HERE NECESSARY TOMORROW FOR REPLYING PRINCIPAL'S LETTER JUST RECEIVED. GANDHI. A I.C.C. File No. 16-B, 1931. Courtesy: Nehru Memorial Museum and Library.
Principal Shirras had said in it that the presence of the five students which had “in the past been disturbing to the work of the college would result in similar disturbance in the future. . . . I am confirmed in my impression from the notices recently spread in the college under the signatures of two of them, and from the similar notices in the vernacular Press. . . .” For Gandhiji’s reply to this letter, vide “Letter to G. Findlay Shirras”, 3-7-1931. THE COLLECTED WORKS OF MAHATMA GANDHI, VOL. 53: 2 JULY, 1931 - 12 OCTOBER, 1931).

LETTER TO G. FINDLAY SHIRRAS, BORSAD, July 3, 1931
DEAR PRINCIPAL SHIRRAS,
I thank you for your prompt reply to my letter of 30th ultimo as also for the correction about non-admission of students. I have now seen two of them and they tell me that they are not aware of their having created any disturbance in the work of the college unless you have in mind the strike*3 that took place in the college and in which practically the whole college was involved. They tell me that if they have been guilty of any conduct which would be considered dishonorable or which would amount to insubordination they are prepared to make proper amends. They assure me that they have never desired or promoted any indiscipline in the college. They have undoubtedly held strong nationalistic views as they do even now.

They took an energetic part in the national movement. What they tell me is that so far as their conduct in the college is concerned it was free from any reproach. I understand too that there is nothing to be said against their private character, which I personally, as one having had a great deal to do with students during the past nearly 40 years of public life, attach the greatest importance to. They tell me too that they have issued no notice to which any exception can be taken. I would therefore thank you to let me know the definite charges which you have in mind and which impelled you to refuse them admission. I would also thank you to furnish me with copies of the notices you hold to be objectionable.

Yours sincerely,
M. K. GANDHI
From a photostat G. N. 821
3* which commenced on January 3, 1929.

LETTER TO G. FINDLAY SHIRRAS, BORSAD, July 4, 1931
DEAR PRINCIPAL SHIRRAS,
I thank you for your further letter of 3rd instant. It was good of you to have taken in Syt. C. H. Desai and I would like you to extend the same liberal treatment to the other students.

Yours sincerely,
M. K. GANDHI
From a Photostat: G. N. 824

Gandhiji was in Borsad between June 28 and July 5, 1931. Silence Day fell on July 1. He was educated at Gujarat. In 1928, while he was still a student, joined the Congress Party and became Member Gujarat Provincial Congress Committee. He was also secretary Ahmedabad Youth League at that time. During 1928-35 he was member servants of society. In 1928, he participated in Civil Disobedience Movement and jailed. Between 1928 and 1934, the young man was sent to jail five times for his activities in the freedom struggle, making him a blue-eyed boy of Mahatma Gandhi. A splendid man, Rohitbhai as he was universally known was not just a run-of-the-mill freedom fighter, a socialist-turned-
spiritualist. He was in the world class, a thing about which he never had to seek certificates or to boast. During the floods in 1927-28, Rohitbhai did a lot of work for the poor. He went to jail during the salt Satyagraha too and in 1934, Rohitbhai was handed a two-year term of hard labour, and sent to Ahmednagar. The heat and hard work in breaking stones there led to a terrible illness. He suffered a sun-stroke and then was partly paralysed.

Rohitbhai had refused even to go on parole but the Mahatma intervened. According to Babubhai Patel, a Congress worker, Jamnadas Dwarkadas took Prof. J. Krishnamurti to see the ailing Rohitbhai. Krishnamurti kept his hand on the parts of the sick man’s body wherever it was paining. The therapeutic touch is said to have cured Rohitbhai completely. He walked next day, and was discharged from the hospital soon.

He had already been an avid socialist by then, a core member of the group believing in socialism within the Congress in those days. In 1934, he joined Congress Socialist Party and became member of its National Executive. Rohitbhai who was in the freedom struggle along with Jayprakash Narayan, was a sort of maverick. He invited Subhash Chandra Bose to Gujarat, ignoring Vallabhbhai Patel’s orders. He would have gone far had he stuck to politics. It was Rohitbhai who introduced a then young Morarji Desai to the youths during the freedom struggle.

In 1935, Rohit Mehta disenchanted with its philosophy and later he joined The Theosophical Society, becoming the International Secretary (1941-1944) and General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in India (1945-1959).

In 1936, Rohitbhai was married to Shrideviben, a decade younger to him. She used to sing very melodiously. At his lectures, recalled Prof P.G. Mavalankar, Shrideviben would sing bhajans and hymns appropriate to the theme of his talk.” People would appreciate these after listening to Rohitbhai since the talk would make them understand the bhajans and hymns and their meaning all the better”.

Rohitbhai was a widely traveled man, having lectured at various places in India, Europe, the U.S., Africa and Asia. He could talk fluently in English, Hindi and Gujarati. He wrote many books on Philosophy including Theosophical Socialism in 1937.In recognition of his contribution to theosophical literature he was awarded the Subba Row Medal in 1955.

Some recall his cogently thought and delivered lectures on philosophy. Some talk of him as a man with legendary memory who could quote flawlessly from Sri Aurobindo, Upanishad, Gita as also Marx, a teacher with a vast repertoire and a subtle sense of humour and a prolific writer, and a man of unfailing kindliness. An unusual man who was extra-ordinary in many respects, and yet strove to conceal all this under modesty and nonchalance.

According to late Prof. P.G. Mavalankar, former M.P. and a well-read man himself: “Rohitbhai was a five-in-one personality - a thinker, philosopher, interpreter, writer and speaker, clear in thought and precise in language and eloquent in delivery. All these took him to the top.” He was all this, and much more.

What he diagnosed in 1950 in one of his early volumes, The Intuitive Philosophy, rings so prophetic even today, as if it has been foreseen in minute detail by him. He said: “Ever since the industrial revolution of the early 19th century, there have appeared such factors in our society as have led to rapid and revolutionary changes in the socio-economic structure of the world. This tendency towards rapid changes has been considerably intensified by the scientific advance in the course of the last 100 years and more. Large-scale economic
production and the breaking down of the barriers of space have been the two most outstanding features of the social and economic revolution which began in the 19th century and which still continues its onward march.”

After quitting politics in 1935, he penned more than 25 books on philosophy, delivered thousands of lectures all over the world and sought to interpret the coming world far ahead of his time to his contemporaries. He was an able interpreter of his friend and philosopher, J. Krishnamurti, of Gita, of Upanishads and Yoga. Yet, he was no parochial a preacher. His vision could embrace technology and spell out its impact on society and mankind far ahead of his fellow human beings.

Leaving “the dunghill of politics”, he took to spiritualism and philosophy for life. He explained in 1937, his transformation in a volume called, A new world of theosophical socialism, predicting the eventual downfall of the Soviet Union.

In 1941, Rohitbhai went to Adyar in Tamil Nadu to act as recording secretary of the theosophical society, and soon became the international secretary. He explored the ideas propounded by many and yet did not subscribe to any one idea completely. This however was not out of an intellectual arrogance but out of modesty. He was to be later given a doctorate in philosophy by the Swiss University at Lugarno. Among the books he wrote were many notable ones such as Yoga-the Art of Integration, The Nameless Experience, From Mind to Super-Mind, The Call of the Upanishads, the Intuitive Philosophy, the Play of the Infinite, the Dialogue with Death, the Being and the becoming, the Eternal Light, the Creative silence, Seek Out the Way, the Search for Freedom, the New World of Socialism, the Science of Meditation, and the Journey with Death.

He used to live in Varanasi, when not traveling or lecturing around the world and the country. He used to come to Ahmedabad at least once a year for a series of lectures, which would start at 6.30 pm in the lawns of the late Rambhai Amin’s house in Gulbai Tekra, on the Labh Pancham day. In January, 1994, he came for the last time to Ahmedabad. Shrideviben’s younger brother, (his brother-in-law) Late Devendra Oza, was a veteran journalist and humour writer in Gujarati, under the pen-name of Vanmali Vanko was one of his confidantes.

Rohit Mehta passed away at Varanasi on March 20, 1995 at the age of 86.

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The seers and sages of Ancient India revealed fundamental principles of perennial philosophy. The Upanishads contain the essential principles of this perennial-this ageless philosophy. They contain a large number of inspiring and instructive passages and verses. It has not been possible to include all of them in this book. For the purposes of this book the author has taken those verses and passages that have a bearing on the mystical teaching of the Upanishads. It is mysticism which is the very core of the Upanishads-and so in understanding its mysticism one comes to the heart of the sublime and magnificent teaching of the Upanishads. In this age, where science and technology may lead us into a world devoid of meaning and significance. Modern man needs today a meaningful philosophy if the achievements of science are not to lead him to greater and greater destruction but to sublime and majestic heights of creative living. It is in the Vision of Life given by the Upanishads that man can find the fundamental philosophy of Creative Living-a philosophy that can serve as a Beacon Light even in the midst of surrounding darkness, a philosophy that can lead him from the unreal to the Real, from darkness to Light, from death to Immortality.


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contains the quintessence of Sri Aurobindo’s great spiritual adventure which aimed at bridging the gulf between Heaven and Earth.


From Mind to Super-Mind: A Commentary on the Bhagavad Gita, by Khushwant Singh, Rohit Mehta. Motilal Banarsidass Publishers, 1996-244 pages. The message of the Gita has an important and a practical bearing on the problems of the modern age. It shows a way out of the complexities of the mind to complete and unfettered freedom of the Super-Mind. This path is not meant only for the few, it can be trodden by all who seek freedom from life's entanglements. In an age where the individual is becoming more and more insignificant due to the impacts of political, economic and social forces, the Gita brings to man a message of hope and cheer, for it shows a way of life which leads to the regaining of his lost significance, and the spiritual regeneration of man is indeed the way to the creation of a happy society.


BEYOND THE FRONTIERS KABIR AND KRISHNAMURTI, two outstanding personages of human history, were separated from each other by the time-span of over five centuries. They lived in two different worlds. ...

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The science of Yoga: the Yoga-sūtras of Panañjali in Sanskrit, with transliteration in Roman, translation in English and commentary


INTEGRATION (A COMMENTARY ON THE YOGA SUTRAS OF PATANJALI) BY ROHIT MEHTA Adyar Centenary Printing 1982 THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE ADYAR, MADRAS 600020, INDIA.

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BOOKS ON ROHIT MEHTA
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ROHIT MEHTA VALLABHBHAI ROAD AHMEDABAD YOUR PRESENCE HERE NECESSARY TOMORROW FOR REPLYING PRINCIPAL’S LETTER’ JUST RECEIVED. GANDHI.

My reminiscences of Sardar Patel: Volume 2, BY V. Shankar. 1974. Sardar’s view on Socialism and the Socialist Party are contained in the following extracts of his letter to Socialist leader, Rohit Mehta: The Socialists are not agreed even regarding the definition of Socialism.

The socialist movement in India, by Nanak Chand Mehrotra - 1995-245 pages. In his long letter to Rohit Mehta, then Socialist leader of Gujarat, Patel denied Nehru’s support to the CSP. He wrote: "I do not believe for a moment that Jawaharlal would approve of the manner in which the Socialist Party is now ..."

Social sciences research journal: Volume 4, 1979. Sardar Patel himself gave expression to his attitude towards Socialism in a letter which he addressed to the Socialist leader of Gujarat, Rohit Mehta: "Socialists are not agreed even regarding the definition of Socialism.

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The Theosophist: Volume 95, Theosophical Society (Madras, India) - 1974.

25. RAMBRIKSH BENIPURI (RAMAVRIKSHA BENIPURI), Born born in a Bhumihar Brahmin family, in a small village named Benipur at Distt. Muzzaffarpur, Bihar in 1902. After schooling he left education to participate in Non Cooperation Movement in 1921. One of the prominent Socialist leaders of Bihar, and founder member of Bihar Socialist party, he acquired national eminence as a journalist and author. He did Visharad course from Hindi Sahitya Sammelan in 1930. He was a Gandhian Socialist, and one of the Founder member of CSP and its National Executive during Bombay conference in 1934. He was President Bihar Socialist Party Parliamentry board and Bihar Kisan Sabha and was one of the main organizers of Kisan Movements in Bihar. Arrested and jailed many time for participating in Freedom Movement. He had spent eight years in prison for fighting for India's independence.

He was also a writer, Dramatist, Essayist, Novelist of Hindi Literature, and journalist of great repute. He started several newspapers like 'Yuvak' in 1929, and Daily 'Janata' in 1951. Also he regularly contributed in various other journals to spread the idea of Socialism, Nationalism and freedom from British rule.

Benipuri wrote mostly short stories, dramas and essays. His dramas covered mostly historical events. For example, Ambapali depicts the life of the famous courtesan Ambapali who turned into a Buddhist after meeting Buddha. Likewise Netradaan (that is, Gift of Eyes), another drama, is based on a historical legend involving Ashoka and his son Kunal. He was also a playwright.

In 1999, Benipuri was one of the Hindi writers depicted in a set of commemorative postal stamps released to celebrate the "Linguistic Harmony of India." marking the 50th anniversary since the Indian Union adopted Hindi as its official language.
He was Vice-President All India Kisan Sabha and Member Bihar Legislative Assembly, 1957-62. He passed away on 07 September, 1968.

**Centenary celebrations:**
In the year 2002, his centenary was celebrated. The chief guest on the occasion of the birth centenary of Benipuri held in zonal railway training centre at Muzaffarpur, under the auspices of railway ministry, was the former Prime Minister of India Chandra Shekhar. Main speakers included litterateur Namwar Singh and journalist Prabhash Joshi. Namwar Singh described Benipuri as the only second litterateur who preferred to associate his name with that of his village.

Prabhash Joshi ranked Benipuri with Makhanlal Chaturvedi and Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi who were both contemporary litterateurs and journalists as well. He said Benipuri was not like today's journalists who work only to earn. Benipuri had a desire to create a "samtawadi samaj" and fight against imperialism.

**BOOKS BY RAMVRIKSH BENIPURI**

Māṭī kī mūratēṃ, by Rāmavr̥ksha Benīpurī. Benīpurī-Prakāśana, 1953-139 pages. MAṬI KI MURTEN (Hindi) is a collection of pen portraits by Ramvriksh Benipuri. Its composition began in the central Jail of Hazaribagh. As the author himself remarked, "In the loneliness of the prison-house the faces of my ...). Maatee Ki Moorratein-1941-45.


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Some other writings/Dramas
Sanghamitra-1948-50
Amar Jyoti-1951
Tathaagat
Singhal Vijay
Shakuntala
Ramrajya
Netradaan-1948-50
Gao Ke Devata
Nayaa samaaj
Editing and critical
Vidyapati Ki Padaavali, Bihari (poet) satsai Ki Subodh Teekaa

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DINKAR MEHTA (DINKAR KRISHNALAL MEHTA), son of Shri Krishanlal and Vijayabahen, was born on 17th October, 1907 at Surat, Gujarat. He was Educated at Gujarat Vidyapeeth. Graduate in Social Sciences from Gujarat Vidyapith. Dinkar, was married to Nalinibahen (deceased). He participated in Bordoli Satyagrah in 1928, and jailed. In 1930, he participated in Salt Satyagrah “Dandi March” as a member of advanced party. He became Joint Secretary of Surat District Congress Committee in 1934. He was one of the founder members of the Congress Socialist Party, and became Joint Secretary of CSP, in 1938. Later in 1939, he joined communist Party and became secretary of its Gujarat Unit. He worked underground, during 1940-42. Comrade Dinkar Mehta was formerly a member of the Central Committee of the CPI (M) and the Secretary of the united Communist Party in Gujarat and the CPI (M) since its formation. For decades Dinkar Mehta headed the Communist movement in Gujarat. In early sixties he was Member Bombay State Legislative Council, MLC. Dinkar Mehta was elevated to the Mayor ship of the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation as a candidate of the Mahagujarat Janata Party in 1966. He was Editor ‘Azad Hind’ weekly. Dinkar Mehta passed away in 1989.

MAHATMA GANDHI’S LETTER TO DINKAR MEHTA, July 20, 1931.
I believe that there is not good reason for the antipathy some people have towards the Congress. There will always be private property. So long as there are persons some personal property is bound to remain. I do not wish to see the destruction of capitalists and Indian States. I wish to see them reformed. In this struggle for purification anything that cannot be purified will automatically be destroyed. As imperfect human beings, we can only hope and pray that everything may be purified and all impurity may be wiped out.

We do not know what is absolutely impure. As a sentiment, everyone should accept the principle of economic equality. But in practice there will never be such equality. There will always be some people who have more wealth and some who have less. It will be sufficient if those who have more consider themselves trustees, not owners of their wealth. We should spread and foster such a sentiment. The Congress means its collective membership. It is self-evident that the Congress cannot go further than the collective sentiment of its members.

Complete observance of truth and non-violence means economic, political and moral equality.


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Jayaparakash Narayan: 1929-1935, by Bimal Prasad, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library.2000-332 pages. Dinkar Mehta (1907-89); participated in the Bardoli satyagraha, 1928, and the civil disobedience movement, 1930; Founder-member, Gujarat CSP, 1934; joined the CPI, 1935; Joint Secretary, CSP, 1936-8; worked underground, 1940-2.Also see, Comrades Dinkar Mehta and Gunada Mazumdar' were nominated as substitute members. JP Narayan General Secretary All India Congress Socialist Party. Gunada Charan Majumdar (1909-92); participated in the agitation against the

Jayaparakash Narayan: 1939-1946, by Bimal Prasad, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library. 2003-349 pages. Note on Gujarat Congress Socialist Party, 22 November 1939.I find from reports received that Comrade Dinkar Mehta and those who have formed a faction with him in the Gujarat ... For biographical note on Dinkar Mehta see JPSW, Vol....
Comrade Dinkar Mehta was formerly a member of the Central Committee of the CPI (M) and the Secretary of the united Communist Party in Gujarat and the CPI (M) since its formation. For decades Dinkar Mehta headed the Communist movement in Gujarat. Dinkar Mehta, was arrested 22 times and was in Jail over 10 years. Documents of the Communist Movement in India: 1989-1991, by Jyoti Basu.1998-707 pages.

The making and unmaking of an industrial working class: sliding ...Jan Breman.2004-315Pages.Quoted Dinkar Mehta, he had studied at the Gandhian Gujarat Vidyapeeth and had won their spurs in the 1930. As Dinkar Mehta succinctly put it in retrospect, they were addressed in the language of solidarity rather than of hierarchy.


27. BISHESHWAR PRASAD SINHA (B P SINHA), Born on 1st May 1903, at Darbhanga (Bihar). Educated at Patna College and England, Bar at Law. In 1932, he participated in Non Cooperation Movement and was arrested at Banaras and awarded 18 months imprisonment. In 1934, he was among the Founders of CSP and Member of its National Executive in 1936. In 1935-36, he was Secretary Bihar CSP and in 1937-38, Secretary U.P. CSP. In 1936, he was Lecturer of English at Kashi Vidyapeeth. He edited ‘Sangharsh’ 1937-38. He became Secretary UP Congress Socialist Party again in 1946. In 1939-42, he taught at Lucknow and Kashi Vidyapeeth. In 1942, he participated in Quit India Movement and arrested. He was again arrested and jailed during 1943-45. In 1948, he was elected Member National Executive and Secretary UP Socialist Party. During 1953-55, he was Member, PSP. In 1955, he played active role in the formation of Socialist Party led by Dr Lohia, and elected Member of its National Executive. Later he joined Praja Socialist Party and taught at Patna. B.P. Sinha passed away in 1994.

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Socialism and the national revolution, by Narendra Deva, Yusuf Meherally.1946-208 pages.He also founded Sangharsha, a Hindi weekly that made a hit. Its Editorial Board included besides himself, Mohan- lal Gautam, Ramakant Srivastava and above all Prof. BP Sinha.


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Attitude of socialists towards India's foreign policy, by S. M. Mohiuddin Subhani.1977-273 pages.I owe my debts also to Mr. BP Sinha, Bar-at-Law, Patna, for his valuable help in developing this study. I am extremely thankful to Dr. Bimal Prasad, Professor of South Asian Studies at the Indian School of International Studies, New Delhi,


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28. RAGHUNATH KESHAV KHADILKAR (R K KHADILKAR), Son of Shri Keshav Babaji Khadilkar, born at Naringa in Taluka Devgad of Ratnagiri district of then Bombay Province on 15th December 1905. He studied at Fergusson College and Law College at Pune under University of Bombay. Joined Youths League Movement in 1928 and became Secretary, Maharashtra Youth Congress in 1931. Social and Political Worker, Served several terms of imprisonment between 1930 and 1945 during freedom movement. He was one of the founder Members of the Congress Socialist Party in 1934, and elected member of its National Executive at its
National Conference in Meerut, 1936. He was Publicity Secretary, Faizpur Session of the Indian National Congress in 1936.

R K Khadilkar, married to Dr. Smt. Chapala R. Khadilkar, on August 13, 1936, and had four daughters.

He was Member, (i) Indian National Congress 1930-48 and since 1962, and (ii) Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee and its Peasants Inquiry Committee which drafted the agrarian programme of the Faizpur Session.

He was Member (i) Poona Municipality, 1945-50, (ii) Poona University Court, (iii) Executive Committee, Poona Branch of the Indian Council of World Affairs. Delegate to the Asian Peace Conference held in China in 1952. Delegate to the World Agricultural and Forestry Workers Conference held in Vienna in 1953.

He left Congress in 1948 and formed the "All India Peasants" and Workers' Party" with other colleagues. In 1953 he was elected as its General Secretary in 1953. He took a leading part in forming the "All India Mazdoor Kisan Party" a coalition of seven leftist organisations in 1955 and was elected Secretary Convener of the Central Committee of the Organisation. He was member of the second Lok Sabha elected from Ahmednagar as Mazdoor Kisan Party candidate in 1957.

He was Member, (i) Second Lok Sabha, 1957-62, (ii) Estimates Committee, 1957-58, (iii) Third Lok Sabha, 1962-67, and (iv) Public Accounts Committee, 1962-63 and 1963-64 and also it’s Chairman for some time. Chairman, Study Team appointed by the Government to examine the Iron and Steel Control Organisation. Member of Parliamentary Delegation to U.S.A. in 1963. He was also Member of Delegation to the Middle Eastern countries in 1965. Member, Fourth Lok Sabha, 1967-70.

Rejoined Congress in 1962, consequent on the merger of the "Mazdoor Kisan Party" with the Congress. As Congress candidate he won third and fourth Lok sabha elections from Khed in 1962 and 1967. In 1971 he won fifth Lok Sabha elections from Baramati.


**Special interests.** International affairs and the socio-economic development in the under-developed regions of Africa and Asia.

**Books published.**
"Nava Cheenchya Nirmitichi Roop Rekha" an outline of the developments in China after liberation.

**29. SIBANATH BANERJEE (BANDYOPADHYAY) SHIVNATH BANERJI,** Renowned trade unionist, freedom fighter and a member of the First Socialist International, Sibnath Banerjee, was born on 11th July 1897, at Balraman Rangadia, Khulna Distt. East Bengal, now in (Bangladesh). He first got involved against the partition movement in Bengal at the age of eight. He was educated at National School Khulna, Eastern University and Tashkent, Russia. He directly joined the non-cooperation movement in 1920 while still a student of M.Sc. in Calcutta University. In 1921, he moved to Indore to serve as a teacher in a high school but
gave up the profession, again to participate in the political movement. In 1921, he participated in Non-Cooperation Movement. In 1922, he left for the Kabul to make contacts with revolutionary leader Raja Mahendra Pratap, who appointed him Cabinet Minster of the first Government of free India in exile.

After living for eleven months in Kabul, he left for Moscow, in 1924 and attended Lenin’s funeral there. He enrolled in Taylor’s University of Russia as a student and later as a teacher. By the end of 1924, he reached London to campaign for the Labour party without passport. Between 1925 and 1929 he organised trade Union workers in different industries to voice their demands and after the successful culmination of Railwaymen’s strike in 1929, he was imprisoned in Decca jail and implicated in Meerut Conspiracy case. During this internship he got a notice for participating in Meerut conspiracy case in 1933.

In 1932, he was member Bengal PCC, 1932-34, and elected General Secretary of AITUC and five years later he was elected President of AITUC and elected member to the AICC. In 1934, He was one of the founder members of CSP in Bengal. In 1937, he was president AITUC, and lead Jute Mill workers strike. Elected to Bengal Legislative Assembly from Labour constituency of Howrah in 1937 and remained a Member till 1952. He suffered imprisonment on a number of occasions during the Quit India movement and more than a decade of life was spent behind the bars as a consequence of his participation in the National Movement. He was also in contact with Yugantar Party.

In 1948, he established Hind Mazdoor Sabha. In 1949, he visited China as a leader of HMS Delegation. During 1952-53, he was President HMS, Vice President All India Railwaymen’s Federation, and President East Indian Railwaymen’s Federation. He represented Indian Labour Delegations several times in ILO. In 1971, he assisted in the freedom movement of Bangladesh and in 1974, Participated in JP Movement and jailed during emergency.

Besides his leadership of the trade union movement he pioneered workers cooperative and led the demand for rehabilitation of leprosy patients and organised other useful social services like eye donation campaign. His wide ranging social activities and specially the leadership of the industrial workers endeared Sibnath Banerjee to many national leaders including Rabindranath Tagore, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Dr. B.C. Roy, Dilip Roy and Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterjee. Politically he was close to Jayaprakash Narayan, Narendra Deva, Achyut Patwardhan and Dr. Rammanohar Lohia.

Sibnath Banerjee, was the founder of many movements and organisations like Congress Socialist Party, AITUC, Hind Mazdoor Sabha. He was President Bengal Jute worker’s Union and was also President All India Jute Textile Workers Federation (AIJWF) formed in 1960. In 1978, he participated in the Marichjhapi movement in South 24 Parganas for the settlement of refugees displaced from Dandakaranya. After retiring from trade Union activities he devoted himself to social reconstruction programmes and he founded Workers Education Trust and Bhatpara Cooperative Committee. He took keen interest in the cause of the working class and interest of the under privileged remained dear to Sibnath Banerjee throughout his life. He passed away on 16th February, 1982.

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Indian annual register: Volume 1, 1936. ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS On the conclusion of the Trade Union Congress session, the following office bearers were elected for the coming year: Mr. Shivanath Banerjee of Calcutta, president, Messrs. RA Khedigeker, etc...


Trade unionism in the underdeveloped countries, by Subratesh Ghosh. 1960-410 pages. Quoting Late Mr. NM Joshi in his Presidential Address before the 4th Annual Convention of the Hind Mazdoor Sabha, Mr. Sibnath Banerjee said, "I would like to urge strongly what Com. NM Joshi, father of the working class movement ...Fourth Annual Convention of HMS held at Kanpur, in December, 1953.

 Socialist-minded trade unionists also formed a Socialist Party, known as the All-India Working Class Party, at Jabalpore in 1934. Shivanath Banerjee, Charuchandra Chatterjee, Hariharnath Shastri, Dr. V. Mukherjee, etc, were associated. The left-wing in India, 1919-47, Volume 1, by Lalan Prasad Sinha. New Publishers, 1965-623 pages.

We Indian trade union and socialist leaders are deeply grateful to John Riffe for his stand for moral values and ... Hind Mazdoor Sabha ( Socialist Federation of Labor of India) Sibnath Banerjee, President, Hind Mazdoor Sabha, ...Quoted in John Riffe of the steelworkers: American labor statesman, by William Grogan. Coward-McCann, 1959-256 pages.

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Indian press and freedom struggle, 1937-42, by Aurobindo Mazumdar. 1993-353 pages. Sibnath Banerjee, while delivering his presidential address at the AITUC in January 1938, said that the acceptance of ministry by the seven Congress provinces had given unique opportunity to press for the fundamental rights of the workers and peasants.

Trade unions and politics in India, by Harold A. Crouch. 1966-315 pages. A problem arose in West Bengal where the president of HMS was Sibnath Banerjee who had been a stalwart leader in the AITUC and the CSP. The new PSP found itself with two trade union wings in
Bengal, one controlling HMS and the other ... See Also In 1952 HMS also decided to agree to a merger with UTUC. Its president, Sibnath Banerjee, suggested that a merger could be first carried out at the state level in Bengal by forming a merger committee on a 50:50 basis.

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Anti-Fascist traditions of Bengal: an anthology in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the foundation of the German Democratic Republic. Indo-GDR Friendship Society, 104 pages. President Chairman Vice-President K. Santanam RS Ruikar Tusharkanti Ghose Dr . Dhiren Sen Jayprakash Narain Surendranath Goswami Sajjad Zaheer Shibnath Banerjee Prof. NG Ranga Swarni Sahajananda Indulal Yagnik SA Dange, PY Deshpande, ...

Trade union movement in India: role of M.N. Roy, by Dipti Kumar Roy - 1990-146 pages. The President of the AITUC, R S Ruikar was convicted and sentenced to undergo a year's imprisonment for a speech ... Letter, Khedgikar to Shibnath Banerjee, 6 June, 1936. Intelligence Branch Records of Government of West Bengal, File No. ...

Working class movements in India, 1885-1975, by Sunil Kumar Sen. 1994-187 pages. Shibnath Banerjee, who took a B.Sc degree from Calcutta University, was active in the trade union movement in Howrah.

The political parties and the labour politics, 1937-47: with special reference to Bengal, by Nirban Basu. 1992-160 pages. In 1946, Shibnath Banerjee was re-elected with a large margin from the Howrah labour seat on a Congress ticket to Bengal Legislative Assembly.

Documents on socialist movement in India: Volume 1, by O. P. Ralhan. In 1921-Sibnath Banerjee went to Indore and then to Kabul where Habibia College gave him a post of lecturership.

Obeidullah Sindhi, went to Soviet Union possibly in 1919 but certainly in 1922 with nine others (including Shibnath Banerjee) and stayed there for some months. Obeidullah later on became the President of the Kabul Committee of the Indian National Congress.


Indica: Volume 44, Saint Xavier's College, Bombay, by Heras Institute of Indian History and Culture - 2007. In January 1929, Shibnath Banerjee and Radharaman Mitra were elected President and General Secretary respectively of Bengal Jute Workers' Union. On 20 March 1929, Radharaman Mitra and Dharani Goswami were arrested under the Meerut Conspiracy Case.

On the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the AITUC the AITUC Secretariat honoured the former Presidents of the AITUC viz. Dr. Ranen Sen, Sibnath Banerjee and Dr. Charu Chandra Banerjee and of course, the present President SA Dange in ...31st Session of AITUC, Visakhapatnam, October 26-31, 1980: messages, resolutions, speeches, etc. All India Trade Union Congress. Session. AITUC, 1981-192 pages.


The Illustrated weekly of India: Volume 108, Issues 1-13, 1987. And he made his mark for the first time in the famous habeas corpus case of Emperor vs. Shibnath Banerjee in the Calcutta high court and subsequently in the federal court when the government appealed against the verdict of the high court.


Hind Mazdoor: Volume 19, Hind Mazdoor Sabha - 1972. SIBNATH BANNERJEE IS 75, Com. Sibnath Bannerjee, is a veteran Socialist and trade union leader and was HMS President in 1952-53. Sibnath Banerjee is a veteran socialist leader.

30. SATYAWATI DEVI Smt., born at Talwan, Jullundhar, Punjab on 26th January 1906. She was Grand daughter of Swami Shradhanand and was married to Shri Balbhadara Vidyalankar in 1923. She was engaged in social work among mill workers at Jiyajee Rao cotton mills, Gwalior and later at Birla mills Delhi. She was one of the founders of Naujawan Bharat Sabha in Delhi. She participated in salt satyagrah, 1930 and actively participated in Civil disobedience Movement and jailed during 1930-32. She was active in organizing Delhi Socialist Group in 1934, and in 1936, she was the Chairperson of the reception committee of the Congress Socialist Party’s Meerut Conference. She was member of the CSP’s National Executive 1937-38, and moved a resolution on the boycott of the coronation of princely states, in the All India Conference of CSP. She also participated in 1940’s, individual ‘Satyagrah’ and jailed during 1940-41. She was also detained during ‘Quit India movement’. Gandhiji named her ‘Toofani Behen’.

Satyavati was a heroic figure of the National liberation movement. She was a living saga who fought for the noble cause of bringing the women of Delhi out of their homes to participate in the freedom struggle. Satyadevi shook the citadels of orthodoxy and conservatism and bought women out of their homes and had shown men that women can no longer be
regarded as mere goods and chattels. Satyavati lit in their hearts the torch of burning love of patriotism. Women from Delhi’s orthodox communities came in large numbers to listen to her speeches. Satyavati became a legend in her brief lifetime. She was the foremost woman leader of Delhi of those years. Her fiery oration and remarkable capacity for organization drew women to join the Satyagraha campaigns. Satyavati electrified the atmosphere with her eloquent speeches. She was married to an officer of the Delhi Cloth Mills and had one son and a daughter. One of them was a suckling infant whom she had to carry to jail at the time of one of her imprisonments. Satyavati set up the Congress Mahila Samaj and the Congress Desh Sevika Dal. Women from all walks of life and all corners of Delhi were attracted by her sincerity and passionate patriotism. Later Satyavati became one of the founder members of the Congress Socialist Party. She wanted to enlighten the Delhi’s textile workers and make them politically conscious. Satyavati’s magnetic personality attracted students, both boys and girls, especially of the Hindu College and the Indraprastha Girls High School and College. These students organized groups of housewives who had never before taken part in public demonstrations and the like. During the Salt Satyagraha, Satyavati and her colleagues decided to assemble in Delhi at a marshy vacant plot in the Shahdara suburb, where the salt content of the sub-soil water was high. Fifty of them made salt in defiance of the salt laws. This went on for about ten days. Packets of salt were prepared and distributed freely. The Delhi police dispersed the volunteers, who had organized the Salt Satyagraha. This was the beginning of the Civil Disobedience Movement in Delhi. The officials became ruthless in their methods of oppression. Lathi Charges, firing on processions, imprisonment, prohibiting gatherings, collective fines and taking away of properties became the order of the day. Every act of repression hardened the Satyagrahis. Women became the important participants in the movement side by side with men. Many of them were married when they were adolescents and some were widowed at an early age. Therefore, when women who were just housewives stepped out of their homes and faced lathi charges and firings, people were filled with wonder and admiration. The men of Delhi in particular, were amazed at the courage shown by women who had been known for their docility and passiveness. As the struggle for freedom progressed, Indian women plunged into the struggle all over the country and thereby earned the right to be free and equal with men. The credit goes to Satya Devi alone, else women would have remained forever as the slaves of men preparing food and looking after them. Satyavati had to undergo imprisonment many times. Frequent jail going and the hard life made her a victim of tuberculosis. Despite the serious illness, her spirit was not subdued. Satyavati ignored the advice of doctors and went on defying every tyrannical assault of the British authorities. Satyavati continued to guide her fellow-workers at Delhi from her sick bed. Her hectic and ceaseless activity brought about an untimely end to her life in 1945 when she was only 41. News of Satyavati’s death shocked Delhi.

A College was named after her in Delhi as “Satyawati College”. She was a remarkable lady who withheld morality and strong conviction represented in womanhood, which she herself was the epitome of.


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Jayaprakash Narayan: 1929-1935, by Jayaprakash Narayan, Bimal Prasad, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library - 2000 - 332 pages. Will you kindly put yourself in touch with Sjt. Suresh Chandra Deb, 2 Secretary Surma Valley Congress Socialist Party, Karimganj, ... 2 Suresh Chandra Deb (1893-1981); participated in the non-cooperation movement and jailed, ...

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33. GUNADA CHARAN MAJUMDAR Shri, was born on 5th February, 1909 at Bhawanipore, Calcutta. He did his Graduation from Scottish Church College at Calcutta. While he was a student at Scottish Church College, he was involved in freedom struggle. He participated in Simon boycott agitation in 1928 and Salt Satyagraha in 1930, was jailed. He was the founder member of Congress Socialist Party and acting Secretary of Bengal C.S.P in 1937. He was Member National Executive of CSP in 1938. In 1939, at the initiation of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose he joined the Hallwell Movement. During that period the student’s movement for freedom struggle started. Two students organisations were formed one was All Bengal Students Association and the other was All Bengal Province Students Association.

Gunada was one of the guiding spirits with All Bengal Students Association. During Quit India Movement in 1942, Gunada started a secret Broadcasting Centre along with Aswini Gupta and Bina Das(Bhowmik) which was known as Free India Broadcasting Centre popularly known as ‘Free India Radio’. Gunada was arrested and jailed in 1942 for two and half years and released in 1945. He was a prominent leader of Bengal Socialist Party but retired from active politics in 1950 and engaged in social work in rural areas. At the behest of Prime Minister J L Nehru, he joined West Bengal Government as Chairman, Rural Development Corporation. Calcutta. He was a freelance journalist and wrote many articles in various
newspapers. He wrote books on Adult literacy and worked to educate villagers particularly women about their legal rights. Gunada Majumdar married to Kamalini. He died on 18th May, 1992.

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**34. MUNSHI AHMED DIN**
Shri, A veteran Socialist Leader and freedom fighter from Punjab.
Munshi Ahmed Din was born near Jallianwala Bagh at Amritsar in 1906. His father was a meat-seller by profession. Without much of a formal education, he was proficient in Urdu and had a smattering of English. He was hardly fifteen when he saw with his own eyes the ruthless massacre in Jallianwala Bagh at the hands of General Dyer and his armed soldiers. It had a great impact on him and was responsible for his initiation into freedom struggle. He actively participated in Khilafat Movement.

He joined the Naujawan Bharat Sabha early in life and attended its first conference held at Jallianwala Bagh, Amritsar on April 13 and 14, 1928, under the presidency of Kedar Nath Sehgal. He was thrilled when the conference adopted a resolution in favour of the establishment of a Sovereign Independence Socialist Republic of Peasant and Workers by all possible means. There was no looking back for him after that day. He actively participated in the first Provincial Kirti Kisan Party Conference held at Lyallpur in September 1928 under the Chairmanship of Principal Chhabil Dass.

He made a fiery speech on the ‘Kakori Day’ at Bradlaugh Hall, Lahore on December 16, 1928, was arrested and sentenced to a brief term of imprisonment. After his release, he became a whole timer of Naujawan Bharat Sabha and was arrested in connection with the Saunder’s Murder Case. However, since he was not being successfully implicated in the case, he was prosecuted for making a seditious speech and sentenced to two years rigorous imprisonment.

After his release he founded Amritsar Branch of Bhagat Singh Appeal Committee and became its Secretary. He worked with great vigor to secure the commutation of death sentence of Bhagat Singh, Raj Guru and Sukh Dev to life imprisonment. He did not hesitate to warn even to Mahatma Gandhi and Jawahar Lal, who were at that time engaged in negotiations with Viceroy Lord Irwin, that if they failed to make the commutation of death sentences a condition for the conclusion of the pact, he and other young leaders would add the slogans of ‘Gandhi go back’ ‘Jawahar go back’ to the slogan of ‘Simon go back’.

He assisted Mubarak Saghar to organize second All India Naujawan Bharat Sabha Conference at Karachi in 1931, it was presided by Subhash Chandra Bose. He was among those who
presented black flowers to Mahatma Gandhi on his arrival at Karachi in protest against his failure to save the lives of Bhagat Singh, Raj Guru and Sukh Dev.

Munshi Ahmed Din was a born revolutionary. In 1931, he visited Mecca and met Maulana Ubaidullah Sindhi, a communist revolutionary in self-exile, who was one of the most important organizers of the communist movement in India and abroad. He met some Russians through him and made a bid to secure their help. He made two unsuccessful attempts to cross over to Russia via Kabul but was arrested at Peshawar. After his release from Attock Jail in 1934, Naujawan Bharat Sabha was banned on September 10, 1934, now the main question before him was how to carry on the work.

He was joined by Mubarak Saghar and other prominent Naujawan Bharat Sabhaitees at Lahore and they took advantage of the formation of All India Congress Socialist Party (in October, 1934) and decided to work under its cover. A meeting attended by him, Mubarak Saghar, Ram Chandra, Pandit Mangal Dass, Prof. Brij Narain, Tilak Raj Chadha and others in December, 1934 at Bradlaugh Hall, Lahore, decided to form a branch of All India CSP in Punjab. However later the prefix Congress was dropped and Party came to be known as Punjab Socialist Party.

In 1935, he along with Professor Brij Narain and others toured the Villages of Lyallpur district and organised a historic kisan conference in Khalra, Lyallpur district (now in Pakistan). The Punjab Socialist Party later merged with the CSP, and Munshi attended the All India Congress Socialist Party’s Meerut Conference in January, 1936. He was the Chairman of the Reception Committee of the Lahore Conference of the All India Congress Socialist Party, held on April 12 and 13, 1938, and elected member of the National Executive. He was arrested in 1937 for his activities in the Kisan movement. He was one of the first to be arrested after the start of the Second World War. He was arrested for his anti war speeches in November, 1939. Munshi Ahmed Din was kept in various Punjab jails and then taken to Deoli Camp where he participated in the hunger strike of the Deoli prisoners, led by Jayaprakash Narayan to demand the repatriation of the detainees to their respective provinces. After thirty-two days strike government yielded and Deoli Camp was disbanded. He was in jail when the Quit India Movement was launched and released in February, 1946.

He was quite active in the CSP/SP in 1946-48, and took prominent part in deliberations at CSP’s Fifth All India Conference held at Kanpur under the Chairmanship of Dr Ram Manohar Lohia in February, 1947. He was also elected to the National Executive of the Party.

He was against the partition of the country and warned the Muslims against the machinations of selfish leaders. He was a strong critic of the politics of Jinnah and the Muslim League. After freedom, he ventured to stay in Pakistan, but since his family was in Amritsar, he returned to India. J.P. put him in charge of the workers union in Jamshedpur. Bagaram Tulpule was already there. Bagaram returned to Mumbai where he worked as Joint Secretary of the PSP and General Secretary of the Mill Mazdoor Sabha. Munshi Ahmed Din stayed in Jamshedpur longer in the trade union field. He wrote a book “Waqt Ka Taqaza” in Urdu.

It was perhaps in the fitness of things that the man who had devoted his whole life to the cause of the down-trodden and had risen to a high position in the Indian Independence Movement, breathed his last on May Day, in 1967, in Delhi after a protracted illness. In an emotional obituary by Prem Bhasin in Janata, on May 7, 1967, he wrote, “Munshi Ahmed Din’s death was a hard blow to all who knew him as a dedicated Nationalist, fearless
Socialist and a man of unbounded integrity. In Munshiji’s death, a life lived for the cause of the down trodden and in the noblest tradition of democratic socialism has come to an end”.

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**35. ASOKA (ASHOK) MEHTA**, Son of Shri Ranjitram Mehta, born at Bhavnagar, October 24, 1911. He was Educated at Wilson College and University School of Economics, Bombay. Unmarried. Social and political worker.

He was also active in student and youth movements from 1927-32. Interrupted studies to plunge into national movement. Joined the Civil Disobedience Campaign, arrested and sentenced to 2.1/2 years' imprisonment in 1932.

Asok Mehta, was Founder-Member of the Congress Socialist Party and Member of the National Executive of the Party, 1937-38. He edited the ‘Congress Socialist’, the party’s organ from 1935-39. Tendered resignation in protest against the party’s policy towards Communists, in 1939.

Asok Mehta, was sentenced to one and half year’s (1.1/2) imprisonment following individual Satyagraha, in 1940. He was arrested in August, 1942 “Quit India” movement, and detained for 3 years, 1942-45.


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He was Member, First Lok Sabha, 1954-57, Second Lok Sabha. 1957-62, Fourth Lok Sabha, 1967-71 and acted as Deputy Leader of P.S.P. in Parliament.

He represented India, at the U.N. General Assembly, September-December, 1963, and was Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission of India from December, 1963-66.


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Kamla Shankar Pandya was a journalist also,He worked for Bekar, and Daily Sun.He was Vice President Central India States’ People’s Conference, 1939-45.Participated in Individual Satyagraha and ‘Quit India Movement’ and was Secretary Gujarat Kisan Sabha, 1934-42.He was imprisoned several times during national movement. Kamla Shanker Pandya wrote his jail diary and his Autobiography ‘Viran Jeevan’. He left politics after 1948.He passed away in 1992.
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38. SAJJAD ZAHEER, was a renowned Urdu writer, Marxist thinker and revolutionary. Born on November 5, 1905. One of the four sons of Sir Wazir Hasan, former Chief Justice of the Oudh Chief Court. He was educated at the University of Lucknow, and went to study at University
of Oxford for his (BA, MA), and the University of London for (BCL) in his pursuit of literature and law. Following into his father’s footsteps he studied law at Oxford and became a barrister. He joined Communist Party of England in 1930 and started working among Indian students in England.

On his return from England he was elected General Secretary of All India Progressive Writers Association in 1936. He was a Member of Congress Socialist Party’s National Executive in 1937-38, during CSP’s Fourth National Conference at Lahore. He was arrested several times during the freedom struggle. He was a member of the Communist Party of India, brought out, along with Sohan Singh Josh, the first Marxist Journal in Urdu, ‘Chingari’ from Saharanpur, UP. He was also editor of ‘Qaumi Jung’.

Later in 1948, he went to Pakistan to establish Communist Party of Pakistan, along with Faiz Ahmad Faiz. Both were arrested and later jailed in what is known as ‘Rawalpindi Conspiracy Case’ in 1951, along with Mohammad Husain Ata, Zafarullah Poshni and others. Major General Akbar Khan was allegedly the main conspirator. He came to India in 1955, and revived his activities through Progressive Writers’ Association, Indian People’s Theatre Association (IPTA) and Afro-Asian Writers’ Association during 1956-73. Sajjad Zaheer was also a founder and leading figure of the three associations.

A collection of short stories, Angaray, which had stories by Sajjad Zaheer, Ahmed Ali, Rashid Khan and Mahmud-uz-Zafar was published in 1936 and was immediately banned in India by the British Government, "for hurting the religious susceptibilities of a section of the community."

His wife Razia Sajjad Zaheer was an Urdu short story writer and novelist and they had four daughters. One daughter, Nadira Zaheer is an activist in her own right and married to the Bollywood star-turned politician Raj Babbar. Sajjad Zaheer passed away on 13th September, 1973, at the age of 68, while attending a conference of Afro Asian writers at Alma Ata, Kazakhstan (then one of the republics of USSR). Year 2005, was observed as his birth centenary year.

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39. MUBARAK SAGAR (Mobarak Ali Sagher) Shri, was born on 20th February 1905, in village Mari Punwan, near Sri Hargobindpur in Gurdaspur District. His father was a carpenter. He was educated at a primary school at Sri Hargobindpur, Government High School Batala, Mission School, Jullundher and at Islamiya College Lahore (1915-23). Jallianwala Bagh massacre took place when he was still at school. It shocked him and he made up his mind to fight the British when he grew up. He developed love of poetry at an early age and soon adopted the pen name ‘Saghar’. Thus Mubarak Ali—the name given by his parents becomes Mubarak Saghar.

When Gandhi ji started his Non cooperation Movement in 1921, Saghar though he did not believe in non-violent methods, became a part of the Movement and based in Karachi in 1926. He attended Lahore Congress (AICC Session) as a delegate in 1929 and was arrested first time in 1929. At the same time he joined Naujawan Bharat Sabha. Again during Salt Satyagrah in 1930, he was arrested and jailed for one-year imprisonment. In 1931, he was Secretary Naujawan Bharat Sabha and organized its Second National Conference at Karachi in 1931. It was presided over by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. After this event he came into close contacts with Munshi Ahmed Din the firebrand Socialist leader of Punjab. He was arrested during the 1931, Satyagrah and awarded one year rigorous imprisonment on the charges of treason. He was sent to Yervada Jail, where Gandhiji was also lodged. After his release, he started a weekly 'Mazdoor'.

He was arrested again in January 1933, and after his release, he was externed from Karachi, and he went to Lahore and married to a widow on 23rd August 1933, and started living at Bradlaugh Hall. He joined the Daily 'Veer Bharat' as an assistant Editor on a meager salary of Rupees thirty-five, but shortly give up this job as it was coming in the way of his political activities.
He played an important role in the formation of the Punjab Socialist Party in December 1934, and was one of the founders of the Congress Socialist Party in Punjab. He was arrested in 1935, along with Mohan Lal Kirti, in connection with the Shaheedganj Agitation. He was arrested again at Lahore on May 1, 1935, for having brought out an unauthorized poster in connection with the celebrations of May Day, and was sentenced to three-and-a-half month's rigorous imprisonment, plus a fine of Rupees ten. He along with Munshi Ahmed Din and Tilak Raj Chadha, went to Lucknow in April 1936, at the time of the Lucknow session of AICC, where they met Jayaprakash Narayan, Rammanohar Lohia and other CSP leaders and it was decided there that the Punjab Socialist Party would henceforth function as a branch of the All India CSP.

He was a member of the ‘Control Board’ setup in 1936, to coordinate and control the activities of the Punjab Socialist Party and Kirti Kisan Party. He was elected Member National Executive of CSP in December 1937, at Faizpur and later in 1938, at Lahore. He played an important role at the Lahore session of the All India CSP in 1938. He was arrested in 1940 as a result of the anti-war campaign of the Congress Socialist Party, and was sent to Muzaffargarh Jail from where he was shifted to Deoli Detention Camp along with some other Punjab Congress Socialists. There he joined the hunger strike and was repatriated to Gujarat Special Jail in early 1942.

He was released along with other Communist leaders, after the Communist Party of India had declared its support to British war efforts. But he was soon disillusioned with the Communists, particularly because of their support to the Muslim League’s demand for Pakistan. Muslim League was recognized by the Communist Party of India as the national organization of the Indian Muslims. Muslim members of the party were directed to resign from the Congress and to join Muslim League. Mubarak Saghar did not subscribe to this theory of the Communists and rejoined CSP.

He was elected President of the Punjab Kisan Panchayat, Formed at Chautala Kisan conference in 1946. In early 1947, he directed Urmur Tanda Kisan Satyagrah under the banner of CSP and Kisan Panchayat. He was arrested and was still in jail when the Country became independent. The then Chief Minister of East Punjab Dr Gopi Chand Bhargava ordered for his release and arrangements were made for his safe migration to Pakistan.

Before this a Socialist Party convention in Ludhiana held in July 1947, decided that an autonomous party organization would be formed in Pakistan. Prem Bhasin, a Rawalpindi Hindu member of the party National Executive, was designated to organize the party structure in Pakistan. Mubarak Sagher, a National Executive member of the CSP, who was imprisoned at the time, was also designated to organize the party in the Northwest.

Once Partition, and the communal violence it brought along, was a fact the idea of a united Indo-Pakistani party was abandoned. The majority of party members in West Pakistan, including Tilak Raj Chadha and Prem Bhasin, compelled to leave Pakistan. The Socialist Party had few Muslim members before Partition, and when many Hindu cadres left Pakistan it effectively drained the party of much of its organizational capacity.

Mubarak Sagher after his release from jail in September 1947 reached Lahore. In November 1947 he convened a conference in Rawalpindi, which attracted around fifty participants. The conference decided to break the links to the Indian Socialist Party and that socialists in Pakistan would work to form an independent party of their own. The conference resolved that the goal of the party was to transform Pakistan into a Democratic and Socialist Republic.
On the question of Kashmir, the conference called for an referendum to decide the future of the area. Furthermore, the Rawalpindi meeting stated that the Pakistani Socialists would advocate Kashmiri integration with Pakistan ahead of such a plebiscite. The declaration on Kashmir illustrated the definitive break with the Indian Socialist Party, and the issue would remain a bone of contention between the Indian and Pakistani Socialists.

The Rawalpindi meeting appointed a board which would oversee the preparations for the foundation of the new political party. Mohamed Yusuf Khan was the Convener of the board. Other board members were Mubarak Sager, Munshi Ahmad Din, Siddique Lodhi and Amir Qalam Khan.

In December 1947 the board held a meeting in Lahore, at which it was decided to convene a founding conference of the party on January 29–31, 1948, in Karachi. Moreover, the board decided to publish 'Socialist' Weekly (a continuation of Sindhi Socialist Weekly) as the party organ. The Urdu-language 'Socialist' Weekly was published from Karachi. Mubarak Sagar passed away at Karachi in Pakistan after a protracted illness in eighties.

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40. Z. A. AHMED, B.A. (Hons.), B.Sc., Ph.D. (Economics) (London). Son of Shri Ziauddin Ahmad born on October 29, 1908. He was educated at Aligarh Muslim University and London College. He was married to Shrimati Hajrah Begum, and had one daughter. Z A Ahmed was Secretary AICC Economics and Information Department, 1936-37, and Member CSP's National Executive, 1938-40. Later he joined Communist Party and became its UP Units
Secreatry, 1943-48 and 1951 to 1956. Z A Ahmed was Member Communist Party's Polit Bureau and Central Committee. He was General Secretary All India Kisan Sabha in 1968.


BOOKS BY Z A AHMED


41. B P L BEDI (Baba Pyare Lal Bedi), was born April 5, 1909 in Punjab, India from a noble family that followed the beliefs of Sat Guru Baba Nanak (1469-1539), a great master that gave birth to the Sikh religion. The name Pyare Lal means "True Diamond" and he was a true diamond, in name and of fact.

Baba Bedi studied at the University of the Punjab, Oxford, Berlin, Heidelberg and Geneva. He was a visiting Scholar at Marburg. He married to a British woman, Frida Houlston, while studying at Oxford University. On returning from London, he participated in the freedom struggle and Freda supported him. It was an unusual thing that a Briton was fighting against the British. Freda later converted to Buddhism. The internationally noted filmstar Kabir Bedi is their son. In 1934, he participated in the war of liberation against the British. He was a revolutionary and loved to define himself as same, and putting his money where his mouth was, gave a great part of the economic resources of his family to the service of the freedom of his people. In the process of the war he was captured and tortured, bringing back a lesion to his spinal column, which subsequently prevented him from walking and moving normally.

In 1937, he was Chairman of the Congress Socialist Party's Amritsar Conference and also preside the Punjab Trade Union Conference at Rawalpindi same year. In the year 1938, he was elected, Member of the National Executive of CSP'S at Lahore Conference and Joint Secretary of All India Kisan Sabha at the same time. He was interned at Deoli Camp and joined Communist Party at that time (1940-41). He was editor of ‘Monday Morning’ a weekly published from Lahore and simultaneously edited ‘Contemporary Indian’

After the independence of India, he continued active in politics for some years but resigned from CPI due to some differences on National issues particularly on Kashmir issue. He had a keen interest in the politics of Jammu and Kashmir and was President of Delhi Citizens Democratic Front. Baba Bedi was the author of Guru Baba Nanak - Founder Master of Sikhism: New Light Publishers, 1966, that tells stories of Guru Nanak in poetic prose of rare charm, to which the late Raja Sir Daljit Singh of Kapurthala and Sir Jogindra Singh had added Scriptural quotations from Gurbani as their labour of love. Baba Bedi died March 31, 1993 unsung and unnoticed. It is reported his ashes were spread in the Ganges January, 1998.

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42. K B MENON, Konnanathu Balakrishna Menon popularly known as Dr. K.B. Menon is considered as a saint. His main feature is his simplicity. He walks along the street of Malabar with a khadi sack in hand and a khadi turban on head. The common men in Malabar would not identify him as a scholar who gets PG and PhD from an American University. He became a true Gandhian through the clear observation on Gandhian way of life and followed such a simple life pattern.

Dr. Menon, son of Shri V. Raman Menon was born on 18 June 1897, at the reputed Konnanath Family of Taliparamba, Cannanore Distt in North Malabar (Kerala). He got bachelors degree in Philosophy from the Madras Christian College. Then he joined as a teacher in the Nizam College at Hyderabad. From there, he got a scholarship for further study in America. Then he joined the Berkley University of California. He studied there and secured a post graduation and PhD in Economics and Social Science.

After the course he started his career as a professor in Harvard University. It was the time while Jayaparaksh Narain has arrived for his further study in America. Both of them has met and started a new relationship as two democrats with a left over view. After a short period, he resigned his job and came back to India with a decision to participate in the freedom struggle in the country. His first assignment was as the secretary of the Human Rights Organisation, its chairman was Jawaharlal Nehru. He was General Secretary Civil Liberties Union in 1936 and Joint Secretary of All India State Peoples Conference in 1937. He also assigned as the secretary of the Citizens’ forum of the princely states and also takes charge as the editor of the magazine ‘States People’. He was one of the founders of CSP in Kerala.

When ‘Quit India’ Movement of August 1942 started in Kannur district, A socialist group of workers under the leadership of Dr. K.B. Menon lead to the movement. He was the main accused of the sensational Keezhariyoor Bomb Case. For this agitation, he was sentenced for ten years of imprisonment. After independence he became Joint Secretary of the Socialist Party in 1948 and contested in Trithala Assembly segment to the Madras Legislative Assembly in 1952 and got elected. He was sworn in as the leader of the Socialist Group in
the Assembly. In 1957 he got elected to the Lok Sabha from the Badagara Parliament Constituency as a PSP Member. Again in 1965 he contested from Quilandi Assembly constituency and was elected. Later he joined Samyukta Socialist Party.

He was a pure vegetarian who lived only with bread and fruits. After 60s he suffered with blindness and passed away on 6th September in 1967. Then he was seventy years of age. His life is a lesson or a syllabus for the purity in politics. He was a political saint.

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During early 1940s he turned to violent political action including sabotage and was arrested in 1943 in connection with the Keezhariyur Bomb Conspiracy case. On his release in 1946, Menon joined Congress Socialist Party and was member of its National Executive. Subsequently a PSP MP, he submitted on the conduct of the first Communist Government in Kerala in support of a motion in the Lok Sabha a report “Sixteen Months of Communist Rule in Kerala. A General Review. Calicut (Amala Printing Works), 1958. Documented Statement on Kerala to the Honorable Mr. Speaker, Lok Sabha, by Dr KB Menon.

Dr. KB Menon was a close associate of Jayaprakash Narayan from their days in USA. He worked as General Secretary of the AH India Civil Liberties Union of which Jawaharlal Nehru was the Chairman.


43. SURESH J. DESAI, son of Shri Jamietram G. Desai, born on May 5, 1909 at Surat (Gujarat). He was Educated at M T V College, Surat and Bombay University, and did M.A., LL.B. He was married to Shrimati Kalavati Mazumdar, and had one daughter. Suresh Desai participated in ‘Quit India Movement’ and was in prison for two years 1942-45. He was
Honorary Private Secretary to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, 1945-46. Joint Secretary, All India Socialist Party, 1948-50. He was Member, National Executive of the Socialist Party, 1946-50, and Secretary of its Foreign Department. He was President Gujarat and Saurashtra unit of Praja Socialist Party, 1955-60. Later he joined Congress Party. He was Member, Rajya Sabha, 3-4-1960 to 2-4-1966 and 3-4-1966 to 2-4-1972. Member, National Shipping Board, 1963-65. Editor-in-Chief, "Asian Studies". Suresh Desai passed away in 1989. Obituary in Rajya Sabha on 21-2-1989.

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44. PREM BHASIN, was born at Rawalpindi on 27th December 1917. His education was at Rawalpindi and Lahore. He attended Karachi Congress (AICC) in 1931. Prem Bhasin joined the freedom struggle actively in 1939, after he secured Master's Degree in Political Science when he started to work as a full-timer of the Congress Socialist Party.

He came from a family of freedom fighters and took to revolutionary work, under the direction of the Party. He was arrested in 1941 and was released in 1946. During the jail term, he and other socialists went on a hunger strike in sympathy with the hunger strikers detained in the Deoli camp jail in Rajasthan under the leadership of Shri Jayaprakash Narayan. After release from jail, Prem Bhasin, continued to work as party organiser in the Punjab and was elected to its National Executive Committee in the Kanpur National Conference 1947.

In the Nasik Conference of the Socialist Party in 1948, he was appointed as one of the Joint Secretaries, a post he held till 1953 and later from 1954 to 1963, when he was elected as General Secretary. In 1952, the Party took the name of Praja Socialist Party as a result of unification with the KMPP and the Forward Bloc. He gave up that office in 1971 after the
unification of the PSP with the SSP (In between he was Joint Secretary of SSP in 1964-65, briefly when S M Joshi was the President and Rajnarain was General Secretary). Thereafter, he was Chairman of the Parliamentary Board of the Party for a couple of years. He suffered incarceration on several occasions during 1947-1970.

Although he remained as a centre of contacts for workers during the internal Emergency imposed in 1975, he was not put behind bars. In the 1977 parliamentary general election, he campaigned for Janata Party candidates in Assam and Orissa. He was offered Ambassadorship and Governorship in 1977, but refused to accept the offer. He also turned down similar offers in 1990.

Prem Bhasin was an ardent defender of civil liberties. He always supported the PUCL. As Editor of the Janata, English weekly for several years, he raised his powerful voice against the suppression of the democratic rights of the people. Once Prof. Madhu Dandavate described Prem Bhasin as a living encyclopedia of Socialism. He retired from active politics in 1977, and passed away on 5th February, 2003.

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45. ARUNA ASAF ALI Smt, AKA Aruna Ganguly, was born at Kalka, Haryana into a Bengali Brahmo family on July 16, 1909. She was educated at Lahore and Nainital. She graduated and worked as a teacher. She taught at the Gokhale Memorial School in Calcutta. She met Asaf Ali, a leader in the Congress party at Allahabad and married him in 1928, despite parental opposition on grounds of religion (she was a Brahmo while he was a Muslim and age difference of more than 20 years).

She became an active member of Congress Party after marriage and participated in public processions during the Salt Satyagraha. She was arrested on the charge that she was a vagrant and hence not released in 1931 under the Gandhi-Irwin Pact, which stipulated release of all political prisoners. Other women co-prisoners refused to leave the premises unless she was also released and gave in only after Mahatma Gandhi intervened. A public agitation secured her release.
In 1932, she was held prisoner at the Tihar Jail where she protested the indifferent treatment of political prisoners by launching a hunger strike. Her efforts resulted in an improvement of conditions in the Tihar Jail but she was moved to Ambala and was subjected to solitary confinement. She is widely remembered for hoisting the Congress flag at the Gowalia Tank maidan in Bombay during the Quit India Movement, on August 9, 1942.

On August 8, 1942, the AICC passed the Quit India resolution at the Bombay session. The government responded by arresting the major leaders and all members of the Congress Working Committee and thus tried to pre-empt the movement from success. A young Aruna Asaf Ali presided over the remainder of the session on 9 August and hoisted the Congress flag at the Gowalia Tank maidan. This marked the commencement of the movement. The police fired upon the assembly at the session. Aruna was dubbed the Heroine of the 1942 movement for her bravery in the face of danger and was called Grand Old Lady of the Independence movement in her later years.

An arrest warrant was issued in her name but she went underground to evade the arrest. Her property was seized and sold. In the meanwhile, she also edited Inquilab, a monthly magazine of the Congress Party, along with Ram Manohar Lohia. In a 1944 issue, she exhorted youth to action by asking them to forget futile discussions about violence and non-violence and join the revolution. The government announced a reward of Rs. 5,000/- for her capture. She fell ill and Mahatma Gandhi sent her a hand-written note to come out of hiding and surrender herself. As her mission was accomplished and as she could utilize the reward amount for the Harijan cause. However, she came out of hiding only after the warrant against her was withdrawn in 1946.

She was a member of the Congress Socialist Party, and joined Socialist Party in 1948 as its National Executive member. She however left that party along with Edatata Narayanan and they visited Moscow along with Rajani Palme Dutt. Both of them joined the CPI before Stalin's death. On domestic front, she was bereaved when Asaf Ali died in 1953.

In 1954, she helped form the National Federation of Indian Women, the women’s wing of CPI but left the party in 1956 following Khrushchev’s disowning of Stalin. In 1958, she was elected the first Mayor of Delhi. She and Narayanan started Link publishing house and published a daily, Patriot and a weekly, Link the same year. In 1964, she rejoined the Congress Party but stopped taking part in active politics. Despite reservations about the emergency, she remained close to Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi. She was awarded the Padma Bhushan in her lifetime.

Aruna Asaf Ali was awarded International Lenin Peace Prize for the year 1964. She was awarded India’s highest civilian award, the Bharat Ratna, posthumously in 1997. In 1998, a stamp commemorating her was issued. Aruna Asaf Ali marg in New Delhi was named in her honour. She died on 29th July 1996 at age of 87.

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Aruna Asaf Ali (July 16, 1909, Kalka, Haryana- July 29, 1996) (born Aruna Ganguli), was an Indian independence activist. She is widely remembered for hoisting the Congress flag at the Gowalia Tank maidan in Bombay during the Quit India Movement, 1942. She was 87 years old at the time of her death.


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46. GANGA SHARAN SINGH (SINHA), son of Shri Ram Prasad Sinha, born at Khadagpur, Patna in 1905. He was married to Shrimati Chandramani Devi, and had one daughter. Eminent nationalist, freedom fighter and litterateur Ganga Sharan Singh was among the prominent leaders of the Indian National Congress as well as among the founders of the Congress Socialist Party. He joined Non-co-operation movement, in 1921, since then he has been working in political field. He was in the Indian National Congress till the beginning of 1948.

He was close to Dr. Rajendra Prasad, India’s first President, who wanted him to be one of the trustees for the properties of Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy at Patna for social service. He shared the same house at Kadam Kuan in Patna with his close friend and nationalist freedom fighter Jayaprakash Narayan.JP shared the most cordial, lasting and harmonious friendship with him.

In 1928, he started a journal ‘Yuvak’ (Hindi) along with Ram Briksha Benipuri, which was a politico-literary journal of the revolutionary ideas.

One of the pioneer and Founder member of Bihar Socialist Party, Ganga Sharan Sinha was General Secretary of Bihar Congress Socialist Party in 1934. He participated several times in Freedom movement and jailed. In 1948, he was member of the Socialist Party’s National Executive and Chairman of the Praja Socialist Party, during 1956-59. Ganga Sharan Sinha presides PSP’s Bombay Conference in 1959. Later he joined Congress party and was nominated to Rajya Sabha in 1968.

The Government of India appointed a committee in 1967, under the Chairmanship of Ganga Saran Sinha to look into the Children’s problems, about their needs during the stages of development and to suggest programmes to meet their needs. The Committee suggested for
the Preparation of a Programme for Children. The Government of India had accepted the recommendations of the Committee Report on child education in 1969 and decided to integrate all services for the 0-6 year's olds, planning proceeded cautiously, piloted at first, with the ICDS conceptual model.

Ganga Sharan Sinha worked relentlessly for the promotion of Hindi as a National Language. He was among the founding members of the Board of trustees of Bharatiya Jnanpith. The Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra, has instituted an award in his honour. The Government of India has instituted Ganga Sharan Singh Awards under Hindi Sevi Samman Awards. The government of Bihar has instituted an award for literature in his name.

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47. RAMNANDAN MISHRA (MISRA), son of Rajendra Prasad Misra, a middle-range Bhumihar zamindar born at Raghunathpur Village of Darbhanga District of Bihar in 1905. Ramanandan Mishra got primary education at local level and learnt Sanskrit in his village. For higher studies he went to Kashi Vidyapeeth, Benaras, where he took ‘Shastri’ degree in 1926. While he was just fifteen year old he listen Rabindranath Tagore’s speech at Benaras and inspired to join freedom movement. In 1929, he met Mahatma Gandhi at Kashi Vidyapeeth and joined Congress Party. He was member Bihar Pradesh Congress Committee (BPCC) during 1927-34.

Ramanandan Misra was a Nationalist and Socialist who spent years in jail during freedom movement. He took to Gandhian way of simple living and was a Gandhian Socialist in true sense. A close associate of Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan, Ramanandan Mishra shot into fame when he, along with JP, scaled the walls of the Hazaribagh central jail during the ‘Quit India movement’ to lead the underground movement against the British in 1942.

He established Magan ashram at Majholiya (Bihar) and started a movement against Veil (Parda Pratha) 1927-29. He rebelled against orthodoxy and traditionalism. He participated in
salt Satyagraha in 1930, and jailed. He participated in anti war campaign and jailed during 1939-40. One of the Founder members of Congress Socialist Party in 1934, Ramanandan Misra, participated several times in Freedom movement and jailed but his important role was in 1942, during Quit India Movement when he escaped with Jayaprakash Narayan from Hazaribagh jail in Bihar (Now Jharkhand). The detailed account of this event described by him in his book ‘Escape and Torture’. After his release from jail in 1942, Ramanandan Misra, traveled all over India to establish Hind Kisan Panchayat and was its National General Secretary. In 1948, he was elected Member National Executive of Socialist Part, 1948-50.

Ramanandan Misra was a prominent Kisan leader and he contested Lok Sabha election in 1952, as Socialist Party candidate from Darbhanga Central Constituency (Bihar) but lost.

After the first General Elections in 1952, he has some differences with Jayaprakash Narayan and he retired from the active politics and moved towards spirituality. One-time fiery peasant leader from Bihar, Ramnandan Misra became a devotee of Sri Aurobindo. He has described this transition in his book ‘Jeewan Ke Char Adhyay’. Ramanandan Misra passed away in August, 1989.

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Documents on Socialist Movements in India, by O.P. Ralhan. 2002-9538 pages. The Government also announced "substantial rewards" for "any information which might lead to their arrests," for Shri Jayaprakash Rs. 5000/-, for Shri Yogendra Shukul Rs. 5000/-, for Shri Ramnandan Mishra Rs. 5000/-, for Shri Suraj Narain Singh.

History of the freedom movement in Chotanagpur, 1885-1947, by Sushila Mishra, Kashi Prasad Jayaswal Research Institute, Sushila Mishra. 1990-201 pages. The five other leaders were Ramnandan Mishra, Yogendra Shukla, Suraj Narain Sing, Gulabi Sonar and Saligram Singh. Their escape from the Jail had not only shocked the whole administration but had given a heavy blow to the British
Those who were to escape that night included Yogendra Shukla, a disciple of Chandra Shekhar Azad, Jayapra-kash Narayan, Ramnandan Mishra, Surya Narayan Sinha, Gulab Chandra Gupta and Shaligram Sinha.

Struggle for hegemony in India, 1920-47: the colonial state, the Volume 2, by Bhagwan Josh. 1992-331 pages. In 1939, the kisans of Pandal in thana, led by Jamuna Karjee, and Ramnandan Mishra were carrying on agitation against the Maharaja of Darbhanga. Every day jathas of 25 kisans used to march to the disputed land to plough.

In 1939, the kisans of Pandual thana, led by Jamuna Karjee, and Ramnandan Mishra were carrying on agitation against the Maharaja of Darbhanga. Every day jathas of 25 kisans used to march to the disputed land to plough.

Such men as Acharya Narendra Dev, Mr Jayaprakash Narayan, Dr Ram Manohar Lohia, Mr Achyut Patwardhan, Mr Asoka Mehta, Mrs Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya and Mr Ram Nandan Mishra constituted its leadership. But they were far from a coherent ...

Quit India movement: a people's revolt in Maharashtra, by Krishnan Bhaskaran. 1999-257 pages. The Congress Socialist leaders including Mehar Ali, Dr. Lohia, Achyut Patwardhan, Narendra Deo, Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya and Ramnandan Mishra went to Birla House on the evening of 7th August, 1942 to meet Gandhi and exchange.

Quit India movement: British secret report, by T. Wickenden. 1976-407 pages. Ram Nandan Misra also stopped in Mahatma Gandhi's Kutia for about a week from 15th June 1942 to 22nd June 1942. Ram Nandan Misra, while giving an account of his interview with Mahatma Gandhi narrating the conversation which had followed.
Sociology and economics of casteism in India: a study of Bihar, by Girish Mishra, Braj Kumar Pandey, Girish Mishra. 1996-433 pages. One was led by JP and the other by Ramnandan Misra. From the formation of the CSP in 1934 itself, Bhumihars were in a ... Prominent among them were: Ramnandan Misra, Basawan Sinha, Kausalendra Narayan Sinha of the Amawan Estate.

Jayaprakash Narayan: struggle with values: a centenary tribute, by Madhu Dandavate, Jayaprakash Narayan. 2002-307 pages. During the freedom struggle particularly during the Second World War, with JP and other stalwarts of the party like Dr. Lohia, Achyut Patwardhan and, Ramnandan Mishra providing a determined leadership to the underground movement in 1942.

J.P., his biography, by Allan Scarfe, Wendy Scarfe. 1998-274 pages. Soon after this they hid for three days in the offices of Ramana- dan Misra's father-in-law, a well-to-do ... Jayaprakash and Ramnandan Misra hid under a heap of jute bags on a bullock cart, provided for them by Misra's father-in-law.

J P: Jayaprakash Narayan: biography, thoughts, letters, documents, by Onkar Sharad. 1977-199 pages. There were with JP to escape Surajnarayan Singh, Gulab Chandra alias 'Gulali', Ramnandan Mishra and Saligram Singh. The Diwali day arrived. It was the month of November. The weather was pretty cold. Against his usual habit, JP got ...

The Man and the scientist: essays in honour of Professor Balbhadra ... Ganesh Prasad Sinha.1979-263 pages. In addition, Rahul Sankrityayana, Dhanraj Sharma, Ramnandan Mishra, Kishori Prasanna Singh, Awadeshwar Prasad Singh and Shool bhadra Yaji played notable roles in the kisan movement. It is, however, regrettable that the Kisan Sabha.

Young India, 1927-1928, by Gandhi (Mahatma), Rajendra Prasad. 1935 - 1104 pages. Babu Ramanandan Mishra, a Khadi worker, was desirous of rescuing his wife from the oppression of the purdah. As his people would not let the girl come to the Ashram, he took two girls from the Ashram to be companions to his wife.

Collected works: Volume 36, by Gandhi (Mahatma)1970.Babu Ramanandan Mishra, a khadi worker, was desirous of rescuing ... The parents of the girl wife resented the attempt of the Ashram girls to wean young Mrs. Mishra from the purdah. The girls braved all difficulties.

Role of women in the freedom movement in Bihar, 1912-1947, by Saroj Kumari. 2005-195 pages. Ramnandan Mishra told them the noble ideals of Indian womanhood of the epic days of the past and asked them to come out of seclusion. He also supported the anti-purdah movement in Bihar. Ramnandan Mishra had started anti-purdah movement in Darbhanga.

Dimensions of Indian Womanhood, Volume 1, by C. M. Agrawal. Publisher Shri Almora Book Depot, 1993.Ramanandan Mishra of Darbhanga also gave a lead in anti-parda movement. He wanted to make his wife free from the tyranny of parda against ... So he became pleased to hear the mission of Ramanandan Mishra. With his consent Radhabahen.

An Indian freedom fighter recalls her life, by Manmohini Zutshi Sahgal, Geraldine Hancock Forbes. 1994-167 pages. I soon became friends with Mrs. Misra, the wife of the Congress leader Ram Nandan Misra. Ram Nandan's father was a very wealthy landlord of that area, and his family's house could be glimpsed from the school grounds.


The agrarian drama: the leftists and the rural poor in India, by Amit Kumar Gupta, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library. 1996-516 pages. Ramnandan Mishra undertook a propaganda tour of Orissa. 289 Similarly, the "people's war" group enjoyed a certain edge over their adversaries in the kisan movement in Bengal and the Surma Valley of Assam, as well as perhaps in some ...

Myth and reality: the struggle for freedom in India, 1945-47, by Amit Kumar Gupta, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library. 1987-500 pages. The picture drawn by Ramnandan Mishra in the course of a statement published recently is no figment of the Socialist leader's imagination. The picture is true to life on the unanimous testimony of all concerned, excepting of course the small ...

Broken promises: popular protest, Indian nationalism, and the ..., by Vinita Damodaran. 1992-398 pages. Ramanandan Mishra's speech in October 1937 in Darbhanga noted that there were two forces in the Congress, the zamindar group and the workers' and peasants' group. The zamindars were dominant, he said, because 'of their money'. Ramnandan Mishra MSS, Nehru Memorial Museum, New Delhi. Jayaprabha Narayan MSS, Nehru Memorial Museum, New Delhi. Rajendra Prasad MSS, Nehru Memorial Museum, New Delhi. Sahajanand Saraswati MSS, Nehru Memorial

Karpoori, a portrait, by Rāmacandra Prasāda, Jiyālāla Ārya, Kunāla Kumāra. 1991-128 pages. When from January 1947 to 1951 the socialist party launched a struggle to organize the Kisan Sabha and, later, the Hind Kisan Panchayat mainly under the leadership of Rama Nandan Mishra, Karpoori Thakur became its secretary

Socialism in theory and practice: Narendra Deva's contribution, by Asha Gupta. 1987-266 pages. Aruna Asaf Ali and Ramanandan Misra had left the party. Jayaprabha Narayan preferred to consolidate the party organisation instead of contesting the general election, Some of the prominent leaders did not ...

Fifty years of socialist movement in India: retrospect and prospects, by G. K. C. Reddy. 1984-170 pages. Ramanandan Misra got defeated. The CPI fared exceedingly well, polling 5.5 percent vote but getting 27 seats, including those elected as PDF or independent candidates. The showing of the Jan sangh was not much, but together with the.


Galaxy of the Indian socialist leaders, by Madhu Limaye. 2000-392 pages. During the 1942 movement JP made a daring escape from Hazaribagh jail with colleagues like Ramnandan Misra and joined the ranks of the freedom fighters.


JP’s crusade for revolution, by Vasant Sadashiv Nargolkar. 1975-215 pages. The Socialist Party suffered an ignominious defeat. The Bihar branch of the Party met at Patna in March 1952. Shri Ramanandan Mishra, one of Jayaprakashji's close associates in Bihar who had scaled the walls of the Hajaribag jail in

Mankind: Volume 14, 1970. Apart from this the Bihar Socialist Party had behaved in such a fashion towards Ramnandan Mishra that he not only resigned from the Kisan Conference but also later, a few months or a year later, had resigned from the Socialist Party.

India Wins Freedom, by Maulan Abul Kalam Azad. 2004-283 pages. They included Jayaprakash Narayan, Ramanandan Mishra and several others. I was not satisfied with this outcome of my intervention. I saw no reason why a small group of leftists should be detained when all others were being released.

Autobiography, by Rajendra Prasad. 1957-624 pages. A young man of Darbhanga, Ramnandan Mishra, took his wife unveiled to Sabarmati Ashram. Gandhiji sent Radha, daughter of Maganlal Gandhi, to Bihar to educate the women and help remove purdah. Maganlal then came to Bihar to see...

Sardar Patel’s correspondence, 1945-50: Volume 9. Vallabhbhai Patel, Durga Das, Shankar Prasada. I have just received a wire from Ramnandan Mishra, who is the General Secretary of the Hind Kisan Panchayat, and who has gone to Rewa to make preparations for the conference in view of the fact that most of the local Socialist and Kisan.

Lohia and parliament. Rammanohar Lohia. 1991-507 pages. Some Saints used to congregate at the house of his close friend, Pandit Ramanandan Mishra for religious discourse where it was said that Dr. Lohia was not only a political leader but he was a great spiritualist and saint. One of the saints was Pandit Ramanandan Mishra. He told us that words 'Sam' and 'Samta' are quite frequently found in Dr. Lohia’s books: 'Samdrishti', 'Samlakshya', 'Sambodhi', 'Sambhav' are some of his books. The meaning of the words 'Sam' and 'Samta'.


48. MANGANLAL BAGDI, son of Shri Radhakishan, born at Bankuda, West Bengal, on August 13, 1912. He was married to Shrimati Indiravati Bagdi, in 1930 and had three sons and two daughters. Agriculturist and Social worker he was sentenced to five years' rigorous imprisonment in connection with the 1st Nagpur Conspiracy Case in 1932. He established Kisan Sabha in 1939 and was arrested for participating in Kisan Satyagraha. He also founded the 'Hindustani Lal Sena', an organisation of militant workers, to fight foreign domination and establish a socialist State in India. He was arrested in 1940, for delivering a speech...
against the War. He joined the Congress Socialist Party in 1942. He was awarded life
sentence in 1943 for waging war against the King, and released in 1946. He was Member,
National Executive of the Socialist Party (1948-52) and elected, Member of the First Lok
Sabha. He was also Secretary, Provincial Socialist Party MP.

He was a Member, Praja Socialist Party but subsequently joined Congress Party and got
elected to 2nd Lok Sabha as Congress Nominee from Hoshangabad. He was President,
Provincial Hind Mazdoor Sabha and the Hind Kisan Panchayat.

Social activities: Pradeshi Convener, Madhya Pradesh Bharat Sewak Samaj. Worked for
removal of untouchability.

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India's march to freedom, by Dwarka Prasad Mishra. 2001-647 pages.
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Quit India Movement: British secret documents: Volume 1, by Pran Nath Chopra, Shiri Ram
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The attack on Moudha House Station on the 14th was organised by Maganlal Bagdi who
with 10 or 15 members of the Hindustan Red Army called the meeting and subsequently
attacked the station house and fired probably from police muskets.

49. HARESHWAR GOSWAMI, Born and Educated at Guwahati (Assam). Advocate by
profession. In 1941, participated in individual Satyagraha. In 1942, Participated in Quit India
Congress Socialist Party in Assam. 1952-62, Leader of the Socialist Party and Praja Socialist
Party legislative party and Leader of the Opposition respectively. In 1964, he joined Congress
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Ali, Ganga Sharan Sinha, Ram Nandan Mishra, Munshi Ahmedin, Shibnath Banerji, Manganlal Bagdi, Hareshwar Goswami, Chotubhai Purani, Surendra Nath Dweadi, Narendra Nath Das, Madhu Limaye, Moinuddin Harris, BP Sinha.


50. CHOTUBHAI PURANI, Born at Dakor, Gujarat on 13th July 1885. Education at Jamnagar, Gujarat College Ahmedabad and St. Xavier’s College Bombay. Chhotubhai had joined the Baroda College in 1903 (after his Intermediate at Ahmedabad) at the age of eighteen. After his MA at St. Xavier’s, Bombay, he began teaching at the Kalabavan in Baroda. In 1923, he participated in Jhanda Satyagrah (Flag Movement) at Nagpur. During 1921-23, he was Member of Senate, Gujarat Vidyapeeth. In 1928, he participated in Lagan-band Movement (Movement against Agriculture Tax). In 1930, he lead Salt Satyagrah at Jaivasar Talluka. In 1942, During Quit India Movement, he attacked Police posts as an strategy. In 1948, he was elected Member of the Socialist Party’s National Executive. 1946-50. He was Member Bombay State Assembly also. Chhotubhai Purani passed away in 1950.

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Quest for socialism: fifty years of struggle in India, by Surendranath Dwivedy.1984-373 pages. Quoted Sibnath Banerji, Hareshwar Goswami, Chotubhai Purani, Surendranath Dwivedy, Narendra Nath Das, Madhu Limaye, Moinuddin Harris, and BP Sinha. Aruna Asaf Ali had joined the Socialist Party a few days before the Nasik Conference.

History of Gujarat, by S. B. Rajyagor, Pran Nath Chopra.1982-539 pages. Barindra moved through the whole Baroda state in company with Chhotubhai Purani, the pioneer of Akhada movement in Gujarat. Arvinda and Barindra initiated Chhotubhai Purani and others into the revolutionary movement. ...

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51. SURENDRANATH DWIVEDY, Son of Shri Maguni Dwivedy, born at Village Khandasahi, Cuttack Distt. Orissa on February 11, 1913. He was married to Shrimati Gayatri Dwivedy, on January 29, 1948, and had one daughter. He was a whole time political worker, for sometime was a working journalist. He was Member, Indian National Congress, 1930-48. Secretary, Cuttack D.C.C., 1940-44. Member (i) All India Congress Committee, 1940-48, (ii) Congress Socialist Party, 1934-47, and (iii) National Executive, Socialist Party, 1947-52. He was Deputy Chairman, P.S.P., 1956-62. He was imprisoned for more than seven years in connection with the freedom struggle and the Quit India movement in 1942. He was Member-Delegate, Asian Socialist Conferences, Rangoon, 1952, and Bombay, 1956.

Surendranath Dwivedy was founder, and for many years, Editor of the 'Krushak' an Oriya Weekly. He was Member, Rajya Sabha, 1952-56, Second Lok Sabha, 1957-62 and Third Lok Sabha, 1962-67. He was Leader, P.S.P. group in Lok Sabha; Member, Panel of Chairmen, Third Lok Sabha, and Committee on Public Undertakings, 1964-67. He joined Congress Party in 1971 but left it during the emergency in 1975-76. He was Member Janata Party, 1977-80.

Surendranath Dwivedy was associated with various kissan, youth and other movements in Orissa. He was one of the Governors of ‘Khoj Parishad’ 1948-51. He was Governor of Arunachal Pradesh (1991-93). Surendranath Dwivedy passed away on 1st October 2001 at the age of 94.

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52. NARENDRA NATHDAS, son of Upendranath Das was born at Kanaidighi, Contai, West Bengal in 1907. He was a veteran freedom fighter and took leading part in No-Tax campaign, Salt and Quit India movement. He was member of Congress Party and Congress Socialist Party. Later Narendra Nath Das joined Socialist Party and was Elected Member to the National Executive of the Socialist Party in 1948, at Nashik Conference. He was Ex-president of the Kanaidighi Union Board. Later he was an active member of the PSP. He has written some books and memoirs also. He died in Calcutta on 17th February 1987 at the age of 80.
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53. MADHU LIMAYE, Son of Shri Ramchandra Mahadev Limaye was born at Poona, May 1, 1922. He got education at Fergusson College, Poona (now Pune). Madhu married to Professor Smt. Champa Limaye and had one son. He was previously associated with the Indian National Congress, 1938-48 and the Congress Socialist Party, 1938-1948. He studies interrupted due to participation in the freedom movement and he was imprisoned for 4 years, 1940-45. He attended Socialist International’s Antwerp conference as a sole delegate.
of Indian Socialist Movement, 1947, and elected, Member of the National Executive of the Socialist Party at Nasik Conference in 1948. He was Joint Secretary of the Socialist Party, 1949-52, Secretary, Asian Socialist Bureau, Rangoon, 1953. and elected, Joint Secretary, Praja Socialist Party at its first Conference at Allahabad, 1953.


Madhu Limaye played an active part in the JP movement and in the effort to create a united opposition party (Janata Party). He was detained under MISA from July 1975 to February 1977 in various Madhya Pradesh Jails. He resigned in protest, from membership of the fifth Lok Sabha, on immoral extension of its term by Smt. Indira Gandhi through abuse of constitutional provisions about emergency. He was General Secretary, Janata Party, from 1st May, 1977 to July 1979, and General Secretary of Janata Party (S) and Lok Dal, 1979-82, respectively. He retired from active politics in 1982 after the formation of Lok Dal (K). He was associated with youth organisations, study groups, seminars, libraries, social reform movement and periodicals.

He wrote more than 100 books in English, Hindi and Marathi.

Madhu Limaye also wrote many articles in Sadhana, a Marathi weekly publication. Sadhana is a Socialist Marathi weekly publication that was established by Pandurang Sadashiv Sane Sane Guruji, a leader of Rashtra Seva Dal.

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**BOOKS ON MADHU LIMAYE**


Madhu Limaye, jivana aura rājanīti, by Vinoda Prasāda Simha, Premasiṃha. 1996-458 pages. Contributed articles, reminiscences by various friends and associates on the life and works of Madhu Limaye, politician and socialist; some articles have been translated from Marathi.

Nyāyālayāta Madhū Limaye, by Y. D. Phadke. 2000-100 pages. On Madhu Limaye, Indian politician, defending himself in courts during his trial by the then British Government.

Shri Madhu Limaye-Ek Jeevni by Prakash Bandrey.


“This book Madhu Limaye on Famous Personalities contains a collection of articles exploring certain unknown facets of these famous personalities. The first article conveys the manner in which Gandhiji transformed political activism in India. The article on Sardar Patel communicates the core belief of the Sardar in an "ordered state" and his efforts towards establishing it in India.

One article reviews affinities and differences between Mahatmaji and Netaji Subhas Bose, while another article pays homage to Jawaharlal Nehru, Mahatmaji’s heir apparent. Two articles are about Rajen Babu. One describes how he adroitly defeated Jawaharlal’s attempts...
to deny him the post of "the president of our republic", and the other about his contribution as well as his attempts to define the role and responsibilities of the 'President of India'.

There are articles that deal with little known aspects of certain famous persons like Mohammed Ali Jinnah, Pandita Ramabai and Mahadev Govind Ranade.

One section deals with obituaries or pen sketches of eminent persons like Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, Morarji Desai, Indira Gandhi, and about Madhuji’s personal relations with many of them despite his political differences with them.

Finally, one section of articles throws light on biases and limitations held by Marx and Engels. Two articles deal with developments in the Soviet Union in the years during which Mikhail Gorbachev made to transform the Soviet Union, and yet, preserve its essential unity.

The common thread that runs through these articles are Madhuji’s scholarship, his deep knowledge of social reform movement and freedom movement in India, his extensive knowledge of current affairs, his deep study of views and writings of Marx and Engels, and last but the least, his ability to be objective and to view developments and personalities from a different and unusual perspective.

The book should make an interesting reading for students and keen observers of politics."

Dear Popat, by Madhu Limaye. Letters to his son Aniruddha from Goa prison mentioned in his book 'Goa liberation movement and Madhu Limaye. Also published in Marathi as Ladkya Popatas.(To Dear Popat) Dear Tiny Tiny Pats, Our motherland became an independent country 14 years ago. The rule of the White British came to an end and the rule by our own people began. But Goa, although a part of our country remain slave…….

Title : Dear Popat
Author : Madhu Limaye
Illustrated by : Keerti Ramchandran
Publisher : National Book Trust

The beautiful day which dawned with India's freedom - 15th August 1947, unfortunately did not bring the same for the smallest but probably the most beautiful state of our country - Goa, which continued its struggle under the oppressive regime of Portuguese, for many more years after 1947.

Madhu Limaye, a freedom fighter, initiated a Satyagraha movement against Portuguese Government in 1955. For his protest, he was beaten mercilessly and was sentenced to a twelve year imprisonment. From the Fort Aguada Jail, he started writing letters to his 1 year old son - Popat (Aniruddh) - his way of filling the loneliness of his days by steering his mind and thoughts to the memory lanes of his family and his beloved son. He attempted to bridge the gap that physical distance had brought between a father and a son by sending a capsule of his affection regularly in written form.

The affectionate letters that he wrote to Popat must have been Popat’s prized possessions throughout his life and now for us to savour the loving words of a father to his son. I simply enjoyed the diverse and disjoint topics, finding their mention in his letters - the way a child’s attention moves from one thing to another - jerkily but enthusiastically.
In some letters he mentions about the fireflies coming through the window of his room and the conversation he had with them, the birds and animals which are being coaxed by him to convey his messages to his dear son Popat but they just eat the treat he offers and do not obey him. Sometimes he talks about mother sea and his son, who are engaged in a game of hide and seek and other times he describes about the huge ocean waves crashing against the rocks near the prison. Besides being in captivity, Limaye and his small group of friends, enjoyed and celebrated all special festivals and occasions including Popat's birthday and his father getting the special treatment of not doing any chores that day and just basking in the sweet memories of Popat.

Madhu Limaye has written some very profound pieces but he has neatly managed to bring his writing style to a very comfortable level where his son could understand the written matter when his mother read these letters to him. One thing which I liked the most is the tone of third person narrative which Limaye has used in most of his letters, the way children talk about themselves and while addressing others. Using words like Bho-bho for a dog, miao for a cat, chiu-tai for a sparrow, zhook-zhook for a train etc. lends an extra personal touch to the letters and make the reading very interesting.

ARTICLES BY MADHU LIMAYE

VK Krishna Menon's Marathon Speech on Kashmir at the Security Council. Madhu Limaye offers a bird’s eye-view of Indian Politics and with extraordinary brilliance he analyses the controversies.


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What is RSS? by Madhu Limaye describes What RSS is. IPSBU - INDIA I entered political life in 1937. I was quite young then but as I had passed my matriculation examination at a relatively early age, I also

Madhu Limaye also wrote many articles in Sadhana, A Marathi weekly publication.Sadhana is a Socialist Marathi weekly publication that was established by Pandurang Sadashiv Sane Sane Guruji , a leader of Rashtra Seva Dal.

54. MOINUDDIN BURHANUDDIN HARRIS (M.HARRIS), Born at Supara, Thane, Maharashtra in 1907. He was educated at Satara Madarsa, Elphinstine School, and Jamia Millia Aligarh. In 1920, he left education to participate in Non Cooperation movement. Later he Joined Mustafa Kamal Pasha School and did Matric in 1923.In 1928, he did B.A from Jamia Millia. He worked as a journalist in ‘Daily Khilafat’ and ‘Bombay Chronicle’ Delhi edition. In 1928, he started ‘Ajmal’ newspaper and he was the proprietor and editor of this journal 1928-71.

During Freedom movement Moinuddin Harris joined Congress Socialist Party (CSP) and was one of the prominent member of CSP. According to Maulana Azad, quoted by Jayaprakash Narayan, ‘Moinuddin Harris, was one of the prominent leaders of the Congress Socialist Party in Bombay and a devout Muslim’.

Moinuddin Harris was arrested in 1941, and jailed during the Satyagrah. In 1942, he was arrested during ‘Quit India Movement’ and put in Yervada jail. He was Member Bombay Pradesh Congress Committee, 1944, and Member Bombay Municipal Board and Leader of the Opposition. Moinuddin Harris left Congress party and joined Socialist Party with his other CSP, colleagues and elected to the National Executive of the Socialist Party, in its First National conference at Nasik in 1948.He served the National Executive of the Socialist Party till 1952 and later in Praja Socialist Party (PSP) for many years. He was arrested during ‘Dam Bandho Andolan’ of Socialist Party in 1952.

Moinuddin Burhanuddin Harris elected MLC from (Greater Bombay-Graduates) in 1958, for Maharashtra Legislative Council, from Graduate Constituency, for the period 1958-64, and from Local Authority Constituency from Greater Bombay (2) for the period 1966-72.

Moinuddin Harris, along with some Indian MPs, visited Saudi Arabia as part of the Indian Haj Goodwill Delegation in 1968.He was Chairman All India Haj Committee of India 1978-80.Moinuddin Harris was President of Anjuman-E-Islam, Bombay. He passed away on August 2nd, 1983, in Bombay. He was 76.
Moinuddin Harris regularly contributed a column in the Evening News of India, by a Pen name A 'Citizen' in 'civic causerie'.

An educational institution of Bombay “Anjuman-i-Islam” named after him as “ANJUMAN-I-ISLAM MOINUDDIN HARRIS JUNIOR COLLEGE OF EDUCATION FOR WOMEN” MAHIM. MUMBAI.

Publication/Books and Articles:
“Gandhi, the Inspirer of Men” by Moinuddin Harris. Pioneer (Lucknow). October, 01, 1950. In this article the author notes, how Gandhi was a great inspirer of people in India and the world at large.

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