

Comrade Banshi Lal Singhvi: A voice of the voiceless

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Veteran communist leader, former member of the state committee of Communist Party of India (Marxist) and district secretary of the party for nearly forty five years, comrade Banshi Lal Singhvi passed away on 3rd January, 2016 at about 8.30 am in the party office which had been his 'home' for decades. Like every day he got up early, took his bath, perused the newspapers, cleaned his house and the drains of the street in Machla Magra Kachchi Basti and walked to the party office. He cleaned the office and was sitting in his chair when he felt uneasy and in just a few moments passed away. Till his last moment, like a true revolutionary he was engaged in the task of transforming the lives of the people who were marginalized and were too weak to voice their problems. Comrade Singhvi not only

became the voice of the voiceless but empowered them and taught them to struggle and express their opinion forcefully. His

body was kept in the party office and from the office itself his funeral march was taken to the Ashok Nagar crematorium amidst the slogans " Long live Comrade Singhvi", "Comrade Singhvi ko Lal Salaam", " Inqilab Zindabad" and "Jab Tak Suraj Chand Rahega, Comrade Singhvi ka Naam Rahega". Hundreds of party workers, sympathizers and Kachchi Busti dwellers marched with the procession and leaders of all political parties , activists, journalists and intellectuals paid tribute to him in the condolence meeting held the next day.

Born in the family of trading Jain community in village Pakhand, tehsil Nathdwara in erstwhile Udaipur district on August 7, 1944, Comrade Singhvi did not follow his family tradition. He was a revolutionary even in his student days. He led an agitation to get a government college established in Nathdwara and demonstrated against the then chief minister of Rajasthan Mohan Lal Sukhadia who had to announce the college and soon the college came into existence. Banshi Lal Singhvi graduated from this college. Later , when a minor girl was being forcefully given "Diksha" to become a Jain Sadhvi , he opposed it. He was exterminated from the community. Later he joined the Harijans and participated in the movement of their emancipation. He came in contact with veteran freedom fighter and socialist leader Narendrapal Singh Choudhary. He learnt typing and started a typing institute at Nathdwara. During these days he came in contact with the works of Karl Marx, V.I.Lenin, Rahul Sankrityayan etc.in 1969 he joined Communist Party of India and started his political work at Nathdwara.

In 1970 he came to Udaipur with his family. He started his work among the students and youth. He read the special issue of the magazine "Swadhinta" published in the centenary year of Lenin. This gave him clarity about the communist movement. In 1970 itself he joined LLB course and formed All India Students Federation units in Udaipur. At that time the communist government in Kerala led by comrade Achyutanand was felled by Communist Party of India. This made him disillusioned with CPI and he along with comrade Narayan Lal Manat joined Students Federation of India and later the same year he joined CPIM. He was instrumental in removing rivalry between Jain student leader Bhagirath Chaudhary and Rajput student leader Abhay Singh Pehalwan.

During the regime of Chief Minister Barkattullah Khan, he participated in the strike of the state government employees and was arrested for thwarting the imposition of section 144IPC. He worked to strengthen the trade union CITU along with the leaders comrade Ayal Das, comrade Bhanwar Lal Bapna and comrade Mahesh Sharma. He successfully formed trade unions in more than sixty industries in the region. He led the railway employees strike in 1974 in Udaipur. On the May day there was a huge demonstration. The police arrested him with comrade Ayal Das and comrade Mahesh Sharma under MISA (Maintenance of Internal Security Act) and they were kept in custody till 31st May. When internal emergency was declared on June 26, 1975, Comrade Banshi Lal Singhvi and Comrade Ayal Das were arrested on June 27. They remained in Jail for complete nineteen months. After release from the jail, comrade Singhvi was given the responsibility to organize the tribal people. He spent long durations in the remote villages of Kotda, Jhadol, Kherwara and Gogunda traveling often on bicycle, on foot and later on his scooter. He traveled in hilly areas amidst great difficulty and organized the party. He led several movements to secure the rights of the tribal people on the forest land and forest produce. Because of his contribution the CPIM contested from Jhadol legislative constituency thrice securing big number of votes. In 1978 CITU Union was formed in J.K. Tyres , Kankroli after a long struggle.

But the biggest contribution of comrade B.L.Singhvi is in the setting up of urban shelter for labourers and working class people in the form of Kachchi Busties in different parts of the region including Udaipur and Chittorgarh. He succeeded in setting up busties of more than seventy to eighty thousand people in the town. He was so popular among the people of the Busties that CPIM won Municipal elections for almost twenty years. For three terms Rajesh Singhvi, his able son who is carrying his legacy in the party was elected as the councilor in Municipal Council , Udaipur and presently also CPIM has the seat.

Comrade B.L. Singhvi was a great scholar himself. He read extensively and always motivated his fellow party men to read more and more. He wrote analytically on national and international issues and expressed his ideas logically. As a speaker , he was very impressive and even in public speeches conveyed deep political and theoretical issues very effectively. He was a mass leader who led a very honest and dedicated life . Today when he is no more, his life and thoughts will motivate and inspire all those who believe in the politics of social transformation for creating an egalitarian society.

Narendra Modi addressed the programme, Sahitya Satkar Samaroh, via video conference

PM Releases Jain Muni's book

Morari Bapu, Rajnesh Duggall, Swati Sharrma, Rajiv Ruia & Pradeep Sharma came at Acharya Ratna underji Maharaj Suriji's Yatra 300 at Sahitya samaroh samiti, Sion.

Its an important achievement in the Indian history when Acharya Sri shall initiate the journey of 300th book, who has been trying to safeguard the Indian literature and its values. On this auspicious occasion, a 10 days event called YATRA 300 is being organised to create worldwide positivity and Virtuousness. YATRA 300's message is "FEEL THE CHANGE". The event of YATRA 300 is being organised at Somaia ground located at Chunnabhatti- Sion.

Since Acharya Sri has been able to make this memorable journey of literature with the blessings of Goddess Saraswati, YATRA 300 will also witness the 40ft high idol of Goddess Saraswati and its temple.

Due to Innate belief of followers on the famous Jain pilgrimage, Sankeshwar Tirth, a replica of Sankeshwar Tirth shall be 'crafted for the first time in Mumbai. The key problem of today's society is that the youth is distancing away from the traditions. YATRA 300's 4 Exhibitions Zone shall also try to re engage the youth com-



munity with the tradition. The 4 Exhibitions Zones are technology based zones. Out of which, the first zone is Fly Zone , the Smart city. The Smart City displays the collection of Acharya Sri 300 books in an innovative manner. The smart city has houses, schools, stock exchange, malls, hospitals etc and each one of this shares life saving message. For instance, the house displays the family based books along with the techniques to revive the broken relationships, the school in the Smart City shall teach the importance of Moral Education through career guidance by Acharya Sri, the stock exchange in Smart City will teach us the con-

duct ethical behaviour in our professional life.

Morari Bapu, Actor Rajnesh Duggall, Singer Swati Sharrma, Director Rajiv Ruia & producer Pradeep Sharma came specially to attend the event. On the occasion the Prime Minister unveiled the book 'Maru Bharat, Saru Bharat' penned by Acharya Ratnasundersurisarwaji Maharaj Saheb. This is Maharaj Saheb's 300th book.

The Sahitya Satkar Samaroh, which started in Mumbai on 1st January will conclude on Sunday. Speaking on this occasion through video conference, PM Modi said that spirituality is deeply rooted in the ancient reli-

gious traditions. Noting that India is proud of its cultural heritage, Prime Minister also said that country's sages or rishis have always put forth their valuable contributions for nation building. The book, Mera Bharat, Acha Bharat or Maru Bharat, Saru Bharat, was released in four languages - English, Hindi, Gujarati and Marathi by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

In seven days 3 lakhs peoples came to take blessing of Acharya Ratnasunderji Maharaj Suriji at Sahitya samaroh samiti, Yatra 300 Sion. Sahitya Satkar Samaroh with Param Puja Acharya Ratnasunderji Suriji Maharaj from 1st to 10th Jan at Somaia ground, Sion. On this auspicious occasion, a 10 days event called YATRA 300 is being organized to create worldwide positivity and virtuousness. YATRA 300's message is "FEEL THE CHANGE". The event of YATRA 300 is being organized at Somaia ground located at Chunnabhatti-Sion.

In this event their has been discussion on Science & Literature. Young generation participated in huge amount. On the hand of Devendra Fadavanis (CM, Maharashtra) Rs. 76 Lakh has been donated to Maharashtra Goshala to save life of

Cow. Dilip Baba saved life of 200 cows, from being killed & donated 8 bulls in Akola. Raman Singh ((CM, Chattisgarh), Mohan Bhagwat (Chief R.S.S.), Anandiben Patel (CM, Gujarat), Gopal Shetty (MP), Ashish Shelar, Raj Purohit, Devendra Phadavnis (CM, Maharashtra), Snehal Ambekar (Mayor, Mumbai) came to take blessing of Acharya Ratnasunderji Maharaj Suriji at Sahitya samaroh samiti, Yatra 300 Sion.

Sahitya Satkar Samaroh programme highlights of 8th Jan. celebrate Woman Day & this event coming 30000 women. 9th Jan. Rajnath Singh & Murari Bapu coming for this auspicious event with live play by Tappu sena & 10 Jan. Narendrs Modi (PM, India) launching of 300th Book "Maru Bharat, Saru Bharat" (Languages of Gujarati, Hindi, Marathi & English).

To conclude in brief, we are assured that all visitors shall experience the change in event of YATRA 300. The event shall be an exceptional guide to lead a happy life and one shall feel rejuvenated with lots of confidence imbibed in them. You will miss a life time opportunity if you fail to visit. So please make your availability to attend this event.

Best coaching to be provided to tribal players

Udaipur : State Regional Development Minister Nand Lal Meena tribe to tribe in Rajasthan at the initiative of the students of the three-day State-level sports competitions on Friday at Udaipur's Bhupal Stadium.

A total of 546 players are participating. Out of which, 318 are male players and 228 are female players. Archery class of 153 players from 25 teams, 40 teams, 247 athletes and 33 teams in volleyball, including 123 students and student athlete. Similarly, two groups of 23 artists are involved in the cultural competition. These Sirohi, Banswara, Banra (Shahbad), Dungarpur, Jhalawar, Pratapgarh, Tonk, Udaipur districts of the student hostels of the tribe are participating player. Competition as the chief guest at the opening of the Regional Development Minister Nand Lal Meena tribes ignite the lamp. Tribal Regional Development Minister sport



has hoisted the national flag, took the salute march past, announced the opening and colorful balloons flew in the sky. On this occasion, as guests, Banswara-Dungarpur area MP Manshankar Ninama, former MP Mahavir Bhagora, legislator of Aaspur Gopi Chand Meena, Khervada MLANanalal Ahari, Meena amritlal legislator Slumber, Slumber chief Phoolchand Meena, Kervadha head Amritlal, Gatol head harendra Ninama, former head of Kervadha Kradhi Saigiram, Arjuna awardees Gopal Saini Olympian athlete, hero Saini international athletes were present.

Tribal Regional Development Minister Nand Lal Meena, addressing the function said that in the era of competition in the field of education as well as sports events of national and international tribe talent ready to make every effort to engage in a tribe of Regional Development Department is. ST hostel sports competition held for the first time in the state corresponding to the first state-level pilot initiative. It makes sense arise from competition, will develop a sense of learning and improve the quality and state-of-show talent tribal leader in the country and will be identified.

Learn diverse dance forms at International Dance Workshop

Udaipur : International Dance Workshop organized by B.M.C.T is going on at Heartbeaters Dance Institute at 100ft Road these days where teachers from US based Vanaver Caravan, Bharat Verma of Heartbeaters and Suryansh are teaching various forms of dances to the participants.

It is one of the best opportunities for city's dance passionate people to explore the world of music and dance in the direction of some of the finest dancers. Livia Vanaver & Bill Vanaver from "Vanaver Caravan" a famous Dance & Music Company from United States are teaching diverse and unique dance forms. Highly acclaimed for his unbeatable dancing skills, professional dancer, choreogra-

pher and Coach Bharat Verma and various top choreographers of Heartbeaters, Suryansh and Vanaver Caravan jointly form "Shakti Caravan".

"It's a 8 day workshop where participants will learn various international dance styles like ChaChaCha, Swing Dance, Body Percussion, Tap Dance etc", said Bharat Verma. Two more teachers from Vanaver caravan, Miranda and Joel Hanna will arrive soon and join the workshop soon. According to Verma, it is a golden opportunity for Udaipurites to be a part of such International project, where one can get to know the in depth of dancing, how to make your skill perfect and moreover learning so many diverse dance forms in a single workshop.

Driving License application to go online soon

Udaipur : Udaipurites will soon find it easier to get driving license since Rajasthan Transport Department is going to start the submission of application and registration certificate of vehicles online.

An online application submission system is already developed by NIC and trial is also done successfully in last 15 days, said Jaipur's Regional Transport Officer Vjapal Singh. The project will be launched this month in seven divisional officers including Udaipur, Jaipur, Ajmer, Jodhpur, Kota Bharatpur and Bikaner.

The application form would be available online for learning and permanent driving license, registration certificate of vehicles, address change, No Objection Certificate.

Mayor and team clean scattered garbage

Udaipur : After the weird protest by sweepers association who spread garbage in every main areas of the city, the UMC Mayor Chandra Singh Kothari and local corporators cleaned the scattered garbage.

The Mayor also vowed to take strict action against those involved in the protest which ashamed Udaipur which is known for its beauty. "The cleaning staff members, garbage truck drivers and others are identified and we will take strict action against them, an FIR is also lodged against some miscreants" said Kothari.

Many local cooperators under the direction of Mayor cleaned the scattered garbage from many places and tried to make the situation under control. The sweeping staff of UMC were on strike in order to express their protest on the death of a female colleague who died on 4th Jan during job. The staff association demanded compensation, job to the next kin of deceased and taking off bio metric machines for attendance.

Wonder Cement Saath: 7 Cricket Mahotsav is Ruling Hearts

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Wonder Cement Saath:7 Cricket Mahotsav, one of India's largest consumer engagement initiative is ruling people's heart. After matches being played at 33 Districts, now matches will be played at Zonal Level where 33 teams will be fighting to get to the finals of the tournament. Abhishek Soni, whose team Seven Stars, were part of the matches being played in Kushalgarh, part of district Banswara was the 1st century-maker of Wonder Cement Saath:7 Cricket Mahotsav, scoring 104 in 30 balls as he helped his team reach a total of 137.

In tehsil - Ladnu District - Nagaur, Royal Star scored highest run of 155 so far. From Udaipur District, Pradhan Cricket Club won the District Level match held over the weekend and will now battle in the Zonal Level to be held on 10th January 2016. Captain

Kuber Singh Chawda and his team belongs from Vallabh nagar.

On this occasion Mr. Vivek Patni, Director, Wonder Cement said, "This year started on a very exciting note for us. Every single match is creating a wonder in its way. More than winning and losing, Wonder Cement Saath:7 Cricket Mahotsav is bringing unity and I am glad to say that entire Rajasthan is celebrating it as a festival."

Wonder Cement Saath:7 Cricket Mahotsav which begun in last week of December 2015 will now witness 33 District Teams converging at 6 Zones around Rajasthan to identify 6 Zonal Teams. 6 Zonal Teams will later meet at Udaipur for the Playoffs to identify the State Level, Wonder Cement Saath:7 Cricket Mahotsav Champion of Rajasthan. The finale of the tournament is scheduled on 17th January 2016.

Advaiya launches new website built on Sitecore

Udaipur : Advaiya has launched its new website built on Sitecore at www.advaiya.com. It reflects Advaiya's strategic strength of enabling digital initiatives since 2005, via purposeful inception, management, adoption and consumption of content, information and apps.

Customers, partners, investors and the community can learn about Advaiya through their new website focusing on client-centric solutions and services including; Technology Marketing, Enterprise Project

Management, O365 & Share Point, Applications development, Mobile, devices & cloud, Technology business consulting, Web & digital, among others.

The new website runs on Sitecore, and is built around the organizations' goal to provide an intuitive and valuable experience for visitors and customers. The website incorporates latest principles of design, content and digital marketing, and displays company's thought leadership in business transformation, technology and marketing.

Startup Fest to provide opportunity for local startups

Udaipur : It could be the golden opportunity for local startups to present their ideas, share experience and meet investors in the upcoming Udaipur Startup Fest on 6th Feb 10AM at Udaipur Chamber of Commerce

and Industry (UCCI).

"The Pitch -Udaipur" is the Udaipur Edition of the pitching program in which we invite application from startups across the state of Rajasthan to come and pitch to the

investors and mentors who will come to Udaipur Startup Fest. Chintan Bakshi, COO of Startup Oasis said on his facebook update Udaipur Startup Fest is a Great opportunity for students.

Activists cry for delay in constituting Lake Development Authority

Udaipur : lake activists condemned the delay in constitution of the Lake Development Authority, nearly after an year of passing of 'The Rajasthan Lakes (Protection and Development) Authority Bill in 2015. The issue has surfaced after the recent directions from the High Court which asked the state government to constitute the authority by compulsorily by March. The court gave this direction while hearing a PIL pertaining to the deteriorating conditions of the lakes in Udaipur city.

In their recent letter to the chief minister, members of the Jheel Sanrakshan Samiti (JSS) an NGO working for the conservation of lakes in Udaipur, claimed that the delay had been intentional not incidental as this had been a planned conspiracy to benefit builders and land mafia in creeping into the lakes submergence area for commercial exploitation. " The ground implementation of lake development authority is being delayed for the reason that as per the authority bill , the lakes are to



be protected up to maximum water level also called the High Fed Level . The fact is that in

imum water level" asserted Prof Anil Mehta, water management engineer and joint secretary of JSS. " This means the lake submergence area is being systematically reduced and the lake land so carved out of lake is declared as no lake land in order to allot it to builders and land mafia for varied commercial purposes" he added.

As per the act, all lakes in the state, except private properties situated in such lakes, shall vest in the state government and no person shall

undertake any activity within the boundaries of a lake or use or draw any produce or water from a lake otherwise than in accordance with the permission granted by the authority.

The lake development authority has been given widespread powers. Every town planning authority shall consult the authority before preparing spatial or development plan of any area comprising a lake. No construction will be allowed in the protected area without obtaining prior permission of the authority.