

## SPECIAL ARTICLE ON BHAGAT SINGH

# 'I HAVE BECOME THE BASIC MANTRA OF REVOLUTION'

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**B**hagat Singh once said – ‘The sword of revolution is more sharp than thoughts. Revolution can be against god but not against man’. These two qualities played an important role in making of Bhagat Singh and his revolutionary nature. The articles and documents, which reveal Bhagat Singh’s thoughts and his revolutionary ideas, are of great relevance even today. We have achieved political independence but not mental independence. Thousands of people have lost their lives and but Indian society is not able to get the required freedom till date.

Bhagat Singh’s revolutionary thoughts did not end with him because a person can be hanged to death but not his ideas.

It is just a mere coincidence that Martyr Azad Bhagat Singh was born in September and was hanged to death also in September. He was born on 27<sup>th</sup> September 1907, and was hanged to death on 23<sup>th</sup> March,

1931 Before being hanged he said – “People hesitate with any type of changes.”

Bhagat Singh was able to understand the policies of British while quoting this and was giving an important message for the future.

It is sad to note that after so many years of Bhagat Singh’s and his friends sacrifice his complete articles and documents are not available. Every year the government offers formal obituaries to these martyrs and thinks that it has fulfilled its duties.

One day prior to his death Bhagat Singh said – “I have become the basic mantra of revolution.” He meant that whatever message he has left for us, has to be understood carefully in full depth.

Today the time has come when we have to understand his real thoughts. We have to find out the policies, the methods, and the qualities of Bhagat Singh, which gave him the top position in the list of the martyrs. What were the situations, which made Bhagat Singh the part of Indian Conscience, because of which poems were written on him

in Tamilnadu and in Bhojpur he was remembered in ‘Holi songs’. The most pathetic situation in the history is when we are facing the problems in the present we try to quote the examples of the past but we do not learn the lessons.

If we see Bhagat Singh’s life and thoughts we can conclude that he has shared his views as thoughtful, hardworking and honest student to the scientific policies of the history, and situations of the country.

Bhagat Singh’s friends and other intellectuals are surprised on hearing Bhagat Singh’s forecast. He was able to foresee that ‘Congress and British will unite’. He was also sure that this freedom would not fetch any use for the countrymen who are hardworking. To understand Bhagat Singh’s thoughts this is the main question, which forces us to think.

Bhagat Singh was a true warrior, brave, true countrymen, firm and ready to sacrifice but also a perfect person to be quoted for examples and had a perfect aim. He also had that analytical skill of identifying the scientific historical view of the social problems. He was a wonderful

person with revolutionary ideas, which is hidden from the people today.

After 1925 Kakori incident, many leaders of the 'Hindustan Republican Party' most of the revolutionary leaders were arrested. At that time the responsibility was on Bhagat Singh and his friends. There were many important questions in front of them. In spite of the great sacrifices of their leaders and strong belief of the countrymen why were they not allowed to go to the people, what should be the clear picture of future India, what is the main aim of Indians?

According to Bhagat Singh he started studying in order to find the answers for these questions. He tried to understand the revolutionary experiences in a better way and he also tried to analyse the revolutionary experiences of the entire world. He tried to analyse the requirements of the people depending on the prevailing time.

Bhagat Singh's revolutionary thoughts comprised of three basic elements - to help, to suffer, to sacrifice, he inspired people to achieve the aim. Any path is beneficial only if it is able to take the person towards his goal. It could be in any form, whether by arousing qualities of bravery in men and thereby making the party strong.

Bhagat Singh's strong thoughts with scientific base had a strong historical and physical structure, which are full of revolutionary ideas. He

was able to set an example along with his friends.

Bhagat Singh was not just a common man, but he was born with a mission and he became the symbol of the best and great men of the country.

Bhagat Singh wrote the following letter to his father from the jail, after throwing bomb in the assembly hall.

Delhi Jail, 26<sup>th</sup> April 1929.

*Respected father,*

*On 22<sup>nd</sup> April we have been transferred from police custody to Delhi jail. The whole drama will come to an end within a month. You do not have to worry about me. I also came to know that you had come here and talked to a lawyer but nothing could be finalized. Day before yesterday I got the clothes. We shall meet when you come. Lawyer is not required. But I want to take opinion on one or two issues, but they are of not much use. You please don't take any trouble. If you are coming to meet me then you come alone do not get bebeji (mother along with you. She will unnecessarily cry and I will feel bad. I will know all the household issues when I meet you. If possible please get - 'Geeta Rahasya', 'Napoleon's life history', which you will get in my bookshelf. You can get any of the English novels also. Convey my regards to Bebeji, auntie (maternal, paternal). Tell my Namaste to*

*Kulbeer Singh, Kultar Singh, and my respects to babuji. Now the police is behaving well with us. Do not worry about anything. Yours sincerely*

*Bhagat Singh*

'Nazeer' Banarasi wrote for the traitors of the nation - 'He should be hanged to death who tries to play with the nation. This nation is not for the people who are characterless'. Truly this nation is not for the people who play with the nation; there is no second opinion about the people like Jaychand because of whom country had to suffer for 200 long years without independence. Father of a responsible journalist who is good at writing on current topics played an important role in hanging the revolutionists who were against the British government.

He gave statement against Bhagat Singh and Batukeshwar Dutt in Assembly Bomb case. This information is given in the National archives, file no: 306, 5/7 on page no: 44. Bhagat Singh and Batukeshwar Dutt cleverly were able to enter the gallery of the Assembly Hall in disguise of foreigners after Sanders assassination to teach a lesson to the foreign government in April 1929. At the time when the judge was giving his decision on 'President Patel Public safety Bill, and they explored the bomb. On 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1929 the then District Judge Middleton gave them death sentence. Later an appeal was filed in Lahore High court against

the judgment of district judge and later everybody was surprised when judge Flored and Edison gave importance to the statement of a common man who was willing to give evidence. This decision was given on 13<sup>th</sup> January 1930, published in All India Lahore 266 and 1930, Punjab Law Report 73. After the bombarding a chief journalist's father gave his statement that at 12.25 p.m. he was standing in the assembly in the visitor's gallery. When chairman was giving his decision on Trade Dispute Bill he saw a tall man, wearing a hat, another man was accompanying him who was short and bald. Both were wearing khaki dress. He said, "I saw a man who was throwing something. I saw two police standing behind me. And I asked them to arrest the people responsible for bombarding. Then I saw two pistols being fired from the same direction. The complete place was full of smoke. But I have seen the two people getting arrested by two policemen and two Indian police. I can recognize those two people."

After his statement on 13<sup>th</sup> April 1929, at 9.30 a.m, Mr. Abdul Samad, leading Magistrate sent summons to Batukeshwar Dutt from New Delhi police Station and Bhagat Singh from police custody to arrive in front of him. Honorary Magistrate, New Delhi was also present at that time. (File no: 306 – A Section 5/7 page 30-36). Government witness no: 7 who was 38 years old and a Hindu Punjabi, a business contractor gave

his statement in front of the District Judge, J.Middleton on 4<sup>th</sup> June 1929. As described in the file the person who was contractor by profession, was a slave for the British and during their reign constructed a number of important buildings, which include Canaught Place in Delhi.

The sentence of the Assembly Bomb Case was given in a District jail, which was set up especially for it. That time the District jail, was in Maulana Azad Medical College. In the medical premises, in front of the girl's hostel the memorial has been constructed where he was hanged. People who want to get rid of the British Collector S.P.Hardi threw bomb on him, were also hanged here. This is popularly known as 1940, Hardy Bomb Case. A.G. Noorani wrote a book – 'The trial of Bhagat Singh', where those facts were presented wrongly that Motilal Nehru and Muhammad Ali Jinha have given statement against Bhagat Singh and Batukeshwar Dutt. Talking on the Lahore High Court decision, it is said that only two people were ready to give witness. Their names are Dr.Q.A.Mansuri (Aligarh Muslim University) and Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya. Dr. Mansuri's witness was registered that those people who sacrificed themselves for the freedom movement were later sentenced to death by our won people, who made people hanged to death are now among the great people of the nation and the family of the martyrs

are still leading a pathetic life.

The case on Bhagat Singh will be opened again: Whose name itself fills the mind with great spirit, love towards country. We should get ready to see such martyrs Bhagat Singh as his case may be fought again. The Supreme Court has come forward to listen to this great revolutionist. One who wrote a new lesson of sacrifice the martyr of Trial and sentence will once again become alive. In this a new reference will be given where you can see all the original things of Bhagat Singh. You will see the songs, which Bhagat Singh used to read, his watch, his shoes, his books – songs and the original documents of the case, which were fought by the British. This will be available to witness at the Museum in Supreme Court and the case will represented in a historical manner.

According to the curator of the Supreme Court Museum the preparations are going on at steady manner. He said that the case was fought against Bhagat Singh in Lahore and the higher officials of Pakistan Government are ready to exhibit all the concerned documents. It is said that the case can be witnessed by 3 D affect. For live show of this case two Diorama 9Box) will be made for a special effect. In one Box there will be court scene and in the other will be the hanging scene. Martyrs Azad Bhagat Singh and Sukhdev who were held responsible for Sanders death case with 3D presentation will be remarkable.