

# My Picture of Netaji

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It is great pleasure to me to say a few words about Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, one of the greatest sons that India has ever produced, on the occasion of his 51st birthday celebrations.

Netaji, by his ideas, words and deeds is an ideal and a National institute to us, his followers.

The example which he has set before us both within and outside India, well inspired millions of his countrymen to the cherished goal of freedom.

His organising power, his dauntless heroism, in Europe and in South-East Asia proved him to be a most remarkable figure in world's history.

Amongst all India leaders he was the only man who was quite conscious of the stark realities of the world situation and so he started as a solitary figure to face the situation to the best of his capabilities.

His imagination and vision of the future is a beacon light for the resurgent India.

All through his life he was and is a man of action and never indulged in unprofitable words and talks.

He always believed in reconstructing our society on a socialistic basis.

He lived for it and worked for it while he was in India.

So far as I am aware, he wanted to reconstruct our society according to the objective condition of our soil.

He was never in favour of divorcing the cultural heritage of Indian people and take to theoretical teachings of Karl Marx or Lenin in

all their aspects. His whole life was and is dedicated to break asunder the chains of slavery and establish a free socialist republic of its own in India.

He was and is first and last a nationalist to the core, but he always conceived that a socialist state of India has to be fashioned out according to the genius of the Indian people after the attainment of freedom.

He never believed in copying blindly the structure of the society from other people.

I had the proud privilege to know him intimately while he was in India. We had to carry on our struggle for freedom, shoulder to shoulder while he was here. From my personal experiences I can boldly assert that he was never a socialist of Marxist brand.

He made no difference between man and man. His approach to the communal problem was quite different from others. He made no mental reservations once he had confidence in a man, be he a Hindu or a Muslim.

He wanted to solve the communal problem by behaviour, conduct and action and not by mere words.

When the All-India Congress session was held after Tripuri at Calcutta, immediately after his resignation of the post of the President of Indian National Congress, I remember he uttered these prophetic words— "Inaction is death". He always advocated action and said that action against the foreigners, that is, our British masters, would solve the Communal problem. This he proved definitely in his Azad Hind Fauz.

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He knew perfectly well that compromises with British Imperialism would lead India to chaos.

He studied the nature, tendencies, and the psychology of the Muslims of India and came to the conclusion that Muslims as a whole would not join the freedom struggle unless they feel that the struggle is launched for complete

independence of India, unadulterated by compromises and appeasements.

May I exhort the youths, students, peasants, workers, and my countrymen at large to emulate his example to achieve the cherished goal of freedom. In concluding, let me pay my humble tribute of homage to this glorious "Neta" of India.

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# সুভাষচন্দ্র বসু

## জন্ম শত বর্ষ গ্রন্থ

নেতাজীর ঘনিষ্ঠতম সহযোগী বিপ্লবী লীলা রায় প্রতিষ্ঠিত ও সম্পাদিত 'জয়শ্রী'ই বাংলা তথা ভারতের একমাত্র পত্রিকা যা ১৯৩৮ সাল হরিপুরা কংগ্রেসের সময়কাল থেকে অদ্যাবধি নিরবচ্ছিন্নভাবে নেতাজী সুভাষচন্দ্রের আদর্শ, বাণী ও তৎসংশ্লিষ্ট ইতিহাস প্রচার করে চলেছে।

সমগ্র গ্রন্থটি অপ্রকাশিত দিনলিপি ও আত্মকথা, স্মৃতিকথা-স্মৃতিচারণ, সুভাষ-পর্ব, নেতাজী-পর্ব, মূল্যায়ন, জন্মশতবর্ষ উপলক্ষে রচিত বাংলা ও ইংরাজি রচনা প্রভৃতি বিভাগে বিভক্ত। বিপ্লবী, সহপাঠী, ঐতিহাসিক, সাহিত্যিক, কবি, দার্শনিক, জননেতা, সাংবাদিক, বিজ্ঞানী ও নেতাজী গবেষকদের রচনা থাকবে। থাকবে অসংখ্য আলোকচিত্র।

গ্রন্থ সম্পাদনায় আছেন 'জয়শ্রী'র সম্পাদকীয় পর্ষদ 'জয়শ্রী'র বর্তমান সম্পাদক ও নেতাজী-জীবনাদর্শ প্রচারে নিরলস সংগ্রামী সমর গুহ ও আরো বহু কৃতি ব্যক্তি।

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