

WHY CELEBRATE INDIAN CULTURE NOT CHINEESE REGIMENTATION

As a great Asian country we can go forward only with the cordiality with the other great country China. True, Chinese democracy is ideologically one party regimentation. Its Buddhism is de facto buried and the right to dissent is nominal. In this sense, I would rejoice Indian governance and constitutional values. Therefore I celebrate with all the shortcomings Indian freedom of the Nehru Era and do not want India to be a rigid economic China sans spiritual glory and cultural acme which puts India ahead of other Asian nations.

For over a century the people of India fought for freedom from the British Crown in farms and factories, in cities and villages. Wherever there was a passion for patriotism under the leadership of Gandhiji, Nehru, Subhash Chandra Bose, Bhagat Singh, Arabindaghosh, Kelappan, Subrahmania Bharathi, Rajaji and countless nationalists who sacrificed their lives by oration like Satyamurthi, Azad and K.F. Nariman and Desai there was national agitation and anti-imperialism. On 15th of August 1947 we secured independence and the British flag came down and Indian freedom flag flew high as a free nation. Swaraj was not merely liberty but also elimination of poverty, disease and other dimensions of pathologies and distress. As a free nation, India wants world peace, human rights for every Indian and so

we made a Constitution drafted by a distinguished committee with Dr. Ambedkar as Chairman. We declared in the Preamble our anti-colonial stands and the sovereignty of We, the People of India. On that great historic occasion, the first Prime Minister of India Jawaharlal Nehru declared the people's trust with destiny. The basic struggle was to guarantee the poor people, justice, social and economic and political, fundamental rights and a State policy essentially socialist. To implement these policies, the Planning Commission was set up which made reports to transform our colonial economy into a socialist struggle and for nationalization as a policy. The public sector was strengthened, the adult franchise made imperative with plenary power to Parliament. We did make progress. Gandhiji stood for gram swaraj and made the nation's resources an integral part of India. Thus united India was a powerful nation. Nevertheless we made headway steadily backwards because our jurists in the courts did cling to imperial jurisprudence. Our ministers and parties numerous rivals and divisive made the country weak. They were pathologically theological, with the result that our expectation of independence darkened into anxiety, anxiety into dread and dread into despair. Economic destitution found India among the poorest of nations. Consequently, naxalites and other extremist groups became disruptive factors. Even our basic policies were banished when Narasimha Rao took over as Prime

Minister and American MNCs influenced our economy, till at last Sonia Gandhi by the accident of her being the widow of Rajiv Gandhi and the internal emasculation of the Congress and other parties virtually made this lady the de facto wielder of State power and the economics of Nehru and the Congress were jettisoned and Manmohanomics a diluted version of American colonialism became our dominant financial policy. Ultimately President Bush for whom international law was the vanishing point of jurisprudence became a policymaker even for India and Pakistan. This is the pathetic State of affairs. The net result is that Indian democracy notwithstanding the adult ballot is but mobocracy purchased by the rich at the polls and virtually a travesty. Even as the American people are regaining their voice through Obama's election, we in India must struggle to regain swaraj. Alas! Gandhiji and Nehru are dead. The great patriots have disappeared and midgets have formed parties and unity ceased to be a factum even in the CPI (M). What is intended now is a massive awakening because treaty after treaty for women's rights and children's rights remain unimplemented dead letters. Awake, arise and the people of India shall not stop until the great vision of our Founding Fathers is achieved through a mission for making Bharat Mahan a reality free from terrorism and creative of progressive agriculture plus a just and

equitable industrialization. We have a great heritage unlike China, spiritual and materialist. Currently we have seppukued our swaraj.

Our national enemy makes our swaraj sink is due to the deadly evils all over the country are communalism, casteism, cupidity, money power over man and corruption. A foreign capitalism which is appetite by grab power and greed under the guise of development, this distortion must suffer extinction, otherwise under development we will loose our rare culture for communal amity and our unique divinity. The West will control our culture and convert our rule of law into lawless robbery. Let us recall Gandhiji's concept of development: 'The Gandhian concept of development rejected the idea that it should aim primarily at the creation of material wealth or the satisfaction of insatiable, endlessly multiplied needs.' 'In so far as we have made the modern materialistic craze our goal,' he wrote, 'so far are we going downhill in the path of progress.' The supreme task of India during this century is to win back the swaraj we have lost. Then along Kohinoor, our glorious cultural possession will be Bharat.

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