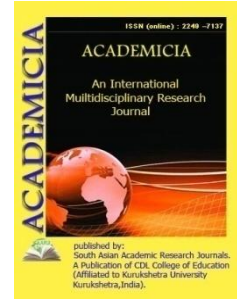




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FROM MILITANT NATIONALISM TO SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM: EVOLUTION OF BHAGAT SINGH

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ABSTRACT

Bhagat Singh was born in a family with revolutionary traditions. The objective conditions of a historical time are very important and play a significant role in the making of an individual's personality; Bhagat Singh's ancestors were Sandu Jats who had been converted to Sikhism. His grandfather Arjun Singh was an agriculturist. He was also interested in social work. His mother Vidyawati was also an inspiring force behind him. She could inculcate the sense of responsibility towards the nation and with the passage of time the environment at home helped Bhagat Singh to imbibe the spirit of patriotism and an unquestioning loyalty to the country. Thus, a family background developed nationalist feelings in Bhagat Singh's mind. Bhagat Singh came in contact with Bhagwati Charan Vohra, Sukhdev, Yashpal, Ram Krishan and Tirath Ram in the college. Bhagat Singh was much impressed by Jai Chander Vidyalkar, his history teacher. His lectures on history of revolution and socialism influenced Bhagat Singh the most. Thus, family background, schooling and higher education, the discussions and deliberation in the educational institutions prepared the ground to design his political ideology. The revolutionary life of Bhagat Singh is not only a source of inspiration for all of us but equally significant as a light house for the coming generations. The great martyr acquired unparalleled stature and glory in the brief span of his life. He was not just a brave revolutionary activist but also a profound thinker and an ideologue with a keen sense of analysis that had long term visionary investment for the future of India. Not only did he himself personify the rare qualities of courage and sacrifice, he could also through words and deeds, instill those qualities in others. Shaheed Bhagat Singh, a legendary figure, is undoubtedly one of the brightest stars in the galaxy of freedom fighters of India.

KEYWORDS: *Tribute, Galaxy, Legendary, Martyrdom, Symbolize, Revolutionary, Visionary, Analytical, Resistance, Momentum*

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