

# Dhar weaves fascinating story of Netaji

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Other versions, too, began gathering credence. Bose remained either in Maoist China or the Soviet Union. He attended Jawaharlal Nehru's cremation in 1964, of which there appeared to be even photographic evidence.

According to the Soviet connection and a conspiracy theory, after independence, Nehru took the Foreign Affairs portfolio himself and appointed Vijaylakshmi Pandit as the ambassador to Russia. After her term, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan took her place. There are reports that Dr. Saroj Das, of Calcutta University, told his friend Dr. RC Muzumdar that Dr. Radhakrishnan had told him that Bose was in Russia.

In another report, former Indian ambassador Dr. Satyanarayana Sinha met CPI founder Abani

ter Pranab Mukherjee put it under wraps, on grounds that it would spoil the Indo-Russian relationship," claims Dhar.

Anuj Dhar asserts that the death of Subhas Chandra Bose was the biggest cover up in the history of India. He did not die in the plane crash in Taiwan. In fact, no such plane crash ever took place. He was not either captured or killed by Stalin. He also talked about The Figgess Report of 1946, and The Shah Nawaz Committee of 1956.

Mr. Dhar raised several pertinent questions and examined the roles of several top leaders. He also examined Subramaniam Swamy's claim that Netaji was done away with in the Soviet Union on the orders of Jawaharlal Nehru. He comes down to the present times and examined why the current Modi government is

convincing but the truth has come out from the government declassified files. He lived in Uttar Pradesh - Lucknow, Faizabad, Sitapur, Basti and Ayodhya - for more than 30 years till his death on September 16, 1985. He maintained contact with Dr. Pavitra Mohan Roy, the former top Secret Service agent of the INA.

However, more than his life, what Bhagwanji left behind after his death seems to confirm that the sadhu and Bose were one and the same: Gold-rimmed spectacles identical to what Netaji was always pictured wearing, powerful German binoculars, a color photograph of Swami Vivekananda, Bengali books, the original copy of the summons issued to Suresh Chandra Bose to appear before the Khosla Commission, a map of undivided India, an album containing family photographs of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Dhar confidently says that Bhagwanji's handwriting samples had matched with the ones of Bose.

Dhar's talk was very interesting and he supported his arguments with convincing documents and pictures. He spoke more than two hours and held the audience spellbound.

The talk was followed by Q&A session.

Dhar has written the well-known books concerning the controversy surrounding the fate of Subhas Chandra Bose: India's Big-

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Mukherjee's son Georgey, who said his father and Netaji were imprisoned in adjacent cells in Siberia. In 1995, a team from Calcutta's Asiatic Society found a bunch of declassified files that hinted at Bose having been in the USSR after 1945.

Dr. Purobi Roy, a member of the team of scholars, said she found a document stamped "most secret", dated 1946, in the military archives of Paddolok, near Moscow, which mentioned Stalin and Molotov discussing Bose's plans - whether he would remain in the USSR or leave. Dr. Roy also said she found a KGB report in Bombay from 1946, which said, "it is not possible to work with Nehru or Gandhi, we have to use Subhas Bose". This implies Bose was still alive in 1946.

Later in time, three enquiry commissions have been set up to inquire into the Bose mystery so far.

Justice Mukherjee ruled out the possibility of Bose dying in the air crash in his 2005 report. Pranab Mukherjee and his UPA government trashed Justice Mukherjee's report and did not accept it. "Even in 1996, when a joint secretary level officer in the ministry of external affairs recommended that India should seek evidences on Bose's presence in Russia from the KGB archives, the then external minis-

not able to take concrete steps on the Netaji files.

He says, of all this, the legend of a sadhu in Azizabad who was called Gumnamji Baba, who went by the name Bhagwanji is more

## Vemuri S. Murthy honored

SURESH BODIWALA

Dr. Vemuri S. Murthy, an alumnus of Guntur Medical College and the President of Global Resuscitation Consulting, is a well-recognized resuscitation expert and advocate of global health



projects in USA, and internationally.

A veteran volunteer of the American Heart Association (AHA), Dr Murthy was presented

with Life Time Achievement award during the Annual Gala Banquet of the organization on October 15 at Meadows Club in Rolling Meadows, a Chicago suburb.

As an AHA representative, Dr.

Murthy contributed to initiating AHA's pilot project of "Saving Children's Lives" in Gujarat, India and is currently working with governmental and non-governmental organizations to roll out various AHA-India projects.

Dr. Murthy, the current Chairman of the Chicago Medical Society (CMS) Council, is the founder of the public health project of Chicago Medical Society and Illinois State Medical Society, "Saving More Illinois Lives through Education" (SMILE), offering community CPR presentations.

## Sewa International joins Clean Ganga project

India Post News Service

HOUSTON: "Namami Gange", an ambitious project launched by Government of India, is expanding internationally by giving overseas Indians an opportunity to participate in cleaning India's holiest river and restoring the mighty river to her epic glory.

Sewa International (www.sewausa.org), a Hindu faith-based US nonprofit with 40 Chapters in the US, is teaming up with an Indian Government nonprofit trust, India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians (IDF-OI), to bring Ganga rejuvenation project to American shores.

Announcing the joint effort in a Press Release, Sewa's president Professor Sree Sreenath said the \$3 billion Namami Gange project's focus was on preventing river's pollution by treating the waste water, encouraging sustainable riverfront management and preserving the rich bio-diversity in river's 2500 km path.

### Connect with Mother India

"Overseas Indians interested in helping revive Ganga can send their contributions to Sewa International. River Ganga is very polluted and over 500 million people live on her shores. By funding this project, donors can spiritually connect with Mother India. It is a

clear mind, body and spirit thing."

"Contributions to Sewa will go to project's general pool and the National Mission for Clean Ganga Commission supervises various specific time-bound efforts. Alternately, donors can contribute to a specific project such as sanitation, cleaning of ghats, community education, livelihood project etc. The commission provides periodic high-quality reports and Sewa ensures reports reach donors," Professor Sreenath said.

### Millions benefited

"Sewa USA is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit and contributions to Sewa are tax deductible in the US. Sewa will facilitate any visit by the donor to the project site. IDF-OI is setup to facilitate overseas Indians' involvement in India's social development and does not charge any administrative costs," said Guru Prasad, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, Project leader of Sewa Namami Gange Team.

"Your money spent on cleaning river Ganga helps millions of farmers who till 580,000 km of agriculture land in Ganga basin and residents of 33 percent of the Indian towns. Project's positive ecological impacts are huge and emotional benefits are immeasurable" Sewa's President emphasized. "Rise up and be a part of history," he ended.

## Top artists for South Asian concert

MADHU PATEL

CHICAGO: The South Asian Classical Music Society (SACMS) has scheduled its annual fall concert featuring top local and visiting artists on November 6 at 2pm.



Saraswati Ranganathan

formerly of Naperville, has charmed audiences with renditions of both classical and semi-classical melodies. Top local tabla artist, Subhasis Mukherjee, accompanies her. Chicago area resident Veena artist Saraswati Ranganathan has gained recognition in concerts across US, in Chennai and elsewhere in India. She is accompanied by visiting mrdangamist, Patri Satish Kumar, one of the most sought after and highly rated accompanists in Carnatic music today.

The program takes place at the Indian Boundary Park Cultural Center, a beautiful indoor space located at 2500 W. Lunt (7000 north) in Chicago's West Rogers Park neighborhood, quite near Devon Avenue. Ample free parking is available on streets adjacent to the park. Admission is free. Donations will be gratefully accepted. The program begins at 2 pm sharp and concludes at 4:30pm.

Joita Bose Mandal, vocalist now residing in the LA area, and