
In Memoriam

Chandrajit Yadav: A Life for Justice

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On May 25, 2007, our dear friend and ally Chandrajit Yadav died in New Delhi at the age of 80, as a result of a serious illness. The loss of this great man underscores once again, how absolutely precious and irreplaceable each human individual is, but especially if he elevated himself to such a high level of humanity as our dear Chandrajit.

Yadav was the former General Secretary of the Congress Party and Union Minister of the Indian government under Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, with whom we had written a 40-year development program for India, back in 1979, and our acquaintance with Chandrajit stems from this period. But we became better acquainted and real friends after our mutual friend, the former Minister K.R. Ganesh, had sent Chandrajit to a conference of the Schiller Institute, in Bad Schwalbach, in March of 2003, because Ganesh's own health did not permit the trip. Chandrajit was totally inspired by the idea of a new, just world economic order, which was developed at this conference, and was especially happy about the contributions of the LaRouche Youth Movement. In his speech, he said, among other things:

“Youth are by nature revolutionary, against the Establishment, and have their own view of things. Young people must go to work with confidence, conviction, and determination. We will not submit to the imperialism of Bush and Blair. We demand a better world. If you must make a sacrifice for freedom and independence, for which young people in former eras have given their life and blood... I call on the youth here, to resolve that we will enter the battle for a new world...” Yadav's passionate love for mankind moved the hearts of all the conference participants.

He insisted on organizing a follow-up conference only a few weeks later in Bangalore, in which

250 high-ranking politicians, scientists, and students participated. There followed a week of further meetings, seminars, and discussion within various institutions of the IT-city Bangalore. There we saw Chandrajit, so to speak, “at work,” one of the best organizers in the tireless fight against poverty and the caste system in India, but also a man held in the highest respect, to whom all doors were open. He led the Indian Center for Social Justice (whose work we can study in Bangalore), for many years, up until his death.

Chandrajit participated in 2004 and 2005 in other conferences and seminars in Hesse and Berlin, and in 2003 undertook a six-week visit to the United States, where he interceded in many institutions for the ideas of Lyndon LaRouche, and demanded a dialogue among cultures. And exactly as in India and Germany, he especially inspired the youth with his agapic manner.

To lose such an extraordinary person as Chandrajit, is very painful, because the world is very much poorer without him. But to have come to know a personality like his, and to have been united with him in a close friendship, is a comforting thought. Because if it is possible to discover an affinity with a person from a different culture, and to fight so enthusiastically for the same ideals, then the universal character of mankind comes forth clearly, and the idea of the human family becomes palpable. Because he was, in the sense that Schiller meant it, a beautiful soul, who did with passion, what was necessary; the ideal good Samaritan, who, without thinking about himself, was always there for the poor and the weak, Chandrajit Yadav will live forever.



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Chandrajit Yadav told a conference in Germany in March of 2003, “Youth are by nature revolutionary, against the Establishment. . . . [They] demand a better world. . . . I call on the youth here, to resolve that we will enter the battle for a new world. . . .” Yadav is shown here with members of the LaRouche Youth Movement in Oakland, Calif., in September 2003.