

Editor's Note



Our State celebrates the birth anniversary of one of the greatest poets of India, eminent Sanskrit scholar 'Jayadev', the master of lyrical poetry. His collection of Sanskrit poems titled 'Geeta Govinda' is popular across the country. He believed one who completely surrenders before Lord Sri Krishna would be free from bondage of 'Maya' and will secure a place in God's own abode. The narration made in his collections of poems makes him seat along with great poets like Kalidas. The Dasavatar worship has flourished across the country being influenced by Geeta Govinda and it is continuing to expand still further. Such is the impact of his literary work that in today's consumeristic and selfish world the way expounded by him is still the best way for complete satisfaction. As the world goes hi-tech so also its problems. I personally feel Jayadev's poetry is an answer to many questions which have been engrossing the present-day world.

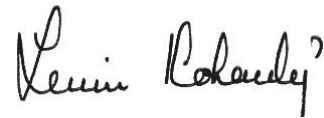
As I talk about the solution brought forward by Jayadev, I deem it my duty to bring to the fore the contributions made by eminent poet, prophet of Mahima Dharm 'Bhima Bhoi' who wielded his pen against the prevailing social injustice, religious bigotry and caste discrimination in 19th century India. His firm belief in one God, one society, one religion continues to inspire us even today. Bhima Bhoi's innovation culminated in words which made him immortal in the literary world "Mo Jeevan Pachhe Narke Padithau-Jagat Uddhar Heu". I sincerely hope that the present day world needs leaders and change-makers who believe in such philosophy because only then

we can have more haves and fewer have-nots. More so over the problem of the common man will also be heard and taken care of.

Last but not least, the month of May is also remembered because of May Day which is popularly known as World Labour Day. As we celebrate the May Day in 80 countries world over including ours, we realize the central importance of workers in all spheres. In our State, emphasis is being given on a planned investment in the skill development of workers. The spirit of May Day continues to inspire the working class movement world over.

The name might change, the importance of the 'Day' might vary but the thrust that has been put by all the great men and women has been the solution to the problems faced by common man. The Government headed by Shri Naveen Patnaik is loved by more than 4 crore people of Odisha because of its pro-poor approach. It is time that all the stake-holders should learn from the lives of the great personalities like Jayadev and Bhima Bhoi and work for the deprived classes in soul and spirit.

On this auspicious occasion, we salute the common man on whose effort lot of changes is happening with a clarion call to the people of the State to abhor hypocrisy and work for betterment of the State and its people.



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