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To
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Dear Sir/Madam,



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Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak – patriot, was a force for India’s freedom struggle. He was the first leader of the Indian Independence Movement. The British colonial authorities called him “Father of the Indian unrest”. He was also conferred with the honorary title of “Lokmanya” which literally means ‘accepted by the people’. Tilak was one of the first and strongest advocates of ‘Swaraj’ (self-rule) and a strong radical in Indian consciousness. The concept of ‘Freedom’ as conceived by him has different aspects like social, political, economical, democracy, equity and theological freedom. Lokmanya Tilak has been best expressed by Mahatma Gandhi as a “Maker of Modern India”.

Tilak laid all stress on Swaraj, Swadeshi, Boycott and National Education, the four pillars which would support the edifice of the new life in India. He directed all his energies for bringing home to the people the significance of this programme and convinced them that the movement for swaraj had a place for every patriotic person with democratic principles. Tilak drew the blue print for Independent India.

Swarajya is my birthright and I shall have it, is his famous roar. This Lion Roar is completing 100th years in 2016. It has been a practice generally to celebrate the birth or death centenary of individuals or even events, but in all probability this could be a great opportunity to celebrate and revisit the context in which this thought was first inaugurated and the historical events that necessitated Lokmanya to celebrate this term.

This historiographical methodology would allow us to take a peek into what Tilak actually meant when he pronounced the idea of ‘Swarajya’ and how this discourse overtime changed in which new broader meanings were attached to this term. Additionally, as we are in education field also like to examine this phase of history and contemporary times through a particular lens through the idea of ‘Swarajya’ and endeavour to enlarge its meaning in order to explain recent phenomenon.

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In recognition of his selfless contributions for the freedom of our country, may I request you to kindly recommend to all your University Departments, affiliated Colleges and Institutions for organizing different events in the year 2016 based on his ideas and teachings? You may consider organizing different events in his commemoration i.e. seminars, conferences, debate competitions, elocution competitions, exhibitions, lectures etc.

I shall be grateful to you to give a wide scope to organize similar programmes to commemorate this event. Organization of such events will certainly propagate the spirit of nationalism among the Indian youths to face the challenges in today's globalization.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

(Deepak J. Tilak)



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