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### #ThisPartOfHistory

One morning in 1938, the hosts at Wadia House, Bombay were taken aback to see #Roy coming to the breakfast table in white Dhoti-Kurta in true Bengali Style instead of his preferred choice, suits/bush shirts & trousers. Noticing the puzzled look he said,



I'M GOING TO PAY MY RESPECTS TO #VeerSavarkar.

#ManabendranathRoy, the founder of #CommunistPartyofIndia added, I'm sure the Old Man will be pleased to see me dressed as a full fledged Indian rather than as Westernized Revolutionary.  
Having said that MN Roy went & met Savarkar

& BOWED TO HIS FEET.

Yesterday was the smaran divas of Narendranath Bhattacharya (22/03/1887), the founder of 1st Communist Party outside Russia, the Mexican Communist Party & @cpimspeak who later distanced himself from the party he founded due to IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES &

eventually joined

Radical Democratic Party.

M N Roy hailed from the family of Brahmins who were priests, large family made his father to look into another avenues.

MN Roy had his schooling at Arbelia, Kodalía & College at National College of Shri Aurobindo & later finished his

Engineering at

Bengal Technical Institute (Today's JadHAVpur University).

M N Roy was swept in the waves of Nationalism through the writings of #BankimChandraChatterjee, yes, no words minced here, #Vandematarm was on his lips every moment & also Swami Vivekananda.(In Freedom's

**Personality of the Day****BIAS Classes**

## M N Roy



- ✦ Significant role in the formation of Radical Democratic Party
- ✦ After World War II, he moved away from Marxism and embraced radical communism, trying to create a bridge between liberalism and communism
- ✦ Participated in protests against Partition of Bengal as a high school student and organized marches
- ✦ Joined Anushilan Samiti
- ✦ Inspired by writings of Bankim Chandra Chatterjee and Swami Vivekananda
- ✦ Fascinated by heroic acts of Bagha Jatin

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M N Roy, joined #AnushilanSamithi.

In 1905, during Partition of Bengal, Young Narendra was expelled from school for joining the freedom activities, undeterred

Narendra involved himself with Anushilan Samiti for active work.

Got arrested in 1907 & was released by help of

Barrister

J N Roy (Close Friend Of Bhaga Jatin), he was carrying books of Barin Ghosh, banned by British under sedition law.

Unhappy with Barin's centralised work culture, M N Roy wanted to do something more & an opportunity came to meet the legend #BhaghaJatin, M N Roy's life

changed its course from here, M N Roy many a times said, Bhaga Jatin is the role model for him.

The revolutionaries had decided, armed struggle is the only way to dislodge British & were looking for funds through Non Resident Bharatiyas.

In 1914, MN Roy went to Java & collected

funds And in 1915, Roy set out again for Germany & he didn't see his beloved homeland for next 16 years.

According to M N Roy's memoirs, the plan was fascinating, but the German Counsel who was supposed to give money for operation mysteriously disappeared. (Read Screenshot)

"The plan was to use German ships interned in a port at the northern tip of [Sumatra](#), to storm the [Andaman Islands](#) and free and arm the prisoners there, and land the army of liberation on the [Orissa](#) coast. The ships were armoured, as many big German vessels were, ready for wartime use. they also carried several guns each. The crew was composed of naval ratings. They had to escape from the internment camp, seize the ships, and sail.... Several hundred rifles and other small arms with an adequate supply of ammunition could be acquired through Chinese smugglers who would get then on board the ships."<sup>[12]</sup>

Disgusted Bhattacharya, still hoped to raise money for independence activities, proceeded to Japan from Indonesia, met a Chinese and also German Ambassador for China, everywhere he failed.

The resolute Bhattacharya went ahead to United States to meet German Ambassador for US

and landed in San Francisco.

In between, the British tried to catch him, but MNRoy was safely hidden in the ship, got down at Kobe, later with a student visa went to US.

During his stay at California, he met his future wife Evelyn Trent, in 1917, both of them fled to Mexico due

to unbearable British Spies, the German consulate helped them providing large amounts of money.

The Mexican President, Venustiano Carranza had formed Socialist Party & M N Roy started writing for El Pueblo, the president highly impressed with M N Roy's writings converted his

Party to Communist Party of Mexico in 1919, the first outside Russia.

Roy also gave refuge to Bolshevik leader, Borodin & #Lenin was highly impressed with Roy's activities. (Screenshot)

In October 1920, Roy formed Communist Party of India & contacted his estranged friends.

Few

Roy lodged a penniless [Mikhail Borodin](#), the [Bolshevik](#) leader, under special circumstances. On the basis of a grateful Borodin's reports on Roy's activities, Moscow was to invite Roy to the [2nd World Congress of the Communist International](#), held in Moscow during the summer of 1920.<sup>[25]</sup>

A few weeks before the Congress, [Vladimir Lenin](#) personally received Roy with great warmth. At Lenin's behest, Roy formulated his own ideas as a supplement to Lenin's *Preliminary Draft Theses on the National and the Colonial Questions*.<sup>[26]</sup>

Material from Roy's pen was published by *International Press Correspondence* ([Inprecor](#)), the weekly bulletin of the [Communist International](#). Roy served as a member of the Comintern's Presidium for eight years<sup>[27]</sup> and at one stage was a member of the Presidium, the Political Secretariat, the Executive Committee, and the World Congress.

Commissioned by Lenin to prepare the East – especially India – for revolution, Roy founded military and political schools in [Tashkent](#). In October 1920, as he formed the Communist

of them were inspired by Gandhi, but he got into contact with C R Das who still had revolutionary ideas for independence. Sitting in Russia, Narendranath wrote for "The Vanguard" CPI's Mouthpiece and later in 1926 wrote "The Future of Indian Politics".

#Stalin appointed a

delegation

for Agrarian Revolution & MN Roy went to China leading it.

He was successful there, but on his return found a crisis amongst Communist Factions in Russia.

Roy wanted to meet Stalin, but Stalin refused.

He ordered to imprison everybody who were with Borodin, M N Roy

escaped

Stalin's wrath stating Medical Treatment & went to Germany & subsequently returned back to Bharat on December, 1930.

Upon reaching Bombay, MN Roy met Subhash Chandra Bose & Nehru, his political activity was brief, British arrested him on 21st July, 1931 for an arrest

warrant of 1924.

MN Roy was arrested for waging war against King & without trial got rigorous imprisonment for 12 years.

Roy smuggled out his defence through his friends & got published, in it he quoted.

Roy's appeal was dismissed but his sentence got reduced to 6 years from 12.

Released in 1936, with broken health, Roy went to Allahabad.

Nehru invited him for Faizpur Session, MN Roy went ahead even though Russia asked to boycott it & staunch Communists in India accused M N Roy for deviation. (Screenshot)

Unable to Collaborate with Gandhi, Roy stuck to



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Nehru. Defying the Comintern order to boycott the [Indian National Congress](#), Roy urged Indian Communists to join this Party to radicalise it. Nehru, in his presidential address at [Faizpur](#) session in December 1936, greeted the presence of Roy, as

...one who, though young, is an old and well-tried soldier in India's fight for freedom. Comrade M.N. Roy has just come to us after a long and most distressing period in prison, but though shaken up in body, he comes with a fresh mind and heart, eager to take part in that old struggle that knows no end till it ends in success.<sup>[36]</sup>



CITATION



<sup>[36]</sup> *Tribune*, Lahore, 24 and 27 December 1936, quoted by [Sibnarayan](#), III/p323

his own conviction, In 1937, he started a weekly "Independent India", which was welcomed by many nationalists but not communists.

MN Roy while in Russia married Ellen, after his first wife Evelyn left him, the couple settled at Dehradun.

Roy proposed alternative leadership after

witnessing Humiliation meted to Bose by Gandhi and disillusioned with Communism M N Roy in 1938 formed "League of Radical Congressmen".

He devoted his last years in Radical Humanism & wrote

"Reason, Romanticism & Revolution".

And on 25th January, 1954

ManabendraNathRoy passed

away.

Between 1938 & 54, he wrote regularly about the need of Democratic setups, Constitution and 10 year plan.

Till his last breath, he opposed Gandhi's ideas & Nehru's treachery towards Bose.

Does Communists Reveal All These Details of their Founder?

#VandeMataram

