



LESSON: 5

A HERO OF THE STRUGGLING MASSES

NOTES:

STORY SUMMARY:

India was once a colony of the British Empire. As the British continued to exploit and oppress the people in India, many decided to fight for freedom. Some of the brave and courageous Indians who fought for freedom were Bhagat Singh, Chandrasekhar Azad, Shiv Varma, B.K. Dutt, Shukdev etc. Bhagat Singh, the revolutionary hero of the Indian independence movement strongly advocated the need of popular, broad-based mass movements for a successful revolution. He took a leading role in establishing the Punjab Naujawan Sabha in 1926 to spread revolutionary ideas to the masses.

Bhagat Singh joined the Hindustan Republican Army which stood for the abolition of all systems which make the exploitation of man by man possible. He was strongly against communalism. To clarify their position and their ideas on the need for a revolution by the masses, Bhagat Singh and B.K. Dutt threw a bomb in the Central Legislative Assembly on 8th April, 1929. They did not run but courted arrest as planned. Along with his comrades Sukhdev and Rajguru he was hanged by the British. He was dead but he became a martyr.



WORD MEANINGS:

Exploit	:	<i>to derive benefit</i>
Barbaric	:	<i>savagely cruel</i>
Guise	:	<i>external form</i>
Alliance	:	<i>a union or association formed for mutual benefit</i>
Concept	:	<i>idea or notion</i>
Abolition	:	<i>bring an end to</i>
Radical	:	<i>far-reaching</i>
Innovator	:	<i>person who brings in new ideas or makes changes</i>
Assault	:	<i>attack</i>
Imperialist	:	<i>supporting the empire building process</i>
Capitalists	:	<i>people who have collected wealth and use for business</i>
Martyr	:	<i>a person who dies or suffers for a noble cause</i>



সিগাওলাং অ'ই নক্সামল (অ'ম)
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (S)
Government of Manipur