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Press Release

A HISTORICAL CONSPIRACY AGAINST GANDHI'S IDEOLOGY

Today, again on August 12, flouting the law, the Sadhna Kendra established with the inspiration of Saint Vinoba Bhave - Sarva Seva Sangh Complex, Rajghat, Varanasi is being demolished by the joint efforts of the local administration and the Railways. It would be foolish to think that this is happening without the consent of the local MP and Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. It is clear that this demolition is being done on the instructions of the Prime Minister's Office. This incident will be remembered as a shameful incident in Indian history. Where the books of sages like Gandhi, Vinova, Jayaprakash, Dada Dharmadhikari, Narayan Desai, JC Kumarappa, Dhirendra Majumdar, Sivananda, J Krishnamurthy have been murdered. These rulers will be known as cruel tyrants who destroy books and libraries. This is an attack of bulldozer power which is being carried out with the intention of destroying the legacy of Gandhi, Vinoba and JP. But this is not possible. The world has started following the path of Gandhi. Our rulers pretend to follow the path of Gandhi. But they are hellbent on destroying Gandhi's memory. This hypocrisy of theirs is not going to last long.

Since 1956 the activities of Sarva Seva Sangh is going on in this premises at Varanasi. In 1960, 1961 and 1970 the land was purchased from railway and the Sadhana Kendra was established. This Sadhana Kendra was inaugurated by the Prime Minister, Lalbahadur Shastri and the activities of Sarva Seva Sangh continued under the leadership of Sarvodayi and senior Gandhians like Acharya Vinoba Bhave, Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan and his wife Prabhabati Devi, Achyut Patwardhan, Balkoba Bhave, Dada Dharmadhikari, Dhirendra Majumdar, Navakrishna Choudhury, Narayan Desai, Vimla Thakkar, Nirmala Deshpande, Manmohan Choudhury, Siddharaj Dhadda, Thakurdas Bang, Krishnaraj Mehta, Shankar Rao Dev, Acharya Ramamurty, K.S. Radhakrishna, Amarnath Bhai, Ramchandra Rahi and others,

National President of Sarva Seva Sangh Chandan Pal told that by 6:30 am today bulldozers and a large number of policemen entered inside the Sarv Seva Sangh premises and started demolishing the buildings. They do not have any court order to do so. Still doing what is totally wrong. This is a direct attack on the principle of democracy, legislation and rule of law, it is condemnable. When Secretary, Sarva Seva Sangh Arvind Kushwaha, President of Uttar Pradesh Sarvodaya Mandal Shri Ram Dheeraj and social workers Nandlal Master, Father Anand, Jagruti Rahi, Anoop Shramik, Dhruv Raj, Anoop Acharya, Tarakeshwar etc. came to oppose this

arbitrariness of the administration. have been arrested. Before that on 63rd day of Satyagraha i.e. 22nd July, 2023 when the UP Police and Railway police (about 1000) entered the campus without any order the Satyagrahies protested and the police arrested the President of Sarva Seva Sangh, Chandan Pal, President of UP Sarvodaya Mandal, Ramdhiraj, Convener, Prakashan Samity, Arvind Anjum, Nandalal Master and few others (Total 8). In support of the peaceful movement the leaders like Medha Patekar, Rakesh Tikaait, Yogendra Yadav, Dr. Sunilam, Prof. Anand Kumar and others participated the big public meeting at Shastri Ghat, Varanasi on 10th of August, 2023 and Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharya, Shri Tushar Gandhi, Shri Digvijay Singh, Sri Biman Basu, Sri Amarnath Bhai, Sushree Radha Bhatt sent letters in support of the movement.

This attack by the administration is pre-planned. The order of SLP filed in the Supreme Court was uploaded on the website on August 10, 2023, in which it has been said that there should be a hearing in the Civil Court for the postponement of the demolition, but after going to the court on August 11, it was found that the Fast Track Court, Senior Division, Civil Judge Shri Akash Verma has been transferred. Saturday is a holiday in the Civil Court. So this way is also closed.

While congratulating the arrested colleagues, Chandan Pal has said that the whole country stands with them, stands with Gandhi's ideals. All of us who have faith in democracy and humanity will continue to struggle to make the dreams of Gandhi, Vinoba, Jayaprakash, Dr. Lohia, Babasaheb Ambedkar come true.

(Chandan Pal)

President Sarva Seva Sangh

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