
THE 2ND OCTOBER

Pannā Trivedī

(A poem translated from Gujarātī into English)

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Today
The 2nd October
The calendar displays
The red-coloured date
-----A holiday-----
Aha! at least a holiday reminds of Gāndhi!

We don't enjoy only a holiday, ever
On the 2nd October.
Itself on the front page of a newspaper
You yet monopolize a space.

Bāpu,
People are not so insensible
That they abominate your *birthday*.
Feel ashamed even now.
People of the city
Garland your mammoth stone-sculpture
And remember you
Is it somewhat insignificant due?
And till now
By the ladder, you can be reached out to anyhow
Is that even not significant?
Yes, didn't cut a piece of the cake.
But on the 2nd October
On the land of this nation
The Naxalites have remembered you
By cutting a human to pieces!
Bāpu: An address made to Mahātmā Gāndhi as a national father

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