Inquilab Zindabad!

THE GOD OF SMALL THINGS

'Inquilab Zindabad!'
Thozhilali Ekta Zindabad!'

'Long Live the Revolution!' they shouted. 'Workers of the World Unite!'

Even Chacko had no really complete explanation for why the Communist Party was so much more successful in Kerala than it had been almost anywhere else in India, except perhaps in Bengal.

There were several competing theories. One was that it had to do with the large population of Christians in the state. Twenty per cent of Kerala's population were Syrian Christians, who believed that they were descendants of the one hundred Brahmins whom Saint Thomas the Apostle converted to Christianity when he travelled east after the Resurrection. Structurally – this somewhat rudimentary argument went – Marxism was a simple substitute for Christianity. Replace God with Marx, Satan with the bourgeoisie, Heaven with a classless society, the Church with the Party, and the form and purpose of the journey remained similar. An obstacle race, with a prize at the end. Mercas the Hindu mind had to make more complex adjustments.

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