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Nationalism is a homogenizing idea that forces national identity suppressing the differences that naturally exist among people. It is done by the nation state with all its might. As an outcome of a long history of progressive privileging and fetishisation of competitive accumulation, it takes accumulation instinct to the level of nations manifesting into international rivalries. Colonialism, imperialism and numerous skirmishes between nations that modern history is fraught with are direct manifestation of this accumulation drive. The amount of devastation these manufactured contentions caused might exceed any other due to other causes.

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# **Kerala Renaissance and Resisting Cultural Nationalism: The Critical Legacies of Nanuguru, Sahodaran and Dharmateerthar**

**Ajay S Sekher**

*It is the British who gave us Sanyasam and they are our gurus.*

*Narayanaguru, "Interview"*

*Those who curse discrimination now and upholds cultural nationalism*

*The ones advocating the rise of all (Sarvodayam) are covert casteists in effect.*

*Sahodaran Ayyappan, "Caste India"*

Just before Gandhiji who imagined India as a Ramraj in early 20<sup>th</sup> century, it was Jotiba Phule in late 19<sup>th</sup> century Maharashtra who imagined India as a Baliraj and compared it to Christuraj. Phule's