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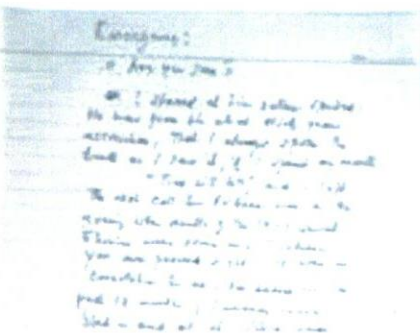
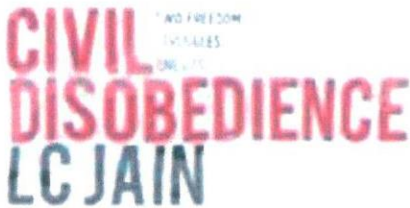
Two Freedom Struggles, One Life

ActionAid South Africa and ActionAid India are co-hosting an informal breakfast and round table dialogue with the acclaimed feminist economist **Devaki Jain** who will speak on the memoirs of the late L C Jain, her partner and former High Commissioner of India to South Africa.

In a review of the book entitled '**Civil Disobedience: Two Freedom Struggles, One Life**', political scientist and cultural historian Tridip Suvrud states that:



A REVIEW OF THE BOOK ENTITLED 'CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE: TWO FREEDOM STRUGGLES, ONE LIFE' BY TRIDIP SUVRUD



"Jain was one of the most resilient dissenters against the Emergency and a critic of the Janata Party he helped create... It is a story of a collective in the true spirit of cooperatives that he nurtured. In fact, it is sparse on personal biography or familial histories, except when the personal and the political are interlaced.

It is possible to read the book as a story of failure of our collective imagination, of marginalisation of craft, of innovation, of people itself; of paths that were available and not chosen. It is rare to find in our public life individuals who would choose to be chroniclers of frayed imaginations and rarer still to find a voice that is poised, self-reflective, and free of rancour. Jain's memoirs attain that grace — each chapter at once a celebration of collective effort, of creativity and a story of its subversion. It is a record of possibilities that we had of creating public life that sought to measure itself by the highest standards of public ethics and personal virtues. It is also possible to read the book as a warning; a warning about the fates of dissenting imaginations."

Ahmed Kathrada and other guests who were involved in the South African liberation struggle will be in attendance along with a selection of ActionAid members and partners.

Devaki Jain is currently visiting South Africa to present and participate in UNDPs governance consultation, and deliver a public lecture on "OAU@50: Women at the Centre of Development, Celebrating women's progress at the Thabo Mbeki African Leadership Institute (TMALI) on March 8th.