



Association for India's Development, MIT and Boston Chapters invite you to a talk:

My Encounter With Poverty, and Some Questions Arising From It.

by **Anand Chakravarti**, retired professor of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics.

Where: Room 2-105 MIT [[Map](#)]

When: 3:00 PM, Sunday, Jul 20th 2008

The event is free and open to all.

Prof. Chakravarti's talk is based on preliminary observations among two extremely poor communities -- **Paswan and Bhuiya** -- in a village in **Rohtas** district in the state of **Bihar** in **India**. Their dismal state of affairs prompted him to raise fundamental questions on the following issues:

- (i) the hollowness of the national movement in India
- (ii) the class character of the Indian state
- (iii) the need to look at development from the standpoint of the poor
- (iv) the bleak prospects of resistance against dominant class interests due to the increasingly repressive character of the state

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