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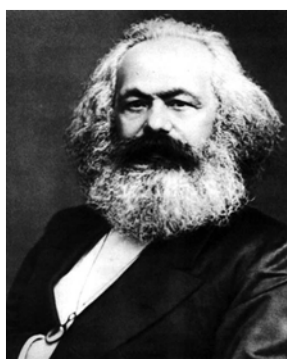
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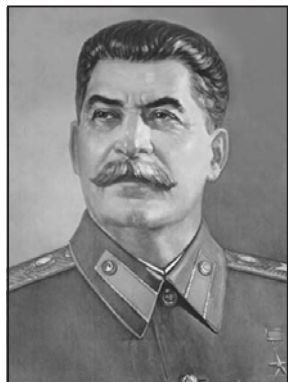


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“And now as to myself, no credit is due to me for discovering the existence of classes in modern society or the struggle between them. Long before me bourgeois historians had described the historical development of this class struggle and bourgeois economists, the economic anatomy of classes. What I did that was new was to prove:

(1) that the existence of classes is only bound up with the particular, historical phases in the development of production, (2) that the class struggle necessarily leads to the dictatorship of the proletariat, (3) that this dictatorship itself only constitutes the transition to the abolition of all classes and to a classless society.”

— Karl Marx Letter to Weydemeyer (1852)



9 December, 1879 5 March, 1953

“...the petty-bourgeois democratic parties, the parties of the Socialist-Revolutionaries and Mensheviks, were the most dangerous social support of imperialism. Why? Because these parties were then the compromising parties, the parties of compromise between imperialism and the labouring masses. Naturally, the Bolsheviks at that time directed their main blows at these parties; for unless these

parties were isolated there could be no hope of a rupture between the labouring masses and imperialism, and unless this rupture was ensured there could be no hope of the victory of the Soviet revolution. Many people at that time did not understand this specific feature of the Bolshevik tactics and accused the Bolsheviks of displaying “excessive hatred” towards the Socialist-Revolutionaries and Mensheviks, and of “forgetting” the principal goal. But the entire period of preparation for October eloquently testifies to the fact that only by pursuing these tactics could the Bolsheviks ensure the victory of the October Revolution.”

— J V Stalin

(October Revolution and the tactics of the Russian communists—p.143-144)

## Union Budget 2011 is a serious fraud committed on people gasping under severe price rise, galloping unemployment and soaring impoverishment

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI (C) has issued the following statement on 28 February, 2011:

When the people are reeling under unprecedented price rise fuelled by spiraling inflation, plagued by galloping unemployment and progressive fall in real income and utterly deprived of any benefits of the budgetary allocations because of all-pervading corruption in every sphere of administration, the Union Finance Minister has presented a budget which — besides some customary statistical jugglery aimed at shielding the precarious state of crisis-ridden capitalist economy — has not cared to address any of the pressing issues of people’s life let alone attempting to give at least some meagre relief to the suffering countrymen. There is no concrete proposal to generate gainful employment. Boastful claim of giving a boost to investment sounds like prattle as everyone knows increased investment in capitalism today does not mean generation of fresh gainful employment. Not only has he shamelessly evaded the question of booking and meting out stringent punishment to the fraudsters and scamsters who have defrauded the people’s exchequer by lakhs of crores of rupees taking advantage of an out and out corrupt administration, he has practically bailed them out by saying that “certain events in the past few months may have created an impression of drift in governance and a gap in public accountability...

such an impression is misplaced.”

The Finance Minister also hastened to add that “corruption is a problem, that we have to fight collectively” as if the government stands absolved of all responsibilities in this regard and licensed to remain a mute, if not an indulgent onlooker to such large scale loot and pilferage of public money, tax evasion, nepotism, favouritism, misuse of power for personal gains and all such palpable crimes. There is no mention of unearthing lakhs of crores of rupees of black money doing rounds or stashed outside the country and parked in safe havens. What can be more hypocritical than this! Lest one should accuse him of remaining silent over the burning issue of soaring rise in prices of food and other essential items, the Finance Minister in style and tone of a hollow academician remarked that there is gross difference between wholesale and retail price remaining deliberately silent over the reasons thereof. Even the very claim of food inflation having come down from 20.2% to 9.3% is ludicrous as common people find food prices continue to rise sky-high. There is no mention of controlling prices of petrol-diesel and other petroleum products which are on a continuous ascent and having cascading effect in pushing up general price line. Imposing tax on healthcare services provided in central airconditioning will enhance charges of operation theatre, intensive care units, critical care treatment etc. While direct taxes

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## **Murder of a student at Barasat in West Bengal**

# **Deepening moral decline under CPI(M) rule bared once more**

Virtually daily well meaning people of the country receive a shockwave at the news of some fathomless corruption involving 'celebrities' being unearthed, or some grievous crimes being perpetrated in broad daylight without caring for any deterring hand, or some hapless girl or woman falling prey to heinous sexual assaults. If in Maharashtra an official of the topmost echelon of administration is burnt alive by the oil mafias, backed by political big-wigs, caught red-handed smuggling and adulterating stolen kerosene and diesel, or in UP a marketing manager for Indian Oil Corporation, is shot dead on the spot by a similar gang of criminals, in Bihar a project director of the National Highway Authority of India is brutally murdered by the mafias for his opposing and exposing rampant corruption in the Golden Quadrilateral Corridor Project draining out thousands of crores of rupees of public money, or in Gujarat a Gujarat government official is murdered by the mining mafias, led by BJP MP for opposing illegal mining operation. If somewhere some father kills his daughter for resisting him from raping her, elsewhere some senior police official sexually harasses a teenager and chases her and her family to the extent that she takes her own life, or a MLA could not be saved from being expelled from his party on charges of raping a girl. The list needs not be lengthened; by this time people have become well conversant with the fact that with each such incident the ethical and moral fabric of the society is further and further shattered, morality-ethics and culture in the country are more and more pushed towards total destruction. Of course, India does not enjoy any singular position in this respect. Such despicable acts and appalling crimes have become the order of the day in one and all capitalist countries; fast degeneration and decadence of cultural-moral-ethical situation have swamped the entire capitalist-imperialist world.

In spite of this, the awful situation in the state of West Bengal in India, which is being ruled boastfully for over three decades by CPI(M) still claiming itself as Marxists, particularly attracts people's attention and indignation.

During this period, the party, CPI(M), and the government led by it, have unleashed an unthinkable spate of organized corruption, petty party sectarianism and a reign of terror, often silent, now and then loud, bringing all aspects of social life into abject downfall, have reduced the police-administration to virtually a spineless appendage of the party, infested with corruption, inertia and nakedly partisan attitude without the shreds of relative neutrality expected even in a bourgeois society. In course of this they have set up a notorious nexus of party-administration-police-muscle-power for their day-to-day governance and particularly for crushing any opposition and movement as well as for serving electoral interests, such as rigging, booth capturing threatening opponents etc. Murder of 158 SUCI(Communist) cadres as well as workers of other parties opposing them, even those belonging to the so-called Left Front under their leadership, during the CPI(M) rule in the state is another glaring testimony to how the CPI(M) party now depends upon brute force of muscle-power, and designs to pulverize any viable opposition.

At the same time, on the plea of earning revenue the CPI(M) led government has liberally issued licenses for liquor-sale, leading to growth of innumerable legal and illegal liquor outlets throughout the state. These along with unbridled promotion through overt and covert means of online lottery centres, video parlours catering pornography, sex education to delicate teenagers in schools, are worst affecting students and youth. Aided and abetted by the said nexus and the culturally degenerative ambience created by the party and its government, crimes like theft-snatching, even robbery and more particularly those involving women like eve-teasing, sexual assaults leading even to rapes and murders are constantly on the rise. These are reaching such a dimension in this state that has never been earlier experienced, even during the rule of Congress, a typical bourgeois party. Youth, even teenagers are becoming habitual snatchers, even resorting to robbery or eve-teasing or molestation of women. In fact, sex-related crimes are shooting up unprecedentedly, particularly since

the CPI(M) came to power. It became further clear during the Singur and more so Nandigram movement. In the former, apart from police brutality upon the village people engaged in a movement against losing their very fertile land, their vital means of livelihood, Tapasi Malik a teenager front-ranking fighter in the movement was raped and murdered with the design to break the morale of the villagers. In case of Nandigram, it was still further heinous. Armed goons, mostly branded criminals and murderers hired from different parts of the state and even outside it, were deployed, clad in police uniform, with a view to crushing the movement of villagers fighting against forcible grabbing of their land for a SEZ. They killed people including unarmed women, children and old; at the same time they gang-raped women, who had formed a major force in that movement, simply to break the morale of the organized fighting villagers. It was an act that was unprecedented even in the history of worst attacks on democratic movements of the country. The same design and ferocity were again evident in the recent instances in the Jungalmahal (forest area) in the western part of the state, where the 'harmads', the armed goons under CPI(M) patronization acting under the umbrella of the Joint Security force of the Centre and the State governments, carried out all sorts of crimes including murder, arson and more so, rapes of women. Finally in at least one village there, Netaigram, when unarmed villagers had been protesting against the torture inflicted upon them by the harmads, the latter opened indiscriminate fire to kill some and severely injure many others.

The spurt of sex-related crimes can be guessed from some simple figures. In regard to crime against women, which includes crimes under Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Special Local Laws (SLL), the records available show that West Bengal alone accounts for 26.1% of these in the country, that is more than a quarter of the total number. The state has earned the distinction of recording the highest number of women trafficking in the country where more than 5000 girls are missing from this state every year, who are mainly trafficked for illicit

purpose, or precisely for the flesh trading. It is this state which records the highest number of torture cases accounting for 18% of 81,344 registered cases all over the country in 2009. According to the police the actual figure is even more.

It is on this backdrop that recently a teenager student, an end-Secondary examinee, Rajib Das was brutally stabbed to death at Barasat in North 24 Pargana district on 15 February night when he tried to protect his sister's dignity from being violated by a few lethally armed inebriated youth. Gruesome was the murder no doubt, still more ominous were some accompanying facts.

The assailants turned out to be known anti-socials of the locality, habitual snatchers in the local trains. The crime took place at Barasat, which has long since acquired notoriety from the increasing incidence of crimes of all sorts. The recent incident in question once again proved that the police and administration not only did nothing to uproot the causes of these anti-social activities, even minimum vigilance was not there. Thus, when Rajib and his sister were attacked by the hoodlums very near the Railway station in the vicinity of DM or SP bungalows, the Court, government offices etc., there was no police patrol to be seen anywhere. The murder took place near the court premise, where temporary stalls used by the court clerks are regularly used at night as dens by anti-socials freely for drinking, all to the knowledge of everybody, including the court and the civic authority as well as the police and the administration. The killers, too, emerged right from that den; apparently they thrived happily in the ambience created during the long rule of CPI(M). As they were thrashing and stabbing her brother, the girl, accompanied by a passer-by frantically cried for help from the security guards of the District Magistrate's bungalow, located just a few hundred metres from the spot, but to no avail. Neither the guards, nor the bungalow inmates were moved by the cries; the former only helped the girl with a phone number for the police station. Finally, when the girl and a few helpers could take her profusely bleeding brother to the hospital, he was found brought dead. True to their character the

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## BJP rule in Karnataka

# Unlimited corruption, nepotism and favouritism mark outright anti people governance

Right from the day the country was stirred by serialized revelation of one after another mega scams and scandals, allegations of large scale corruption have scalped among other ministers and bigwigs in the administration Y S Yeddyurappa, the BJP Chief Minister (CM) of Karnataka. While BJP leaders were vocal against the Congress-led governments for 2G spectrum, Commonwealth Games, Adarsh Housing Society and other scandals and indicting them for acquiescing in the stashing of 70 lakh crore of ill-gotten money to Swiss banks by the unscrupulous businessmen, market manipulators and their associates, Yeddyurappa came a cropper to BJP's pretended rebellion against the fraud and graft episodes. It has been alleged that abusing his power, he illegally denotified huge stretch of land, confiscated those land for the government after giving compensation to some false people by creating fake documents and involving shady middlemen, disbursed compensation to people who are not owners of the land and then allotted the said land so confiscated to his kith and kin. As per media report, in Koppal Rs 40,000-worth land was purchased for Rs 7 lakh, 18 times more than the guidance value by the previous government. Similarly, in Mysore Rs 2 lakh worth land was purchased for Rs 16 lakh. 11 acres of land that had been acquired by the government for a public project was made available to a Dubai-based businessman whose company then went on to sell a part of that land to a firm linked to Yeddyurappa's sons, Raghavendra and Vijayendra. Yeddyurappa is also engulfed in a controversy over allotment of Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) lands to his daughter and denotifying Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) lands for, besides his sons, his son-in-law Sohan Kumar. Apart from this land scandal, it has also come to light that the Karnataka chief minister has granted iron ore and manganese mining leases to firms having close links to his family at Ramajjanahalli Kaval and Mallapura villages, of Chitradurga district, which are perilously close to Vanivilas Sagar dam, an important source of irrigation and drinking water. As the days are rolling by, more and more such incidents are unfolding. To get an idea of the depth of corruption the Karnataka CM is plunged in. let us focus on a few more factual details.

### Issues being raised

The Lok Ayuktha (ombudsman) has already submitted a report on illegal mining in Karnataka but no action has been taken so far. Serious charges are leveled against the Reddy brothers who are all members of the Yeddyurappa cabinet. It is said that they have destroyed the interstate border between Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka only to encroach into Karnataka territory from the Andhra side, where they have permit for mining, to carry out illegal mining. Vast forest area has been encroached upon violating all laws. In this course they have even destroyed an age old temple that existed on the border as a landmark. What is more, 6 lakh tons of iron ore ceased by the forest officials at Belikere fort (near Karwar port) has simply vanished under the very nose of the authorities! Even to this day this mystery remains unresolved. When the Lok Ayuktha demanded action against the guilty officials responsible for the same, the CM suspended an upright officer who was responsible for bringing this fraud to light! With deep anguish the Lok Ayuktha Justice Santhosh Hegde

resigned from his post lamenting what use is it to continue when he was unable to protect honest officers who were helping investigations. That finally the government yielded and withdrew the suspension of the official and the Lok Ayuktha withdrew his resignation is another story. It may be recalled here that Nitin Gadkari, the all India President of BJP at that time was the first to call on Justice Hegde and seek withdrawal of his resignation to save embarrassment to the government. Even L. K. Advani, the senior BJP leader telephonically talked with Justice Hegde and requested him to relent. All these went a long way in Justice Hegde's reversal of decision to quit. Now when the same Justice Hegde upheld the decision of the Governor to prosecute the CM, Gadkari alleged that both the governor and the Lok Ayuktha are acting as opposition parties in the state! He even went to the extent of saying that Justice Hegde should have never come back! However when the heat was too much on the government centring round the mining issue, the State Government banned export of ore from some

ports in the state. But nevertheless export is going on merrily through the ports of Andhra Pradesh despite it being ruled by a Congress government.

### Scandals involving ministers galore

It is no secret that colossal amount of money is involved in the shady land deals including in denotifications in and around Bangalore city. Name of a Reddy brother, a minister in the cabinet figures prominently in this scandal. So also the name of Shobha Karandlaje, Minister for Energy and a close confidant of the CM figures in large scale land deals. The names of Katta Subramanya Naidu and Ashok, two ministers close to the CM were all through tagged along these shady deals. Finally the minister Katta Subramanya Naidu had to resign when his son Jagadish Naidu, a sitting corporator in the Bangalore City Corporation was caught red handed by the Lok Ayuktha police, when he tried to bribe witnesses in the case against him and his father. It is yet another record of sorts that in the two and half year period since the present government came to power as many as 8 ministers had to resign solely on grounds of corruption.

All are aware that the government is entitled to notify any land anywhere in the country for the sake of public cause. Once a land is notified there is a period within which it can be denotified by the government on appeal, if it feels that the land needs to be returned to the erstwhile owner. But in the cases under scanner, not only the denotification has been done much beyond the legally accepted period, the land has been handed over to the kith and kin of the CM and other ministers, through sheer manipulation! Even according to law sites in and around the capital city of Bangalore can be given to the kith and kin provided they don't have any site in the city. But CM and his minister colleagues allegedly have ownership sites in the city and acquired new sites by suppressing the facts.

Again everyone in the state knows that the Yeddyurappa government is infamous for notorious involvement in innumerable scandals on account of which many ministers have been forced to vacate

their chairs. Ramachandregowda, the erstwhile Medical Education minister was compelled to quit when his involvement in amassing huge bribe for giving appointment in government medical colleges and hospitals came to light. Halappa, another minister hailing from Shimoga, the same district as that of the CM, had to vacate his seat when his friend's wife complained that she was raped by the minister himself while staying in her residence as a guest. During October 2009 more than 10 northern districts were affected severely due to heavy rains and devastating floods. State government promised to rehabilitate the flood affected populace by building 62,000 houses and collected crores of rupees from the people as well as from the funds released by the Central government. Hapless impoverished flood victims are yet to see any initiative worth the name in that direction. On top of all these the whole nation is witness to the ruckus in the assembly when the government went whole hog to disqualify 5 independents and 11 MLAs who had sided with dissidents and were ready to turn against the CM when vote of confidence was to be sought for in the assembly. This was nothing but fallout of internal squabbles within BJP. No doubt JD(S) aspiring for power as well played a dubious role in this high drama taking advantage of disgruntlement within BJP. JD(S) (and of course Congress as well) is nursing deep grievances against the BJP leaders since the time they allured many of its elected MLAs with money and ministerial berths. So it tried to settle score with BJP out of political vendetta. However the Yeddyurappa government used every foul means to stick to power after knowing that its numbers had dwindled in the assembly. Cases are pending in the courts over the issue of disqualification of rebel MLAs resorted to by the speaker which is being condemned by all democratic minded people to be highly arbitrary, prejudiced and motivated in gross violation of democratic norms and ethics.

### Hunger for real estate

Yet another area where the government has come in for flak is the creation of a so called land bank through the institution of KIADB. In

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# BJP in Karnataka is backed by notorious mafia groups

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the name of acquiring land for the purpose of setting up industries, the notorious KIADB has gone on a spree of acquiring huge stretches of fertile agricultural land – that too near cities by evicting the peasants and doling out a pittance to them. The amount of land identified for the purpose is said to cross one and a half lakh acres. The land, so grabbed, is then sold at exorbitant price to real estate developers. Most of the scams involving ministers including the CM in grabbing denotified land belong to this category of land deeds. No doubt it is one such deal that the governor has permitted for prosecution of the CM and others. Even in Bangalore city, attempt was made to grab land in the name of widening roads and hoodwinking the land and property losers by offering right to have flats under so called Transferable Development Rights (TDR) plan. This conspiracy was, however, foiled under pressure of an intense movement launched by the People's Committee shaped by our Party, the SUCI (C).

## BJP and Karnataka state government

It may be recollected that BJP won the state elections in 2008 and raising its tally of seats from 79 to 110 in a 224 seat state assembly. BJP fell short of 3 seats to gain absolute majority. It was then that the mining tycoons of Bellary intervened to save the government. They resorted to 'operation Kamala' (lotus) to lure elected independent MLAs as well as many from the Congress and the Janata Dal (Secular) or JD(S), a regional bourgeois party. The going rate was said to be of the order of Rs.50 crores and a ministerial berth in the cabinet! Once purchased, these MLAs would resign and contest again on the BJP ticket and reenter the Assembly. In this way a unique 'glorious' chapter was added to the history of defections in our country, bypassing the anti-defection law. Finally, BJP succeeded in forming the government with the backing of six independent MLAs. The flow of money in the entire operation starting from purchase of the MLAs to the elections and purchase of votes is really phenomenal. Not only for this, huge amount is spent in winning every election held later on – whether in the by elections, or the polls to the local bodies including corporation elections and the Zilla Panchayat polls, etc. Everybody knows that it was Congress which

started all types of malpractices to somehow cling to power. But BJP in Karnataka has surpassed all past records of Congress in this regard.

Who financed BJP in this power-grabbing operation? For this we will have to look into the phenomenal growth in mining activities in the iron ore rich Bellary district in the last one decade. The names of the Reddy brothers at once get connected with this racket. Though they do not have any legal mining activities in Bellary district they collect huge *haftas* (underhand payments) from mine owners since they are in power in the state. The boom in the iron ore export since 2002 and the steep rise in ore prices brought fortunes to those involved in mining in Bellary. It is this ill-gotten money that is helping and rescuing the Yeddyurappa government since the inception of this government, at all crucial junctures and crises. In fact formation of the government itself could not have been possible without 'operation Kamala' resorted to by the mining tycoons to purchase MLAs and thus gain majority to form the government.

But, factional feuds and dissensions within posed a threat to the government in September last when 16 MLAs withdrew support and accused the chief minister of corruption. After a series of drama that included demand for disqualification of the rebel MLAs, intervention of Hansaraj Bharadwaj, the State Governor who is a known Congressman, horse trading at its peak, lure of ministerial berth and so forth, BJP managed to retain its government. Another piece of drama ensued then. On the 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2011, the Governor of Karnataka permitted a request for filing a case against and prosecute Yeddyurappa on the question of illegal denotification of land and nepotism, corruption and favouritism. Immediately 'a section' of the BJP leaders in the State took umbrage and began crying hoarse. On the 22nd January, 2011, they declared a Statewide Bandh.

The BJP State President Eswarappa called upon the people of the state to respond to the 'Voluntary Bandh'! The Bandh became 'successful' because of direct support of the government and threat and intimidation by ruling party goons. It could be seen in electronic media coverage that armed gangs of the Hindu communal 'Saffron Brigade' roamed the streets setting fire to buses, vandalizing shops and

forcibly bringing traffic to a halt everywhere even when the police stood as mute spectators. Such was the nature of the 'Voluntary Bandh' declared by the BJP leaders as mark of respect to their 'beloved Chief Minister'. Meanwhile another section of BJP leaders, jubilant at the likely fall of Yeddyurappa was busy making its calculations and silently waiting for its turn.

But nothing happened. After a few summoned trips of Yeddyurappa to BJP headquarters in Delhi, the party high command reaffirmed their faith in him and okayed his continuation as Chief Minister brushing aside all charges of corruption and nepotism.

BJP's National President even sanctified the wrongdoings of Yeddyurappa by commenting that 'Denotification resorted to by the CM is unethical indeed, but not illegal.'! It may be recalled that not so long ago when the BJP top leaders were screaming against Congress on the question 2G and other scams with a view to deriving electoral mileage, they advised Yeddyurappa to step down as a face saving since they thought his continuance would cause lot of embarrassment to the party. But, Yeddyurappa backed by mining mafias and other moneybags, took the position that since he was instrumental in bringing the party to power in Karnataka any change in leadership should be only through elections! The BJP leadership knew that a disgruntled Yeddyurappa could cause greater damage not only in eroding the party's casteist *Lingayat* vote bank but orchestrating fissure in the party. So while turning guns against Congress, their main opponent in bourgeois power politics, on the issue of scam and corruption, BJP leaders, true to their bourgeois class character, had to eat a humble pie and overlooking the torrents of corruption charges against him, consented to his continuation as CM.

## Karnataka affairs—an eye opener

Karnataka affairs clearly show that BJP is no alternative to Congress nor is Congress to BJP in so far as people's interest is concerned. All are neck-deep in corruption, surviving on money-mafia and media muscle and is wielded to the sole task of remaining in the corridor of power by hoodwinking the people tormented day in and day out by ruthless capitalist oppression. Whether it is the cloak of secularism

of Congress or arch communalism of BJP, what ultimately rules the roost is the dictates and designs of the exploitative capitalist class through its trusted political agents of different hues. None of the regional bourgeois outfits as well as pseudo-Marxists-leftists like the CPI (M), CPI is out of this vile game of bourgeois power politics by way of appeasing the ruling class. And since capitalism is now in its death throes, it is mired in utter corruption in every sphere. Hence, anyone serving the class interest of the moribund decadent ruling bourgeoisie cannot be free from corruption, nepotism, favouritism, malfeasance and all such crimes, wrongdoings and palpable subversion of even the basic precepts of democracy and democratic values. Manmohan Singh or Yeddyurappa, A Raja or Jayalalita, Laloo Prasad or Mulayam, Sharad pawar or Vijayan-Buddhadeb, it is the same spectacle everywhere. So long capitalism is not overthrown, the very root of corruption can not be extradited. Only those who are opposed to this utterly corrupt capitalist rule and consciously engaged in an all-embracing sustained struggle to free themselves from all the bourgeois vices and cultivation of a higher ideology mount on the edifice of higher ethics and culture can remain out of the ambit of this den of corruption and rotten power politics. And it is only a political party based on this ideology which views politics not as means for grabbing power and self-aggrandizement but what calls for a noble feelings of heart and is spurred on by still nobler feeling of revolutionary politics can really provide the people the real alternative to all these bourgeois power seekers and ultimately lead to emancipation from this ruthlessly exploitative capitalist rule breeding all menaces and aberrations to make life nightmarish. Surge of organized sustained democratic movement on the burning issues of life based on higher culture and ethics and led by a real revolutionary party can only keep erupting corruption in every sphere of life under some check. There is no other way that the corrupt and corruption may be contained to some extent in a moribund capitalist order. Earlier the toiling people rally by this real revolutionary party, strengthen it organizationally, expedient will be the release from the stranglehold of corrupt repressive capitalism.

# Protest by SUCI (C) across the country against conspiracy of destroying Lenin Mausoleum



Barasat incident**CPI(M) stands completely devoid of Marxism***Contd. from page 2*

police-administration have developed during the CPI(M) rule, they behaved with grossly inhuman, insensitive and criminal inertness. But, when the media brought to light the appalling incident of murder and equally shocking behaviour of the police and administration, the government and police-administration had no choice but to become pro-active, with the assembly election knocking at the door. The main accused, a well-known criminal of the locality was apprehended the next day, three others a few days later; a policeman on duty at the DM's bungalow was suspended; the Chief Minister knocked upon the victims' house; the bereaved mother, a housemaid by profession, was offered a job by the Chief Minister. All these facts were quite striking. Even after arrests, there was constant effort to create confusion in public about how far the main accused was involved in the incident or not. The police official taken to task was rather of a lower rung. The CM talked a lot, announced a sum of money for the victim's family, offered a job for Rajib's mother, but kept silent on taking any drastic measure to suspend, even question, the DM or the SP who were in charge of law

and order of a locality where crime has for long been spurting up sharply. Was it not a dereliction of the duties on the part of these highest officials that they did not care to take proper measures to check this rising spurt of crimes? For the last few years there have been many ghastly killings or other shocking incidents in the state, including those of Singur and Nandigram. In most of these cases, either the police or the criminals in the payroll of the party were the perpetrators. The CM has never cared to put up the brave face of meeting the victims, even to utter a few words of sympathy in those cases. Then have his feelings for the victims suddenly churned up? Or, with the assembly election knocking at the door, is it not that the visit stood out just as an attempt to weave a damage control measure? The CM consoled the victim's family. But did he order the demolishing of the liquor outlets, gambling or online centres throughout the state which always breed crimes, did he announce scrapping of the government policy of liberal support to liquor license? Again, do not all these simply attest to the fact that it was not really uprooting the maladies leading to grievous crimes, but the ringing of election bells, this time not in a very happy prospective tone, which made the CM frantically grope for some means to control the damage? But are people of the state ready to accept this silence, this game of the CPI(M) and the CM of its government? It appears, they are not, which is evident from the strong rebuff the local people, including the victim's family, offered the CM on his visit to the victim's house. A section of the media, in the wake of people's indignation and wrath against the ruling party CPI(M) mounting in the recent times, frantically tried to create confusion and misdirect people's opinion by holding politics and political parties in general responsible for the situation leading to the murder. It must be realized that this was nothing but a clever ploy designed to reap benefit for none other than the ruling party itself. But that their attempts are not really finding ground among people is evident from the spontaneous response of local residents of the area in participating in a 12-hour bandh on the next day called by our party, the

SUCI(C). It is also evident from the widespread reaction expressed by people of the state against the government's criminal callousness and inefficiency towards combating social evils.

Result of this criminal callousness and inefficiency of the government was, however, evident from similar incidents of eve-teasing by the anti-socials and their thrashing anybody who dared to resist or protest, taking place in different parts of the state, Naihati, Chetla in Calcutta and elsewhere, even after the police and the government pose to be active in Rajib Das's murder case. The anti-socials appear to be well aware of the signals emanating from the attitude and intent of the law-enforcing authorities! In fact, the question is not just the callousness and inefficiency on the part of the administration and the government. It involves still deeper ominous truths.

Undeniably, the decadent capitalist system of the country is the root cause of the rampant cultural degeneration that is eclipsing the society more and more. The bourgeois petty bourgeois political parties which are meant to play totally subservient role to the system to protect and preserve it, will always foment this degeneration continuously. The design is clear. They would always intend to break the moral backbone of people, particularly the youth, vitiating them with degraded culture, so that they may not stand firmly against exploitation and oppression of the capitalist system. But it is equally true that within the system itself there will be born its anti-thesis as the force opposing exploitation and oppression and standing for progress, which will gradually accumulate the strength to finally exhaust and uproot the reactionary exploitative old system. If that be the truth and if and when the CPI(M) claims itself as Marxist, how could cultural degeneration, reflected through crimes and criminals, rise phenomenally during this more than three decades of their rule? Is it not the fact that Marxism-Leninism born in the wombs of capitalist society emerging as the most progressive ideology in the history of mankind, gives birth to the anti-thesis of the reactionary bourgeois system? Was not this anti-thesis expected to

generate intense fight to combat cultural degeneration to free youth and people from its clutches instead of succumbing to or fomenting it?

There is another aspect to ponder over. Mind that, this spate of cultural degeneration is taking place in a state which ever since the days of the freedom struggles of the country was revered for the high moral and ethical standards reached by the freedom fighters, even a section of people. Even after independence, during the uninterrupted rule of the Congress when it became the nerve centre of powerful leftist movements and when such movements surged ahead repeatedly and vigorously, the high moral and ethical standards were not totally lost. But there were bitter truths too.

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the founder General Secretary of our party and one of the eminent Marxist thinkers of the present era breathed his last towards the end of this glorious phase of leftist movements. He did not live to see the present awful shape and character of the CPI(M). But even during those glorious days of leftism, when the CPI(M) used to stage their brand of movements, Comrade Ghosh with his penetrating observations and deep insight raised cautions time and again. With deep pain at heart, he noted how with the growing influence of the CPI(M) among the masses, the party its cadres, and even the masses of youth and students in their fold, were practicing falsehood, worst kinds of opportunism, philosophical intolerance, muscle-flexing even physical assaults to stifle the voice of opponents, tendency to make use of power, police and administration to benefit from undue favours and privileges for personal gains, tendency towards neglect of duty in place of a growing sense of social obligation and all such. He pointed out that these vices were ingrained in the party. Thus, whenever in future the situation may turn in their favour, the symptoms will manifest clear and the party will come out with all those traits expressed more vehemently and nakedly. Taking lessons from the history, Comrade Ghosh emphatically placed that the living soul, the kernel of any noble ideal like Marxism-Leninism is ingrained in the moral strength,

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character and in the cultural standard of the people involved in the movement. An ideology, an ideal can not be judged without this aspect of cultural moral standards. People are attracted to a noble ideology by the culture, the moral-ethical standard of those who propagate it, who stand for it. And, in turn, practice of a noble ideology, movements built upon noble ideals influence even the masses coming in touch with it. On the other hand, if the practice does not infuse moral strength and if it does not reflect a higher cultural standard, the ideology will stand like a lifeless body, a putrid corpse. It will be stinking with its effect on the society being harmful. Pointing out these vital issues to judge a party, Comrade Ghosh repeatedly held that over and above other evidences, this was an infallible proof that the party was not Marxist in character, nor any genuine revolutionary party. These long years of subsequent CPI(M) rule firmly corroborate this truth.

The CPI(M) claims boastfully of the thumping majority with which it has come to power. It claims that the majority is a clear and definite sign of popular support it enjoys. People of the state may differ from their experience of large scale rigging. But even if we take it for granted that its claim is correct, can we avoid some important questions. Reality stands as that notwithstanding their huge popular support, even the minimum extent of bourgeois humanist culture that had been persisting in social life during these days of decadent capitalism, even that standard that level could not be maintained in the social fabric during the CPI(M) rule. Rather the fabric is being completely shattered, degeneration is pervading every sphere of life. Who stands responsible for it? Does not the party in power own any responsibility? Had they been genuine Marxists should it have happened this way? Rather, against the growing decadence of the capitalist society, there must have risen a strong opposition, a parallel current of higher nobler proletarian culture, a cultural movement of higher standard. Instead what do we find? Be it in government offices, or civic bodies, police stations, hospitals, schools or for that matter

most of the work places, people find no choice but to offer bribes, to get their things done. The longer the party has remained in power, the more the leaders have amassed vulgar wealth, cadres have followed suit. Their instances tempted people to step into the only motto of life: Make money by any means you can; don't think of right or wrong, moral or immoral. Unable to combat ever-mounting unemployment of this crisis-ridden capitalism of the country, without pointing at that real source of evil, the capitalist exploitation, youth and students are encouraged to adopt any and every sort of unethical means of livelihood. They are becoming drug addicts and peddlers, drunkards, and to maintain those habits are becoming habitual snatchers even trying hand at robbery, gradually turning into professionals. They are being cunningly roped into smuggling chains. Girls and women are being dragged or tempted into flesh trade for fast money. No doubt these are evils of the capitalist society. But in this CPI(M) rule, there is whisper, often loud, campaign ringing in the ear: Oh! What they would do! Should they starve otherwise? Thus, youth are pushed to adopt any means of earning money with only one tacit condition set upon them: They must act as the vote-bank of the party and must help the party to fetch votes for it, here again by any means, fair or foul. In fact, this is a line, an approach that the CPI(M) has neatly planned and assiduously fostered. Certainly it worked for the party for a long time, but has dragged the state, particularly its youth to the brink of totally disastrous downfall. If such be the condition, was it for such a change that people voted them to power in place of bourgeois parties, like the Congress? If this be the shape of organized corruption, highhandedness, immorality, opportunism is it better in any way or really is it not worse than the condition to be found in a state under the rule of known bourgeois parties?

Barasat murder is thus not any isolated incident perpetrated by some misled youth on the spur of the moment. It is an inevitable outcome of the situation developed during the long CPI(M) rule. The killers are the products of this long continued

degeneration and vicious design of a demonic force called CPI(M). The inert, inhuman, administration is a typical emblem of this rule. Even the post-murder government moves are fraught with deceit. So people has a unique task carved out before them. They must free themselves from any illusion about this force. It has no Marxism; nor any leftism. In its bid to serve the ruling capitalists and

their capitalist system, CPI(M) has turned out to be a venomous enemy of people that breeds degeneration at every breath of it. It is high time that people realize this truth. It is high time that instead they stand by the force which is holding the banner of real leftism still high braving the odds and fighting all designs of the ruling class and their subservient agents.

### **Assam State SUCI (C) welcomes ULFA decision to enter into negotiation with central government**

Warmly welcoming the decision of General Council of the United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA) to enter into negotiation with Government of India, the Assam state committee of the SUCI(C) in course of a statement issued on 6th February 2011 said that it is a correct and bold step taken in deference to the wish of the people of Assam. The state committee of the party expressed the hope that this step of the ULFA leadership apart from paving the way for a negotiated settlement of all the issues raised by the ULFA movement in accordance with wish of the people of Assam shall also result in restoration of the atmosphere conducive to the growth and development of peoples united democratic movements centering round the burning problems of the people arising out the capitalist rule of the county. Reminding the ULFA leadership that economic problem is basic and core issue severely agitating the minds of the people of Assam the state committee of the party urged them that apart from raising the political issues which are in the interest of all sections of the people of Assam they should also vigorously press upon the Government of India to immediately declare a package programme for the rapid industrialization of the state essential component of which is the development fast communication system which includes expansion and electrification of the Railway System in Assam.

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have been reduced by Rs 11,500 crores, indirect taxes by statement have been hiked by Rs 11,300 crores which, as everyone knows from experience will increase manifold as the days progress and other fiscal factors come into operation. Instead of increasing tax on huge profit-making corporates, the surcharge rate for domestic companies has been slashed from 7.5% to 5%. The government has openly stated that downward excise tax revision is purposed to increase business margin, advocated in favour of huge disinvestment of Public Sector Units and strongly pleaded in favour of further development of public-private partnership, a euphemism for backdoor privatization. Allowing Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) to trade amongst themselves will open another floodgate of rampant

speculation on Indian capital market by overseas punters. Most unproductive defence budget has been increased to whopping Rs 1.64 lakh crore while the much clamoured hike in the monthly remuneration of Anganwadi workers falls far short of the minimum wages fixed by the same government.

Clearly, the oppressed people have got nothing but another bagful of deceptions from this budget which only focused on providing flurry of further concessions and benefits to the ruling monopolists already enjoying mammoth financial aids in the name of economic stimulation and destined to make life of the toiling masses yet more unbearable. People must rise up in protest and develop countrywide well-knit movement against such a devilry of the Congress-led UPA government.

# Massive protest rally of workers in Delhi against anti-working class policies of the Union government

Thousands of workers from all over India mobilized by eight central trade unions namely— AIUTUC, INTUC, AITUC, HMS, CITU, AICTU, TUCC and UTUC took out processions from different points of Delhi on 23 February, 2011 and converged at parliament street near Jantar Mantar to hold a huge protest rally against the anti-working class policies of Central Government. The mammoth rally was addressed by the leaders of the central trade unions. Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, the All India President of the AIUTUC, was one the speakers on this occasion.

Greeting the participants in the rally, Comrade Chakraborty stated that at a time when thousands of struggling workers from all over the country have flooded the capital city of Delhi to press for their demands, people all over the world are raising their voice against the capitalist repression and exploitation. He referred to the waves of protests by the working people sweeping Europe starting from Greece to Spain, Portugal, France, and England and even up to America. In Arabian region it started from Tunisia and Egypt. Although the immediate reasons for the unrest in different countries could be different but the main underlying reason is the capitalist exploitation every where. It is this exploitation which is responsible for all the repression let loose on the peoples. Long back Marx and

afterwards Lenin, while further enriching Marxism, had shown that capitalism has become moribund. It cannot give anything to the society except hunger, unemployment and unending repression. Our country is no exception to this. Conditions here too are similar. An all pervading crisis – economic crisis, unemployment, hunger, cultural degeneration, and corruption – can be seen in every sphere of life. Those who serve this system, this moribund degenerating capitalist system, cannot escape from getting corrupt. Today, crisis has engulfed every sphere of life — economic, political, cultural or even in the sphere of morality and ethics. People want to protest; they want to overthrow this decadent system to pave way for solution of the problems. But this cannot happen in a day and on its own. If thousands of such movements develop with each movement raising the level of political consciousness of the exploited and working people, and making them more and more organized from farms to factories and villages to cities — only then the society can move towards a fundamental change. This movement, this struggle can develop towards beginning of that change. You all know, comrades, conditions are worse. Our farmers are committing suicides. You will be surprised to know that in comparison to the previous years, the number of suicides committed by the peasants of our country has

increased this year. In Andhra, 10 farmers committed suicide in a single day. In Karnataka, Maharashtra and even in Gujarat about 12 farmers tried to commit suicide. Their land does not give them the requisite sustenance. Agricultural inputs — the seeds, fertilizers, electricity – all have become prohibitively costly and when they go to sell their produce, they do not get reasonable price. Under such painful situation they are committing suicide. Condition of the workers is no better. Crores of workers have lost their jobs. You will be surprised to learn that even during the recent deep economic recession the Govt. had provided stimulus packages to corporate houses. The corporate houses were given packages to the tune of Rupees 2 lakh, 18 thousand crores whereas a paltry allocation of Rs. 1000 crores was made for the workers. You will find that these corporate houses did not suffer any losses even during this horrifying economic slowdown. It may be that they did not amass as much of profit as they desired, but still the Govt. has given them stimulus packages amounting to Rs. 2 lakh 18 thousand Crores. What does this signify? Their talks of 'aam aadmi' is only a deception, they talk of 'aam Aadmi' but serve the capitalists. In this existing system of our country, there is no room for 'aam aadmi'. This system belongs to the capitalists. This system itself is a capitalist system, the bye-

products of which are the capitalist exploitation and repression. Thus, the struggle is that of overthrowing this capitalist system. Who else than the workers can do it? They must know the real path and direction of this struggle. This requires a powerful workers' organization — an organization which cements their unity. We all, all the trade unions here are trying to build up such a unity. We must participate in this struggle, raise our level of consciousness, get organized and acquire the power to change the conditions. You all know, what the demands are, which need no further mention. Our struggle, our movement will continue until all our demands are met. The whole country is engulfed in workers movement today. We have to raise the level of the movements to a still higher political plane in order to build up an effective pressure on the Govt. to accept all the demands put forth by the central trade unions. I am hopeful that you will spread this message to all the nooks and corners of the country from where you all have come and organize the workers. Our movement will get strengthened and we shall win. For that we will prepare all our comrades. With this hope and confidence, on behalf of our organization, the ALL INDIA UNITED TRADE UNION CENTRE, I offer my revolutionary greetings to you all, and end my speech.



Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, All India President, AIUTUC, addressing the joint rally of central trade unions in Delhi on 23 February, 2011

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