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Cunningly woven ploy behind the media-propelled 'Modi wave'

The entire monopoly-controlled media is now burning midnight oil to show how Modi wave is sweeping across the country and how keenly the countrymen are waiting to see Modi as the prime minister. Findings of commissioned pre-poll surveys are highlighted in support of that. The BJP leaders are also out to project Modi as harbinger of development and citing the maleficently crafted Gujarat growth story to prove their contention. But is there any Modi wave at all? Are people really mad for Modi? Or are these all sleight of the media? A careful observation will reveal all.

Genesis of anti-incumbency factor

If one carefully looks at history, one will find that on the eve of every election, there is a suppressed anger and grievance against the ruling party or combination. This is true for elections for either parliament or state assemblies. Why? Because, people's life in capitalist India is a saga of increasing suffering, deprivation and deception. Every

passing day begets an increased dose of misery, despair and strangulation for them. All evils in their life originate from the outdated and outmoded capitalist system bestriding the country like deadweight. But, people in general are not aware of that. Their wrath accrues against the government which as caretaker of the capitalist state and the ruling capitalist class rolls the steamroller on the people. The class pulls the

strings from behind to catapult this or that political party or alliance of its choice to the centre stage of vote politics. Then through a slew of manipulations, it anoints one of these parties in power while keeping others waiting for their turn in the corridor of visibility. When people's ire is directed against the ruling party or combination because of capitalist exploitation, the class with the help of its pliant media, powerful propaganda machinery and money power cunningly brings to the fore another party or combination afloat in the corridor of power to the forefront as the replacement. While suffering people's cry is for a change of their life condition, the ruling class and its servitor create an impression that a change of the incumbent government or the ruling dispensation

would mitigate their hardship. If the accumulated grievances of the people could burst forth in the form of an organized powerful movement under correct revolutionary leadership and in the process political consciousness of the oppressed multitudes was sharpened and fine-tuned, the conspiracy of the ruling class could not remain hidden. But since the objective condition of the country is not so matured, the ruling class and its lackeys of different hues succeed in keeping people arrested within the precincts of bourgeois vote politics and befool them with cunning substitution of one bourgeois government by another by popping up razzle-dazzle of elections. This is what the bourgeois media calls anti-incumbency factor and dishes out the choice of the next incumbent with all image building exercise in operation in favour of the latter. The current scenario on the eve of parliamentary elections is exactly that. People are disgusted with the Congress for its decade-long misrule and so the ruling class is now projecting BJP and Modi. The class is aware that the harrowing experience of former BJP regime is not altogether erased from people's mind. So, the thrust is on Modi and not BJP. Lest the crass communal face of Modi and BJP should play spoilsport, there is a cunning makeshift in approach from the erstwhile Hindutva agenda to 'development' plank to befool people.

Congress rule

A saga of serving the monopolists bleeding people white

On the eve of the sixteenth Lok Sabha election, the Congress the veteran outfit of bourgeois politics in the country stand red-faced and black-faced. As one of the major representatives of the ruling monopolists they have been performing as their political manager for two consecutive full terms forming two successive UPA governments at the centre. They left no stone unturned to serve their master in the best possible way. Yet they face uncertainty with election prospects. For them, it hardly matters. Today disgrace –corruption- criminality seem to have grown into assets for all these vote- based political parties like the Congress and others, which they use freely in the mutual mud-slinging and vilification against their political opponents during the electioneering campaign and so-called parliamentary debates. Only people drawn into vote-politics need to ponder how, what and why they should choose from among such parties.

Last decade of Congress rule: bonfire of corruption

And what did the Congress do in its two full terms, particularly the last UPA II regime led by them? They hardly cared to take any effective measure to check the

price of every essential commodity including food- fuel-power from shooting up to make it unbearable for people; they introduced Right to Education after long six decades of independence, along with making education a more and more

market-linked investment to become so dear as to run beyond the means of common people; they did the same to health facilities for common man pushing the latter increasingly into the grips of private profit-sharks, and so on. All this they did from behind the tall talks of development, inclusive growth, accountability and such others. But surpassing everything, the UPA government has unequivocally proved itself as one of the most corrupt governments, if not the most corrupt one, in independent India. Examples galore. We can only name a few well known ones to ring some known tones in readers' ears. Thus, there were 2G spectrum scam, Coal Auction or Coalgate scam, Telgi scam, the

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Myth-buster of 'Gujarat development'

In several previous articles in *Proletarian Era*, we have shown citing facts that the so called development model of Gujarat is a hoax. The state in fact has registered an utterly dismal performance on every count. For example, Gujarat, as per the UNDP criteria of Multi-dimensional Poverty Index (MPI-2010), has 41.5 per cent

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people in poverty with the number of 'Below Poverty Line' people standing at 40 lakh. According to 'India State Hunger Index 2008', Gujarat is shockingly ranked 13th among 17 big states. During the last sixteen years, job opportunities have been drastically reduced in Gujarat. The number of jobless people has risen by 97,095 in the last two years. Millions of workers in unorganized sectors like power loom sector, diamond sector, port, saltpan, sea food packing industries etc., are compelled to work in subhuman condition, without any minimum wage act, identity cards and any hygienic condition of work. Twenty-one lakh farmers have lost their top soil to floods and less than 10% have received any compensation. No one else but state minister Anandi Patel has admitted that 4000 villages are drought-affected. Farmers who have spent money digging tubewells but have no electricity are being asked to cough up nearly Rs1 lakh for electric poles. Out of total 37,248 people who have committed suicide in the "vibrant" Gujarat of Modi more than 5,500 are peasants. 43% of children in the below-5 category and 47% are undernourished. Every third child in the state is underweight. One in every five rural households has none of the three basic facilities — drinking water, electricity and sanitation — while only about 18% have access to all three. As many as 52 lakh households in the state have no toilet. Over 64 lakh households do not have any drainage facility and 49 lakh people are forced to defecate in the open. A recent survey found that there are 126 spots where manual scavenging is practised under the aegis of the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation.

Crime rate is spiraling. Ahmedabad and Surat have the dubious distinction of having recorded the country's highest crime rate. The entire police-administration has been communalized, made corrupt and caste-oriented. Human Rights violation, custodial deaths, repression and harassment of right activists, police atrocities on common poor people, fake encounters are ever on the rise. Rape incidents are increasing. In a span of twelve years, more than 50,000 cases of violence against women have been reported from 12 districts of Gujarat. Around 6000 children have been reported missing over the past five years. In many cases, those who kill children are not arrested; as often as not, the

accused are protected by their political mentors in ruling BJP. Like crime, corruption too is pervasive. Babu Bokhiria, a close Modi associate and minister was sentenced to three year jail after being found guilty in a 54 crore limestone scandal in 2010. In spite of that, he is continuing as minister.

A closer look at two important aspects of people's lives — education and health — shows up an unexpectedly dismal picture in Gujarat. Dropout rates in schools are unacceptably high at 58% compared to the national average of 49%. For *dalits* the dropout rate has increased to 65% and for tribals, to 78%. Pupil-teacher ratios are higher than the national average, especially in senior classes — at intermediate levels there are 52 students for every teacher in Gujarat compared to the national average of 34. There are 47,000 vacancies of teachers in primary and secondary schools and around 5,000 vacancies in colleges and universities. Universities are being run without regular appointments of Vice-Chancellors for months together. Debt burden of the government has gone up from Rs 26,000 crore to Rs 1, 46,000 crore. The net per capita debt burden is Rs 26,000 : the highest in India. The popular perception that roads in Gujarat are far better than in most other states is a myth. The roads in 18,500 villages, 13,700 village panchayats, 159 municipalities and eight municipal corporations are riddled with potholes. A PIL was filed in the High Court of Gujarat in 2013 to direct the state government to construct good roads. As per India Public Policy Report, 2014 which tracked policy effectiveness in states through four indices - rule of law, livelihood opportunity, social opportunity and physical infrastructure development, shows a marked decline for Gujarat, dropping from 11th position in 2001 to 16th in 2011.

So, on what parameter can one say that Gujarat has developed? In so far as common people are concerned, only growing misery and penury are in store. Of course if one talks of spectacular growth and prosperity of the corporate giants and the widening gap between a handful of rich and crores of have-nots, Gujarat like the rest of the country does have a lot to boast of.

Modi is rewarded by the class for his faithful service

And that is exactly the reason why Modi is being eulogized for having penned an unprecedented

growth story. The ruling monopolists know that in order to operationalize the ruinous prescripts of capitalist globalization, no labour law, no environment law, no rule, no regulation, no scruple, no honesty, no righteousness and above all no morality-ethics can be adhered to. Only one objective is to be achieved — the objective of generating abundant wealth for the industrial houses, corporate bigwigs and their boot-lickers at the cost of pauperization of the toiling millions. There is to be no concern for the unbearable suffering of the people; only unquestionable allegiance to the ruling monopolists. Gujarat has indeed been a showcase of such a model. Hence, the overflowing adoration for Modi and the strategic move to promote him as the country's prime minister so that this model could be extended to the whole of the country. It is reported that a few corporate giants like the Reliance and Adani group have already invested several thousand crores of rupees to thrust up Modi. It is also evident that Modi has full backing of the RSS—the parent body of the arch Hindu communal Sangh Parivar or saffron brigade. Behind the smokescreen of Hindutva, the motive of RSS is to buttress the class interest of monopoly capital and in return, enjoy pelf and power. Addressing a gathering of leading industrialists, retired bureaucrats, ex-armed forces personnel, former intelligence chiefs and some journalists organized to discuss RSS views on politics, economics and foreign policy, RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat said, "The RSS is not opposed to liberalization, privatization and FDI." When asked about a potential clash between the RSS's traditional position opposing foreign investment and the liberal economic policy framework being promised by the BJP's prime ministerial candidate Narendra Modi, he responded saying, 'We have a vision but there is a reality about the way global trade and commerce is being organized at this time. Our view also evolves over time.' (*India Today* August 8, 2013) In other words, it shows that RSS is committed to subserve monopoly class interest and hence its backing to Modi, the darling of the class.

Individual conflicts within BJP are nakedly manifest

But, despite all these, BJP's is a divided house. Howsoever frantic efforts the leaders might make to keep things under the carpet,

internal grudges within the party centring on nomination or choice of constituencies or even rallying behind Modi have erupted into full-blown disputes. One would recall that when first Modi's name was decided as next prime ministerial candidate in the party's Goa conference last June, many senior leaders could not accept it. L K Advani who has long been having a hawk's eye on the throne openly showed not just displeasure but virtual disapproval. He even threatened to quit the party. Though he was persuaded to soften his position, the scar remained. When everyone has been singing in praise for Modi's Gujarat, Advani has been loudly eulogizing the performance of the BJP chief ministers of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh saying that their track-record is no less commendable than that of Modi. Next, when the party re-nominated him to contest from Gandhinagar seat of Gujarat, he desisted. He preferred the Bhopal seat. Again there had to be hectic parleys to ultimately elicit his consent for Gandhinagar. Next, Murli Manohar Joshi, another former president of the party declined to withdraw his candidature from Varanasi in favour of Modi. Kalraj Mishra, another party heavyweight, went public with a claim on Kanpur seat which was being allotted to Joshi. BJP's blues over tickets for its top guns deepened with sitting Lucknow MP Lalji Tandon signalling his reluctance to vacate the seat for party president Rajnath Singh. The latest fiasco was with Jaswant Singh, another veteran leader of the party, who quit the party on being denied the Barmer seat, straightway turned the gun on the BJP leadership and finally decided to contest from there as an independent candidate. He launched a veiled attack on Narendra Modi saying the "NaMo-NaMo tamasha" and the decision-making process in BJP shows the "arrogance" of the Emergency era. Senior BJP leader Sushma Swaraj squared up to party president Rajnath Singh over the issues of PM candidate Narendra Modi contesting from Varanasi. She also asked why no meeting was held before giving shape to the alliance with Ram Vilas Paswan or to approve induction of tainted Karnataka leader B Srinamulu who is close to the Reddy brothers, controversial mining barons from Bellary. The spectre of fresh infighting ahead of Lok Sabha polls suggests that despite presumed overall acceptance of Modi's pre-

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Fiasco of CPI(M)'s Third Front and approach of genuine Leftism

Once the bell tolled for the 16th parliamentary elections, all the bourgeois parties and their social-democratic friends like the CPI(M), CPI started exploring how and in what way they could grab maximum seats. While the Congress and BJP are vying with each other to gain control of the central government, the regional bourgeois outfits like Mulayam's SP, Mayawati's BSP, DMK, AIADMK, JD(U), RJD, TMC, TDP are busy consolidating their position in their respective states so that they can remain visible in the corridor of power and increase their bargaining power in case of a hung parliament. Switching sides, grouping and regrouping of the parties, floor crossing of the leaders are taking place so frequently and rapidly that it is proving exceedingly difficult to understand who is with whom. A readymade alibi and escape route is available in the oft-repeated refrain, "there is no permanent friend or foe in politics." There is no principle, no policy, no scruple, no ethics—the sole determinant is how to brighten electoral prospect and stay close to power. There is least of concern for the people as the suffering multitudes are nothing else but mere 'vote banks' to them. And in pursuit of this opportunistic vote politics, perhaps all are outwitted by the CPI(M), CPI, the self-proclaimed official 'lefts'. The saga of electioneering of the CPI(M), CPI is indeed unmatched.

Renewed efforts to build up a third front

One would recall that after withdrawing support from the UPA I ministry, the CPI (M) leaders, on the eve of 2009 Lok Sabha elections, the CPI(M) leaders tried to stitch up a third front of non-Congress non-BJP parties and claimed that their front would form the government. The name of Mayawati was also floated as the probable prime ministerial nominee. But after virtual routing in the elections, the CPI(M) leaders found their third front ending in a fiasco. With remorse, the CPI(M) leaders admitted that their proposed third front did not catch people's imagination. This time also, the way the CPI(M) and its associates became vocal with their third front theory, started making hectic parleys with almost all the non-Congress non-BJP regional outfits and even arranged a convention of 11 parties they considered their "secular" allies, it appeared as if they would shake the entire country. But, to their utter disappointment, this much-hyped 'secular' third front of the CPI(M) proved to be a flop once again. Frustrated General Secretary of the CPI(M) admitted that before election it is not possible to form a common programme-based front. Even Sitaram Yechury, another prominent CPI(M) leader observes that, "Since 1977, all the coalition governments were formed after the elections....this time also, we feel, it will so happen after the Lok Sabha polls." (*Ganashakti*, CPI(M)'s Bengali organ, 04-03-14)

Why did CPI(M)'s third front flop?

But why did the project third front fall through? On the eve of another parliamentary election, people of the country can only look back with horror to the dreadful attack of the ruling capitalist class upon them and their life during this course of 66 years of independence, regardless of which party or parties won the elections and formed governments during this period. All over the country they find: price of essential items including food, medicine etc. have spiraled sky-high; hundreds of thousands of industries have put their shutters down; hardly any have come up instead; unemployment has soared limitlessly with fresh retrenched, laid-off, victims from downsizing adding each day to the swell; expenses for cultivation are increasing wildly fuelled further by black marketeering of all necessary ingredients; peasants, however, are deprived of remunerative price for their produce; thus workers, peasants, middle class people face inevitable doom of abject misery and insecurity that drags them to starvation, beggary, even suicides. Atrocities on women and children, rape, gang rape and trafficking are menacingly rising with perpetrators of crimes roaming about openly as they enjoy overt or covert indulgence or even tacit patronage from the administration- police- political powers that be. Corruption pervades every level of administration-bureaucracy- corporate world, every corner of the power corridor. The social-cultural ambience smacks of violence- vulgarism- naked self-centric grab-as-much-as-you-can

attitude. Education and health facilities have been made exorbitantly dear; the PPP model has reduced these to profit-hunting device for corporates; devaluation and abolition of examination, automatic class promotion and sex education in schools are robbing the essence of education and even shattering the moral backbone of students and youths. In fine, life has become nightmarish for all. One after another government is taking over but there is no abatement; rather escalation of this appalling plight of the masses. People are craving for relief which however is remaining ever elusive. In such a situation, why could CPI(M)'s third front not make any dent in the mind of the suffering millions?

First of all, we need to see what has been the policy declaration of the CPI(M)'s third front; whether it does offer a real alternative to the pro-capitalist policies of the Congress or BJP. What are the political stands of the constituents of the third front and what exactly is the perspective of formation of the front? According to the CPI(M) leaders, theirs is a 'secular' front which shall fight against corruption. How far is this claim true? Take the question of secularism first. The very concept of secularism is highly distorted in our country. Secularism does not mean encouragement to all religions but presupposes that religious belief is a personal matter. Society, politics, government, administration, education—everything will remain above religion, free from any religious influence. There shall be no interference of any religion in these spheres. Both believers and non-believers would enjoy equal rights and privileges. In terms of this yardstick, neither Congress nor any of the constituents of CPI(M)'s third front can be said to be practising secularism. All of them use religion merrily to buttress their respective political agenda. At the same time, they rampantly incite and exploit casteist-ethnic-tribal-regional-parochial-chauvinist sentiments in nurturing their respective vote banks. In fact, most of the parties have been founded on such narrow sectarian considerations. Each and every one of them is accused of indulging in corruption. Jayalalitha, Mayawati, Mulayam, Marandi – all are charged of massive corruption. Jayalalitha was once called the queen of corruption while Mayawati was accused of swindling huge

funds in Taj corridor case. Simply for grabbing one or two seats piggybacking on them, CPI(M) leaders are conferring on them the credential of secularism and calling them crusaders against corruption.

Now let us have a glance at the inner core of the front. In the very first convention of the front partners on 25th February, AGP and BJD were absent. Both these are reportedly sounding BJP for a post-poll alliance. AGP had allied with BJP in last elections while BJD had BJP as a coalition partner in Odisha government till the other day. TDP has already tied knot with BJP. Jayalalitha whose corruption once stirred the entire country and who was coalition partners of both Congress and BJP earlier also backed out from a seat adjustment with CPI(M), CPI. It is reported that she is sending feelers to the BJP for a post-poll alliance. Nitish Kumar who was running the government in Bihar with communal BJP till the other day also has received 'secular' credential from the CPI(M) leaders. In spite of that, Nitish refused to leave any seat to CPI(M). Mulayam's SP which is now accused of prolonging the recent Muzaffarnagar riot, too, is considered as staunch secular by CPI (M). But, despite overdose of appeasement, Mulayam did not oblige the CPI (M) by agreeing to any seat sharing with CPI (M) in UP. Mulayam's party even has come out of the CPI (M)-led front in West Bengal and announced to contest alone. Not only that. Mulayam has decided not to field any candidate against Sonia and Rahul Gandhi. As a reciprocation of this gesture, the Congress has announced not to contest against Mulayam and his daughter-in-law. This very Mulayam features in the CPI(M)'s non-Congress conglomerate. Next is Deve Gowda of JD(S). He had formed a coalition government with Congress in Karnataka in 2004 to keep communal BJP away from power. But when Congress engineered a defection from his party, he made a big somersault and joined hands with BJP to form a government headed by his own son. This very Deve Gowda who is once again having ambition of power sharing at the centre is a constituent of CPI(M)'s non-Congress non-BJP front. Not only that. The so called 'left consolidation' of the CPI(M) also received a severe blow when

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Third Front

No principle, no policy, no scruple, no ethics — sole determinant is brightening electoral prospect

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RSP deserted the CPI(M) in Kerala and joined hands with Congress. Babulal Marandi of Jharkhand Vikash Morcha is a former BJP chief minister. These are the kinds of non-Congress non-BJP 'secular' forces the CPI(M) has been befriending with for fighting corruption and communalism.

CPI(M) has no alternative policy suggestion

Not that the CPI(M) leaders are unaware of the character of the proposed front partners. Yet, why did they become overactive to forge an alliance with them? Do they really mean floating a true alternative to BJP-Congress based on policy or have they another axe to grind? Have they followed any alternative policy in the states ruled by them? Unfortunately not. The CPI(M)-led governments in West Bengal, Tripura or Kerala followed the same set of pro-capitalist pro-rich policies. They periodically hiked power tariff, fuel charge, transport fare and school-college fees, regularly imposed tax on the people, took no effective step to contain price rise by swooping on the hoarders-blackmarketees-price manipulators and above all have been on a spree of privatization in keeping with the directives of capitalist globalization. The CPI(M) government of West Bengal was the first to pass SEZ Act in the state assembly, even before the central government. It was also first to pass Power Regulatory Commission act to raise electricity charges. This very CPI(M) government also took out and out anti-education decisions to abolish English at primary level and eliminate pass-fail system. It also forcibly grabbed fertile agricultural land by evicting thousands of poor peasants for handing over to domestic and foreign monopolists and MNCs. All these were done in the name of 'leftism'. In order to curry favour with the ruling class, the CPI(M) went to the extent of crushing legitimate democratic struggle not only with the help of police but even letting loose armed criminals. It also has been first to use mass rape to suppress people's struggle. People have seen all these during the legendary Singur-Nandigram movements. During the span of CPI(M)'s 34 year rule in West Bengal, the high regard and esteem people had about Marxism-leftism has been substantially eroded. People of West

Bengal were so aggrieved and enraged with the CPI(M) misrule that they wanted to oust the party from power at any cost and that did happen.

So it is clear that the CPI(M) never pursued any alternative policy but stayed in power so long with the blessings and backing of the ruling class. In fact, neither united CPI nor its subsequent factions like the present CPI, CPI(M) or different variants of CPI (ML) had ever been Marxist parties. Upto mid-1960s, the CPI, CPI(M) notwithstanding their reformist outlook, used to participate in democratic movements. Their workers then had a struggling mind. But afterwards, they became so addicted to power that they virtually made parliamentary vote politics their bread and butter. They are only keen to be in the good book of the class so that they do not miss any opportunity to either rule in the states or share power at the centre. That is why, when the suffering people are desiring surge of powerful movement on the burning problems of life, they have deserted the path of struggle and are practising politics of capitulation. Bengal was once considered the citadel of left-democratic movements. Both the British imperialists and the Congress rulers used to dread the fighting spirit and fervour of protest of Bengal soil. But the CPI(M) in course of its 34 year rule planfully dispossessed the soil of this glorious tradition. It not only shunned the path of movement but ruthlessly crushed any surging people's struggle. As a result, rightist forces like TMC and even BJP could gain ground here. The only job of the CPI(M) today is to issue raise some routine, if not benign, questions in the assemblies or parliament, issue a few mundane statements, intermittently make a show of protest in media glare, occasionally organize some stray sit-in demonstrations to play to the gallery and take out a rally in Delhi once a year. It is only SUCI(C) which is singularly developing class and mass struggles round the country on a sustained basis upholding the banner of genuine Marxism-leftism. On the other hand, when tormented people are bursting forth in spontaneous movements, let alone providing leadership, the CPI(M) leadership is not even participating in those movements.

The CPI(M) often boasted that the strength of their party and mass organizations had crossed the 10

million mark. But it is now clear that this rise in strength was by use of the government machinery. All bragging was when they were in power. But once ousted from power, the tower of strength had collapsed like a pack of card. The CPI(M) had killed 159 of our workers and leaders, implicated 59 in false cases and got life term slapped on them. It was a concerted move to eliminate our Party. Yet, we did not bend, did not leave the field in fear but relentlessly and doggedly continued developing movements against their anti-people policies with revolutionary audacity. Even today, we have been conducting movements against the anti-people moves of the TMC government in West Bengal. But the CPI(M) in West Bengal now has virtually moved into the shell in the face of threat from the ruling TMC. The way the CPI(M) had once increased its organization by abusing governmental power and drawing criminals and anti-socials within its fold with lure of lucre and protection, TMC is following the same path. Many of the hard core criminals, gang leaders, touts, promoters-contractors-hoarders-price manipulators who were earlier sheltered by the CPI(M) have now switched over to the TMC. So, the CPI(M) is powerless today. Its leaders are hoping that if TMC by dint of its wrongdoings loses popular support, happy days would be back for them. It only proves that the CPI(M)'s growth was not based on any policy or ideology but derived from the hot seat of power. The CPI(M) leaders fear that they might lose a few more seats in West Bengal while riding on the anti-incumbency factor, they may gain a couple of seats in Kerala. But, their apprehension is that their overall tally might come down. So, to stay relevant in vote politics at the national level, the CPI(M) leaders are now need-bound to somehow erect a third front by somehow combining the regional parties and confer a 'secular' credential on them. But, all these parties are sunk in corruption. Not only the Congress or the BJP governments, even the governments run by these regional bourgeois parties are also accused of corruption and malpractices. The CPI(M) leaders have another objective behind the effort to somehow prop up a third front. Since neither Congress nor BJP is expected to get absolute majority and the regional parties are likely to

fare better in the hustings, the CPI(M) would bargain with the Congress to either support a third front government or persuade the regional parties to extend support to the Congress to form ministry and thereby keep BJP at bay. This is nothing new to the CPI(M).

Enviably record of somersault and changing colour

Let us recall the early 1970s. A massive movement centring on democratic demands of the people surged forth under the leadership of Jayprakash Narayan against the misrule of the Congress. Had the movement been given a left direction, the rightist forces could not have increased their strength by usurping the credit to their advantage, and arch communal BJP could not have come to the present position. But alleging that there are rightist forces in the movement, the CPI(M) stayed away from it. While Indira Gandhi's Congress, the CPI(M) opted for calling her 'healthy and progressive' and having a covert understanding with her. But the moment it was clear after the post-emergency period that the wind was blowing in favour of the newly formed rightist Janata party with arch communal Jan Sangh (now BJP) as a constituent, the CPI(M) in a *volte face* joined hands with the Janata conglomerate. The CPI(M) called the Janata party government at the centre a "friendly" government. Later, CPI(M) joined hands with BJP in 1989 to support the V P Singh-led government at the centre to keep Rajiv Gandhi-led Congress at bay. V P Singh government did not last for more than a year and a half. Chandrasekhar broke with V P Singh and headed a Congress-backed government for a short period. But riding on anti-Congress wave, BJP increased their tally from just 2 seats to 88 seats in the next election. BJP leaders must have been grateful to CPI(M) for such a spectacular performance! Again in 1996, a United Front government comprising parties of different hues including CPI(M), CPI took over at the centre. First Deve Gowda, now JD(S) leader, and then I K Gujral became the prime ministers. CPI joined the Deve Gowda government. The then general secretary of CPI resigned from the party post to become home minister. It was during Deve Gowda's time

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Make SUCI(C) candidates victorious in the coming Parliamentary elections

Uttar Pradesh

Sheshnath Tiwari: Pratapgarh

Sheshnath Tiwari, hailing from poor peasant family of Binaika village in Pratapgarh district of UP, was initially a member of the union of dairy workers at Kanpur. In 2009 he was associated with AIUTUC. After returning to his native village on retirement from service he started organizing peasants under the banner of the AIKKMS. His ethical senses, fighting spirit and initiative and his keenness to carry on his life struggle guided by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thoughts have helped him to become the District Secretary of the AIKKMS in 2012. He is now associated with the Rhakba Local Committee of the Party.



movements of different sections of toiling people on burning problems of life. To mention one is the movement against trafficking of women and children as a result of which 24 girls could be returned to their families. Angered by all this the former CPI(M)-led government incarcerated him on trumped up charges during Singur movement, but eventually their conspiracy failed and the case was dismissed.



Goutam Sarkar: Maldaha Uttar

While studying at Malda College Goutam Sarkar joined AIDS0 and took up important responsibility in organizing students' movement on various educational problems from the mid 1990s. Attracted by the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh he wholeheartedly engaged in the struggle to build himself up as a revolutionary cadre. Subsequently he got his MA degree in economics from Rabindra Bharati University. Despite his qualifications he did not opt for a career, instead staying at a party centre he has dedicated himself to political revolutionary party work in order to organize oppressed people, to stay at their side wherever necessary in towns and villages.



forcible land grabbing in Singur . He attended the Dhaka Anti-imperialist Conference. In course of these he became the Secretary of the Hoogly AIDS0 in 2007 , its President in 2010 and presently the incharge of Baichi Local Committee, SUCI(C).

Rajib Mudi: Jhargram (ST)

Dedicated party organizer and District Committee member of the AIDS0 Paschim Medinipur, . Rajib Mudi came in contact with the revolutionary thoughts of the SUCI(C) while a student. He developed students movements against fee hike, or in arranging for stipends etc., for needy students and other issues in his college and schools around.. He struck headlines for his role in anti-superstition movement. He played a vital role against terror unleashed by the CPI(M) goons and the Centre-State combined force deployed in Junglemahal forcing the latter withdraw their camps at local schools.



Ravishankar Maurya: Jaunpur

Resident of Mallupur village in Jaunpur district, Ravishankar Maurya was connected with the AIDS0 in 1995. Imbued with the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh he founded a bookshop in the name of Munshi Premchand. Judged on his sense of responsibility and initiative, he was assigned the responsibility of the State Secretary of AIDS0, which he is discharging sincerely till to date. He also takes a leading part in the movements led by the Party. He is a member of the state committee of the Party.



Paban Majumder: Hoogly

Paban Majumder became acquainted with the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and started political activity as an AIDS0 organizer. He deeply involved himself in building up movements against education fee hike, capitation fee, commercialization of education, etc. He faced fascist onslaughts from the CPI (M)-led government while building up resistance against



Tushar Jana: Medinipur

Tushar Jana, Member, Medinipur District Secretariat and Secretary, Narayangarh Local Committee, has played a front-ranking role in movements as a trusted mass-leader on demands of wage increase of sharecroppers and just price for crops, for protecting people from drought and flood etc., as well as against abolition of pass-fail system, bus-fare hike and electricity charge hike ; for thwarting the conspiracy to turn Vidyasagar University into a university for vocational education and resisting selling out seats at the Midnapur Medical College and on health related problems in vast areas of Narayangarh-Beldadatan- Keshiari .



WEST BENGAL

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Dulal Rajbanshi: Raiganj

Dulal Rajbanshi started his political life taking active part and responsibility in organizing students in the language and education movement from 1990. Eventually he became Uttar Dinajpur District Secretary of AIDS0 and later President. At present Dulal Rajbanshi is Secretary of SUCI(C) Uttar Dinajpur District Committee, having developed as an important party organizer and playing an important role in developing

Subarna Kumar: Purulia

Presently a teacher, Subarna Kumar was acquainted with Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thoughts towards the end of the sixties and

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Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C) addressing a workers' meeting at Kultali under Joynagar (SC) parliamentary constituency, West Bengal on 26 March, 2014

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joined the AIDS0 through the then eminent mass leader of Purulia late Comrade Sadhu Banerjee.



Later he among others founded the AIDS0 organization in the JK College of Purulia on the face of vicious terror of Chhatra Parishad. As a teacher, too, he took more important role in mass movements on education and other issues, even though he was assaulted by the ruling parties and their goons and implicated in false cases such as the one of 2009-2010 for a movement before the District Magistrate office continuing till to date on the fabricated charge of attempting to murder the DM clamped on him along with other leaders and cadres of the Party.

Kabita Singhababu: Bankura



A whole time Party worker, member of Bankura District Committee and President of district AIMSS, Kabita Singhababu was inspired with the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh as a student in the later part of 1984 and took active part in the historic language and education movement. She forsook her career and came out of commonplace family life to develop organization across villages. She founded a school and runs it for illiterate poor and middle-class children. She publishes a literary magazine. She has courted arrest and braved police atrocities several times. Kabita Singhababu has led movements on womens' problems as well as those of peasants-workers and hawkers. She leads a simple life and by virtue of her nature endears different sections of people.

Sadananda Mondal: Bishnupur(SC)

Joining the Party in 1985 Sadananda Mandal, now a whole-time worker, had been AIDS0 Bankura District Vice-President. As a student and presently a primary teacher, he has played an important role in education movements including the language movement, and those for the reintroduction of pass-fail system and for abolishing sex-education.



He had also been actively associated with

movements against price hike and transport-fare hike as well as on public health issues. At the same time he has striven to develop peasants movements in demand of irrigation facilities in his draught prone district. Working particularly among the backward communities, he has the ability to win over all sections of right-thinking people.

Kalicharan Sarder: Bardhaman Purba(SC)

A strong leftist leaning led Kalicharan Sarder initially join the CPI(M). But corruption and nepotism in that party disillusioned him about its character. In 2000 he found his cherished true Marxist party in the SUCI(C) and started working for it. For that he faced onslaught of local CPI(M), who even destroyed his bicycle repairing shop, his only means of livelihood, for keeping it closed during a bandh called by the SUCI(C). His dauntless dedication has earned him people's trust.



A L Gupta: Asansol

A veteran trade union leader, AL Gupta founded OGP Majdoor Union in Bharat Ophthalmic Glass at Durgapur in 1970 fighting against the CITU which compromised with the management and terrorized workers. Thereafter getting in touch with Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thoughts from the Party organs he joined the Party in 1973 and attended a school of politics in 1974 conducted by Comrade Ghosh himself. Since then he has taken a leading role in founding unions in Durgapur Engineering and Refractories during the Emergency, later in collieries, in IISCO at Burnpur, Disergarh Power Plant, Hindustan Cables and elsewhere. He was elected a member of the Bardhaman District Committee in the First Party Congress and is commendably working for workers movement as the president, West Bengal State Committee and Vice-President of the All India Committee of the AIUTUC.



Prof. Bijoy Dalui: Bolpur (SC)

Bijoy Dalui a Professor of Chemistry at Viswa Bharati University came into contact with thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh as a student. Taking part in different social and cultural movements including the historic language and

SUCI(C) and MCPI (U) to move jointly in Andhra Pradesh

In a joint press conference held in Hyderabad on 1st April, 2014, Comrades K. Sridhar, Andhra Pradesh State Secretary, SUCI(C) and Md. Ghouse, Andhra Pradesh State Secretary, MCPI(U) announced that the two parties would express mutual co-operation in the Assembly as well as the Parliament polls of 2014 in the state. Appealing for making the candidates of the two parties victorious in the state assembly and parliamentary elections, they said that they firmly opposed bifurcation of Andhra and believed in strengthening the unity of the exploited masses and developing democratic movements on the burning problems of life.

education movement he evolved as a dependable

organizer and later was elected to the State Secretariat of AIDS0. Playing a leading role in redressal of burning problems of peoples' life in Bolpur Sub Division and Birbhum District, including in movements of the All Bengal Save Education Committee, Committee to Resist Atrocities on Women, Breakthrough Science Society and Anti Imperialist Forum, Prof. Dalui became Secretary of Bolpur Local Committee and member of Birbhum District Committee of the Party.



Ayesha Khatun: Birbhum

Hailing from a conservative Muslim family, moved by Madhai Halder embracing the death of a martyr in the fare and price hike resistance movement in 1990, Ayesha Khatun joined party work actively and played an important role in building up movements against the abolition of pass-fail, fees-hike, giving out permits for liquor trading etc. Also hers was a prominent role in developing movement for text-books for the flood affected students at Rampurhat in 2000. She is now a member of Birbhum District Committee and equally loved and respected by both the educated section as well as oppressed women, bidi workers, domestic helps and other destitute and poor people.



Huge demonstration in support of SUCI(C) candidate N K Biju from Kottayam, Kerala



Sunil Gopal, the SUCI(C) candidate from Gwalior, MP addressing a election meeting

Capitalism is nakedly shameless today !

Earlier this week the Supreme Court of India directed Samsung Electronics Chairman to appear before a Ghaziabad court in a 1.4 million dollar cheating case filed against him.

Let us see what reaction this verdict invited from the Union Commerce and Industry Minister and what question the reaction may leave in mass mind. The minister said "Samsung is one of the largest companies of Korea". Does he mean : 'Hence it is to be properly respected too!' He said "...and it has huge presence and investments in India" So, he implies that this adds to Samsung's right to be treated with 'respect'!

The verdict, the union minister held "it sends a very negative message and will definitely adversely impact the investment and business climate". So, that is the prime question or consideration on the table! Finally the minister added "such extreme steps will send shockwaves amongst the corporate world. That should be avoided". And, this is, no matter what crime the accused may have committed, how nonchalantly he might have violated the country's laws and norms. This is the naked face of the Indian capitalist state servitors and defenders of which often boast of rule of law.

Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh sent message on the Lenin Day

January 24,1930! On the occasion of Lenin's death anniversary, the prisoners under trial in the Lahore Conspiracy case appeared at the court with red scarves around their neck. They were heard singing the song on Kakori. As soon as the magistrate arrived they began chanting slogans: Long live Socialist Revolution! Down with Imperialism ! Thereafter Bhagat Singh handed over to the magistrate the following message to be wired to the President of Third International:

" On the occasion of Lenin Day we are sending our heartfelt greetings for the great tidings in Russia and for Lenin's success to be carried on. We want to associate ourselves with international revolutionary movement. May workers' rule be victorious! May capitalism be doomed! Down with imperialism!"

Prisoners under trial
Lahore Conspiracy Case
[Published in *Tribune*, Lahore, 26 January 1930]

American rulers do not care for the views of their people!

CBS News polls (March 25, 2014) reveal the following data. First, though a majority of Americans (56 percent) support U.S. sanctions against Russia, forty-six percent disapprove of how Mr. Obama is handling these events. Second, few Americans (32 percent) are hopeful that sanctions will be effective at changing Russia's actions in Ukraine and Crimea. Just 26 percent think the U.S. should provide military aid and equipment to Ukraine in response to Russia's actions, while 65 percent - think the U.S. should not. 61 percent of Americans do not think the U.S. has a responsibility to do something about the situation between Russia and Ukraine, in the same way as they thought that the U.S. had no responsibility to intervene in Syria (68 percent), in

the fighting and ethnic cleansing in Bosnia (65 percent) or in the mass killings in Rwanda (51 percent).

Yet the US rulers continue to torment people of the world with their brigandage and overlordism.

NB : "This poll was conducted over telephone from March 20-23, 2014 among a total of 1,097 adults nationwide. Data collection was conducted on behalf of CBS News by Social Science Research Solutions of Media, PA. Phone numbers were dialed from samples of both standard land-line and cell phones. The error due to sampling for results based on the entire sample could be plus or minus three percentage points. This poll release conforms to the Standards of Disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls." CBS News

Cruelty – the name of Guantanamo Bay Prison

People of the world are now coming to know for certain that behind the pretentious gesture of the imperialists headed by the US imperialists of fighting terror, there remains their plain and simple motive to launch attack against a country , occupy it and plunder its wealth and resources. While doing this they kill people of that country indiscriminately in thousands including old and infants. Along with that they capture legions of them including women who defiantly fight to resist the raiders. The imperialist marauders throw these hapless victims into the dungeons of the countries they invade. Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo are such jails of perdition. While the former is in Iraq that falls in the same region of invasion, Guantanamo is located in Cuba in Latin America, altogether a different continent, forcibly built up by the US imperialists in 2002 defying Cuba's opinion and opposition. The imperialist mercenaries carry on steam roller of brutal

tortures on the prisoners there. They rape women prisoners, whether adult or minor, maim them and finally murder them inside the prisons. Abu Ghraib in Iraq houses mainly the Iraqi resistant fighters, Guantanamo Bay is that infamous prison where the US imperialists dump prisoners from different countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America who are also resisting the US incursion in their respective countries. Having seen the pictures of gruesome persecutions which could come out to the light somehow, the whole world got dumb-struck, rendered petrified.

Unable to bear with such savage repressions, most of the 166 prisoners of Guantanamo had, since last February, resorted to hunger strike unto death. Infuriated, the US imperialists brought down yet more repressions on the prisoners. They justified these tortures as a measure to save lives of those imprisoned lot. The prisoners took

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SUCI(C) election campaign across the country



Dr. Tarun Mandal at Joynagar, WB



Sitaram Tudu at Jamsheedpur, Jharkhand



Tapan Dasgupta at Vadodara, Gujarat



Ch. Murahari at Anantanagar, AP



M Umadevi at Bangalore South, Karnataka



Odisha candidate in a Road show

'Modi wave'

RSS is committed to subserve monopoly class interest and hence Modi is the darling of the class

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eminence, "unsorted" leadership issues remain. Factional feuds have reached such a height that the BJP leadership could not come out with its manifesto till commencement of the first phase of polls. But, for the ruling monopolists, Modi is so indispensable at this point of time that no one within BJP, not even Advani, had no option but to surrender to their wishes and forced to show a united face in public. Obeying the diktats of the ruling class, RSS is also not sparing anyone murmuring against Modi.

Yet, the reason for such dissensions within BJP is to be understood. The crisis-ridden ruling class is now laden with internal conflicts and contradictions. Had there been a countrywide torrent of formidable left-democratic movement along the right track, the ruling class would have, in its aggregate interest, been more active in patching up their mutual differences to show a united face against the rising people's upsurge. Since there is no such powerful people's united movement, internal conflicts of the ruling monopolists are coming out in the open. As it is known to all, the various leaders and who-is-whose in the trusted political parties of the ruling monopolists also represent the interest of the various individual industrial houses. In other words, most of them are the faces of different industrial and corporate lobbies. So these individual leaders or persons try to serve the interest of their respective mentors and also nurture individual aspirations. This is common with both BJP and Congress and for that matter, any other bourgeois party. The latest unfolding of group squabbles and personality clashes within BJP is a manifestation of that.

BJP's "principles" and communal teeth

Next is about BJP's posture. One would recall that when BJP shot into prominence in parliamentary politics in the 1980s, its leaders used to clamour that theirs is a "party with a difference", a "party based on values". The hollowness of this claim has already been established after BJP rode to power in some states and ran the central government. People found no difference between the Congress and the BJP rules in terms of escalated torment and misery of the people, surfeit of anti-people pro-rich policies, glut of corruption and

nepotism. With half the people of India not having the minimum provision of food-education-water-sanitation etc., BJP's *India Shining* was the heaven for the capitalists-imperialists. Profit of 2500 corporate companies rose by 39%. The then BJP president was found to be accepting bribe in cash. The coffin and other scams surfaced. Even today, when BJP leadership is crying hoarse against corruption by Congress, it is inducting tainted leaders like Yeddyurappa back in the party, opening the party door to many other dubious characters and Congress turncoats, even those with criminal records. There is not even an iota of scruple!

Over and above, what BJP-RSS flaunted was rabid Hindutva that threatened to polarize the country along communal line. Latest media revelations corroborated the fact that the demolition of the historic Babri Masjid on December 6, 1992, was elaborately planned by the various wings of the Sangh Parivar and executed with precision by trained volunteers. The trainers were retired high-ranking military officers, while Sangh Parivar top brass held indoctrination sessions. Riding on that communal polarization, BJP rose to power. Though feigning to have shunned the Hindutva agenda after ascending the throne, the BJP leadership tacitly fomented the divide and continued to pursue the RSS-Sangh Parivar line of anti-Muslim hate campaign. The diabolic anti-Muslim pogrom of Gujarat under direct supervision of Modi bore testimony to what extent BJP-RSS could go down to derive electoral benefits by driving wedge between the two main religious communities and exacerbate Muslim-bashing. Even while there is an all-out attempt towards a facelift of BJP as epitome of development and Modi is trying to uphold his 'liberal' credential by embracing some Muslims in public meetings as per a pre-determined con strategy, it has come to light how RSS-BJP orchestrated a large-scale communal riot in Muzaffarnagar, UP, seven months back to harvest gains in the parliamentary poll. Not only that. Amit Shah, right-hand man of Modi who is known for his hard core criminal records and for having masterminded and executed the Gujarat carnage as well as organized one after another fake encounter killings, just a week back gave an open call for "avenging the insult meted out to his Hindu Jat

community and use this election to reply to those who are ill-treating their mothers and sisters." He and his mentors know that for them a most convenient way to annex power is through communal polarization of the masses by perpetuating mutual hatred, rancour and periodic engineering of communal bloodbaths. This is further substantiated when one finds that there is a concerted communal propaganda by the Saffron Brigade using the internet. One such message reads: "Look at the big picture ~ what a pathetic country we are ~ just ready to get screwed first by Mughals ~ then the Brits ~ then both ~...come on folks ~ wake up". Another reads: "Our eyes are now on Shri Modi to take our 'Hind' away from under the feet of Italy and Islam. And in our Delhi I want to see as few Muslims as there are Hindus in Lahore". The use of the social network to vilify Muslims is typical of hardcore Hindutva agenda of the Sangh Parivar. Even in its manifesto ultimately released on 7th April, BJP has reiterated its commitment to the trinity of Hindutva issues — construction of Ram temple in Ayodhya, promulgation of uniform civil code and repeal of Constitution's Article 370 which guarantees special status for Jammu and Kashmir. This shows that sowing deeper the poison of communal polarization and seeking a consolidation of the 'Hindu vote-bank' is very much alive. But, the BJP top brass is also aware that it cannot answer to the people how burning problems of food-clothing-shelter can be solved by the slogan of Hindutva. So, whipping up a jingoism of Hindutva would not work, rather prove counter-productive. Hence, in the manifesto, there has been an attempt to strike a delicate balance between Hindutva agenda and wild promise of hollow development programme.

BJP's Hindutva has nothing to do with Hindu religion per se

We have also shown in details in our previous articles that Hindutva preached by the RSS-BJP has nothing to do with Hinduism. It simply reeks of gore inciting communal hatred against the religious minorities. But now when power is beckoning them, the wolves are wearing sheep's clothes. Though the RSS has all along skirted any proximity to Vivekananda and his teachings lest that should blunt their politics of spitting venom, persecution

and killing, the BJP leadership has been having Swami Vivekananda on its lips, as if the Hindutva preached by them is what Vivekananda stood for. This is not just a lie but indulgence in criminality. Everyone knows that Vivekananda was a believer in monotheist Vedanta and his thought process was guided in accordance therewith. His preaching of Hindu religion was not from the perspective of any fanaticism or inciting communal passion or spreading disaffection towards other religions. He honestly believed that Vedantic thoughts would beget the desired emancipation of the suffering downtrodden whom his heart cried for. "I call them simply traitors, who have their education at the expense of earnings by blood, sweat and tears of millions of downtrodden, poverty-stricken men and women, yet, drowned in affluence and luxury, they have no time to spare a thought for the poor multitude. They rest assured of appropriating the income of millions of Indian people as long as these people remain plunged in darkness of ignorance, yet they do not take any interest in them — each and every one of them I count guilty of betraying the country." This was Vivekananda's voice. Religion and fundamentalism-communalism is not the same. When religion is used as a tool to divide people and derive political mileage and grab power, it turns to fundamentalism. Vivekananda had categorically commented against such fundamentalism; saying that one who "dreams of the exclusive survival of his own religion and the destruction of the others, is ignorant". But all along with its "Hindu agenda" the RSS-BJP have been heinously trying to stir the chord of dissension among Indians to the extent of orchestrating genocides for petty electoral gains; and that is all that they have in view, which is indeed a far cry from what Vivekananda desired of his countrymen. Vivekananda even went to the extent of commenting that "Mohammedanism [Islam] came as a message for the masses. ... The first message was equality. ... There is one religion — love. No more question of race, colour, [or] anything else Mohammed ... was preceptor of egalitarianism ... God sent prophet...there are so many noble things in Islam...the moment one accepts Islam as religion, the entire Islamic people irrespective of caste, creed or religion embrace him as brother...this is not there in any

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'Modi wave'**BJP striking a delicate balance between Hindutva and wild promise of fake development***Contd. from page 8*

other religion...herein lies the own greatness of Muslim religion." Would Modi, the self-proclaimed messiah of the Hindus dare to display these observations of Vivekananda on his chariot, web-site or election meeting? Vivekananda explicitly expressed his scorn for people like Modi and company in no uncertain a term: "Talking about faith and belief and doctrine is easy, but it is so difficult to build character and to stem the tide of the senses". "I fervently hope that the bell that tolled this morning...may be the death knell of all fanaticism, of all persecution with the sword or with the pen...every system has produced men and women of the most exalted character. In the face of this evidence, if anybody dreams of the exclusive survival of his own religion and the destruction of others, I pity him from the bottom of my heart, and point out to him that upon the banner of every religion will soon be written, in spite of resistance: "Help and not Fight," "Assimilation and not Destruction," "Harmony and Peace and not Dissension." Are not these observations of Vivekananda a virtual whipping of the arch communalism of RSS-BJP-Modi? And if Modi brigade is to be taken as trademark Hindus, then neither Vivekananda nor Ramakrishna or Chaitanya can be called the true Hindus.

Of late, BJP is fielding the saffron-clad self-styled religious gurus in the fray. How apt was Netaji Subhas when he remarked that, "The Hindu Mahasabha has now fielded the trident-carrying monks and female ascetics for begging votes. Hindus bend their heads at the sight of trident and saffron colour. Taking advantage of religion and defiling religion, the Hindu Mahasabha has appeared in the political scenario. Every Hindu must consider it his duty to condemn this....You must isolate these traitors from the national scene. (Speech at Jhargram, *Ananada Bazar Patrika*, 14th May, 1940). The Hindu Mahasabha is the ancestral organization of the RSS-BJP. This is the RSS-BJP whom the industrial houses are now bent upon putting in to power. One, therefore, cannot but apprehend darker days ahead.

Thwart this menacing rise of Modi and RSS-BJP

The ruling class is desperate that the mounting anti-Congress feeling does remain confined to the

ballot box and never transcends the precincts of bourgeois vote politics. It is also aware that the BJP cannot just be foisted on the people as an alternative because of its dubious track-record. That both Congress and BJP share the same objectives of meticulously translating the prescripts of disastrous globalization into action is also very much in the public domain. People have seen that there is hardly any economic issue on which the Congress or BJP have any reason to quibble with each other. Even in terms of governance, both sail in the same boat. So, very cunningly the hype is centred on Modi. "*Aab ki baar, Modi Sarkar*" (This time, a Modi government) is the slogan. Modi is a poster boy of ultra, irrational doctrine of Hindutva which is a very convenient tool to keep people divided, pit them against each other at slightest of provocation, precipitate fratricidal bloodbath and thereby prevent any united upsurge

of toiling people against the capitalist oppression. Modi has demonstrated to the class how adroitly he can do that. Secondly, Modi has also proved his ability to crush the struggles of the workers and peasants with cunningness. From its class instinct, the ruling class could feel that here is a person who can be pitchforked against Congress with the help of the well-tuned media machinery. So, US firm Apco worldwide and Delhi-based Mutual PR have been hired to dazzle everyone with hi-tech campaign in favour of Modi. The ruling class believes that if the Modi experiment is successful, firm establishment of administrative fascism would be facilitated. Once fascism takes a firm root, it would be easier for the class to muzzle the voice of protest, destroy class and mass struggles, suppress flourish of progressive thoughts and make people blind ally to exploitative capitalist rule. As we have indicated above, absence of a

powerful surge of united left-democratic movement—thanks to the politics of capitulation of the pseudo-Marxists like the CPI (M) and CPI who, for pelf and power, are practising diehard opportunism and backstabbing people's cause—the soil has been made fertile for the ruling monopolists to deceive people with Modi tonic. Thinking people cannot acquiesce in the move. They must rise to foil the conspiracy. Unless this nasty bourgeois politics is defeated by cultivation of higher revolutionary politics of rousing the people against capitalism, the days of toil and woe, deception and deprivation, suppression and oppression will not end. It is only the SUCI(C) which is upholding this alternative political line distinctively, both in theory and practice, based on Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought. More strengthened is the SUCI(C) and revolutionary politics, nearer will be the end of this stranglehold of nasty bourgeois vote politics.

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the path in protest against keeping them confined for indefinite period as also against the inhuman physical and mental tortures on them by the jail authorities. These striking prisoners who have no specific charges on them are being forcibly nasal-fed. The journalists returning from the spot have disclosed this tragic plight of the prisoners. As reported by these journalists the prisoners are locked up in isolation in small cells with no space of movement. One Mohammad Al Hamiri, a prisoner, narrated, 'I sit as a muf in the cells all through the day, perform prayer and finally slip into slumber. I am taken out only for two hours throughout the day. I cannot walk that time too, as I remain shackled with heavy chain. Given my weak physical condition I cannot take this strain. On returning to cell starts the forced-feeding. And each time nose bleeds with the tube pushed forcibly into. The whole face gets bloodied. After wiping the blood-stain I retire to bed to undergo the same pains the following day. Thus my days pass'. Some Ahmed Juhar, another prisoner who has been undergoing hunger strike continuously for four years had to suffer the similar inhuman nasal feeding with profuse blood streaming down from nose and mouth. He is now free. He

described how he would remain in chain for hours for such brutal feeding. This sheep trader was arrested merely on suspicion and kept incarcerated for seven years in this prison. Gravely ill with beyond recuperation of sores in nose and back he is groaning under constant pain unable to earn livelihood any way.

The World Medical Association banned this forced-feeding method right in 1975. The American Medical Association also opposed this excruciating method calling it unethical in medical science. But the US imperialist rulers blatantly defied this ban and principle of medical ethics, which they otherwise condemned if perpetrated by other countries. This is what the nude hypocrisy the US imperialist rulers practice! The US imperialist rulers have muzzled the media against coming out any news regarding the pathetic plight of the prisons. The prison authorities have been persecuting the prisoners beastly, have been snatching away the minimum rights to be enjoyed by the prisoners, have been depriving them of minimum right to life days on under instruction of the US rulers. But none of these could be brought to light, thanks to the US imperialist smothering of media. The media too, with exception no doubt, as a docile component of the ruling class

have chosen to keep mum betraying the stark reality that no pillars of the bourgeois system can ignore the class compulsion. For any exposure to these grueling tortures would amount to going against the class, the capitalist-imperialist rule, as they would agitate the minds of the people against the imperialists with possibility of launching vigorous movements across the world. How democratic and impartial the media are! But it is this media that spread canards unceasingly against the Soviet Union alleging that all the democratic rights and norms were transgressed in Soviet socialism and drove every nails to every side to choke it. Not only this, even in the countries like North Korea, Cuba where are pursued the rules in the interest of the people, the US led imperialists carry out the lie campaign and the so-called impartial media stand by the canards widely publicizing them in their widely circulated newspapers and journals to help them reach nooks and corners of the globe.

The inhuman tortures in the prisons like Guantanamo Bay enjoin upon the people of the world to go all round mighty movement to thwart the imperialists in general and the US imperialists in particular who resort to such repressions against the people fighting for protection of freedom of their countries.

Congress rule

Does reality endorse the claims?

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Commonwealth Games and the IPL scam, Adarsh housing scam in Maharashtra and so many others. These are characterized by staggering amount of public money squandered (going up to the tune of thousands of crores of rupees) and by involvement of a variegated cross section of topmost echelon of the country, monopolists-industrialists, politicians including ministers, MPs, MLAs of different parties, in service or retired bureaucrats-police-military personnel, professional and others. In a different kind of instance, the first UPA government led by the Congress was in a desperate bid in 2008 to rustle up requisite number of MPs in its favour to push ahead the sinister Indo-US nuclear deal. The glare of small screen showed clearly how some of the targeted MPs had been flashing currency notes of bribe money on the floor of the parliament. It simply attested the allegation that crores of rupees were offered to the opposition MPs for supporting the treasury bench. The Congress, with an avowedly personally honest head of its government, can claim the distinction of nonchalantly tolerating all these scams, attacking media for exposing these to people and even holding brief for the wrong-doers officially announcing that everything was all right and was going by or done according to laws.

But people did not swallow what they were being dished out. They became restive, with cries and moves against corruption. It prompted the Congress leaders, including the present prime minister designate of the party in the ensuing election to make fiery speeches on firm resolve to fight against corruption. But it was a strange fire, if it was lit on one side, the other side was calm and cool! Even at that time the 'angry' young PM designate did not utter a single word on any concrete measure to take against tainted or implicated ministers or leaders of his party.

And how honest was the burst against corruption is proved now! The Congress surreptitiously in its second list re-nominated such black-listed personalities as candidates for the next election, who had to be removed from the last ministry a few months back on corruption charges (for example, the ex-railway minister Pawan Bansal, former union ministers like Subodhkant Sahay and Shashi Tharoor). How inspiring was this

move of the Congress to others is revealed from the fact that the former Congress ally, like the DMK has immediately followed the footstep to re-nominate their discredited ministers in the last UPA government. All this clearly proves what kind of fight against corruption the Congress will continue, if reset in power. The matter of fact is, the decadent capitalist system of the country itself breeds corruption every moment in every sphere. Along with other ancillaries of the system, bourgeois, petty bourgeois parliamentary political parties, more so those in power like the Congress freely and shamelessly make use of it for their petty interests for power and pelf.

Congress rule: Rich becomes richer leaving a yawning gap with majority languishing in poverty

Since the days of Indira Gandhi the Congress is so concerned about the poor! The UPA governments, both I and II, were also announcing their aim for development with an inclusive growth. And the net effect of their policies? The capitalist rule since independence seems to have flourished during their rule! At present India has 122 billionaires. Last year it was ranked fifth as a country in the world in the number of such rich (Wealth Report for 2013). Several Indians (like Mukesh Ambani, Lakshmi Mittal, Azim Premji, Sunil Mittal, and Kumar Birla) feature on the list of topmost billionaires released by the Forbes magazine, having assets of net worth reaching 1100 to 2100 crore of rupees. 300 of its 543 members of parliament are billionaires. Again in the global scene, Indian companies are acquiring international firms in an effort to acquire new markets and maintain their growth momentum, to buy cutting-edge technology, to develop newer products, improved business and industrial operations and with those, to take worldwide competition head-on. But this is one side of the scene! On the other side, India has the world's largest number of poor in a single country with more than 77 per cent of the people forced to live on Rs 20 or less per day (vide Arjun Sen Gupta Committee). The World Bank 2010 data show about 400 million people in India (1.29 billion people worldwide) live on less than \$1.25 per day. This is despite the frantic attempt of the Congress government to show to the world

with the help of 'statistical lies' that poverty is coming down in India!

A report of the Credit Swiss, an international advisory and research organization says 0.015% of the 1210 million (121crore) of population in India are rich. Net worth of them, the billionaire community, increased twelve-fold in 15 years, enough to eliminate absolute poverty in this country twice over, commented an international expert in a speech circulated by the IMF. A rural Indian spending Rs. 22.50 a day would not be considered poor by a Planning Commission whose Deputy Chairman's foreign trips during a six month time cost a daily average of Rs. 2.02 lakh. The Congress government has awarded the rich staggering amounts of tax concessions to the tune of nearly Rs 15 lakh crore during the last three years. On the other hand, subsidies in essential public welfare areas are further cut by Rs 2 lakh crores. Yet the government, its ministers, the Congress leaders as well as bourgeois economists and policy makers try to make people believe that the government lacks funds for development because of the huge amount of subsidies it has to pay on public welfare schemes. The latest NSSO survey for the period between 1999-2000 and 2011-12 concluded that the 'reform' measures though claimed by the ruling quarters and their lackeys to have spurred GDP growth has not trickled down to the neediest, a fact also admitted by the Congress leaders.

And the Congress leaders were vociferous in establishing to the countrymen that the global recession had not affected Indian economy. It was growing in full flair! According to the Economic Survey of 2013-14, GDP growth slowed down from 9.3 per cent in 2009-10 to 5.0 per cent in 2012-13. It is expected to stand at 4.986% in 2013-14 instead of picking up a range between 6.1% and 6.7% in 2013-14 as predicted. Added to this, the country will have to pay back \$172 billion (Rs 10320 billion) by March 31, 2014. Burden triples in six years. Every Indian including the poorest carries a debt burden of around Rs 35,000 – 40,000.

Congress rule: Fraudulent move to remove poverty and ensure food security for starving

The Indian capitalist economy is a part and parcel of the world capitalist system. The latter is

tottering from its intense market crisis and industrial recession. Obviously those cast shadows on the Indian economy. And so the Indian economy since it started its journey in independent India could never free itself from the dark spells of crisis. Its crisis has only aggravated as the world capitalist system became more and more decadent. The Congress government must enjoy the credit of bringing the economy of the country rapidly to the present state where gaps between rich and poor widen beyond limit and growth slumps instead of picking up.

A few more aspects may be added to bring in more clarification. During the last phase of its UPA II regime the Congress was markedly hectic in moving and clearing bills in the parliament to avowedly free the country from poverty and hunger and ensure food security for every poor. Why? Wasn't it because:

Number one, in 2009-10 after meeting all essential non-food expenses (manufactured necessities, utilities, rent, transport, health, education), 75.5 percent of rural people and 73 percent of urban people could not consume enough food to give the required calories per day (2200 per day in case of rural and 2100 for urban). In 2004-05 the figures were 69.5% for rural and 64.5 % for urban. What was the trend? Obviously during the first UPA regime, there was a substantial poverty rise.

Number two, India ranks 65 out of 79 nations in Global Hunger Index, worse than even Rwanda with 220 million people suffering the pangs of hunger (UN). Even around 72% middle class families have reduced 40% purchase of food grains, as an ASSOCHAM Report has shown.

Number three, government data show that in mid 2013, unemployment rate went up from 2.5% to 2.7%, whereas between 2000 and 2012 jobs have increased at an abysmal rate of just 2.2% per year. Of course, there is no data of how many jobs have been lost because of closures, lockouts and retrenchment because downing shutters in the industries is a daily phenomenon. Moreover, it is also not clarified if this so called figure of incremental employment consists of under-employment, casual and short-term contract employment, none of which can be considered as gainful engagement by any yardstick of measurement. Let us go a bit into details. Gainfully

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Congress rule**Marked by corruption, discrimination, fraud, stagnating economy***Contd. from page 10*

employed population came down from 42% in 2004-05, when the UPA government came to power for the first time to 36.5% in 2009-10 when the UPAlI government took up the charge to 35.4% by 2011-12. Of the country's total workforce 51 % is self-employed, around 15.6 % are on regular wage/salaried and 33.5 % are casual labourers. As National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) reveals, a large chunk to the tune of 2 – 2.5 crore of self-employed population lose out almost in regular course, adding mostly to the band of casual employees. A casual labourer gets very low wages (Rs 100-150 a day), and finds work for 100- 150 days a year; even the government schemes like the MGNREGA, provide for only 100 days' work. Agricultural employment, the mainstay for over two thirds of the people, has practically not grown over the last decade. Manufacturing jobs have grown by just 4% per annum as industry languishes.

Whatever little growth visible is only in a few areas of services sector, mostly retail trade, hotels and restaurants, including petty shop-keeping, hawking etc., construction and personal services like cooks, maids, guards, washermen and so on. Such jobholders increased from about 36 million to 53 million. But these jobs are transitory, low-paying, often seasonal, mostly contractual and with very minimalist facilities or benefits. 9 million farmers have vanished in 10 years. And at a time of jobless growth, they've had few places to go beyond the lowest, menial ends of the service sector or to take their own life. Suicide among farmers is menacingly increasing.

The government's decision to implement the world's largest child labour elimination program and allocation of Rs 126 crore in 2007 for eradication of child labour indicates how massive the problem is and how significantly child labour may creep into the measure of employed.

Taken all these together, one can visualize that people considered employed are not always employed above subsistence level. Rather they include a sizeable portion of child labour. So the real measure of unemployed is well above the official figure. Can poverty be wiped off if unemployment soars

and people are deprived of a decent livelihood? And what relation does unemployment have with poverty, other than being positively correlated?

But the Congress ministers have a queer way of looking at poverty

While the pauperized countrymen are having no means to earn even a square meal a day and recession is gripping the economy in absence of demand, the 'economist' finance minister of the UPA II government holds that demand is increasing so much as to trigger severe inflation.

The FM further says that "agriculture continues to perform very well", and "in 2012-13, total foodgrains production" was over 250 million tones. So, there is no shortage in production. And the Congress is going to guarantee food security for everybody.

But why the question of ensuring food comes even with huge, often claimed as record production of foodgrains? The "learned" FM did not answer. The answer is that, 'because of a flawed supply system' the produce does not reach the target. People know it from their experience that in the country the supply of food, in fact of all essential commodities lying largely in the hands of private operators, is constrained with an impenetrable grip of a nexus. It is a nexus of hoarders, black-marketeters, a powerful lobby of greedy businessmen, corrupt, callous administrative machinery, even nowadays the corporates. This nexus of private operators controls production, manipulates storage, speculates and fixes price and regulates distribution; running parallel to the rickety government-run supply machinery it even controls the latter: and this is all to the detriment of the people, the consumers and to the benefit of profit-hungry sharks. Added to these is the virus of reckless export of some of the items for the sake of reaping maximum profit and getting a foothold in the global market with an image of benevolence, even keeping the countrymen starving. True, the process has been on since independence. The Congress has the distinction of hastening it up for the monopolists and profit hunters to earn profit huge and fast during its rule. Of course, the Congress did not forget to shed crocodile

tears for the people without 'food security'.

Congress rule: Words of women empowerment lost in the wails of victims of atrocities

Politics rot with corruption, economy shattered, the Indian capitalist system does not leave social-cultural ambience clean and sound. Rather that too stinks with the foul smell of decadent capitalist crisis. The Congress has added to the woes of people by allowing this stench to deepen. Their same dubious role of shedding tears for people and acting the other way is evident in other fields. Crimes against women, namely rapes, kidnappings, sexual harassment, trafficking, molestation and domestic cruelty including dowry deaths are alarmingly and ceaselessly on the rise. The National Crimes Records Bureau report provides that from 228,650 cases reported to police in 2011 it went to 244,270 in 2012. The capital of the country has become the crime capital. The 16 December incident of Damini in 2012 marks a watershed from where people started to burst out. The reluctant Congress leaders and ministers acting under pressure of people's protest, framed law, pledged quick punishment. The Delhi case is still going on (so fast!), incidences of gruesome atrocities do not show any signs of coming down, miscreants ranging from the lowest rung of the society to the highest move gleefully around (a top-ranking police officer enjoying awards sexually exploits a teenager and harasses her protesting brother to the extent of pushing him to take his own life; even then he comes out smilingly of court escorted by his lawyer wife and the country is made to forget the incident). So here again, a nexus works in full vigour tacitly protected by the Congress government. And why will it not do? The Lok Sabha members are the lawmakers of the country. In this country with vast masses of wretchedly poor population how many of those lawmakers (55% of total MPs) are billionaires has been mentioned above. How far they will stand for the rich and how little for the poor can be judged with a little guess. In a different measure, of these lawmakers of the last Lok Sabha, 30% members have criminal cases against them; 14% have serious cases. Out of more than 4000 members of state assemblies, 31% have criminal cases against

them, nearly 15% have serious cases (Source:—ADR & national Election Watch, August 2013). And quite naturally the Congress has a lion's share in the criminally marked MPs and MLAs.

Without stretching the dry facts and figures any more, the deeds of the Congress may be summarized as follows. As the matter stood during this decade long Congress – led union government's rule, the Congress has proved itself as a party that professes to fight corruption, but protects it, thereby fosters it and even politically reinstates its discredited corrupt leaders and ministers. It is a party which calls for development and inclusive growth. Its policies and measures help the country produce more and more billionaires, more and more poor and wider and wider gaps between the rich and the poor. It cheats people with the assurance that Indian economy is not affected by the global recession. In reality people find the economy stagnates, prices rise to the sky, jobs dwindle, unemployment rises, poverty takes deeper root, education and health facilities are made to become so much dearer as to run beyond the means of common people. The Congress is a party that writes off these facts and instead produces flurries of cooked up figures and data to prove that poverty is reduced, illiteracy is being removed, people at large are enjoying excellent medical facilities. It is only to cater to people of the world, because the Congress government acting on behalf of their master, the monopolists, required some presentable data, no matter if it is extensively fudged or spruced up, to enhance the brand value of itself and its master, as emerging superpower. The Congress is a party that talks of women empowerment but remains oblivious to the growing atrocities on women and children or if forced to act, skirts the issue in as many ways as possible. So the Congress during its last decade-long rule has not just upheld its identity as a bourgeois party engaged in serving their masters, the monopolists. Its subservience to the monopolists has gone to such depth as to bleed people white only to make rich richer and gain an international crown. Now it is people's turn to decide if they have any least of reason to vote the Congress again to power and invite more misery and penury!

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CPI(M) never pursued any alternative policy but stayed in power with backing of the ruling class

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that the BPL—APL divides were introduced in place of the prevailing public distribution system. It took no time for Congress to turn from foe to friend of CPI(M). In 2004, the CPI(M) lent unconditional support to the Congress-led UPA I government and boasted that “through its support from outside, it was providing content and character for the government’s policies.” (*People’s Democracy* editorial, 17-04-2014) And the countrymen could experience what devastation those policies brought to their life.

CPI(M) not interested to build up genuine alternative to Congress, BJP

If the CPI(M) leaders were really interested in forming a genuine alternative to the Congress and the BJP, they would have shun the practice of anyhow propelling an unprincipled combination of the regional parties solely for harvesting some electoral benefits. They would have instead taken initiative to build up long-drawn powerful democratic movements of the people along correct leftist orientation combining all the left and democratic forces. On the one hand, this combination would have wrested some of the demands by conducting uncompromising battle against the governments run by the trusted parties of the ruling bourgeoisie while on the other hand, if an election would have been declared during the course of the movement, this very combination would have fought that with a clear objective of reflecting the voice of movement inside the legislature. In the process, the illusion people harbour about the big bourgeois parties could be removed. At the same time, all these parties could be unmasked and isolated from the people. But because of their social democratic character—that is the character of

playing a role of compromise between labour and capital — did not embrace that path despite repeatedly requested by us. Even when the CPI(M) was murdering our comrades, we had called upon them to build up such broader left-democratic movement at all India level. But they did not respond.

Since 1952, so many elections have taken place. So many governments have been formed. But has there been even a semblance of improvement in people’s life? Rather, with every passing day, capitalist exploitation is tightening its strangulating hold and people are wrecked by harrowing price rise, mounting unemployment, rising penury and misery. Elections change governments. But there is no change of the oppressive capitalist system. Based on the teachings of Marxism-Leninism, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our leader, teacher and guide and one of the foremost Marxist thinkers, has shown that whichever government, irrespective of hues, is saddled in power through elections, it only serves the monopoly capital, both domestic and foreign, as faithful political manager. It ought to be borne in mind that the only way to be emancipated from the suffocating situation is to build up class and mass struggles of the toiling people as conducive to anti-capitalist socialist revolution. People have to understand that neither mouthful of promises by any party, nor the charisma of any media-backed bourgeois leader will bring them any relief. If they are carried by the media propaganda or suffer from any illusion about any party merely by seeing the colour of the flag it waves, they would only be duped and land in frustration. Election ought to be viewed from the perspective of advancing democratic mass movement. Notwithstanding difference in

espousals and colours of the flags, there is in reality but two sides in politics—on the one side are all the parties subserving the class interest of the monopoly houses, corporate sector and big business and on the other side is the SUCI(C), the lone representative of the toiling masses including the workers and peasants. If an SUCI(C) candidate wins, he upholds the voice of extra-parliamentary class and mass struggles inside the House. People have witnessed it in the extremely significant role played by Comrade Tarun Mandal, the lone SUCI(C) MP, as elected representative of the people in the last 15th Lok Sabha. Boldly he opposed all anti-people policies and decisions of the government, singularly protested against the most condemnable decision to substantially hike the salaries and perks of the MPs when millions are starving in the country; he participated in various movements of the people and sounded the voice of those movements inside parliament and moved around from place to place to be by the side of the common toiling people, sharing their joy and woe, standing by them in the hour

of need and difficulties and undertaking various charitable and welfare activities. By dint of his own activities, he earned the distinction of being an MP, matchless and unique in every respect. This is where the difference between revolutionary politics and bourgeois vote politics lies. This is what demarcates the approach and outlook of a revolutionary political party and a reformist vote-based party towards even election. All our MLAs, whether in West Bengal or Assam, Bihar or Odisha, devotedly discharged this responsibility with clear revolutionary purposiveness. So, when the CPI (M) from its reformist-compromising approach gives dress rehearsal for somehow propping up an opportunist unprincipled third front, SUCI(C) appeals to the people to return tried and tested soldiers of democratic mass movements in the election and intensify class and mass struggles against gruelling capitalist exploitation. So, is our fervent call to all right thinking people to make the SUCI(C) candidates victorious and strengthen the politics of movement.

AIMSS condemns

Mulayam’s defence of rapists

Dr. H. G. Jayalakshmi, General Secretary, All India Mahila Sanskritik Sangathan issued the following statement on 11 April, 2014:

The AIMSS finds no words strong enough to condemn the comments of Samajwadi Party chief Mulayam Singh which are diluting a ghastly crime like rape. At a time when the criminal acts of rapes occurring in India daily and hourly are severely condemned both at national and international levels, his statement that ‘Boys are boys and they do commit mistakes and they should not be hanged’ is nothing but shielding the criminals and abetting the crime. This reflects his highly patriarchal outlook that men can commit crimes and women are to be victims. The AIMSS demands strongly that not only the criminals who commit rapes should be severely punished, the people who justify and encourage the crime even verbally should be equally penalized.

The AIMSS also condemns his statement demanding amendment of the new anti-rape law. One cannot but acknowledge the fact that the present criminal law against rape has been enacted after the historic protests which occurred all over the country against the growing number of rape. Men, women, all the democratic minded people and the saner section of the society will not let his intention to get the law amended become a reality.

The AIMSS calls upon all sections of people in general and women in particular to protest against this highly anti-women and pro-criminal statement.

Corrigendum

Through inadvertence, the date of Marx death anniversary observance in the caption of a photo on last page of last issue was mentioned as 6th March instead of **14th March**. We sincerely regret the mistake.

In the forthcoming parliamentary election



Cast your vote in favour of SUCI (C) candidates on the Glass symbol

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