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24 April observed countrywide with befitting solemnity

It is the 60th year since 24th April emerged in the annals of history of mankind as a day marking the advent of a new era encrypting the glorious struggle of the Indian proletariat armed with the invincible weapon of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh thought for accomplishing anti-capitalist socialist revolution and free the masses from the tentacles of ruthless capitalist exploitation bestriding the country like a dead weight following transfer of power through compromise in 1947. On this day was born the SUCI, the vanguard detachment of the Indian working class, its own instrument of struggle, the best creation of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of the era who in course of concretizing Marxism-Leninism on this soil developed it, enriched it and elevated its understanding to a new height. In the current phase of the era of imperialism, war and proletarian revolution as great Lenin had called it, when world imperialism-capitalism is stricken with an insoluble daily and hourly crisis, has become ruthlessly

oppressive, suppressive and unbridled in its despotism in absence of mighty socialist camp, in view of attack of revisionism from within and imperialism from outside plunged in utter corruption, retrograding the mental process through continuous fomenting of depraved rotten thoughts and bent upon erasing even the last trace of human essence through incessant injection of vulgar and obscurantist preaching's, it is only in the light of the enriched understanding of Marxism-Leninism provided by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh thought covering all aspects of life that can illumine the path and give right direction to life.

The country is now rocked by sharply intensifying class and mass struggles. On one side, governments of all shades, right to so called left, are bringing down all-out attack at the behest of the ruling capitalist class and in the name of implementing globalization-liberalization-privatization, the imperialist design that throttles common people of the whole world. On the other hand, people are coming out in increasing number to

rise up against this onslaught. This has been the socio-political background on which was observed the party foundation day throughout the country marked by solemnity and determination. Everywhere, pledges were taken anew to further the cause of mass and class struggles on the strength of Marxism- Leninism- Comrade Shibdas Ghosh thought. Leaders of the Central Committee of the party addressed the Foundation Day meetings at different state capitals.

Salt Lake Party commune, Calcutta

At the Salt Lake Commune of the party in Calcutta, a brief programme was held in a somber note. After rendition of the songs on the party foundation day and Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our leader, teacher and guide, Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, our beloved General Secretary and a revolutionary compatriot of Comrade Ghosh offered floral tribute to Comrade Ghosh's portrait. He was followed by Comrades Sukomal Dasgupta and Sitiesh Dasgupta, both members of the



Comrade Nihar Mukherjee addressing at Salt lake Commune, Calcutta

Central Committee. Thereafter, Comrade Ghosh's portrait was garlanded by all other comrades present there. In his short but inspiring speech, Comrade Nihar Mukherjee said

Comrade Nihar Mukherjee said : Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, one of the foremost Marxist thinkers and philosophers of this era, started the struggle for formation of the party along with seven comrades-in-arms. 59 years back from today, on the 24th April, 1948, he founded the Socialist Unity Centre of India (SUCI) through a convention. At that time, the establishment of a true

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Comrade Provas Ghosh addressing at Saheed Minar Maidan, Calcutta

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh thought represents concretized form of revolutionary Marxism-Leninism on Indian soil

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Marxist-Leninist party in the country with the objective of freeing the proletariat from all sorts of exploitation had become an indispensable necessity. The party was founded when those who had come forward to form the party, reached a certain stage in attaining communist character through pursuing the process of developing democratic centralism and conducting incessant socialist ideological struggle covering all aspects of life including politics, morality and ethics, taste and culture from the very inception under the leadership of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Comrade Ghosh realized that earlier, in the communist movement, the ability to make one's individual interest secondary to the interest of the party used to be considered to be the quality of a good communist. But the attacks of bourgeois individualism had taken such intense form in the era of utterly crisis-ridden capitalism that only those who would be able to not only make their individual interest secondary to the interest of the party but would be able to totally merge their individual entity with the party, revolution and the class, could be considered to be good communists now. The real strength and the distinctive character of our party springs from the struggle of the party members to attain a higher morality-ethics-culture and a communist revolutionary character on the basis of this teaching of Comrade Ghosh. The ideological centralism and, on its basis, the organizational centralism of our party have developed, on the one hand, through the struggle to attain advanced communist character and on the other, through the struggle to develop one process of thinking, one process of analysis and the same purposiveness covering all aspects of life. The process of leading a collective life inside the party guarantees the success of this struggle. Right from the very beginning of the party formation, Comrade Ghosh laid the utmost stress on this struggle. It is in this process that constant common association, constant common discussion and constant common activity have become established practices in our party.

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh has shown that it is through giving birth

to collective knowledge in the party and in course of the struggle for its development that ideological centralism and organizational centralism grow up in a manner conducive to each other. But the experience of the communist movement has shown in many instances that the party would become ideologically weak and mechanically centralized unless not only the leaders but also the rank-and-file party workers can keep this incessant struggle within the party ever living for intensifying the inner party ideological struggle more and more not only on the economic and political questions but on all questions covering all aspects of life and society.

The possibility of this danger is much more real now because the complexity of life is ever-increasing in the present situation, class struggle is becoming even more fierce and intense and revisionism and vile bourgeois individualism have engulfed the communist movement. That is why Comrade Ghosh laid importance on consolidation of ideological centralism and proletarian democracy inside the party before everything else. The present call of the Central Committee for the struggle to eradicate the shortcomings and weaknesses within the party in order to further consolidate it, is based on this teaching of Comrade Ghosh.

During the process of formation of our party, the undivided CPI existed in the country enjoying recognition of the international communist leadership. But from a correct understanding of Marxism-Leninism, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had realized that the CPI had not developed as a true working class party. Despite pedantry and study of Marxism of many of the leaders of the then CPI and the many sacrifices made by them in life, the CPI, because of its inability to correctly apply Marxism in the particular Indian situation and the failure to adopt the correct process in the formation of the party, instead of developing as a communist party, developed with the character of a petty bourgeois party, as a social democratic party, a compromising force between labour and capital. When Comrade Ghosh made this evaluation of the CPI, that party had not yet split. But after the split of the CPI, the CPI(M) that arose out

of the split, has ever since been moving with the same character and its present activities more and more confirm the correctness of Comrade Ghosh's evaluation. In the present times, such social democratic party is the last resort of capitalism. Such a party can mislead and delude the people much more than the established bourgeois parties and so can serve capitalism much more faithfully. Such parties take up fascist character and become protectors of capitalism-imperialism at its time of crisis.

Before the formation of the SUCI and afterwards, despite the limited strength, Comrade Ghosh made arduous efforts to conduct mass movements and class struggles, laying the main stress upon ideological movement. Among his original seven comrades-in-arms, only I am still living. But taking lessons from the movements he conducted during his life time through the party he built up with his own hands, a myriad of leaders-workers and common people, being involved in the activities of the party, are engaged today in developing the mass movements on the burning problems in the people's life with every care and dedication. Our activities have spread out to 20 states of the country, we are in the mass movements everywhere. You are witnessing how we are organizing movements on every problem of the people in this state of West Bengal. In the movement for saving agricultural land from being grabbed forcibly in the name of industrialization that started recently, our party workers have played an active and bold role everywhere in Singur and Nandigram. Nandigram has shown that if the people rise up unitedly in resistance with indomitable spirit, even the ferocious state power is forced to bow down its head. You have also seen that if the people's awakening takes such powerful form from the intense urge to protect life, living and existence, then it does not require much time for even a stronghold of the CPI(M) to collapse. This movement has cast influence not only in the whole country but also in America, Latin America and Norway. Indian students abroad have held protest meetings. Not only the Indians but even distinguished persons of those countries have protested strongly.

The planning with which the CPI(M)-led state government is proceeding in the name of industrialization makes it clear that the CPI(M) is out to anyhow establish itself as the most faithful servitor of capitalism. But even with all its efforts, it is not capable of protecting capitalism. No party would be capable of protecting capitalism. Such is the truth revealed by the history of advancement of human civilization.

That is why the leaders and workers of our party would have to meticulously examine and analyze every event and development, every movement and its course. Superficial concepts and work will not do. One would have to delve deep into everything with perseverance and an attitude of learning, to mingle with the masses and work as one of them. We have said that our movement would continue till the demands that have been raised centring round the Nandigram events are met. Along with this, it should never be lost sight of that there are many parties which participate in such movements for the purpose of making gains in election politics. Their chief aim is to secure votes. And the way we view it is to educate the people through mass movement, to draw them into vortex of revolutionary movement and to advance towards revolutionary uprising without which the masses cannot be freed from exploitation and oppression. So, whenever the drums of election at any level are sounded, we should caution the people about the parties whose only concern is for securing votes.

We should explain this to people of every stratum starting from the intellectuals. This would be an earnest appeal on behalf of our party. We would seek to move shoulder to shoulder with everybody. We should make sincere efforts to ensure that all sections of the people can play their respective roles in this movement. You have all noticed that despite the judiciary being a committed one, how the suddenness and intensity of the attack on the people of Nandigram impelled the Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court to *suo motto* ask CBI to institute an enquiry. Also Calcutta High Court Bar Association visited Nandigram and after a detailed investigation

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Row over sharing of Cauvery Water

Defeat Designs to Defuse United Movement against Murderous Globalisation Onslaughts

The Cauvery River Water Dispute Tribunal has at last passed the long awaited Award regarding the question of sharing of the Cauvery river water among the four riparian states, viz., Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Pondicherry. The salient features of the Award are that in a normal water year shares of the contending states shall be 270 TMC ft of water for Karnataka, 419 TMC for Tamil Nadu, 30 TMC for Kerala and 7 TMC for Pondicherry; Karnataka shall release 192 TMC ft of water for Tamil Nadu (instead of 205 TMC awarded in the interim award in 1991); this amount shall be measured at Biligundlu (border between both the states) and not at Mettur (70 Km from the border) as was the case according to the interim award; removal of the capping of irrigated area at 11.2 lakh acres for Karnataka, rather it can be enhanced to 18 lakh acres and beyond also; sharing of the distress proportionately by all the concerned states during lean seasons (as against mandatory release of 205 TMC as per the interim order – irrespective of whether there was good rainfall or drought) etc. While Karnataka has been allotted 270 TMC as against its claim of 465 TMC, Tamil Nadu is allotted 419 TMC as against its claim of 565 TMC. Again while Tamil Nadu argued for measurement of water flow at Mettur, Karnataka argued for measurement at Biligundlu.

Congratulations to people for maintaining calm

At the time of this article going to the press, people are watching the various responses to this award from various quarters. At times even 180 degree turns in the stands taken by certain forces are being witnessed, that too not once but repeatedly. Claims and counter claims are being made by contending parties. While one side hides their gains and highlights losses, the contender party too resorts to the same ploy! Facts are selectively dished out daily to buttress respective claims. Karnataka witnessed a total Bundh on 12 February at the call given by certain regional forces which was backed by not only the BJP – JD(S)

coalition government but also by almost all political parties including the so-called Marxist party like the CPI(M), etc. All these parties without exception are supporting the stands taken by their respective state governments and hence, though claiming to be 'national', in actuality they are behaving like regional parties.

It is a matter of great relief that however highly tempers might have been frayed, there was, other than stray incidents, no violence on the scale witnessed in 1991 when several precious lives were lost in Karnataka (that it was engineered by the then ruling government never remained a hidden secret). Our party the Socialist Unity Centre of India congratulates the people of all four concerned states, especially of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, for exhibiting extraordinary restraint and tolerance, even amidst gravest provocations by vested quarters to pit the people of one state against those of another. We fervently appeal to them to safeguard their unity as apple of the eye, particularly when exploited masses of all states are facing utter ruination with the ruthless implementation of the pro-monopoly, anti-people policies of globalisation – privatisation – liberalisation by all governments, central and state, and of all political hues.

Defeat deep-seated conspiracy to instigate people against people on the emotive issue of water

But most deplorable is the role played by a section of the print media, which is engaged in 'unearthing' newer and newer 'truths' almost every day, to whip up parochial sentiments, by quoting 'facts' to prove how this or the other state had been deprived of water. Despite all this provocation, it is noteworthy that the peasants, particularly of the Cauvery basin districts, have by and large remained calm – a distinct departure for Karnataka from 1991, when they exploded in angry outburst against the interim order to release 205 TMC ft of water to Tamil Nadu, irrespective of availability or non-availability of water.

Who does not know that water is such an essential need for life, it

is hence at once an emotive issue. Whenever shortage of water arises, whether for drinking or for agricultural purposes, grave consequences follow among the concerned parties. It is as true between disputing lanes and by lanes within a village, as between villages & villages, districts and districts, states and states and between nations and nations. There are examples galore centring round sharing of Ganges between India & Bangladesh, Ravi and Beas between Punjab and Haryana, Krishna between Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra, etc. Roused passions at times have led to fratricidal blood baths even. That is why whenever there is a dispute it is extremely important that a critical analysis be undertaken in a most dispassionate manner.

Water alone cannot mitigate the sufferings of farmers today

And again even while water is most essential for agriculture, it is not the sole input. Today even with full irrigation, agriculture no more brings smiles on farmers' face. In pursuing with the policies of globalisation and the dictates of IMF & World Bank, the governments have been withdrawing subsidies extended to seeds, fertilizers and pesticides, thus making agriculture an extremely costly proposition. To top it all, even when the peasant gets good crop yield with use of all the inputs including water, he does not get even the cost of production in the market, in view of market manipulations by the middlemen as well as liberalisation of imports of agricultural commodities. It has been the long standing demand of our party the SUCI that the government should take over procurement and distribution of food grains totally i.e., all-out state trading – both in wholesale & retail sectors – be introduced, which alone would put an end to the ruthless exploitation of both farmers & consumers by the middle men. Thus the government alone could ensure reasonable price for the agricultural produce and provide some relief to the peasants. But all through our cries have fallen on deaf ears. Consequently, peasants all over the country, including agriculturally the

most prosperous state of Punjab, have been pushed to the extreme step of ending their lives – through serial & mass suicides.

It is in this background that the Cauvery Tribunal has declared its final award regarding sharing of Cauvery water. As we have already pointed out, whosoever dispassionately studies the Award, cannot but come to the conclusion that every concerned state has points both to cheer and complain about.

What could have been the yardstick for actual justice where no one would have any complaint at all?

Here we like to recall the joint statement issued by the Kerala, Karnataka & Tamil Nadu State Committees of Socialist Unity Centre of India (SUCI) during 1991: *"We strongly feel that as the interests of those poor & middle peasants who have been traditionally depending on the Cauvery water shall not be undermined, so also the interest of those poor & middle peasants who could not utilize the water of Cauvery, because of the failures of their governments to arrange proper irrigation systems shall not be ignored. Keeping the interests of both sections of the people in view, and depending on the scientific and unbiased findings, based on data on availability of Cauvery waters by an impartial expert committee, an amicable settlement should be arrived at, without further delay. If it is found from facts that the requirements of both states cannot be met from the Cauvery water, then alternative sources, including tapping of ground water should also be seriously explored"*.

Cauvery dispute kept hanging for earning electoral dividends

It is another matter that, under capitalism, even if fully implemented, this alone cannot bring real cheer to all farmers. Let it be so. Can such a pro people approach to solving the problem be expected from Governments faithfully serving the interests of their capitalist masters, who are only interested in keeping alive the policy of 'divide & rule', a legacy left behind by the erstwhile British rulers? That's why

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SUCI developed on organizational centralism based on ideological centralism

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prepared a plaint document for filing a case. Hearing of all the cases concerning Nandigram will perhaps be held at the same bench of the Court. A situation is developing that the whole of the Bar Association may attend the Court in support of the case, and it may also so happen that the lawyers will attend to no other cases on that date. So, the government has virtually become an outcast on the issue. Such a situation never arose earlier in the history of mass movement. Nandigram deserves to be congratulated on this count. My Red Salute to Nandigram!

Long Live Revolution!

Red Salute to You,

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh!

Long Live S U C I !

The programme ended with singing of the *Internationale*.

Bhubaneswar, Orissa

At Bhubaneswar in Orissa, the meeting was addressed by Comrade Tapas Dutta, veteran Central Committee Member and Secretary of the Orissa State Committee. Comrade Raghunath Das, Orissa State Secretariat Member and Secretary, Undivided Puri District Committee took the chair. As the main speaker, Comrade Dutta recollected the background in which the party was formed in the year 1948 under the stewardship of the great Marxist thinker, teacher and guide Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. He particularly highlighted the painstaking and arduous struggle that Comrade Ghosh took up to build up and spread the party throughout India. It entailed intense socialist movement covering all aspects of life, developed on the basis of Marxist-Leninist principles. Under the able and powerful leadership of Comrade Ghosh, the members of the first Central Committee of the party, Comrades Nihar Mukherjee, Sachin Banerjee, Subdoh Banerjee, Hiren Sarkar, and Pritish Chanda along with Comrades Anil Sen, Ashutosh Banerjee, Sukomal Dasgupta, Tapas Dutta, Provash Ghosh, Sitesh Dasgupta, Asit Bhattacharya, Krishna Chakraborty, Ranjit Dhar, Manik Mukherjee and others were assigned with the job of developing the organization in different states of the country. During the lifetime of Comrade Ghosh as also after his demise, the party carried forward

the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, which represented the concretized expression of revolutionary Marxist-Leninist understanding of the Indian revolution and on its basis conducted many class and mass struggles of peasants, workers, students, youths, women and all other different sections of the toiling common people of the country, achieving remarkable, glorious and significant victories. Comrade Dutta further stated that the party is now spearheading peoples' movement inside the country. At the same time it is now taking a leading role in launching a powerful anti-imperialist movement in order to unite the communist parties and peace-loving people of the world against the brute all-out attack of imperialism in a world without the socialist camp.



Comrade Tapas Dutta addressing at Bhubaneswar

Thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh are now being accepted as the latest concretization of Marxism-Leninism throughout the globe. Representatives of different communist parties of the world are now openly admitting and announcing this truth, which was evident on different occasions, such as when such representatives spoke out while attending the ceremony of unveiling Comrade Ghosh's statue at Ghatsila, Jharkhand under the leadership of Comrade Nihar Mukherjee. In the end, Comrade Dutta appealed to the comrades and people at large to vigorously continue mass movements, expand and consolidate the party in Orissa.

Comrade Raghunath Das, the President of the meeting, Comrades Binapani Das, member Orissa State Secretariat, Brajabandhu Pradhan, member, undivided Puri District Committee, Uddhab Jena, member, SUCI Orissa State Committee also spoke on the occasion. Two resolutions on Nandigram genocide and the spiraling price hike were placed in and unanimously accepted by the

meeting.

Calcutta, West Bengal

In the afternoon, a mammoth gathering was organized at the Shaheed Minar maidan, Calcutta by the West Bengal State Committee which was presided over by Comrade Yakub Pailan, veteran member of the State Secretariat. After a well-decorated and disciplined guard of honour parade by the members of *Komsomol*, the young communist wing of the party, Comrade Provash Ghosh, member, Central Committee and state secretary, rose to address the gathering as the main speaker. At the outset, Comrade Provash Ghosh recollected how Comrade Shibdas Ghosh while in prison following his arrest during the historic quit India movement in 1942, was gravely concerned at the turn of events which clearly indicated that the much yearned independence the country was poised to attain would not bring about the desired emancipation of the people from all sorts of exploitation but enchain them in another exploitative rule of the Indian national bourgeoisie set to be saddled to power through compromise. And this great betrayal to the people's cause was going to take place because of the absence of a genuine communist party on the soil which could guide the anti-imperialist national liberation struggle in such a way that like China, the working class leadership could be established over it and through successful accomplishment of people's democratic revolution India could emerge as a socialist state. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh firmly held that since the then undivided CPI had not developed as working class party, it was imperative and overriding necessity to build up such a genuine communist party on the Leninist model following correct process, however painstaking and arduous that might be. Hence he initiated and carried out along with his handful revolutionary compatriots an intensive socialist-cultural struggle to lay foundation of democratic centralism essential prerequisite for giving structural shape to the party. This is how SUCI was founded on 24th April 1948.

Drawing attention to the current political scenario obtaining in the country Comrade Provash Ghosh said that there is degeneration in

every sphere of life. All vote-based political parties including the pseudo-Marxists like the CPI (M), CPI are now polarized into two camps, Congress-led UPA and BJP-led NDA. All of them are talking of 'development' and 'industrialization'. We, as Marxists, also want development, industrialization in the truest sense of the terms. But where is that industrialization? If one takes the case of CPI (M)-ruled West Bengal spanning last 30 years, 56,000 factories have been closed down throwing 17 lakhs out of job. All the industrial belts are lying deserted. Number of agricultural workers has swelled from 32 lakhs to about one crore to clearly indicate the plight of the rural poor. The word industrialization denotes that there is progressive increase in demand spurred by rising purchasing power of the people and as a sequel to that, continuous set up of newer and newer industries providing gainful engagement to the people. We know that crisis-ridden capitalism cannot trigger industrialization today. Way back in 1915, great Lenin while describing imperialism as the highest stage of capitalism had conclusively proved that. In a frantic bid to stave off the ever accentuating market crisis and earn maximum profit, imperialism-capitalism today is switching to few capital-intensive technology-savvy sophisticated industries with no or very little job potential while the existing units are closing down leading to massive lay-off, retrenchment and unemployment. The much-trumpeted Haldia petrochemicals, pointed out Comrade Provash Ghosh, could hardly offer direct employment to even 1000 people while around 40,000 peasants were evicted to accommodate the factory the CPI(M) claimed would create 1 lakh jobs. New terms like 'sick industry', 'jobless growth', and 'bubble economy' are being coined to explain the dismal scenario. Surplus capital is being diverted to real estate business, usury and speculation. Who has ever heard of monopolists undertaking construction of roads, bridges and ports? But not only the Congress, BJP and their associates but even the CPI (M) has become ardent proponent of this brand of so-called industrialization. Development,

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No movement estranged from revolutionary political line of Marxism-Leninism can succeed today

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observed Comrade Provash Ghosh, means that the common people are being gainfully engaged on continuous basis, but the present condition and the truth is that their purchasing power is going down, lay-off and retrenchment are going on in a spree, people are not getting proper food, healthcare, education. According to a government survey, the state of West Bengal tops in child selling and woman trafficking. In so far as the number of semi-starved and starved populations are concerned, the state ranks number one and two respectively. In education, its place has slid down to 19th position. But as regards rape, its position is second. Is this sign of development? It is the soaring profit of the monopolists, construction of flyovers, skyscrapers, shopping malls, and bars for the privileged affluent which is being passed off as development. In a despotic way, the CPI(M) government in the name of industrialization and development is forcibly grabbing fertile farmland to subserve class interest of domestic and foreign monopolists. Right from Tatas to the Salims of Indonesia are all interested in lucrative realty business. Tatas might set up a highly sophisticated automobile plant at Singur on a small portion of the 1000-acre odd extremely fertile land while the rest would be used for real estate. That is why they are eyeing on stretches of multi-crop agricultural land in the vicinity of Calcutta and the government in order to stay put to power is nakedly obliging them by ousting poor peasants under gunpoint. Referring to the recent Nandigram genocide and worst police atrocity on Singur peasants that has made every conscientious person rise in protest and indict the CPI (M) and its government for committing such a horrendous crime, Comrade Provash Ghosh said that the state chief minister cannot get absolved just by owning the responsibility in a theatrical gesture and calling it a mistake. Is Nandigram carnage by Police-CPI (M)-sponsored criminal combine a mistake or cold-blooded murder, he asked. While the chambers of commerce, corporate bigwigs monopoly houses are showering praise on the chief minister and his party, common people, eminent intellectuals and social activists including many who

till the other day were CPI(M) supporters have been putting them on the dock. Right from the day indications were available about such forcible acquisition of arable land, our party, he mentioned, took active initiative in organizing the masses in innumerable people's committees at both Singur and Nandigram to resist the move. Other forces particularly those interested to reap electoral mileage out of people's grievances appeared much later in the scene. While such forces backed by bourgeois media are trying to arrest the movement within the precincts of parliamentary politics, our aim is to sustain and intensify this legitimate courageous struggle of the brave peasants, make the people's committees functional as instruments of struggle and in the process elevate the standard of political consciousness of the fighting people as far as so that they could while being in the vortex of struggle identify foes and friends, distinguish between compromising forces and real revolutionary leadership. This resistance struggle can reach its logical culmination only if it conduces to anti-capitalist anti-imperialist struggle, he asserted. Commenting upon the argument that as a corollary to the Nandigram-Singur movement, all opposition forces irrespective of hues should join hands keeping aside all political principles and ethical issues and fight the next panchayat election on 'one against one' basis to defeat the CPI(M), Comrade Provash Ghosh said by 'one against one', we mean that the toiling oppressed masses are pitted against the enemy camp of imperialism-capitalism represented by its political managers working within the NDA and UPA. He called upon the people not to be carried out by such juicy and cheap propaganda and commit the same mistake that earlier had taken a heavy toll on their urges and aspirations. Reiterating the penetrating analysis of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, he said that in a haste to win political freedom, country's people undermined the all-important question of establishing correct leadership on the movement and hence refrained from distinguishing the uncompromising trend of Kshudiram- Bhagat Singh-Netaji Subhas and reformist-oppositional role of Gandhiji-Patel-Nehru. So, as

desired by the British imperialists and the Indian national bourgeoisie, the compromising leadership of the Congress was catapulted to the fore. Political freedom was achieved but the desired emancipation eluded all. Likewise, taking advantage of inadequate political consciousness of the people, the CPI(M) had usurped all credit of the left-democratic movement to be saddled to power and now the people of the state are ruing the decision. Undivided CPI had stood by the compromising Congress leadership and despised Netaji to serve bourgeois class interest. Now the CPI(M) with a 'left' signboard is toeing the same pro-capitalist line more nakedly but efficiently for pelf and power and to emerge as a formidable candidate in the two-party parliamentary system the ruling class is consistently trying to impose so that the people alternate between its two chosen groups in the vote politics and the real revolutionary party cannot come to the forefront. The ruling class is also aware that in order to break working class struggles, emasculate the democratic movement from within, promote the doctrine of class-collaboration in the name of maintaining industrial peace and smash the glorious pro-struggle tradition of West Bengal, there can be no better alternative than the CPI(M). Earlier the social-democratic forces so severely despised by great Lenin and Stalin spoke against armed struggle and imperativeness of the dictatorship of the proletariat to work as a compromise between labour and capital. However, they used to be in the movement. But the CPI (M) as a petty-bourgeois outfit has now completely abandoned the path of movement to be highly dependable force of the ruling bourgeoisie. On the other hand, its downright anti-people role is providing fodder to the vilification campaign of the vested interest to malign Marxism-Leninism by projecting it as a Marxist party.

Firmly asserting that SUCI is not a vote-based party, Comrade Provash Ghosh said that the despotic politics of the CPI (M) can be defeated only by strengthening class struggle through pursuing correct Marxist-Leninist line. Today, no movement can succeed if it is estranged from revolutionary political line of Marxism-Leninism.

It is a noble ideology, a guide to action that has evolved through the process of generalization of the scientific truths. So it is invincible. It is only in scientific socialism to be established by overthrowing reactionary capitalism, the root of all evils that people could get reprieve from the strangulations in every sphere of life. All luminaries of yester years like Rommand Rolland, Einstein, Netaji and Rabindranath Tagore were great admirers of scientific socialism. Rolland had said that if Soviet Union fails, the world would have to face several decades of darkness. How respectful was Tagore to Soviet socialism is ingrained in every line of his essay titled 'Letters of Russia'. The greatest events of the 20th century were the revolutions of Russia, China and Vietnam. So the conspiracy of the ruling class and the rightist forces to spread canard against Marxism-Leninism has to be foiled. We are determined to hold aloft the noble banner of Marxism-Leninism, defend it against all kinds of distortion and defamation. We are neither for cheap popularity nor vulnerable to customary claptrap. Spurred by deep-rooted feeling for the oppressed and the suppressed humanity, we, as students of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh are pledged-bound to carry forward the dream of revolution, co-ordinate and conduct the people's struggles on the correct base political line of anti-capitalist socialist revolution and edifice of higher proletarian ethics and culture. With the same outlook, we are trying to build up people's struggles throughout the country on the burning problems of people's life. In course of building up these movements, if there is an election, we shall participate in it with our revolutionary line and try to win seats. But we cannot betray the people's cause by giving up our revolutionary line just for the sake of getting few more seats. Our endeavour to develop a fierce resistance movement at Nandigram and Singur is also guided by the same approach. We are not against setting up of industries. Rather we demand that employment-generating industries be established in the non-agricultural land which is not in short supply. What we are opposed to is forcible acquisition and destruction of fertile cultivable

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Waving flag of leftism CPI(M), CPI are hobnobbing with branded bourgeois parties to become part of capitalist order

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land under the garb of fake industrialization. Moribund decadent capitalism is trying to dehumanize people. We want to win the people's heart on the basis of reason, higher culture and ethical behaviour. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh has taught us, "Politics calls for noble feelings of heart and nobler still is the feeling that spurs us on to revolutionary politics." We shall keep this invaluable teaching always living in the party, in the class and mass movements developed by us. We must prove equal to the important task history has adjured us at this juncture when the country is at a crossroad and after a long silence, West Bengal is in ferment with people rising up against the government's land grab and beastly savagery at Nandigram. On this day of 24th April, that is the firm resolve with which we clasp our fists.

Guwahati, Assam

At Guwahati, the party foundation day was observed in a meeting held with Comrade Bhupendranath Kakati, member, State Committee Assam as the President and Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya, member, Central Committee as the main speaker.

In his elaborate analysis on the significance of 24th April and international-national situations, including in the last the particularly explosive situation of Assam, Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya drew attention to the painful fact that after the collapse of the socialist camp through imperialist conspiracy from without and revisionism from within, the imperialists headed by the war-monger US imperialism are launching incessant attacks on different countries with a view to capturing their markets and plundering their resources, flouting all international norms and conventions. The devastating Iraq War staged on the plea of that country possessing weapons of mass destruction, but actually with the motive of looting the rich oil reserve of that soil, the most illegal and inhuman sanction imposed upon Cuba for the last four decades, threat exerted on Iran and North Korea that they will not be allowed to make nuclear weapons, until and unless they subjugate themselves to the US imperialism, this in spite of the fact that the US imperialists and

their allies freely possess and increase their nuclear arsenal – all these manifest the arrogance and war-mongering attitude of the imperialists. Trampling upon the glorious tradition of anti-imperialist struggles of Indian people, the government of India run in the interest of the ruling capitalist class is lending support to virtually on the misdeeds of the US imperialists. Communists never accept that this condition is insurmountable. It is thus the call of the hour that with a view to freeing the world threatened gravely by the US imperialism militant peace movements with genuine working class parties at the core must be developed in different countries against imperialist aggression and finally coordinating those movements an intense consolidated global anti-imperialist movement is to be organized.

On national situation, Comrade Bhattacharyya raised the vital question: What have these sixty years of independence brought to the people of this country? Immediately after it had captured the state power with independence from the British imperialism, the Indian national bourgeoisie, that is the capitalist class, keeping Congress in the governmental power, set up a few industries in the state sector in their own class interest. But the situation has changed completely today. Once people of this country fought to put an end to the colonial rule of the British imperialists. But now, in the name of globalization, liberalization and privatization, the governments subservient to the ruling capitalists, are doling out those state-sector industries to the domestic and foreign monopolists; are inviting those imperialist powers through the back-doors to plunder the natural and human resources of the country. The Indian capitalists have already assumed the character of imperialists and it is only with a view to meeting their own interest of exporting the capital they have amassed, that they are throwing Indian people into the danger of imperialist exploitation. The multinationals are freely retrenching workers or laying them off, as they move towards technology-based capital-intensive industries instead of labour-intensive ones in order to fetch maximum profit in the process. This is making about 50% of people of the country totally or



Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya addressing at Guwahati

virtually unemployed. They are pathetically helpless in regard to their life and livelihood. At Vidarbha alone, hundreds of peasants have committed suicide in the last six months. The picture is no different in West Bengal under CPI(M) rule. Industries are increasingly closing down at the impact of globalization. Media have already reported that in West Bengal alone about 56,000 industries have closed down. If any government intends to take genuine efforts towards real industrialization with a view to opening up scopes of employment for people, it must take initiative to make way for unhampered continuous industrialization in the state sector. There is every scope of that in the soil. But only a fool would accept, that the capitalists who are out in their spree for maximum profit-hunting using higher and higher technology, would at all opt for developing industries to provide employment! But the reality is, trumpeting for industrialization and for setting up Special Economic Zone (SEZ), multi-crop high-yielding farmlands of thousands of peasants are being grabbed and handed over to the capitalists, thus robbing the peasants of their minimum means of livelihood and sustenance. Production in industries under SEZ will be entirely based on high technology and improved machines; so there will be minimum scope for employment there. Even the handfuls employed will be subjected to ruthless exploitation; they will be hired on contracts and can be fired off any day by the employer, so far as the labour rules under SEZ Act goes. They will never be able to protest against such acts of the owners as they won't have any trade union rights. Besides

and in fact, the amount of land being grabbed in the name of building up industries is really several times greater than what is needed for the industries themselves. The excess land, the capitalists will use in real estate business to earn crores of rupees out of that. And, to make room for the capitalists to earn such sky-high profit, it is the poor peasants that are being butchered, being evicted from the land they have lived on and developed through generations. Unfortunately yet true is that the Left Front government led by the CPI(M) in West Bengal has come out with all vigour to grab farmlands for setting up SEZs. The heroic resistance put up by the poor peasants of first Singur and then Nandigram in West Bengal against the brute fascist onslaught of the police and CPI(M) goons on their fight for survival in the face of this policy of CPI(M) subservient to the capitalists, through their effort to hold aloft the banner of struggle even at the cost of their life or through the unflinching determination of the struggling peasant women even after their being inhumanly tortured, molested and raped — all these will shine in history of mass movements of India. And thus these peasant movements have nakedly exposed the real fascist trend of CPI(M). The bloodshed, the sacrifice of the heroic peasants of Nandigram, the land of legendary martyrs of independence struggle like Kshudiram, Matangini Hazra and others has not gone in vain. CPI (M) and its acts have invited strongest condemnation not just from West Bengal, but from all over India. Awe-stricken, eminent left-minded intellectuals have come out in open against the fascistic design and cruelty of CPI(M). In spite of their brute majority in the state Assembly, the CPI(M) led government with 232 MLAs has been compelled to announce, though hypocritically, that they won't acquire land any further. Nandigram has shown the real alternative path that can bring some relief to the unbearable condition people have been thrown in, the difficult political situation that prevails in the country. Nandigram has shown that it is only the militant mass movement of the sort which developed there that can make the government concede some

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Nandigram exposed real face of CPI(M)

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demands of people under the pressure of their movement itself.

Comrade Bhattacharyya further added that parties like the CPI(M), CPI, by waving the flag of leftism, socialism and communism, are not just shielding and concealing the acute exploitation of the capitalists, with a view to fulfilling their strong desire to become a part of the capitalist order and rule of the country, they are developing close and direct hobnobbing with the branded bourgeois parties. He appealed to people to expose these pseudo Marxists and develop genuine left and democratic front, on the basis of a unity cemented by the minimum common programme, fundamental principles and code of conduct, a front which will act as people's instrument for struggle with a view to building up and strengthening militant movement on the burning problems of life of people shattered by the cruel exploitation and ruthless rule of capitalism.

In regard to the explosive situation in Assam, Comrade Bhattacharyya strongly condemned the abject inefficiency of the Congress government towards giving shape to any and every kind of developmental work and its criminal inertness. He said that this worthless government is only pushing one section of people towards fraternal conflict with another section. About ULFA movement, Comrade Bhattacharyya recalled words of Mao Zedong, where he had pointed out that in any movement desiring to bring about a change, the crux is the correct political line. The ULFA activists are sacrificing their lives, but the main enemy of people, that is capitalism, is being cleverly shielded.

Comrade Kalyan Chowdhury, Secretary, Assam State Committee called upon the ULFA leadership and the government to pay heed to the real sentiments of people and on that basis to sit immediately for dialogue to come to a reasonable solution. Comrade B N Kakati, the President of the meeting called upon people to strengthen SUCI, the real communist party as the weapon of movement of toiling masses. Two resolutions, against hike in power tariff and against *Sarba Shiksha Abhiyan* were placed by Comrades Chandralekha Das and Suratzaman Mandal respectively and were adopted unanimously by the house.

Delhi and Haryana

In Delhi the Party Foundation Day meeting was held at Sonia Vihar presided over by Comrade Pratap Samal, Secretary of Delhi State Organizing Committee. A resolution was moved by Comrade R. K. Sharma, seconded by Comrade R. Rajesh and unanimously adopted by the gathering, which condemned the CPI(M)-led West Bengal government's grabbing farm lands and hailed the heroic fight of the peasants against it. Comrade Harish Tyagi and Comrade Pratap Samal also addressed the meeting.

Haryana State Organizing Committee observed 59th party foundation day on 24th April at Huda Complex Ground, Rohtak. Comrade Satyawan, Secretary, Haryana State Organizing Committee presided over. Comrade Rajinder Singh and Ramphal spoke in favour of the resolution against SEZ.

In both the meetings Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, member, Central Committee was the main speaker. In his addresses, while delineating the historic significance of 24th April, Comrade Chakraborty reminded that people recall victory of revolution by observing the day of victorious revolution with great enthusiasm, since a revolution builds up a new civilization overthrowing the old and dying system. But it does not take place all of a sudden, or of its own. Proletarian revolution in Russia could become victorious in November of 1917 only after hundreds of struggle and sacrifices of working class and other exploited sections of people; more particularly, a revolution takes place only when a revolutionary party with a revolutionary theory organizes and guides it. This truth is embodied in the Leninist teaching that there will be no revolution without a revolutionary theory, as also there will be no revolution without a revolutionary party. Herein lies the historic significance of the foundation day of the revolutionary party of the proletariat. Our beloved party SUCI was founded by a great Marxist thinker of this era Comrade Shibdas Ghosh on 24th April 1948. Since then our party observes the day realizing its historic role and significance and all comrades take pledge on this day to dedicate themselves further to the cause of



Comrade Krishna Chakraborty addressing at Rohtak, Haryana

strengthening the party and organizing revolutionary movements.

Comrade Chakraborty further told that every year we find that the problems confronting the life of people particularly the working class, are not only increased in numbers, they are becoming more and more complex. On the occasion of the foundation day, the Central Committee of the party tries to provide a guideline to the people as to how to face the problems and solve them; by that it also shows the correct path of struggle. This year, problems of peoples' life have become still graver and deeper, as both the Central and state governments make all-out efforts to implement the policy of globalization, and more particularly as part of it, the most anti-people policy of grabbing farmers' land for setting up SEZ for the benefit of the corporate houses, both domestic and foreign. In this regard the CPI (M) government of West Bengal has gone far ahead of other governments led by BJP, Congress and other bourgeois parties. It is trying to implement this policy of SEZ in the name of industrialization.

Elaborately dealing with the post-Second World War situation, Comrade Chakraborty pointed out that Comrade Stalin had designated it as the third phase of general and intense crisis of world capitalism when world capitalism is bogged into insurmountable crisis. Elaborating it further, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh showed that it was such a phase of general crisis when the more the capitalists try to come out of one crisis, they are swamped in a still graver one. Comrade Ghosh had shown that the Indian capitalist class came to power and established a capitalist system as a part of the crisis ridden world capitalism for which they could not take the system beyond the shadow of crisis; with every passing day this shadow is becoming darker and darker.

Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, our beloved General Secretary, a great revolutionary and comrade-in-arms of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh showed, on the strength of the teachings of Comrade Ghosh, that all problems of our country have aggravated after the introduction of the policy of globalization, liberalization and privatization. This policy of globalization could be introduced by the imperialists-capitalists only when the socialist peace camp and the socialist market were dismantled after restoration of capitalism through counter-revolution in the erstwhile Soviet Union and eastern European socialist countries, and finally in China. Dwelling on this analysis of the Central Committee of the party, Comrade Chakraborty showed that by supporting and by implementing the policy of globalization, the parties like CPI(M), CPI etc. are giving out their social democratic character that implies their being compromising force between the labour and capital. These parties by using Marxist vocabularies and by talking of working class interest and revolution only confuse the masses, while ultimately serve capitalism. At present the CPI(M) government of West Bengal is snatching poor and middle farmers' land by using brute police force and handing over those lands to the Tatas and other corporate houses in the name of industrialization. This is simply creating an illusion about the present day crisis-ridden capitalism that even within it industrialization is possible. Industrialization means uninterrupted growth of industries and their continuous development to meet people's ever-rising demands. Today, the world capitalism is passing through an unprecedented recession, much deeper and more prolonged than those of the end twenties and early thirties of the last century. It is a time when hundreds and thousands of industries are closing down not only in our country but even in advanced capitalist countries. To speak of industrialization at this juncture of history, through establishing one industry or two here and there, is not only confusing the masses. It is really an effort to create an illusion about capitalism, as if capitalism is still progressive. This is exactly the treacherous role of the social democratic parties. This social democratic character of the CPI(M) has become glaringly exposed in

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To defeat capitalism, all shades of social democratism must be trounced

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Singur and Nandigram incidents. Referring to a great teaching of Comrade Stalin, Comrade Chakraborty told, as he had taught us, that without defeating social democratic forces of all hues we cannot defeat capitalism, in other words to defeat capitalism we are to defeat all shades of social democratism. This is a great lesson to be reckoned with. Today it has become so easy to understand the social democratic nature of these

parties like the CPI, CPI(M) CPI(ML), all break away fractions of same united CPI. But it was not so easy, when Comrade Ghosh shouldered the most difficult task of building up of a real revolutionary party of the proletariat in such a vast country like ours with a handful of comrades in arms. It was a genius of a Marxist of his stature which could comprehend it, realizing that the united CPI was never a communist party. With every passing day this is becoming clearer and clearer, but it

needs to be made understandable to the exploited masses, particularly the working class, and make them rally round this revolutionary banner that our party holds high. For this, comrades of all ranks are to engage themselves in an intensive struggle covering all aspects of life to elevate them from higher to still higher level ideologically, politically and culturally so that they can develop the struggle further, with which different toiling millions of our country are surging forth. At the end

Comrade Chakraborty said "I do not just hope but believe that the comrades will deeply grasp the slogan of the party's Central Committee headed by Comrade Nihar Mukherjee for revitalization and consolidation of the party and thus make this observance of foundation of our beloved party meaningful".

Reports of party foundation day observance in other parts of the country will be covered in the next issue.

Ruling class trying to bring cleavage among toiling people of different states using water sharing issues

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the statement (ibid) further recorded, "But we are constrained to see that although the problem of distribution of Cauvery river water between Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala & Pondicherry needed immediate settlement after the expiry of the 1924 Accord (in 1974- Ed), it had been kept hanging for almost two decades. Different governments had come to power in the meantime..... but no government had made any serious effort to find an amicable settlement and solve the problem finally. Rather, the history of all negotiations.... will show beyond doubt that on one plea or another, they preferred to keep the problem hanging, as a bone of contention to be utilized at opportune times for their narrow political gains. People cannot fail to notice the fact that the Central Government had also never taken any serious effort to find an amicable settlement, persuading the concerned state governments, rather allowed the problem to snowball and reach the present conflicting stage by its criminal negligence". What is more, all successive central governments for 6 long decades since independence have completely forsaken the urgent task of formulating the national water policy.

It is therefore futile for people to expect any justice from an unjust and rotten capitalist order. It is only to safeguard the interests of a minuscule of monopoly houses that the governments keep fanning up narrow divisive sentiments viz., casteist, linguistic, regional, etc., so as to thwart mighty united movement of all sections of the exploited masses which will undoubtedly culminate in overthrow

of this system through revolution.

Killers of farmers are shedding crocodile tears for farmers

Such being the case, even if some shortcomings are there in the final award of the Tribunal, is it not all the more important to safeguard unity of people of all states than become pawns in the hands of rulers and start quarrelling among ourselves? Should we allow ourselves to be led astray by treacherous parliamentary parties and governments to seek the delusion of full justice within this exploitative capitalist order? And what is the track record of all these forces so far as shedding tears for the plight of our farmers? Are not these same forces who have pushed our peasants to commit suicide? And currently are not these very parties, whether they flaunt tricolour, saffron, green or 'red' colours, wherever they are in governmental power, at the centre or in one state or the other, implementing most faithfully the SEZ (Special Economic Zone) scheme – i.e., forcibly taking over peasants holdings at throwaway rates and handing them over on a platter to business houses? Are they not resorting to fascistic killings of resisting peasants as in Kalinganagar (Orissa) and Singur & Nandigram (West Bengal)? All these are done in the name of so called industrialisation, while in reality no attempt is made to rejuvenate the over 7 lakh industries closed in the country. Every discerning person knows that under the smokescreen of industrialization, fertile lands are converted into sites for real estate business that earns instant riches to

the investors.. Yet these parties shed tears for grave injustice done to farmers!

Capitalist globalisation strangulating people's life

Furthermore, can any one for a moment even forget what a havoc is wrought by policies of globalisation in people's life? Is it not a fact that these policies pursued by all governments, both at the centre and all the states, by bourgeois and petty bourgeois parties of all hues, have devastated and ruined the lives of exploited millions, while ensuring fabulous profits to a handful of national monopolies and foreign MNCs? Is it not a fact that the sea of exploited & oppressed humanity is yearning for developing might united movement to seek some relief from the suffocating situation?

If all these are true, can there be two opinions that if one state gets a little more water and other state a little less, should that be made the basis to create rift among the people? Under the circumstances is not the unity of the exploited masses a matter of greater concern? Should people fall victim to the nefarious games played by the governments as well as all bourgeois and petty bourgeois parties to seek a fresh lease of life for the rotten capitalist system by dividing the people's unity on the one hand and seek rich electoral dividends at the hustings on the other, by whipping up parochial sentiments?

Central government should intervene

However, it is our firm considered opinion that even now time is not lost. The central

government cannot remain a mute is high time for it to take initiative and resolve the imbroglio amicably to the maximum satisfaction of people of all states concerned.

For that the government should immediately take steps to formulate the National Water Policy founded on scientific basis and impartially in the interest of people of all states. In the present case, the government should take note of each and every grievance of the people and examine those most impartially to find out a reasonable solution. If it is found that the Cauvery river water is not sufficient to cater to the needs of the people, particularly those of the poor and middle peasants, government should take all measures to tap water from other sources, including underground water.

Guard people's unity – build mighty movements

At this juncture our party the SUCI, the only ray of hope before the toiling people fervently appeals to the people not to lose heart, rather they shall see through the ploys adopted by various parties in power or aspiring for power and reject their dirty politics totally. It is high time for them to realize that the capitalist system holds no future for them. Their future is in their hands – if only they cement their unity and build up mighty movements to deal deathblow to the exploitative capitalist order. Before that they will have to travel miles, building struggles after struggles by shaping up their own struggle committees, on the basis of correct base political line as well as on the edifice of higher culture, ethics and morality and under the correct leadership.

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