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## LONG LIVE International Workers' Solidarity Day

### 68th Party Foundation Day observance throughout the country was marked by solemnity and determination

It is the 68th year since 24th April emerged in the annals of history of mankind. Since then it no longer remained a mere date in the calendar as it marked the advent of a new chapter of glorious struggle of the Indian proletariat armed with the invincible weapon of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought. The goals were set: they were set to accomplish anti-capitalist socialist revolution and free the masses from the tentacles of ruthless capitalist exploitation. It was that exploitation that bestrode the country like a dead weight following transfer of power through compromise in 1947. On this day was born the SUCI (C), the vanguard detachment of the Indian working class, its own instrument of struggle. It was the revolutionary Party of India, the best creation of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of the era and a great leader of the proletariat. Here was the leader of

the Indian revolution who emerged as one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of the era. In course of concretizing Marxism-Leninism on this soil he developed it, enriched it and elevated its understanding to a new height. 24th April earned its historic significance as embodiment of all these.

In the current phase of the era of imperialism and proletarian revolution, as great Lenin had called it, world imperialism-capitalism is stricken with an insoluble daily and hourly crisis. The crisis has driven it to become ruthlessly oppressive, suppressive and unbridled in its despotism particularly in absence of mighty socialist camp, ushering in more and more economic-political-administrative-cultural exploitation. In course of time, it has plunged into utter corruption, leaving no stone unturned in blunting the mental process through continuous fomenting

of depraved rotten thoughts and is bent upon erasing even the last trace of human essence through incessant injection of vulgar and obscurantist preachings. Everywhere, in almost every capitalist country fascism casts its dark spell on hapless humanity.

The Indian scenario is also equally murky, as Indian capitalism is an inseparable part of the decadent moribund reactionary world imperialist-capitalist system. The bourgeois government is thrusting upon the toiling people one after another hefty economic burden, making them bleed white with worst fiscal savagery; to crush any opposition it is snatching away all civil, democratic and political rights, muzzling voice of protest, brutally crushing mass struggles; from behind all tall talks it is turning its much proclaimed parliamentary democracy into a mockery with increasing

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### “We want left unity not for deriving electoral mileage, but only for developing militant class and mass struggles”

— Comrade Provash Ghosh

*(This is the speech delivered by Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), at the CPI (M) Party Congress in Vishakhapatnam on 14 April, 2014)*

Comrade President, Comrade Prakash Karat, General Secretary of CPI(M), members of CPI (M) Politburo, leaders of other left parties, and comrade delegates,

I greet you on behalf of my party Socialist Unity Center of India (Communist) and I like to offer thanks to you for extending invitation to our Party to attend this inaugural session of your Party Congress.

Comrades, your Party Congress is being held at an unprecedented critical hour of our country. Yours being the biggest left party in the country, the future course of Indian left movement depends much on your decisions and subsequent implementation.

Long back great Lenin observed that once capitalism was attached to democracy and individual freedom, but in the stage of imperialism it is more attached to bureaucracy and militarism. Great Stalin, just before his demise, pointed out in the 19th Conference of CPSU that the

bourgeoisie had thrown overboard the banner of liberal democracy. Now, we see that parliamentary democracy is nothing but a shameless hypocrisy, the much trumpeted free and fair election is a total deception. Not the verdict of the people, but the verdict of the bourgeoisie decides everything in election. The ruling bourgeoisie selects, appoints, reappoints and replaces one faithful political servant by another in the name of election. The last vestiges of bourgeois democracy have already been demolished. Dark fascism in diverse forms and in different degrees is now the order in almost all advanced and backward capitalist countries.

Fascism has three characteristic features – concentration of capital or increasing monopolization, centralization of executive and bureaucratic power and in the realm of culture



*Comrade Provash Ghosh addressing CPI(M) Party Congress in Vishakhapatnam, with Comrade Prakash Karat, CPI(M) General Secretary to his right*

regimentation of thought through a fusion between spiritualism and technical aspects of science. All these features are present in our

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## Recall Lenin's teaching that the real strength of a proletarian party does not lie in number of members in Parliament but only lies in the fire of class and mass struggles

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country. According to the need of the ruling bourgeoisie, the Congress was replaced by the BJP. The BJP is committed, on the one hand, to continue and to help further intensification of the ruthless bourgeois economic exploitation and monstrous political oppression, and on the other hand, to accelerate the ongoing process of fascisation in our country.

Perhaps you know when fascist Hitler was condemned by all great personalities of the last century like Romain Rolland, Einstein, Bernard Shaw, Rabindranath and others, it was M S Golwalkar, the Guruji or the ideologue of Sangh Parivar who was effusive in praise for Hitler and said that by purifying the German nation by driving away the Jews, he had shown as to how to purify the Hindus in India. Golwalkar had criticized Indian Renaissance and freedom struggle because it was not a Hindu national struggle and directed only against the British rulers. The BJP is the inheritor of that tradition. It has launched severe attacks in the sphere of ideology and culture. The RSS-BJP are reviving, highlighting and encouraging old obsolete medieval religious ideas and culture. They ridiculously claim that all modern scientific truths were discovered in ancient Hindu India. They are replacing science by mythology and accordingly school text books and even syllabus are being rewritten with the object of fomenting Hindu jingoism, ancient traditionalism and destroying scientific bend of mind and reasoning faculty to inculcate blind faith. This is a very dangerous attack. On the other hand, they are instigating and actually organizing communal riots and precipitating tension to divide the exploited people over religious faiths in order to obstruct the growth of mass struggles and to create Hindu vote bank. This is their sinister design.

Further in the interest of capitalism, they are concentrating attack on the field of culture to destroy all human values, ethics and morals. They are demoralizing the young generation. It is not accidental that eve-teasing, rape, gang rape, murder and even rape of girl children and old women are growing menacingly and rapidly. Is this the land where once Rammohan, Vidyasagar, Phule, Rabindranath, Saratchandra,

Premchand, Subramania Bharati were born? It is complete ruination of the country. This is the darkest period of our country.

It is also to be noted that the Indian state as a rising imperialist power has been moving hand in glove with US imperialism, developing more close economic, political, military relationship with USA in its bid to expand Indian influence in South Asia, Indian ocean states, Middle East, Africa and other countries in order to export more finance capital and commodities. India, at the same time, is also keeping its partnership with BRICS combination to increase bargaining capacity with USA. So the situation demands powerful, long drawn, militant left and democratic movement against the Indian ruling class, US imperialism and along with it, powerful ideological and cultural struggle to resist BJP and RSS's menacing ideological-cultural attack. I agree with Comrade Prakash Karat on the question of Left Unity. But here one point is very important. I raised this in the CPI Congress too. Who are left, who are secular and who are democratic? On this there is much confusion among the people. There must not be any vagueness and diffuseness in understanding. We think the parties who regard themselves as Marxist in spite of their fundamental differences in understanding and applications of Marxism are to be considered as leftists. Parties like the Congress and other regional, parochial, casteist combinations oppose the BJP in the elections. But that does not necessarily mean that they are secular and democratic. Concept of secularism came from the West. Historically it emerged at the time of Western Renaissance and bourgeois democratic revolution. Philosophically secularism means non-recognition of any super natural power and recognition of only nature and material world as reality. Politically secularism means the state, political affairs, culture and education must be kept free from religious practices. State would neither encourage any religion nor interfere in the religious activities. Religion should remain a personal affair. During our freedom struggle, the national bourgeoisie being afraid of revolution not only compromised with British imperialism politically, it also

compromised with religion ideologically and culturally and advocated secularism as encouragement to all religions which is nothing but pseudo-secularism. Democratic parties are those who uphold secular democratic values, fight communalism, casteism, parochialism, consistently oppose imperialism, support leftism and whether in power or in opposition, encourage democratic struggles of the toiling people. In the name of left, secular, democratic unity there cannot be any hotchpotch combination eyeing only electoral benefits.

I recall that just after independence there was a glorious period of left movement in our country. In those struggles many had shed their blood and became martyrs. At that time, the lefts were considered as the only alternative to the Congress. In those days left movements developed in continuation of the left current in the freedom movement and further strengthened by the powerful world communist movement led by Great Stalin and Great Mao Zedong. But today the situation is altogether different. On the one hand, the Lefts in our country committed serious deviations and blunders one after another creating distrust and confusions among the people. On the other, the revisionists as the agents of the bourgeoisie, attacked Stalin not only to destroy his authority but also to undermine the authority of Lenin and thus prepared the ground for restoration of capitalism and destruction of socialism.

But it is heartening to note that in the erstwhile Soviet Union and the Eastern European countries, thousands and thousands of people are coming out in the streets in demonstrations, carrying the portraits of Lenin and Stalin and crying for return of socialism. It is also to be noted that the scheme of globalization intended to save capitalism from crisis, has instead aggravated the crisis globally. World imperialism-capitalism is in the grip of unprecedented recession almost for a decade and now is put in ventilation to survive. There is no doctor who can cure the disease. Market economy is faced with crisis of ever shrinking market. There is unprecedented bursting of anger of the people. Surging waves of mass struggles are sweeping spontaneously across USA, Europe

and everywhere. People are crying for leadership. The objective condition is prepared for revolution. The subjective condition i.e. the proletarian parties armed with the revolutionary teachings of Great Marx-Engels-Lenin-Stalin-Mao-Zedong are yet to come forward. Sooner or later they are sure to emerge according to the law of history.

Comrades, in our country too, whatever may be the political crisis there are sparks of discontent visible around us. There are periodic outbreaks of spontaneous movements here and there. Need of the hour is correct leadership to lead those struggles to logical culmination. Who can lead? Only the left parties jointly can lead. Movements are to be led by struggling ideology and higher ethics.

Our Party always was and is for united left movement. Previously we were in united left movements. But since 1974 we are not in unity with your party. When your party was in power in West Bengal and Kerala, we had differences with you and we had organized movements on people's burning issues. Our relations became bitter. Unhappy things occurred. Yet, even at those times we tried to forge unity with you at the all India level and in other states. But our efforts were not successful. Now that phase is over. I appreciate and thank Comrade Prakash Karat who had taken the trouble to come down to Kolkata to meet us with the appeal of joint movement. We heartily responded to issue-based joint movement. We want unity not for deriving electoral mileage, but only for developing militant class and mass struggles. Yes, there will be ideological differences and accordingly there will be ideological struggle too, but not to weaken rather to strengthen the unity and struggle. Organizing militant working class struggles and mass movements on the edifice of higher ideology and culture is the need of the hour.

Before I finish let me recall Lenin's teaching that the real strength of a proletarian party does not lie in number of members in Parliament but only lies in the fire of class and mass struggles.

Red Salute to you all  
Long Live Marxism-Leninism

Long Live  
Proletarian Internationalism

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criminalization of politics and making election a total farce with complete manipulation of the verdict through domination of money-mafia-media-administrative power and thereby limiting electoral choice within the parties subservient to and backed by the ruling monopolists. The political field is dominated by opportunists, liars, cheats, and self-servers. Besides, there is a menacing attack on culture to break the moral backbone of the people particularly the youth so as to scuttle any conscious upsurge against the oppressive capitalist rule. The incumbent BJP government, right now in charge of the governance as the political manager, has unleashed a calculated onslaught on the realm of mind and thinking process by fomenting worst communal-fundamentalist thoughts, fanning up religious fanaticism and obscurantist backward revivalist thoughts, distorting history and pandering to all kinds of unscientific thoughts and blind faith.

When darkness seems to be everywhere, there is one beacon of light before the people, and the darker it seems around, the brighter the light shines. This is the SUCI (C), the only genuine communist party on the Indian soil, founded, reared and steered by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. The SUCI (C) proudly holds high the noble banner of Marxism-Leninism. It espouses that to achieve the historical task of bringing about the anti-capitalist revolution to put an end to exploitation of man by man, there

is only one path and that is to build up democratic mass movements on the burning problems of people's lives in the light of the enriched understanding of Marxism-Leninism provided by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought and based on higher proletarian morality-ethics-culture conducive to the anti-capitalist revolution.

The contrast was showing up in the horizon. When the ruling class weighed heavily on the toiling masses with all its arsenals, venoms and treacheries, the exploited people in larger and larger numbers were gradually looking up in more and more expectation towards their only genuine ray of hope, the SUCI (C). It was evident when the Party came out to observe the Party Foundation Day throughout the country with solemnity and determination. Everywhere, besides garlanding portrait of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, rendering of the songs composed on Comrade Ghosh and the Internationale, 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 Polit Bureau and Central Committee of the Party addressed the Foundation Day meetings in different states.

### West Bengal

Beloved General Secretary of the Party, Comrade Provash Ghosh took the lead as he rose to address the observance meeting in West Bengal convened by the West Bengal State Committee of the

## SUCI(C) strongly condemns BJP government's decision of mandatory deposit of security money for holding any political event in public place

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), issued the following statement on 23-04-2015 —

We strongly condemn the most autocratic decision of the BJP-led central government that the organizers booking any public place for any social, political or family event, will be required to submit security deposit ranging from Rs 10,000 to Rs 1 lakh which will be forfeited in case they are deemed to have defaulted in cleaning up the venue within six hours after the programme. Camouflaged as a standard operating procedure (SOP) circulated under the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) in urban areas, this very decision is cunningly aimed at putting fetters on the political rights of the people to raise burning demands of life or voice legitimate protest against any anti-people move or action of the government or quarters of vested interest adopting prevailing democratic forms and norms of organizing meetings, rallies or demonstrations. This very decision, therefore, smacks of administrative fascism that the Modi-led BJP government is poised to gradually establish trampling underfoot all democratic values and principles in naked subservience to the sinister class interest of the ruling bourgeoisie and dispossess people of all of their whatever hard-earned democratic rights.

It is, therefore, imperatively necessary for the democracy-loving right-thinking people to understand that if such noxious moves go unchallenged, fascism will take a strangulating hold. So, they need to close their rank with due expediency and unitedly rise against this most atrocious decision of the government. We also appeal to all the left-democratic parties to realize the gravely perilous implication of this government measure and immediately come forward to build up a powerful organized united resistance movement involving people and compel the government to reverse the decision.

Party in Kolkata on 24 April. The massive gathering was attended also by the Polit Bureau member Comrade Manik Mukherjee, Comrades Debaprasad Sarkar and Gopal Kundu, both Central Committee members. Comrade Saumen Basu, Central Committee member and West Bengal State Secretary presided over the

meeting. In his brief introductory remarks, Comrade Basu recalled the critical situation in which the observance was taking place and expressed happiness that many left-minded people including those belonging to the fold of other left parties had gathered to acquaint themselves with the analysis and

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KOMSOMOL offering Guard of Honour the the Great Leader of the Proletariat at Party Foundation Day rally at Shaheed Minar Maidan, Kolkata

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viewpoint of our Party. Other State Secretariat members were also present. It was a strikingly enlivened gathering held in an ambience of devastatingly inclement weather in the districts of the state as also in the city. Thunderstorm and incessant rain prevented thousands of villagers from their living homes and fields; the crops were imperilled, communication disrupted. Yet while thousands had to stay back, they urged their thousands more compatriots to join the state rally in Kolkata. The gathering at the historic venue of the Shaheed Minar Maidan sat solemnly under a heavily laden dark sky to listen to their beloved leader on what to do next and how. (Complete speech of Comrade Provash Ghosh will be published later). Elsewhere in the country, too, the response had been the same. Below we publish a few reports, so far received by us.

### Bihar

On 24th April the 67th anniversary of SUCI (Communist) was observed through a mass meeting at IMA Hall, Patna. Comrade Ranjit Dhar, Member, Polit Bureau, SUCI (Communist) was the main speaker. Comrade Shiv Shankar, Bihar State Secretary, SUCI (Communist) presided over the meeting. In course of his detailed analytical and penetrating address, Comrade Ranjit Dhar, dwelling upon the national situation, said that within no time people are experiencing what kind of *achhe din* has been brought by the BJP whom the ruling monopolists put in power in place of discredited Congress. Alongside bringing down ruthless economic and political oppression, the BJP is accelerating the process of establishing fascism. He also drew attention to the various features of fascism and said that the only way to thwart the impending catastrophe is to intensify class and mass struggles based on higher

proletarian culture and under correct revolutionary leadership. (Full speech of Comrade Ranjit Dhar will be published later). In his presidential speech, Comrade Shiv Shankar said that now sporadic outbursts of people's wrath are witnessed at different places. What is required is right leadership to transform these spontaneous outbursts into conscious organized movement. In order to expedite the maturity of the subjective condition for revolution, it is necessary to strengthen SUCI(C), the revolutionary party of the proletariat. Comrade Arun Kumar Singh, senior member of Bihar State Committee also spoke.

### Karnataka

The 68th Foundation Day meeting was organized at SCM Hall today by the Bangalore District Committee of SUCI(C). A large number of supporters, well-wishers, members and workers of the Party participated in the programme. Comrade H G Jayalakshmi, Karnataka State Committee Member, presided while Comrade Manik Mukherjee, Member, Polit Bureau, SUCI (C) was the main speaker. At the outset, Comrade K Radhakrishna, Member, Central Committee and Karnataka State Secretary, SUCI(C), in his brief speech said that the present BJP government has been more aggressively pursuing the same policies of capitalist globalization as did the Congress. Now, they are snatching the land from the farmers and handing them over to capitalists through an ordinance and systematically diluting the Industrial Dispute Act, Contract Labourers Act etc. to give a free hand to capitalists to 'hire and fire' while taking away all security of the workers. Our Party has been trying for left unity for many decades and now a possibility of that has arisen with other left parties responding to our call. A powerful left-democratic movement alone can resist the



Comrade Provash Ghosh, addressing the Foundation Day gathering in Kolkata

mounting onslaught of the capitalist rulers. Comrade Manik Mukherjee in course of his address said that from experience an increasing number of people today recognize that SUCI(C) is the only genuine revolutionary party of the working class. The life of the common people is devastated by the burning problems like unemployment, price rise, retrenchment etc. Now, our task is to make people aware that the problems cannot be solved without overthrowing the capitalist system. (Text of the speech of Comrade Manik Mukherjee is given separately).

### Madhya Pradesh

Party Foundation Day meeting was held at Neelam Park in Bhopal on 24 April amidst lot of enthusiasm. The gathering was very impressive. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Uma Prasad, Member, Madhya Pradesh State Organizing Committee. In his detailed analytical speech, Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, Member, Polit Bureau, SUCI(C) and the main speaker, dwelt on the present national and international scenario and showed why in a class-divided society like ours, BJP which has been brought to power by the ruling monopolists cannot be an alternative to Congress. All these parties vying for pelf and power cannot but subserve the reactionary class interest of the rulers. Real alternative of the people is the correct proletarian revolutionary party which is wedded to the task of bringing about anti-capitalist revolution by intensifying class and mass struggles based on higher proletarian ethics and culture. SUCI(C) founded by Comrade Shivdas Ghosh is that party which is historically poised to fulfil that task. (Speech of Comrade Chakraborty

will be published later).

### Kerala

Party Foundation Day meeting was held on 28 April at Coty Railway Station Maidan in Kottayam on 28 April. Here also the main speaker was Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, Member, Polit Bureau, SUCI(C) whose speech will be published later. The meeting was presided over by Comrade C K Lukose, Member, Central Committee and Kerala State Secretary. A resolution on the devastating earthquake in Nepal expressing solidarity with and sympathy for the Nepalese victims was adopted in the meeting.

### Assam

Party Foundation Day meeting was held at District Library Auditorium, Guwahati, on 24 April. Comrade Chandralekha Das, Assam State Secretary, presided over while Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya, Member, Polit Bureau, was the main speaker. In course of his analytical speech, Comrade Bhattacharyya elaborately dwelt on the national and international socio-political scenario and analyzed how decadent moribund capitalism has created all round deep crisis, not only in economic life of sphere of peoples life but in the arena of ethics-morality also. He stressed that there is no way out to get rid of the worst situation without overthrowing capitalism and establishing socialism. He further pointed out that to accomplish socialist revolution genuine communist party in different countries must emerge based on Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought covering all aspects of life. Leaders and cadres besides organizing mass and class struggles

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Comrade Ranjit Dhar, Member, Polit Bureau addressing in Patna, Bihar

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relentlessly will also have to continue the struggle of acquiring communist character by assimilating the essence of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought in every walk of life. In the context of Assam situation, Comrade Bhattacharyya expressed grave concern about the volatile situation prevailing in the state which has been created by the chauvinist communal forces due to absence of mighty left-democratic movement. He appealed to all

Lukose, Member, Central Committee, and Kerala State Secretary addressed as the main speaker. Comrade K. Sridhar, Andhra Pradesh/ Telangana State Secretary, also spoke.

In her presidential address Comrade Prameela said that an arduous and difficult task was undertaken by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh to establish SUCI(C) as the genuine revolutionary party of the proletariat after scientifically analyzing and concluding that the



*Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, Member, Polit Bureau, addressing in Kottayam, Kerala*

sections of the people irrespective of cast, creed, and religion to refrain from such type of destructive divisive activities and to come forward unitedly to build up left-democratic movement. Detailed speech of Comrade Bhattacharyya will be published later. Two important resolutions, one on land acquisition ordinance, and another one on up gradation of National Registrar of Citizens (NRC), which is nothing but government conspiracy in connivance with chauvinist forces to deprive lakhs of Indian citizens belonging to linguistic and religious minorities were adopted unanimously.

### Andhra Pradesh/Telangana

On the occasion of Foundation Anniversary of our Party, a public meeting was organized at Hyderabad on 24th April, 2015 at Khairatabad Library. Comrade Ch. Prameela, Member, State Organizing Committee, SUCI(C) presided over while Comrade C K

then united CPI was not a communist party.

Comrade K.Sridhar drew attention to how the central BJP-led central government and Hindu communal Sangh Parivar are out to distort the history, foster obsolete ideas and values and destroy secular democratic fabric of our country by instigating communal passions. The TRS government led by K.Chandrasekhar Rao in Telangana and the TDP government led by Chandrababu Naidu in AP are both adopting all pro-rich, anti-poor, anti-farmer, anti-education measures. He mentioned about the movements that our Party and its mass wings developed from time to time — some of which were successful in wresting the demands — in both AP and Telangana.

Comrade C K Lukose, said that our Party SUCI(C) since its inception in 1948 has been correctly analyzing the national and international situation and providing

## Comrade Provash Ghosh writes to Comrade Prachanda of UCPN (Maoist) on devastating earthquake

Comrade Prachanda  
Chairperson  
Unified Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist)  
Kathmandu  
Nepal

Dear Comrade,

On my own behalf and on behalf of our Party, the Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist) we express our deep distress at the calamity that has struck Nepal on April 25. We convey our condolence to the Nepalese people for the loss of life of thousands of their compatriots in the earthquake. We express our deep sorrow at the terrible devastations that have injured many thousands and have rendered many homeless. The Indian people stand in solidarity with the Nepalese people in their hour of grief. How is your Party engaged in the relief and rescue work? Please write to us if with our limited strength and resources we can render any help. We urge the Indian Government and the Governments of other countries to immediately provide assistance to Nepal and help the Nepalese people to cope with the disaster.

With revolutionary greetings,  
Provash Ghosh  
General Secretary  
SUCI(C)

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## REPLY FROM UCPN (MAOIST)

Dear sir/ madam,

Thank you for your important email. This will be proceeded according to the system of the party and International department of UCPN (Maoist). We hope you to be in touch regularly on the days to come! Thank you once again!

Yubaraj Chaulagain  
Secretary  
International Department  
UCPN (Maoist)  
Paris Height, Koteshor, Kathmandu, Nepal.

26-04-2015

guidance and leadership to all the mass movements of our country and abroad. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had brilliantly concretized the noble philosophy of Marxism-Leninism on Indian soil. And in the process enriched and heightened the understanding of Marxism-Leninism. Comrade Ghosh in 1947 itself characterized the post independent Indian state as capitalist. Today it is clear to all that it is capitalism in India and how it is creating havoc in the lives of

people. Whoever comes to governmental power, whatever may be the utterances while in opposition they are all committed to serve the sinister class interest of ruling capitalists. The present BJP government is now inviting foreign capital raising the slogan 'Make in India' because after attaining imperialist character, the ruling Indian bourgeoisie which wants to invest capital abroad is also opening the Indian market to others. The

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*A part of the FoundationDay gathering in Bhopal, MP*

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present Modi government is totally subservient to the corporate monopoly houses, who helped him to come to power. It is fanning up blatant communal politics only to disrupt the unity of the people and to safeguard the rulers from the probable mass upsurge against the blatant anti-people and pro-capitalist policies. Now the task of left and democratic forces is to build up the united mighty mass movement on the edifice of higher culture and ethics, which alone can thwart the danger of fascism. But the cherished transformation will be possible when SUCI(C) the genuine revolutionary party grows with sufficient strength.

### Tamilnadu

The 67th Anniversary of the Foundation Day of the Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist) was observed by the Tamilnadu State Organizing Committee of the Party at Tana Street, Purasaiwakkam,

country after the BJP government led by Mr Narendra Modi has assumed power. He cautioned against the growing danger of communal divide that is being encouraged by the present government. He traced the root cause of the communal divide in the country back to the freedom movement, when the compromising trend led by Mahatma Gandhi prevailed over the secular trend upheld by Netaji. He showed how this could have been avoided if the CPI had developed as a genuine communist party and led the working class and peasants to freedom. Instead, at crucial times, it chose to side with the compromising national bourgeoisie led by the Congress. He said that was the reason why Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, a young freedom fighter at that time, with a handful of youthful compatriots, had embarked on the arduous task of building up a genuine communist party, brick by brick, against all opposition and attacks, so that the



Comrade Sankar Saha addressing in Vadodhara

genuine communist party in the country, tempered by building up people's movements from the day of its founding.

being rich in mineral and other natural resources Odisha is home to the poorest of poor and most downtrodden people of the country with thousands and thousands of young men and women wandering throughout the length and breadth of

### Odisha

A state level Party Foundation



Comrade C K Lukose addressing in Hyderabad

Day observance meeting was held at PMG Square, Bhubaneswar, on 26th April. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Dhurjati Das, Odisha State Secretary SUCI(C) while Comrade Saumen Basu, Member, Central Committee and West Bengal State Secretary graced the occasion as the main Speaker. At the outset, Comrade Bishnu Das, Member SUCI(C) Odisha State Committee gave an introductory speech highlighting the historic significance of the day.

Comrade Saumen Basu deeply deplored the fact that in spite of

the country as migrant labour in search of bare existence. This is the direct fallout of the out and out anti people policies being followed by successive State and Central Governments since independence. The ruling BJD state government has only deceived the poor people of the State and aggravated their misery. He further said that with the introduction of the policy of globalisation-liberalisation-privatisation unbridled loot and plunder of land, water, forest and mineral resources by monopoly

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Comrade K. Radhakrishna addressing in Chennai

Chennai, on 25 April.

The main speaker at the public meeting, attended by Party members and supporters as well as the general public, was Comrade K Radhakrishna, Member, Central Committee, and Karnataka State Secretary, SUCI(C). Comrade A Rengasamy, Tamilnadu State Secretary, presided over the meeting while Comrade A Anavarathan, State Organizing Committee member, rendered Comrade Radhakrishna's speech into Tamil.

In his presidential speech, Comrade A Rengasamy showed how distressful life has become for all sections of people in the state because of price rise, corruption and other anti-people acts of successive AIADMK and DMK led governments, both intent on serving the interests of the capitalist class. He stressed the need for building movements of the people and appealed to the left parties in the state to come forward to build up people's movements, instead of supporting AIADMK or DMK for petty electoral gains.

Comrade Radhakrishna spoke about the dangerous situation in the

working people of the country could achieve real emancipation from exploitation and oppression. To offset this rising anger of the people, a conspiracy is on to destroy the moral fabric of the country by promoting obscurantist, anti-science ideas, mixing up science and mythology. He warned how together with administrative fascism which is a reality in the country, the cultural base of fascism is being systematically laid, the design being to nip revolution in the bud. For that people must come forth to strengthen the SUCI(C), the only



Comrade Saumen Basu addressing in Bhubaneswar

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capitalists and giant Corporate houses with the naked backing of the State has become the order of the day and robbed the common people of their livelihood, uprooted them in lacs from their home and hearth and pushed them to the brink of disaster. Reflecting on the anti people and pro monopoly policies being pursued and implemented by Narendra Modi led Central BJP Government Comrade Saumen Basu said "Achhe Din", the virtual battle cry of BJP during election campaign has proved to be a hoax and has only brought "Bure Din" for the common people of the country. While thousands and thousands of crores are being doled out to the corporate houses on a platter through budgetary provision, tax waiver and other means the meagre amount that was being spent earlier for the welfare of the common people, including budgetary provision for health and education is being further slashed in the name of austerity. Under the guise of labour reforms the hard earned rights of the workman is being taken away one by one through deceitful amendments to plethora of labour laws, thereby exposing the whole work force of the country to merciless, inhuman exploitation and legalise hire and fire through back door. The draconian land ordinance that has been promulgated and now repromulgated to protect the interest of the corporates is sure to wreck havoc in the life of peasantry, agricultural labour and communities traditionally dependant on land for survival, needless to mention debt trapped farmers are daily and hourly committing suicide to escape the grind of unbearable sufferings.

Comrade Basu ended with a fervent appeal to all the leaders and cadres of the Party to take a pledge on this historic occasion to rededicate themselves to struggle for emancipation and release

ceaseless and uncompromising struggle to develop themselves and help others to develop as true adherents and torch bearers of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought by freeing themselves from all the bourgeois fads and vices which sneaks into them from the capitalist encirclement and corrodes the revolutionary character and diminishes the revolutionary fervour in them.

### Gujarat

In Gujarat, a public meeting was organized in Vadodara. Comrade Sankar Saha, Member, Central Committee, SUCI(C) and General Secretary, AIUTUC was the main speaker. He said that today even after so many years of independence, the condition of working class, peasants, women, students and youths have been deteriorating fast because of ruthless capitalist exploitation. The present capitalist rulers are shattering the dreams of 'Socialism' nurtured by great freedom fighters and revolutionaries like Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh and others. Today lakhs of peasants are committing suicide and government is bent upon snatching the lands of peasants for the benefit of the domestic and foreign capitalists. The dreams of the renaissance stalwarts like Raja Rammohan Roy, Vidyasagar, Mahatma Phule, Narmad and others remain unfulfilled. On the contrary, the trusted political parties of the ruling class like the BJP, Congress and others are fomenting all kinds of divisiveness, backwardness and bigoted thoughts to doom people to darkness and emasculate them from within so that they are disposed of the moral courage to protest. It is incumbent on our Party to free people from the shackles of such reactionary thoughts and organize them in class and mass struggles on the edifice of higher revolutionary thoughts so that the cherished



Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee addressing in New Delhi

emancipation from the yoke of exploitation does come by. He fervently appealed to all democratic and left minded citizens and forces of the country to come out united for a sustained and strong peoples' movement on burning issues.

Among other speakers were Comrades Dwarikanath Rath,

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh along with a handful of his revolutionary compatriots conducted to found the Party on April 24, 1948. She stated that the present Modi government which came to parliamentary power through the media blitz and projection by the Indian corporate houses is going whole hog towards



Party Foundation Day Rally in Jaunpur, UP

Gujarat State Secretary, Tapan Dasgupta, Member, Gujarat State Organizing Committee, and others.

### Delhi

Delhi State Organizing Committee of the SUCI(C) held a public meeting on 28th April, 2015 at Chander Shekhar Azad Colony, Kishan Ganj, Delhi. The meeting which was attended by hundreds of people from different parts of Delhi started with the observance of two minutes silence in memory of the thousands who have lost their lives in the recent earthquake in Nepal, W. Bengal, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee, Member, Central Committee of the Party was the main speaker. Comrade Pran Sharma, Secretary, Delhi State Organising Committee of the SUCI(C), presided over the meeting. The meeting was also addressed by Comrade Ritu Kaushik.

In her speech, the main speaker Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee referred to the arduous and painstaking struggle of the founder General Secretary of the Party,

privatization of the basic amenities of the people, making their lives miserable. She showed how the RSS-BJP combine is actually helping the crisis-ridden moribund capitalism to survive by providing the corporate houses all the avenues to loot the common man on the one hand, and by resorting to fascist method of fanning up Hindu communal mindset through slogans like 'Love-Jehad', 'Ghar Wapsi' and by subordinating all the modern scientific thoughts to the obscurantist old Vedic and Upanishadic mythology, on the other. She stated that the Gujarat model of development projected by the Modi government and the media has proved to be a farce.

The argument advanced by Modi government, she said, is that if rich become richer, people will gain! Only the anti-capitalist socialist revolution can free the people from capitalist bondage and solve all their problems. But that cannot happen on its own. It is only through building up peoples' movements on a higher cultural, moral and ethical edifice, covering all

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Comrade Satyawan addressing Foundation Day meeting in Jaipur (News in next issue)

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# “We must carry the thoughts and teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh to the people”

— Comrade Manik Mukherjee

*(This is the speech Comrade Manik Mukherjee, Member, Polit Bureau, SUCI(C), delivered at the 68<sup>th</sup> Party Foundation Day meeting in Bangalore on 26 April)*

Comrade President, comrades and friends,

You have already heard Comrades Jayalakshmi and Radhakrishna explaining the purpose of the meeting today. Comrade Radhakrishna has dealt with so many points. I shall try to dwell on some more important points. Comrades and friends, today you know that this 24 April marked the 68<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of our beloved Party, SUCI(C) founded by our beloved leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Based on the teachings of Lenin and following Marxist methodology of analysis, Comrade Ghosh concluded way back in 1940s that in the name of independence, power was going to be transferred to Indian capitalists through compromise and there was no genuine communist party in India. And without a genuine communist party, the cherished anti-capitalist revolution to free the Indian people from the yoke of capitalist exploitation could not be accomplished. He showed that undivided CPI though was recognized by the then international communist leadership never grew as a communist party. So, to fill up the void, Comrade Ghosh took upon himself the historic task of building up a genuine communist party through conduction of an arduous all-embracing struggle. But, it was very difficult to convince people then that the CPI enjoying international recognition was not a communist party. However, Comrade Ghosh doggedly upheld the revolutionary line and painstakingly went on convincing people about the truth. In the process of Party building, he concretized Marxism-Leninism on our soil, enriched and developed it and brought its understanding to a new height. He taught us that Marxism is not just a political theory but a comprehensive philosophy of life based on science and scientific truth. Whoever wants to become a communist, grasp the essence of communist ideology would have to change himself or herself first. Since most of us come from petty-bourgeois families, we carry the vices of petty-bourgeois thoughts and life. So, we have to get rid of those vices by conducting a

struggle covering all aspects of life thereby remould ourselves as proletarian revolutionaries to organize Indian revolution. Today, many people acknowledge that ours is the only genuine communist party which is fighting relentlessly and developing class and mass struggles on all burning issues of life. It is also no tall a claim that in course of building the Party, both ideologically and theoretically, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh provided us with a developed understanding of Marxism-Leninism in finest continuation of Lenin-Stalin-Mao Zedong. We thus have the rich and contemporary understanding of Marxist ideology and on this historic occasion of



*Comrade Manik Mukherjee addressing in Bangalore*

observance of Party Foundation Day, it is worth recalling.

In the light of Marxian science, it can be proved that ours is a class-divided society marked by exploitation of man by man. And without overthrowing ruling capitalism by revolution, this exploitation cannot be ended. And so long capitalism is not overthrown, all the burning problems of life emanating from ruthless capitalist oppression cannot be solved. No Congress, no Modi can solve this. We have to go to the masses and explain this truth patiently. We have learnt from Comrade Shibdas Ghosh what should be the entire course of revolution and how each of us should conduct struggle, both internal and external, to accomplish revolution, establish socialism and then gradually proceed towards communism.

The ruling bourgeoisie and its

political agents like Modi have of late been deliberately dishing out a bountiful of anti-science anti-history trashes like jet aeroplanes, plastic surgery and such other innovations, modern mathematics having been made in ancient India and we should, therefore, go backwards. Such nonsensical utterances by the country's Prime Minister are making our country's position ridiculous at the international level. But there is a sinister class motive behind this. As Comrade Ghosh had shown, the ruling reactionary bourgeoisie today is trying to invoke a fascist culture through fusion of spiritualism and technical aspects of science. Once this is established, thinking process will be blunted and revolution would be kept at bay. So, we must be careful and we should theoretically

to strength. Today when we are observing our Party Foundation Day, we should not forget that from a nucleus, ours is an All India Party today.

Earlier, the CPI, CPI (M) and others used to ridicule us by calling a party of Joynagar of West Bengal. But today you can see that both CPI and CPI (M) are inviting our Party to their party congress. Because, they cannot ignore us today. They have to accept our growth and development. They cannot but recognise that a sizeable section of the toiling people throughout India accept SUCI (C) as the genuine communist party on Indian soil. Our Party organization is now spread to almost all the states of India. While others are disintegrating and even scared of maintaining their existence, we are growing. This vindicates the correctness of our ideology. Our growth in Karnataka and other states means growth of revolutionary forces growth of real mass and class struggles. So, this is a very bright situation for us. You know that Comrade Provash Ghosh, our present General Secretary, while addressing the party congress of both CPI and CPI (M), openly pointed out the ideological differences we have with them. He clearly said that we do not consider them as communist parties and also pointed out that left unity should be based on the Marxist principle of unity-struggle-unity.

While combining with other left parties for developing mass struggles based on common minimum programme which is the need of the hour, we have to simultaneously conduct ideological struggle. Such ideological battle if conducted correctly following due code of conduct does not disrupt unity but strengthens it. This is the position we maintain. All the genuine communist parties maintain this. During the surging wave of united left movement in West Bengal in the 1950s and '60s also we preached this. As we as a revolutionary party alone cannot develop the class and mass struggles throughout the length and breadth of the country with desired intensity based on our organizational strength, we need to unite with other left parties for launching united movement. But forging this unity does not mean we shall forsake

combat these sorts of rotten ideas. Civilization has to march onward and forward through development. It cannot go backward. Our demand should be that students must be taught in a way that scientific reasoning develops among them. Otherwise people will not be able to understand in which way the country will develop and in which way we all will have to struggle.

When Comrade Shibdas Ghosh started building up the Party, we were a tiny force. Other parties like undivided CPI were very big. But all of them have disintegrated. CPI is now split into so many factions like present CPI, CPI (M) and so many Naxalite groups. CPI could not remain consolidated because of its ideological bankruptcy. On the other hand, we can feel proud that armed with and guided by Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought, our Party is growing from strength

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### Height of hypocrisy ! USA-UK helping ISIS terrorists

The Iraqi popular forces who shot down a US helicopter carrying weapons for the ISIS forces in Al-Baqdadi region released the photos of the shot down chopper through the Internet. A group of Iraqi popular forces known as Al-Hashad Al-Shabi shot down the US Army helicopter that was carrying weapons for the ISIL in the western parts of Al-Baqdadi region in Al-Anbar province on Thursday.

Last week, Head of the Iraqi Parliament's National Security and Defense Committee Hakem al-Zameli announced that the helicopters of the US-led anti-ISIS coalition were dropping weapons and foodstuff for the ISIL terrorists in the Southern parts of Tikrit. He underscored that he had documents and photos showing that the US Apache helicopters airdropped foodstuff and weapons for the ISIL.

The senior Iraqi legislator further unveiled that the government in Baghdad is receiving daily reports from people and security forces in al-Anbar province on numerous flights by the US-led coalition planes that airdrop weapons and supplies for ISIL in terrorist-held areas.

"We have discovered weapons made in the US, European countries and Israel from the areas liberated from ISIL's control in Al-Baqdadi region," the Al-Ahad news website quoted Head of Al-Anbar Provincial Council Khalaf Tarmouz as saying.

He noted that the members of his committee have already proved that the US planes have dropped advanced weaponry, including anti-aircraft weapons, for the ISIL.

The Iraqi lawmaker further noted the cause of such western aids to the terrorist group, and explained that the US prefers a chaotic situation in Anbar Province which is near the cities of Karbala and Baghdad as it does not want the ISIL crisis to come to an end.

Also in January, another senior Iraqi legislator reiterated that the US-led coalition is the main cause of ISIL's survival in Iraq. "The international coalition is only an excuse for protecting the ISIL and

helping the terrorist group with equipment and weapons," Jome Divan, who is member of the al-Sadr bloc in the Iraqi parliament, said.

In late December, Iraqi Parliamentary Security and Defense Commission MP disclosed that a US plane supplied the ISIL terrorist organization with arms and ammunition in Salahuddin province. Also in Late December, a senior Iraqi lawmaker raised doubts about the seriousness of the anti-ISIL coalition led by the US, and said that the terrorist group still received aids dropped by unidentified aircraft. "The international coalition is not serious about air strikes on ISIL terrorists and is even seeking to take out the popular (voluntary) forces from the battlefield against the Takfiris so that the problem with ISIL remains unsolved in the near future," Nahlah al-Hababi told FNA. In October, a high-ranking Iranian commander also slammed the US for providing aid supplies to ISIL, adding that the US claims that the weapons were mistakenly airdropped to ISIL were untrue. "The US and the so-called anti-ISIL coalition claim that they have launched a campaign against this terrorist and criminal group – while supplying them with weapons, food and medicine in Jalawla region (a town in Diyala Governorate, Iraq). This explicitly displays the falsity of the coalition's and the US' claims," Deputy Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces Brigadier General Massoud Jazayeri said.

A senior lawmaker disclosed that Iraq's army had shot down two British planes as they were carrying weapons for the ISIL terrorists in Al-Anbar province. "The Iraqi Parliament's National Security and Defense Committee have access to the photos of both planes that are British and have crashed while they were carrying weapons for the ISIL," al-Zameli said, according to a Monday report of the Arabic-language information center of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq. He said the Iraqi parliament has asked London for explanations in this regard. (Source: Global Research 23-02-15 and 01-03-15)

representative to Iraq, Hans von Sponeck. Regime change is a term coined by western governments, especially the US, to describe a policy that has no basis in international law. Externally induced regime change has never solved international conflicts. On the contrary, it has intensified them wherever they have been attempted. Innocent civilians are invariably the victims. There are many examples, with Iraq being recently the most prominent.

Following years of clandestine co-operation between US spies and Iraqi opposition groups, the US Congress came out into the open by approving the Iraq Liberation Act, which stated that US policy should seek to "support efforts to remove the regime headed by Saddam Hussein". The US legitimized this invasion by insisting that Saddam's Iraq harboured weapons of mass destruction and cooperated with terrorism networks, including al-Qaeda.

US think-tanks promoted fear. Statements released to the public included: "Because of the limited capability of Iraqi conventional military forces, its WMD programmes loom even larger," and "There is... a general suspicion that Iraq is working on a variety of terrorist contingency plans in case Saddam finds it necessary to strike the United States." The Bush administration welcomed wholeheartedly such insinuations advanced by alleged scholars including Kenneth Pollack, a fellow for the US Council on Foreign Relations. It is now a fact of history that Iraq had no WMD. Some UN arms inspectors had indeed confirmed that since 1995 Iraq was not a threat.

Links with terrorist groups also went unproven, and many knew the claims to be false even before the invasion. Iraq, a secular republic, had no interest in allying with fundamentalist groups like al-Qaeda.

Without these WMD and terrorist fabrications, there would not have been any basis for US authorities to argue that Iraq posed "a threat to many of its neighbours in the absence of US forces".

Facts are stubborn things. Thirteen years of sanctions had kept

the government of Saddam firmly in place, the UN "oil-for-food programme" had become a political tool and the people of Iraq were being exposed to "unavoidable collateral damage". John Negroponte, the US ambassador, did not hesitate to confirm this to the US Senate in April 2004: "Although the flow of humanitarian and civilian goods to Iraq was a matter of strong interest to the US government, it should be emphasized that an even greater pre-occupation throughout the period of sanctions was to ensure that no items be permitted for import which could... contribute to Iraq's WMD programme."

Following the 2003 invasion and the lifting of sanctions, the full scale of human misery became known. In 2002, 132 of every 1,000 Iraqi babies died before the age of five, according to UNICEF - second only to Afghanistan.

In 2003 the government of Saddam had been eliminated and Iraq had been "liberated". According to US authorities, Iraq was finally eligible for democracy. In 2015, 12 years after the invasion and four years since the end of occupation, Iraq is facing myriad difficulties at national, regional, local and personal levels.

While the Islamic State group is featured as "the" issue in Iraq, there are other serious problems. Wars, sectarianism, civil conflict and crime are shaking the country's foundations.

Many children are not in school, the education system is permeated by religious divisions, Iraqi academics have been subjected to abductions, extortions and random killings, Iraq has become one of the transit points for opium and cannabis, millions of Iraqi children are orphans and there are an estimated one million female-headed households.

With reports like these laying bare the crimes committed in the name of "regime change" and the "war on terrorism", now is the time for political accountability. Thirteen years after the invasion there has been a shift from US unilateralism to multi-polar international decision-making. This provides important new perspectives for the end of impunity. (Source : Free daily 11-04-15)

### Gujarat peasants' average daily income lowest in India

To counter mounting criticism against the out and out anti-peasant character of the proposed Land Acquisition ordinance that the BJP government is hell bent to promulgate, Prime Minister Modi, of

late, has chosen to proclaim that he is very farmer-friendly. But, what is coming cropper to him is the factsheet of the country. As per the latest Central Government Labour

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### Regime Change :

### A Criminal Act to Bring Calamity for Iraq

The US invasion of Iraq was based on lies and has led to

unspeakable horrors. It is time for accountability, says former UN

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Bureau report, average daily income of peasants of Gujarat i.e. the money they get in hand is Rs 169.32 which is the lowest in India. Of the 20 states surveyed, Gujarat is at 19<sup>th</sup> position in this regard. Incidentally, the minimum daily wage stipulated in

Gujarat is Rs 293 to Rs 284. In other words, the peasants earn almost half the amount of minimum daily wage. What could be better an evidence of how much pro-farmer Modi and his BJP are! (Source: Bengali daily *EiSamoy*, a Times of India publication, dated 18-04-15)

## CAG Report-2015 and 'Gujarat Model' of Education

Modi and his 'Gujarat model' are posed synonymous with development. The audit report tabled in the Gujarat Assembly on Tuesday, by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) revealed a few vital aspects about this claim.

In its compliance audit of the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA) scheme in Gujarat for the year 2013-14, the CAG stated that in the state 64 schools having 5,698 students run without any teacher; 874 schools with just one teacher. As an alternate arrangement teachers of nearby schools are assigned with additional duties. "the state has not ensured availability of adequate teaching staff as per the norms" added the CAG.

In more than 6,000 state-run primary schools and upper-primary schools in five tribal-dominated districts of Gujarat namely Dangs, Dahod, Panchmahal, Tapi and Valsad, "Pupil-Teacher Ratio" was found to be 156:1, even 363:1 as against desirable 40:1 in primary schools with at least two teachers, or 35:1 in upper primary schools with at least one teacher. Poor PTR was found in more than 80% upper primary schools. Only 3.44 lakh (78.72 per cent) of students could be retained in class five to class eight up to 2013-14," due to "non-maintenance of pupil-teacher ratio and inadequate basic amenities in schools", the CAG report said. (Courtesy *PTI*)

8388 schools in the state lack class rooms, 9606 vacancies remain for years together (Courtesy *Sandesh*), 57 schools have no teacher; 87 schools no electricity, 76 schools no toilet (Do you recall the

clarion call of 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan?'); more than 12,000 schools have two classes running in one class room; no playgrounds in schools of Ahmedabad city. In at least one school, there are 64 students, 1 teacher, temporary shade serving as the classroom and continuous threat of lion. (Courtesy *Gujarat Samachar*).

In the last five years, against 2548 private schools, only 167 government schools have been opened. (Courtesy *Times of India*); no new government grant-receiving schools nor government high school or higher secondary schools have been given permission to open while permission is granted to 533 higher secondary private schools. (Courtesy *Sandesh*) While 39 government and private schools have been closed down, many government and Municipal Corporation run schools have been handed over to private management.

In connection with government schools salary of 80,000 staff members is delayed, just Rs. 400/- is allocated for a school as cleanliness grant; plots allotted for schools and their playground are sold out to the real estate builders at 50% price; GCERT provided the government schools with substandard textbooks printed in low quality paper. No wonder there are 74-76 lakh illiterate in the state and in the country Gujarat stands 16<sup>th</sup> in primary education and 23<sup>rd</sup> in Secondary Education. (Courtesy *Gujarat Samachar/Sandesh/Navgujarat Samay/I.E.*)

This is a part of the kind of development Gujarat is experiencing!

## A few more instances of poor educational scenario in Gujarat

- Gujarat is ranked 33 among 35 states and union territories in terms of access to education, in a report published by the human resource development ministry last June 2014. (Courtesy MINT)
- This year about 1.61 lakh students of Gujarati medium failed in Gujarati subject exams in 10<sup>th</sup> Standard.
- There are no playgrounds in schools of Ahmedabad city; we can imagine the situation elsewhere.

## NEWS

### Peasants' movement in Badlapur, UP

There is a system called *chakbandi* in Uttar Pradesh meaning that disjointed pieces of cultivable land are consolidated through a process. But in course of such a process, there have been large scale irregularities, nepotism and corruption in Udupur Gelwa village under Badlapur tehsil of UP as a result of which more and more land was getting concentrated in the hands of the rich peasants and rural kulaks endangering life and livelihood of poor peasants in peril. Naturally discontent brewed up and the deprived poor peasants particularly the women built up a massive protest movement under the leadership of AIKKMS. But the crooked administration tried to frustrate the movement by undertaking construction of a road on the disputed lands. When the protesters came and resisted, the police pounced upon them and arrested many including 28 women and slapped false case against many. Enraged, the peasants led by AIKKMS leaders Comrades Dinesh Kant Dubey, Pramod Kumar and others organized a massive rally in front of the Badlapur Tehsil office and handed over a memorandum demanding immediate redressal to additional District Magistrate for sending to UP Chief Minister. This militant movement has a very good impact on the poor peasants of the area.

### AIDSO Madhya Pradesh successfully organizes statewide Semester Hatao Yatra

AIDSO Madhya Pradesh organized state level "Semester Hatao Yatra" covering 16 districts, 6 universities, various colleges. The first phase of Yatra started from P.G. College Guna (M.P.). From Guna Yatra moved to Ashoknagar, Rajgarh-Bioara, Shajapur, Devas, Ujjain and Indore. Second phase of yatra started from Gwalior on 23 March to 27 March covering Bhind, Morena, Datia and Dabra. Last phase of Yatra was from 6 April to 10 April starting from Sagar to Bina, Vidisha, Sihore and Bhopal. On 9 April, various colleges of Bhopal were covered. On 10 April concluding programme was organized in Bhopal with massive protest demonstration at board office square Bhopal in which students

from various districts participated. Programme was presided over by Comrade Sachin Jain, Member, all India Secretariat. AIDSO while Comrade Ashok Mishra, General Secretary, AIDSO was the main speaker. The overwhelming response of public for the semester Hatao Yatra had inspired all the volunteers of Yatra deeply.

### Victory of Movement by Moradabad AIDSO

A successful demonstration was organized by AIDSO Moradabad unit at MJP Rohilkhand University on 16-4-2015 against the exploitation of the students in Fine arts department of the MH College Moradabad by internal examiner Dr. Ravish Kumar. After meeting the AIDSO delegation, the registrar was convinced about the bona fide of the demand and replaced the internal examiner Dr. Ravish Kumar with Dr. Narendra Singh of the same department.

### PEASANTS' AND AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS' RALLY IN BANGALORE

Raitha Krishikarmikara Sanghatane (RKS), the Karnataka unit of All India Kisan Khet Majdoor Sanghatana (AIKKMS) organized a massive state level rally of peasants and agricultural labourers in Bangalore on 9 April 2015 to protest against the anti-peasant ordinance promulgated by Modi-led BJP Government amending Land acquisition Act 2013.

Thousands of peasants and agricultural labourers from different parts of the state who came to Bangalore assembled in the City Railway Station and took out a protest rally from there to Freedom Park where a protest meeting was held. Comrade K Radhakrishna, Member, Central Committee and Karnataka State Secretary, SUCI (C) addressed the demonstration as the main speaker. Severely condemning the Ordinance, he said with much anguish that this ordinance would put the lives of the toiling people on the burning pyre! He called upon the peasants and agricultural labourers to develop mighty militant movements against the ordinance. Comrade Suneeth Kumar T S, President, RKS, presided over while other RKS leaders also spoke on the occasion.



Kerala State Committee, SUCI(C) organized a big rally in Trivandrum on 10 April protesting against the pro-capitalist anti-people policies of Modi government and the corrupt Congress-led UDF government of the state. The rally was led by Comrade C K Lukose, Central Committee Member and Kerala State Secretary, SUCI(C) and other state committee leaders.



At the call of the Guardians' forum supported by AIDS0 and SUCI(C) a successful bandh was observed on 27 April last against exorbitant fee hike even to the extent of 10 times, forcible extraction of hefty development fee and compulsory readmission in every class in the private schools. Enraged at the massive response to the bandh, Jharkhand police has slapped false case against 36 bandh organizers.

### AIUTUC supports nationwide strike on 30 April against proposed Road Transport and Safety Bill 2014

Criticizing the proposed Road Transport and safety Bill, 2014, Comrade Sankar Saha, General Secretary, All India United Trade Union Centre (AIUTUC) has issued the following statement on 27-04-2015:

We strongly condemn the sinister design of the union government as contained under various provisions of the Bill which not only lead to death knell of existing Road Transport Undertakings but also open up privatization of state-owned Road Transport Sector making life and livelihood of lakhs of workers totally uncertain and pave way for entry of monopoly houses and corporate behemoths into the Transport sector and their taking over the entire control of the Road Transport Undertakings including the vast landed property which they will use

as per their best suited interest. As a result, small transport operators being unable to compete with the giant corporates would have their natural death. Moreover, as the Bill stipulates that repair work of two wheelers, three wheelers and four wheelers will be restricted to the authorized service stations of the manufacturers, huge number of repair workshops will be forced to close down causing unemployment to millions of workers now engaged in such services. Precisely, the Bill would go against the interest of public in general and the small transport operators in particular.

In this backdrop the AIUTUC calls upon all section of workers to plunge into action to make the nationwide Transport Strike a total success on 30th April, 2015 and take steps for united action until the anti-people Transport Bill is withdrawn.

### SUCI(C) appeals to all to stand by the earthquake affected people of Nepal and India and contribute generously to the relief fund

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), issued the following statement on 27-04-2015:

As all of us have come to know, the neighboring state Nepal is ravaged by an unprecedented devastating earthquake. More than three thousand people are reported to have lost life while many more are apprehended to be buried under the debris. Thousands more are marooned and unknown number of people are yet to be rescued. Nepal people never faced such a big natural calamity. The tremors have also been felt in the entire North and East India particularly in the provinces of Bihar, U.P. and Bengal and that have caused substantial damage to life and property. Already 60 deaths are reported. At this hour of grave crisis, it is incumbent on all sensitive people to extend a helping hand to the earthquake-affected people. Responding to the need of the hour, the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist) urges upon the people of the country to come forward and contribute generously to the relief fund in cash/cheque and medicine.

### SUCI(C) vehemently opposes BJP government's decision to invest 5% of PF money in stock market

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), issued the following statement On 25-04-2015 :

We vehemently oppose the decision of the BJP-led central government to allow retirement fund body EPFO to invest 5% of its corpus in exchange traded fund, an instrument of speculative stock market. This very decision taken ignoring the protests from all central trade unions and the workers' representatives on the Board of trustees of Provident Fund would expose the hard earned savings of the salaried employees to the vagaries of stock market fluctuation risking possibility of complete erosion of the invested money and thus imperiling the safety of this social security fund. It cannot be ruled out that in future, there will not be gradual escalation in the percentage of PF corpus to be diverted to stock market making things even worse for the PF contributors. The motive behind this decision is to pump more funds into stock speculation, increase the pie and thus allow domestic and foreign speculative investors to reap benefit of widened scope of gambling on the bourse.

We call upon the working people to offer organized powerful resistance to this pernicious move and exhort all the central trade unions to take initiative in building up this resistance movement unitedly and force the government to reverse the decision.

### SUCI(C) strongly condemns killing of two youths in Kashmir during an army campaign, renews demand for scrapping AFSPA

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), issued the following statement on 21-04-2015 :

The Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist) in strongest terms condemns the killing of the two youths in Tral during an army campaign recently and another 16 year old youth during the protest demonstration at Narabal in Budgam district on 18 April, 2015. These incidents clearly demonstrate the unbridled powers given to the army and para-military forces in the valley to do anything at their will. As far as the death of the 16 year old youth named Suhail is concerned, it has been reported in the media that he was first detained by the security forces and asked questions before he was shot dead. These incidents again stress on the need to scrap the draconian anti-people Acts like the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA), 1990, the Kashmir Public Safety Act, 1978 and finally the J&K Disturbed Areas Act.

The Central Committee appeals to the people of the country including Kashmir to build up a strong and united democratic-secular peoples' movement against these anti-people Acts and force the Central and state governments to withdraw these Acts. Such a movement, the Central Committee considers, will pave way for the real integration of the people of Kashmir with the people of India.

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