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## 70th anniversary of victory of socialism over fascism REMEMBERING GREAT STALIN ARCHITECT OF THE VICTORY

It was the historic day of 9 May, 1945 — exactly 70 years ago— when the gallant and valiant Red Army inflicted crushing defeat on diabolic German fascist forces, captured Berlin and hoisted Red Flag at the top of the German Parliament building, Reichstag, to mark the victory of mankind over the forces of evil. And the whole world including the anti-war democratic minded people of Germany who were subjected to extreme torture at the hands of the fascist Gestapo and the SS army, unequivocally

acknowledged that it was Stalin, the great leader of the proletariat, a worthy successor of Marx, Engels, Lenin, a man of iron will and grit and a noble character in the history of mankind's struggle for emancipation, who was the architect of this epoch-making victory of humanity over the most demonic enemy of mankind and the saviour of human civilization. Led by him, the brave Soviet people, the Red Army and the Soviet Communist Party epitomized this triumph over the forces of reaction.

### **Bourgeois conspiracy to destabilize Soviet socialism**

The Soviet socialist revolution in 1917 marked advent of a new era and proved the correctness of Marxist philosophy and infallibility of Marxist analysis of history. The entire world took note of augury of a new society free from exploitation of man by man and fostering all out development of mankind— economic-political-social-cultural. It inspired the working class round the globe to imbibe Marxism-Leninism and build up revolutionary struggles

on their respective soils. It provided impetus to the freedom loving people in the colonies and semi-colonies to liberate their countries from the grip of imperialist-feudal powers. Soviet Revolution also sent a chill down the spine of the reactionary world imperialism-capitalism mortally afraid of anti-capitalist revolution. So, the imperialist-capitalist powers began to hatch all kinds of conspiracies to destabilize and dismantle Soviet socialism. Moves were taken to militarily encircle

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## Medical Service Centre running medical camps in earthquake-ravaged Nepal

Medical Service Centre (MSC), an All India voluntary organization of doctors, nurses, paramedical staff and health activists is known for its being by the side of the people devastated by natural

calamities or any other disaster. When Uttarakhand and then Kashmir were ravaged by torrential rain, flood and landslide, MSC volunteers rushed there in no time overcoming all difficulties and

hassles, opened free medical camps and provided healthcare to the affected people. These camps ran for several months. Eminent doctors from all over India attended such camps.

So, when Nepal was rocked by severe earthquake which besides taking a heavy toll of precious human lives also caused grievous injury to many and extensive damage to property, MSC lost no time in sending medical teams there with logistic support from SUCI(C). The pilot team of 8 members led by Dr. Sushovan Ghosh started free medical camp from 9 May. A second team of 9 members led by Dr. Anuman Mitra arrived and started work on 13 May. A third

team led by Dr. Swapan Biswas will reach on 16 May. The MSC medical teams will continue to work at different camps in the days to come. Already more than 1000 patients have received medical care from these camps at Sena Chhauni, Swayambhu, Chapagaon, Char Ghara, Lalitpur, Ranipawa, Nunakot, Tinghara and Ramkot areas of Kathmandu and its adjoining areas. MSC also took initial help from Comrade Gharti, Vice-Chairman of Constituent Assembly and Member, Central Committee, Unified Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist). Subsequently, the camps are being run with the help of UCPN (Maoist) volunteers and local people.



*MSC-run medical camp at Sena Chhauni, Nepal for earthquake victims*

## Victory over fascism

# Brave Soviet people, Red Army and Soviet Communist Party led by Stalin epitomized the historic victory

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Soviet Union from all sides. Agent provocateurs were planted inside that country to foment internal troubles and intrigues. The Russian bourgeoisie overthrown from power were clandestinely provided all kinds of assistance to foster counter-revolution. Nascent Soviet Union under the legendary leadership of great Lenin stood firm against all these bourgeois conspiracies and firmed up the process of strengthening socialism and proving its supremacy over capitalism in every sphere of life. When Lenin died in 1924, the mantle fell on Stalin, the most reliable disciple and comrade-in-arms of Lenin to carry that task forward and protect fledgling socialism overcoming all hassles and hurdles and foiling all stratagems of the forces of reaction. It was Stalin who gave foundation to Leninism, showed that Leninism is the Marxism in the era of imperialism and proletarian revolution while at the same time rousing the entire people of Soviet Union to speedily strengthen socialism by bringing about spectacular developments in all walks of life. People imbued with the ideals of Marxism-Leninism, new higher proletarian ethics and culture and reflecting unprecedented sense of social obligation and purposiveness responded wholeheartedly to Stalin's call. In a time of barely two decades, the Soviet Union surpassed even the established imperialist powers in industrialization and crop production. Standard of life of the people rose steadily, prices came down drastically, unemployment, beggary, prostitution and such other maladies of capitalist society became things of the past. Stalin also firmly dealt with the sinister ploy of the detractors and renegades within the Soviet party to demolish socialism and relentlessly carried out fierce ideological struggle to protect the kernel of Marxism-Leninism from all sorts of distortion and vulgarization.

### **Second World War broke out when Soviet socialism was just two decades old**

But when socialism was taking a firm root in Soviet Union and world communist movement was gaining strength, the world was threatened with the emergence of fascism in Germany and Italy and dark clouds of another devastating world war began to gather. Lenin

had shown long back that the imperialists generate war centering on capture and control of market. He explained that the First World War had been imperialistic (that is, an annexationist, predatory, plunderous war) on the part of both warring sides; it was a war for the division of the world, for the partition and repartition of colonies, "spheres of influence" of finance capital, etc. In the Second World War also, the motive of the fascist axis of Germany and Italy (Japan joined later) was the same — grabbing world market at gunpoint to put it under their domination. Fanning up the theory of racial supremacy and national jingoism and raising radical slogans, Hitler could rally a majority of the German people behind him and embarked upon creating a powerful war machine to launch military assault on all other countries and bring them under his subjugation. Hitler's plan was to overrun first the formidable capitalist-imperialist powers of Europe like Britain, France, Belgium and others. His understanding was that since pre-revolution Russia was most backward, newly born socialist Soviet Union could not match his military might. Soviet Union, therefore, could be annexed later with mere snapping of the finger. Even the western imperialist powers — America-Britain-France wanted Hitler to attack Soviet Union, destroy the first socialist country and the working class state of the world. Stalin, a giant communist leader, could read this covert strategy of Hitler and could also see through the intention of the western "democratic" rulers. In fact, when Hitler was appointed Chancellor of Germany raising slogan of national socialism, Stalin realized what was the underlying motive and motto of Hitler's slogan and also sensed that another war was in the offing. Reporting to the 17th Party Congress of CPSU (Bolsheviks) in January 1934, Stalin said, "It is not surprising that fascism has now become the most fashionable commodity among warmongering bourgeois politicians. I am referring not only to fascism in general, but primarily to fascism of the German type, which is wrongly called national socialism— wrongly because the most searching examination will fail to reveal an atom of socialism in it... social democracy which paved the way for fascism ... is a ...sign that the

bourgeoisie is no longer able to rule by the old methods of parliamentarism and bourgeois democracy, and as a consequence, is compelled in its home policy to resort to terrorist methods to rule.. and...to resort to a policy of war." His worry and prime duty then was to save socialist Soviet Union, the lone hope before the emancipation-seeking people of the globe. Papers which were kept secret for almost 70 years and revealed of late show that the Soviet Union proposed sending a powerful military force in an effort to entice Britain and France into an anti-Nazi alliance. The offer of a military force to help contain Hitler was made by a senior Soviet military delegation at a Kremlin meeting with senior British and French officers, two weeks before war broke out in 1939. But Stalin's offer of a western alliance was not accepted by Britain and France. (The Telegraph, UK, 18-10-2008) In such circumstances, Stalin, made a clever move and surprised everyone by entering into a non-aggression pact with Hitler on August 23, 1939. Hitler agreed to this pact because he thought it would enable him to easily occupy the weak East European and Balkan states and at the same time spare him from fighting a two-front war in the soon-to-begin World War II. On the other hand, Stalin knowing for sure that fascist Germany would pounce upon Soviet Union at the earliest opportunity after ensuring victory over the Western imperialist powers, managed to buy time to secure some breathing space to make necessary preparations for taking the fascist aggression head on and at the same time put in place some safety measures to protect the hitherto achieved advancements in socialist economy, industrialization and social upliftment. Similarly, the enraged imperialist-capitalist powers tried to project this pact as Stalin's compromise with Hitler. Even today, the reactionary bourgeois camp as well as the revisionists-renegades who want to undermine Stalin and refuse to acknowledge his role in defeating fascism, go on referring to the same pact as a treacherous act. But history holds out and holds out eloquently what prudence Stalin showed that day in handling the complex situation which helped saving mankind from the clutches of fascism.

### **Treacherous role of Western imperialist powers**

As expected, within two years of the Pact, the Nazi regime, after having occupied Europe, assembled the highest number of soldiers and arms and attacked Soviet Union on 22 June in 1941. Once again the forethought of Stalin about the role of the Western imperialist powers proved to be correct when only two days after the Nazi attack American Senator Harry Truman (later to become American President) was found to remark, "If we find the Germans are winning the war then we should help Russia, again if we find Russia winning over them then our help should be extended to Hitler, so that both the sides might face destruction." This was the real face of the so called Allied Forces. The American-British imperialists had dreamt that once both Germany and Soviet Union came to the ruins, they would take possession and total control of the entire world market. It is relevant to mention in this connection that when the fascist army launched the war of aggression against the Soviet Union and was carrying out massacre and destruction with alacrity, Stalin had repeatedly entreated these American-French-British rulers to open a second front in western Europe to set out on an attack against Germany through France. If it could be done then Hitler would have been compelled to remove the soldiers from the eastern war field and assemble the same at the west, at which the intensity of the attack against the Soviet Union would have been somewhat diminished. But the western imperialist rulers turned a deaf ear to this.

And when did they do it? They did it when Stalin did not need their help any more, as the Soviet Red Army and the people were successfully chasing the fascist German army right through eastern Europe. It was then in 1944 that the Allied forces brought down their army to Normandy, the French sea-coast, and set out on their attack, with the ulterior motive to reach Berlin before the Red Army could reach. So, the Soviet socialist state had to lead a lone fight against the indomitable fascist military might. It is worth mentioning here that at such a stage of development when both Germany and Japan were about to surrender, American imperialist rulers, in order to deny the Red

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## “Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had shown that revolutionary theory is not a simple political theory, it is a complete understanding of communist concept of life” — Comrade Krishna Chakraborty

*(This is the text of the speech delivered by Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, Member, Polit Bureau, SUCI(C), at the 68th Party Foundation Day meeting in Kottayam, Kerala, on 28 April, 2015.)*

Comrade President, comrade Chairman of the Left United Front (LUF), members of the state committee on the dais, comrades and friends,

When we are observing the 67<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our beloved party, there are had been a great calamity in Nepal and some states of our country which took away lives of not less than 4 to 5 thousand people in Nepal and no less than hundred people in India. Thousands of people died helplessly. There was a time when people could not control natural forces. Sometimes there would be flood, landslides, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions etc., people used to feel helpless. That was long before. Thousands of years back. Man struggled against natural forces. And with the development of modern sciences man started controlling nature and natural forces. Nowadays if the government really wants it can control floods. Yes, it is true that some such forces are there even today in face of which man is still helpless. As for example, the Tsunami that took away lives of lakhs of people. So, also the super cyclone of Odisha. But with the help of science man can surely predict it long before it happens; can take measures to evacuate people from the affected areas and save lives provided the government is pro-people.

If science is given a scope to develop freely, or if unhampered development of sciences is ensured many such natural calamities, if not controlled at least can be predicted long before and lives of the people could be saved. But today science is not developing, although the possibility of its development is very high. But even today if really science is freed from the greed of capitalist exploiters it can do miracles. We have witnessed this. You have seen how the sickest nation of Europe, i.e., Russia, which was economically and even technologically very backward before revolution, in the second world war period it turned into one of the most advanced states of those days, if not the most; much more than America also. England and France were very powerful in those days. France was defeated in a month by Germany. England was threatened and America was

shivering from far away when Germany attacked Russia. Under the great leadership of Stalin, and because of socialist culture, socialist science, socialist organization, Russia gave crushing defeat to Germany- Italy-Japan axis. It was possible because science was freed under socialism while in capitalism science is not freely allowed to be developed as it could be. Once capitalism itself brought in and promoted modern sciences fighting against feudalism. In those days bourgeoisie encouraged development of modern sciences. Science started developing since the days of Copernicus, then Galileo, then Newton, then so many other scientists. Capitalism wanted development of industries. In those days capitalism was revolutionary, progressive. It had no crisis. The whole world market was open to them. So they could develop sciences and technologies. But capitalism because of its own inherent law - law of exploitation, has created its own crisis, market crisis. If there is unobstructed development of technology, production will become very high. So the capitalists have started controlling sciences. They will promote research in those areas which they require for their profit. But only very restricted, very limited, because capitalism has entered into the phase of crisis as Lenin pointed out in the end of nineteenth and beginning of twentieth centuries. By reaching its highest stage imperialism, capitalism has become moribund and reactionary. Capitalism everywhere is in crisis. Crisis, not only in our country but all over the world. America is the topmost victim of crisis. Who can free the society from this crisis? The proletariat - the revolutionary proletariat, not any kind of proletariat; by overthrowing capitalism and by establishing socialism. But to overthrow capitalism and to establish socialism we need a social revolution and Lenin pointed out that to do this we need a party. Without a revolutionary party there will be no revolution anywhere. Wherever today revolution will take place or has taken place it is because of the revolutionary party of the proletariat. In Russia Bolshevik party under the leadership of Lenin afterwards

Stalin, in China under the leadership of Comrade Mao Zedong and Communist Party of China, in Vietnam under the leadership of Comrade Ho Chi Minh and the Vietnam Communist party, in North Korea it was the Communist Party without which no revolution could take place.

When the capitalist system was not there in history, feudalism existed, kings and monarchs ruled. They had absolute control over the means of production. The means of production mainly was agricultural production. Cultivation was the major occupation. Few handlooms and handicrafts were also there. For the growth of production what was required was technology. And that technology could grow only with the development of sciences. But growth of science is not to be judged only on the basis of development of technology and production. That is of course very important aspect of science but more important is that science means development of a scientific approach, a scientific outlook. With the help of science only you can know the truth of nature; truth of society and truth of everything. Without science you can't. It is a method. It is an instrument for knowing truth, hidden truths of nature, society and thoughts. The correlated science that Marx brought is called Dialectical Materialism. To know the truth and to develop the correct approach to the world, science and scientific outlook are required. One day capitalists brought about the development of industries, factories, mills etc. But in the process when capitalism became reactionary, because of operation of its own law of maximization of profit, now they are afraid of science. They are propagating so many things against science. BJP excels than any other bourgeois parties. BJP is one of the dependable parties of the bourgeoisie. Congress is also alike. They are talking against science, talking of Vedic mathematics. Thousands and thousands of years back whatever backward thoughts existed that they propagate as advancement of science and technology in ancient India — this has no scientific outlook and scientific view. In the interest of Tata, Birla, Ambani, etc they support these ideas. This we will have to understand. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh pointed out that the proletariat who needs revolution, who urges for

emancipation from exploitation, oppression and repression for the whole of society, they need to know the truth. Today it is the proletariat who requires science — to know the truth, to fight out all illusions and all subjective outlook. We are fighting for scientific approach and outlook because we want truth. Communists are those who fight for truth. Why? Without truth you cannot advance the society, you cannot create a new civilization out of the old. Truth is essential for the change of society, change of man and change of civilization. But because of crisis of capitalism — crisis of overproduction — they produce only to sell and earn profit. Profit maximization is the goal of capitalism. Capitalists want more and more profit. Highest possible profit. That can be done by exploiting the working masses. Capitalists do not produce anything. All this wealth is created by labour force, meaning working class. That wealth is usurped by them, while the condition of the working class becomes miserable. Purchasing power of the people is the market. When people's purchasing power is falling and falling due to capitalist exploitation on the one hand, on the other technology is developing due to competition between the capitalist countries and production is increasing; naturally market is becoming squeezed. Then in relation to the market, production is appearing as overproduction. It is not overproduction in real sense. Is the cotton textile goods, over production in our country? Our sisters, our parents, our children go half naked in the streets. But they see it as overproduction! Overproduction is in relation to their market. So they stop production and people lose jobs and purchasing power. Further curtailment of purchasing power and market gets squeezed further. Already existing overproduction has become further overproduction, or more overproduction. In this way crisis engulfs capitalism.

But capitalism will not die of its own. In this period of overproduction and crisis of market, capitalists are afraid of higher technology. It does not mean a little of technological development cannot take place here or there. America is fighting Germany or Japan to gain control over the market or with France or England. So she requires some development of technology so that

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# Freeing science is linked with freeing society and people

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she can produce materials with lower cost and better quality, so that the US can capture more market. To that extent they require technological development; but not uninterrupted development of science and technology through which production will become abundant and whole of humanity can get freed from hunger and starvation and hence man can become really free. This is what the proletariat needs today. Proletariat is fighting for development of sciences. Science alone can give correct understanding of life, because it tells only the truth. Without truth you cannot have a greater understanding of life. On that, bourgeoisie wants to confuse you. Bourgeoisie wants you to forget about sciences. They say that science cannot give you peace and solace of mind. They say you go for pooja and get satisfaction. Just reverse is true. Man can get real satisfaction and peace of mind only by knowing truth. And truth can be known only by means of science and by no other means. By liking and disliking, by predictions of some great *babas* (godmen) truth cannot be known. So the calamities what you saw can be fought out or at least controlled by man if science and technology develops, not by poojas or anything. Seismic activities can be studied and can be predicted long before and man can be evacuated from those areas where Earthquake is supposed to strike. Man can do it if science is free. This is the responsibility of the proletariat.

Proletariat has to understand it very deeply. They will have to free the society from capitalist exploitation and thereby free science from the grips and tentacle of capitalist rule, not only to control the natural forces but also to know and change the world. That means to create higher civilization by overthrowing capitalism and bringing in socialism - social ownership over means of production as against individual ownership as in capitalism and freeing production from the motive force of profit making but to meet the growing need of the society. That is the actual meaning of revolution. Revolution is noble and great. Why? It frees man, and then develops higher civilization, higher culture and higher concept of life.

Science is very important for the revolutionary movement. Science of

all sciences is dialectical materialism. That we must deeply know, study and understand. To free people is to free science from the tentacles of the capitalist exploitation as well. There is no separate movement. When we talk of the emancipation of the working class we talk about emancipation of the science also. And that can be done only by the revolutionary party of the proletariat. That revolutionary party of our country is Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist). It has been now proved. See the character of CPI and CPI (M) and other fractions of these parties. Either practising opportunism combining with any force for parliamentary gains or slipping into adventurism. In between they do not know any path. It cannot be otherwise. Unless you follow the path of Marxism-Leninism and correctly analyse the condition of the country you can never analyze that ours is a capitalist state. Here the national bourgeoisie is in power. If they are in power you have to overthrow them from power. That is anti capitalist socialist revolution. It is neither against imperialism nor feudalism. Where you see feudalism now? Even if you search in the jungle using a telescope you won't find feudalism. So by saying that the fight is against feudalism you are betraying the revolution. Opportunism and adventurism is not great.

Revolution is the struggle to overthrow the national bourgeoisie from power by the proletariat along with the semi proletarian masses. The proletariat should have progressive alliance with the poor peasants who have got so small land by cultivating which they can not maintain their livelihood; so they need to work as labourers in the lands of others, to that extent they are proletariat. That's why we call them as semi proletarian masses. Closest alliance with them and then winning over the middle class for the revolution and isolating the hardly ten percent of the national bourgeoisie - then only condition for revolution gets created. This is the analysis Comrade Shibdas Ghosh made and that gives the actual explanation and shows the reality of India. None of these parties accept this. So they can neither see the basic problems nor can solve them.

Until the revolutionary condition is prepared we require united movement of the left and democratic parties to organize and conduct united democratic

movements. Lenin showed this - proletarian revolutionary party should strive to shape up left democratic front - to unite with those who are ready to develop united working class movement. Whether they are revolutionary or not is not the point here. But from the point of democratic movement if they are ready to protect the interest of the working class we are ready to unite with them. This we have been practicing from the beginning of our party, we were all through in



**Comrade Krishna Chakraborty**

the united front. But CPI (M) did not like our presence because we discussed ideological questions to establish our line to the people. They are afraid of it. Why they are afraid of it? You are a big party. Let there be ideological political discussions among people that uplifts people's political consciousness. That does not divide people. Then what is the principle of the united movement? Principle of the united movement as Lenin showed is Unity-Struggle-Unity. We unite with all the forces who consider this enemy to be the common enemy. Say today's government, BJP government or any other time Congress government is the common enemy. We like to unite with the left democratic parties and forces. That unity we maintain and fight. Their basic line is different from ours. We believe in anti capitalist socialist revolution. In many questions there will be differences. Let there be open polemics. If your line is correct it will be accepted by the people and if our line is correct it will be accepted. Why you are afraid? We are not afraid though you are a big party. So this is the problem. When unity is there united action, united

line and whatever will be taken in the united front you have to follow. If you believe in revolution you should have to fight for it. Ideological struggle is a necessity in the united movement. With these we formed the united front.

Now people dislike CPI (M). While in power in West Bengal instead of organizing people's movement they suppressed people's movement in Nandigram and Singur. Just like Congress they suppressed all democratic movements in Bengal. They never care for the people. People handed them a miserable defeat. Now they came to us. We are not unwilling. What has now developed not only in west Bengal but at all India level is unity only, not a united front. We are jointly organizing some movements. Our Party, CPI, CPI (M), RSP, Forward Bloc and Liberation group of CPI (ML). These six parties are jointly developing some people's movement on some burning issues. If it develops into a united front, then it is good. We have no objection. But that should come in its real course. Following this principle, united movement can be there on the basis of common minimum agreed programme. Maximum programme of anti capitalist socialist revolution is ours and yours is people's democratic revolution. That cannot be common. So common minimum agreed programme is the democratic demands of the masses. But in Kerala there is a different situation you know. In Kerala we have no objection if they come. We have already formed front with two other parties. According to them they are small parties. But these parties are sincere in fighting for the people. That we mind. Big party, but no care for the people's demands then how will we unite with them? We want unity but for movement. We want unity but for protecting the interests of the people.

People's life is miserable today. What is the condition of India today? This government has come defeating the Congress. There was no strong wave in favour of BJP or Modi. Our Party has analyzed after election that it was not the pro-BJP wave or pro-Modi wave. Actually throughout the country during parliament election there was anti congress wave. If that was pro-BJP or pro-Modi, in Kerala there should have been its reflection in the result. Not a single seat they could get from Kerala. In Tamil

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# Only the revolutionary proletariat can bring about anti-capitalist revolution

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Nadu AIADMK, Jayalalitha swept the polls. BJP could not do anything. In Andhra Pradesh TDP, Chandrababu Naidu swept the polls. In Telangana, TRS swept the polls. In West Bengal Mamata Banerjee swept the same. Even in Odisha BJP could not do anything. Where is BJP? The propaganda was the creation of the monopoly houses to bring Narendra Modi. Where they won, you see. They won in Delhi, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra. Why they won? Because they had to fight the Congress only and the people themselves wanted to defeat the Congress, what is the astonishing thing in this, what is BJP's credit in it. And our analysis is people wanted to defeat the Congress. Last assembly elections in Delhi confirm our study very clearly. Aam Aadmi Party is nothing actually. What is that? AAP defeated BJP like anything. Crushed it! Three seats BJP got! In that very Delhi in the last parliamentary elections they got all the seven seats. In the last assembly elections BJP got 32 seats AAP got 28 seats Congress 8 seats. But in this election BJP got 3 seats only. How? 12 central cabinet ministers campaigned for BJP, 3 chief ministers of other states campaigned for BJP, and lastly Narendra Modi himself campaigned! Still got shattered, why? It shows people were searching for an alternative. They were searching for a real party that they did not get. Why they vote for BJP? It is because there was no party to defeat the Congress. So they defeated Congress. BJP came into governmental power. At once railway fare was hiked by 14%. And now you enter into railway platform you have to shell out Rs.10. No service. You go and come back. For that you have to pay Rs.10. *Ache din ayega...Ache din* means good days. Narendra Modi's slogan. How Ache? Prices are now higher than those during the period of Manmohan Singh. All labour laws are going to be 'reformed' in the interest of the capitalists. Rights of the workers will be taken away. Not one industrial dispute act, all Acts will be changed in favour of the rulers. Inspection in the factories and industries would be completely stopped. Whatever way the

management likes to run their factories and industries - there shall not be inspections, capitalist owner will issue self certificate that I am perfect and performing well! That is how things are going to be. Vijayaraje Scindia, the Chief Minister of Rajasthan BJP government has already reformed eleven laws. Previously, in factories where there were below 100 workers they could go for lay off without sanction from the government. Now, they have reformed the Act like factories Act which permits factories having labourers up to 300 to lay off workers without seeking any sanction from the government. Now the central government is bringing these laws. See, this is a total attack on the working class. Brutal attack I can say.

Then there is the Land Acquisition Ordinance with the help of which they will take away land from the people without their consent, and you can not stop it. And many farmers during Narendra Modi's one year rule have committed suicide already. There is a barbaric attack on education. Dinanath Batra, a BJP intellectual has proposed for imparting knowledge of no less than three thousand years back. Such nonsense! So this is a total attack on the people from all sides. They talk of culture but it has nothing to do with culture, it's nothing other than Hindu fanaticism. What happened in Gujarat?

Now coming to governmental power Modi is trying to get freed from charges he was facing. Who did riots in Gujarat? So please understand - the situation is very very serious. But this is not the only picture. This is one side of the picture. There is another side of the picture too. There is real urge in people for movement. There is real cry for movement. We have to be respond to the cry of the people. We have to develop movements. We have to mobilize people in those states where the crisis is tremendous. That will influence other states also. In whole country there should be movements. And it has already started. Movement is very important. Rolling stone gathers no mass! Stagnant water gets polluted! The motion, movement is the law of nature. Man also develops in motion, in movement. Where there is no movement there is stagnation. In thinking, in culture, there will be

deviations. Our Party is trying to develop movements in the country. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh always called upon the comrades to go to the masses, organize the masses, know their problems, educate them and develop movements. But not only movements, we have to simultaneously build up the instruments of struggle viz., people's struggle committees.

That is very important. We develop movement. It was the nature of joint movement in Bengal. Giving a call for strike and violating law, people would go to jail; people get beating and beating. If demands are not achieved, even then leaders are not worried, because they know that people's anger will convert into votes in their favour. And if victory is there, then there is all round benefit, votes are sure to come. This way the movements were conducted!

But beyond this, people get scattered. Without any instrument of struggle how people will fight? The revolutionary party is therefore to organize people and build up political power of the people. These struggle committees are having political power of the people as in Russia where soviets were the committees for people's struggle. What name will be there in our country is a different thing. But we will have to organize people and build up peoples committees. Real political power of the people is required. When that will be strengthened and matured politically and culturally that is with socialist culture, revolution will come. So comrades as there is dark situation in the country, the fascist force is trying to confuse the masses and there by trying to develop fascist conditions, equally there is possibility of powerful movements. Marxism says there is nothing absolute; where there is darkness there is light. We must have the power to see it. Even in fascist condition there also remains resistance, opposition of the people. You have to see it and strengthen it and overthrow fascist forces from power which Stalin did. As Stalin did in the Second World War, we have to learn from it. Today is the 70<sup>th</sup> year of the defeat of fascism and victory of socialism.

We have to learn from it. So comrades, today on the occasion of the 67th anniversary of our party I will only tell you comrades that now we are not very small. But in relation to revolution we are very

small that we have to admit very humbly. But in relation to strength of other left political parties we are not small. We are working in 20-21 states. Wherever we are working and wherever Comrade Ghosh's thought is taken to the people, they are responding exceptionally. In all the states our Party is growing very fast. We have to speed up that struggle. We have to strengthen our Party by organizing movements of the people and by organizing peoples committees for struggle. If we can do this we will bring about revolution. When will revolution come, when we prepare for it. It is a fact. Revolution requires most importantly — revolutionary party and revolutionary theory. The revolutionary theory which Comrade Ghosh has shown is not a simple political theory it is a complete understanding of life as such or the communist concept of life and the struggle including the political line also. As Lenin said that without a revolutionary theory there will be no revolution so also, without a revolutionary party there will be no revolution. We have both, now what we require is strength of the party. Lenin has proved it by conducting a successful revolution in Russia for the first time in the world. He has shown that capitalism has become old, moribund, dying. No system can be overthrown unless it is old and moribund; and when a new society is emerging from its womb then revolution takes place. It has to be overthrown. Who will overthrow? The conscious proletariat. The Communists are the conscious proletariats.

So comrades, I appeal again and again — understand the situation. Now every passing day I find so many hopeful things. When all parties are disintegrating, our Party is growing constantly, continuously without showing any sign of disintegration. Believe in it. Organize yourselves. Educate yourselves as Comrade Ghosh has taught. Marx himself told that workers will change the world, historically the workers or the proletariat will change the world, but to change the world they will have to change themselves first. On this occasion of our Party foundation day we will take such an oath and make it real. With this hope and belief I conclude paying revolutionary respect to our great leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

## 68th Party Foundation Day observed throughout the country with due solemnity

*(In our last issue, we covered observance of 68th Party Foundation Day in 13 states. Here we publish news of some more observances.)*

### Haryana

Haryana State Committee, SUCI(C), held a mass meeting at Rajput Dharmshala, Bhiwani on April 24, 2015. Comrade Satyawan, Member, Central Committee and Haryana State Secretary, SUCI(C) was the main speaker on this occasion. Comrade Anoop Singh, veteran State Committee member presided over the meeting. Comrades Ramphal and Rajender Singh, both State Committee members, also spoke.

Comrade Satyawan elaborately explained what a grave situation people of the country are facing. In the last elections, BJP leaders made tall promise of bringing 'Achhe Din' but after coming to power BJP is administering bitter pills and putting economic burden on the people. BJP is serving the capitalists, big business, monopoly houses who arranged media propaganda spending huge amount of money and presented Modi as 'Saviour' before the people. Now Modi government is implementing more vigorously the same economic policies which were introduced by previous Congress government. Modi-led BJP government at the Centre is bent upon snatching away agricultural lands of the farmers through the black Land Acquisition ordinance. He urged upon the toiling people, especially poor peasants and agricultural labours to develop a powerful democratic movement to force the government withdraw the black ordinance. He also informed that SUCI(C) declared full support to the peasants rally to be held on 5 May in Delhi in front of Parliament on the demand of withdrawal of the land acquisition ordinance. He also announced the decision of the party and AIKKMS to protest against the anti-people policies and the black ordinance of BJP govt. at Tehsil level on 28th April. He criticized Khattar-led state government which is delaying to give compensation for crops destroyed by untimely rain and hailstorm. He also exposed how the BJP government is pursuing disastrous education and health policies in keeping with the disastrous policies of globalization. Electricity, drinking water, bus and railway transport and other civic amenities are becoming unaffordable for poor people. There is no check on price rise, unemployment, crimes and atrocities against women, liquor and drugs menace. The ruling class trying to

break the moral backbone of the Youth by spreading obscenity and pornography through cinema, internet, etc. RSS-BJP is fomenting all rotten thoughts, backward obscurantist thoughts and launching attack against rational scientific thinking. Thus a fascist mentality is sought to be inculcated. They are dividing people on communal, casteist and parochial lines to scuttle possibility of united protest. Thus a fascist mentality is being grown. Finally, he appealed to the toiling people to strengthen SUCI(C) and build up powerful mass movement based on Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh thought over the burning issues of life and side by side release an ideological campaign against obscurantism, fundamentalism and blind faith.

### Rajasthan

Foundation Day meeting was held in Lakheri in Bundi district on 28 April. Comrade Rajaram Chowdhury presided over and Comrade Satyawan was the main speaker.

### UP

UP State Organizing Committee of SUCI(C) organized a public meeting on 24 April, in Ganga Prasad Verma Memorial Hall at Aminabad, Lucknow. Comrade V. N. Singh, UP State Secretary, presided over. Addressing as the main speaker, Comrade Rabin Samajpati, Jharkhand State Secretary, SUCI(C) explained in detail the anti-people pro-capitalist policies of the central and the state governments of the country. He elaborated how after independence different political parties vending false dream came to power and followed the same pro-capitalist policies. Their slogans are different but politics of subservience to the capitalist class is same. Emancipation from this yoke of capitalist oppression can come by only on accomplishment of anti-capitalist socialist revolution guided by Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought through intensifying the class and mass struggles. Comrade Samajpati also dwelt upon how SUCI(C) grew and developed as the genuine communist party of our country.

Comrade Jagannath Verma, State Office Secretary, told that while huge tax concessions, tax

waivers and other monetary benefits are liberally granted to the industrialists and corporate giants, fiscal savagery, increasing economic burden and social insecurity are tearing the common people apart in capitalist India. All democratic rights are being snatched away. Now new Land Ordinance is going to take away fertile land from the peasants forcibly. Also spoke on the occasion were State leaders like Comrades S. K. Malviya and Pushpendra Vishwakarma.

### Punjab

68th Party Foundation Day meeting was held on May 3, 2015 at the FCI Workers' Union Hall, Budhlada, Punjab through a public meeting which was addressed by Comrade Pratap Samal, MP State Secretary, as the main speaker. Comrade Samal indicated that even this brief span of Modi rule has brought record amount of devastation in the life of all walks of people. All sections of common people have been affected by the pro-corporate policies of the Modi government bringing in rampant privatisation, commercialization and communalization. Comrade Aminder Pal Singh, Convenor, SUCI (C), Punjab said that the Party stand on all issues are being vindicated with passing time. Comrade Bhaskar, president, AIDS, Delhi also spoke.

### Chhattisgarh

The Party Foundation Day meeting was also observed on 28 April at Durg, Chhattisgarh. Comrade Dhurjati Das, Odisha State Secretary, was the main speaker. He pointed out that on this date, 24 April of 1948 Comrade

Shibdas Ghosh, the great Proletarian leader founded this Party, as the only genuine communist party to accomplish the task of overthrowing capitalism through revolution. It must be realized, Comrade Das emphasized, that without strengthening this Party the problems of price rise, unemployment, starvation death, education, health, moral degeneration and atrocities on women and children that are affecting people's life still today so many years after independence cannot be eradicated.

### Maharashtra

A public meeting was organized in a school at Andheri Road in Mumbai on 25 April to observe the 68th Party Foundation day of SUCI (C). It was participated by students, youth and workers from different parts of Maharashtra, namely Nagpur, Wardha, Yatmaal, Thane, Raigad district apart from Mumbai and Navi Mumbai. It was presided over by Comrade Anil Tyagi, Secretary, Mumbai Organizing Committee and was addressed by Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee, Member Central Committee of SUCI (C) as the main speaker. In her speech Comrade Mukherjee brought out why despite presence of several parties going by as communist parties, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh set out to the task of founding this Party as the genuine Party. She further elaborated different aspects of national and international situations and pointed out that the move of the BJP-Shiv Sena government of Maharashtra to withdraw 5% reservation for Muslim students in education and banning of beef over the state were aimed simply at fulfilling their communalist designs.

### Alipore Correctional Home, Kolkata

Leaders and comrades who have been put behind the bars for their only offence of joining and leading people's movements or falsely implicated by the vested interests, observed like all previous years, the Party Foundation day on 24 April inside the Alipur Correctional Home, Kolkata, West Bengal. Comrade Srikanta Haldar presided over the meeting and Comrades Yusuf Gayen, Bansinath Gayen and Aniruddha Haldar addressed it. They pointed out that none of the parties bogged efforts at catching votes think about problems of common men, rather serve the capitalist class. SUCI(C) is the only party that is continuously striving to build up mass movements to lead those to revolutionary struggles for overthrowing this exploitative capitalist system. The speakers in one voice called for strengthening SUCI(C). At the outset, comrades representing different district or local units or frontal organizations of the Party paid floral tribute in the memory of the great Proletarian leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and rendered the song composed on him.



# What one year of Modi's rule gave to people

On 26 May, Modi-led BJP will complete one year in the office. Everyone remembers that during its multi-million rupee hi-tech electoral campaign, there were surfeit of promises made by Modi and his party that, they said, would bring good days to the common man. The monopoly-controlled media which played the role of Modi's principal publicity and public relations manager raised the pitch in favour of this dream-vending by Modi and BJP. Now, all such promises are proved to be counterfeit, all dreams bogus. Have a quick glance at the one year factsheet of Modi and BJP.

1. Modi raised diesel price by Rs 1.27 immediately after coming to power on 15-05-14.
2. Modi steeply hiked railway passenger fare by 14.2%, freight charges by 6.5% and almost doubled the monthly ticket charges of daily commuters on 20-06-14 through an administrative fiat bypassing Parliament when the latter is in session.
3. After imposing hefty increase in passenger fare and freight charges immediately on coming to power and announcing 100% FDI for railway modernization, Prime Minister Modi has now called for privatization of railway stations and allowing private parties to build up luxury hotels, restaurants and other facilities there. In other words, he has spelt out the government's decision to eventually hand over railway operation to private operators through PPP route and infusion of FDI.
4. Modi government decided to sell 50% of tatkal Railway tickets at progressively higher prices in the name of dynamic pricing. Already the passengers paid 30% more than normal fares for tatkal tickets. Now, there was an additional burden for tickets to be sold after exhaustion of first 50% of tatkal quota at rates that would go up after every 10%.
5. Modi government doubled railway platform ticket rate from Rs 5 to Rs 10 to be effective from 1st April, 2015. Not only that. The Divisional Railway Managers have been empowered to increase the rate of platform ticket beyond Rs 10 to regulate rush at platform during specific requirements like *mela* (fair) and rally.
6. Modi government announced proposal of allowing 100% FDI in defence and media.
7. Modi declared that all Public Sector Units (PSUs) including PSU banks will have to compulsorily divest 25% of the government stakes which means rolling out the plan to eventually privatize the PSUs once created with public finance and hence deemed for all intent and purpose public property.
8. Modi pushed up sugar price by Rs 3 per kg, LPG cylinder price by Rs 10 per month and piped natural gas price by around Rs 1500 per unit.
9. Modi again raised the price of domestic cooking gas cylinder by Rs. 3 on the pretext of recovering the increased commission to be paid to the dealers.
10. Modi took most atrocious decision to deregulate diesel prices in keeping with the pernicious prescripts of economic liberalization wreaking havoc in people's life.
11. Modi allowed 49% FDI in defence and insurance.
12. Modi is talking of reviving the Special Economic Zones (SEZs).
13. Modi had no qualm in calling the minorities as kutte ki baccha (puppies).
14. In Modi's regime, communal violence, polarizing communities, had overtaken UP so much so that it has turned into a tinderbox which could explode at any point in time at slightest of provocation. The state has witnessed at least 24 riots since May 16, 2014 the day the Lok Sabha election results were announced. Of the 12 constituencies that fell vacant after BJP MLAs were elected MPs, six have seen communal clashes in the past two-and-a-half-month.
15. Modi by one stroke cancelled that little price-control in life saving and essential drugs in order to pave the way for the multinational corporations and the monopoly capitalists to raise drug prices at will. Of late. Over and above 108 medicines having their prices raised earlier, of late prices of 509 more essential medicines have been raised phenomenally
16. Modi government scrapped the central scheme for free drug and diagnostics as a further step towards complete withdrawal of the state from public health and leaving the arena exclusively to the private operators for running on commercial basis.
17. Every hour Modi government waives Rs 7 crores of corporate tax and every day exempts Rs 168 crores towards that.
18. 43 peasants commit suicide everyday in Modi's India.
19. In BJP-ruled Maharashtra, 7 farmers commit suicide everyday.
20. Modi and BJP averred that if elected to office it would within hundred days bring back to the country so much black money from abroad as to give every Indian citizen Rs 15 lakh as a share of the spoils. However after being saddled in power, the Modi government has not so far produced of its own even 15 names who may have secreted away clandestine funds abroad. At the Supreme Court's prodding, the government ultimately submitted a measly list of 627 names provided by HSBC Bank, Geneva.
21. Modi government to teach Sanskrit compulsorily as a third language at Kendriya Vidyalaya schools.
22. Modi has issued new Land Acquisition Ordinance which is nothing but a heinous policy for snatching lands from the peasants in the interest of the domestic and foreign multinational corporations particularly those MNCs who want to invest huge capital in real-estate business. As a result of this ordinance millions of poor and middle peasants will be uprooted from their lands and will add the numbers of the street beggars.
23. Modi government has slashed 20% of approved health budget from the allotment of 2014-2015.
24. Modi government has decided to end support to Palestine at the U.N. and be friendly with Zionist Israel.
25. The BJP-led Maharashtra government following the footsteps of BJP-led Rajasthan Government proposed to confer, by way of amending Industrial Disputes Act 1947, unilateral right to the capitalist owners of factories with less than 300 workers to lay off staff or close down the units without seeking government permission. It is estimated that roughly 39,000 of the 41,000 establishments located in Maharashtra, the most industrialized state of the country, will be covered by this proposed outright anti-working class amendment which, brought out in the line of Prime Minister Modi's pro-capitalist "Make in India" campaign, will insecure the life and livelihood of lakhs of workers, erode workers' hard earned rights and lead to job losses stoking further unemployment. It is also reported that a move is afoot to amend the Contract Labour Act, 1970, so that units with 50 or more contract workers as against 20 at present will be required to register with the government thereby allowing small- and medium-scale industries to hire contract labour more freely and depriving the workers of their trade union, socio-economic and constitutional rights and rendering them more vulnerable to the whims and diktats of the employers. Likewise, Factory Act, 1948, is proposed to be amended so that safety rules under the law will now be mandatory for units employing 20 workers or more as against 10 at present.
26. Modi government appointed Kunwar Bharatendra, MP from Bijnore and an accused in Muzaffarnagar communal riot cases, to the Aligarh Muslim University Court, the highest decision making body of this reputed academic institute.
27. In the image of the Preamble to the Constitution which featured in the advertisement published in newspapers to commemorate India's 66th Republic Day, the Modi-led BJP government did not use the word 'socialist' and 'secular'.
28. BJP-led Maharashtra government has scrapped the 5% reservation provided for the Muslim community in educational institutions by the former Congress-led government through an ordinance passed in July 2014.
29. BJP-led Maharashtra government also sought to control the diet of many of the countrymen by banning eating of beef which is consumed by many across the world—an act that is tantamount to discrimination and reflective of definite communal bias against a particular community.
30. BJP-led Gujarat government has come out with a new draconian Act called Gujarat Control of Organized Crime Bill (GUCOC) which confers unbridled and autocratic power to the government-police-administration to intercept phone calls of any person, submit confessions before a cop as an admissible evidence in court and extend period of detention without charge upto 180 days. The Act also stipulates that offences under the Act would be non-bailable and provides immunity to the State government from legal action through an ambiguous idea of "good faith."

## Peasants committing suicides are cowards and criminals — said BJP minister

Gajendra Singh, a farmer from Rajasthan, his crops ruined by rains, hanged himself from a tree at an AAP rally here on 22 April just before Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal addressed thousands against the controversial land ordinance. The unfortunate event was captured live by the electronic media. It took place at Jantar Mantar in the heart of the city where thousands from Delhi and other states had turned up to denounce the land bill at a mass meeting called by the AAP. A suicide note in Hindi found at the spot said the man was taking his life because untimely rains had destroyed his crops and ruined him. Immediately after the incident, political blame game ensued with the leaders of various ruling parties slinging mud at each other for the heart-rending incident. But the most 'startling' comment came from O P Dhankar, BJP agriculture minister of Haryana. He described the peasants who commit suicide as cowards and criminals not worthy of help from the government. Playing a second fiddle to such politicians devoid of conscience are the self-styled economists in the pay roll of the ruling monopolists. Swaminathan A Aiyer wrote in his column in the Times of India dated 10 May 2015 that "Everybody loves farm suicides" because "Many states now compensate suicide-hit families, delighting moneylenders who had lent to these families and can now use muscle to claw back their dues from the compensation money." He further added that "presenting farm suicides as a single mass tragedy can win awards for journalists, TRPs for TV anchors, donations for NGOs opposing commercial crops and globalization, slogans for leftists attributing everything to class war, and votes for opposition parties." So the media, according to him, is highlighting farm suicides. This "erudite" person has then made a comment that would make even a donkey laugh. "The overwhelming cause of suicide is mental stress, not financial stress. Many suicides (notably in Andhra Pradesh) were of farmers who borrowed heavily to drill tubewells that quickly ran dry. Free electricity in many states (including AP) has greatly lowered water tables, ruining tubewells. Thus "free electricity causes suicide", observes this 'celebrated economist-columnist'. The government might think of awarding a higher "Padma" award to him for such path-breaking discoveries.

On the other hand, Dhankar who earlier headed the BJP's Kisan Cell, and is on record to have condemned the previous UPA government for not doing enough for farmers, denied that any farmer had committed suicide due to crop damage. But the fact is that after scores of debt-ridden farmers saw their winter crops damaged by unseasonal hailstorms and rains in states such as Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Punjab, there were reports of a string of suicides. The governments irrespective of hues whose brazenly anti-peasant policies have pushed the poverty-stricken hapless peasants to take recourse to such extreme steps are unfazed. On top of it, politicians like Dhankar who have ridden to power with the backing of the exploitative monopolists and are committed to serve their sinister class interest as their faithful subservient and in exchange are allowed to enjoy pelf and power do not feel even a fig ashamed for making such most atrocious remarks. As per the latest report, one peasant commits suicide in every 38 minutes, 47 in a day. The overall number of peasants' suicide has crossed 3 lakhs. And power-greedy anti-people bourgeois politicians like Dhankar have gone to the extent of even shunning the typical hoodwinking practice of the hypocrites to shed crocodile tears for public consumption and instead have been showing audacity to pass such derogatory remarks against the wretched impoverished pauperized peasants who being unable to secure any help or assistance from the power that be are ending their lives *en masse*. Time has come when the destitute peasants must understand that committing suicide would allow these heartless spineless politicians to thrive and prosper at their cost. They must close their ranks and unleash a massive organized movement to force the autocratic government yield to their righteous demand to live and dislodge persons like Dhankar from the public offices.

## SUCI(C) takes prompt initiative for relief work for Nepal earthquake victims : people respond wholeheartedly

Once again hapless people had to succumb to the nature's fury. The Himalayan state of Nepal and a vast stretch of neighboring north India were rocked by severe earthquake including repeated aftershocks. The devastating earthquake wreaked havoc in terms of destruction of human lives and property. Soon it was known how pathetically the roaring tourist spots, traditional build-ups in cities and towns were ravaged; lesser known was the *fate* of numbers of small villages of poor Nepalese people on the hills. Those were simply brushed off from the map as landslides swept down everything there. What remained were stench of corpses, wails and cry, vacant helpless looks of the victims. Media were prompt to report that tourist spots could soon regain their normalcy; efforts were all afoot for reconstructing this traditionally beautiful land. But the most enormous task lay in giving the minimum help and solace to those left in the hinterland.

Immediately after the devastation had taken place, our Party SUCI(C) mobilized its resources, at hand or mustered hurriedly, from cities-towns to places where there was some workable organization linked with us. Extensive collection of relief materials were promptly dispatched to the affected areas, the Party workers, supporters and sympathizers stepping out to act as volunteers to carry and distribute those. In phases, first on 4 May, then on 8 May batches of volunteers moved to affected areas in north Bihar and Nepal. Medical Service Centre (MSC), a voluntary organization of doctors, nursing staff, health employees and activists, as alert this time as in the case of earlier natural calamities to offer relief and service to the affected, started work in the Gorkha region of Nepal. Another team comprising seven of their members opened a relief camp at Raxaul and Sitamarahi in Bihar.

The redeeming feature for the relief workers as well as the victims, to be found amidst this heart-breaking devastation was people's response. Unhesitating help and cooperation were met with everywhere, though certainly it fell far short of requirement considering the intensity and spread of damage and ruination. Shelter, food and medical treatment including measures to stall and fight any possible outbreak of epidemic from lack of sanitation and decomposition of dead bodies still under debris: all these were urgently required. Our Party hopes that despite their thousand and one wrenching problems, people will not fail to rise to the occasion to shoulder the task of relief and rehabilitation of the helpless earthquake victims.

## Punjab Akali minister called killing of a 13-old girl after molestation as "God's will"

On 29 April, a 35-year-old woman, wife of a marginal farmer, was traveling with her daughter and son in an AC bus operated by Orbit Bus Service – owned by the family of Punjab CM Parkash Singh Badal – when some youths started to harass the girl near a place called Moga in Punjab. When her mother complained about the lewd comments to the driver and conductor of the bus, they reportedly, joined the youth in the act. The duo was then allegedly pushed out of the speeding bus for protesting against molestation. Passersby took them to a nearby hospital. While the teenage girl was declared brought dead, her mother is still battling for her life. When the whole country is aghast at the cruelty of the incident which reminded one of the horrific 'Nirbhaya' rape and killing in December, 2012, Punjab's Higher Education Minister Surjit Singh Rakhra belonging to the ruling Shiromni Akali Dal, a constituent of BJP-led NDA, triggered a wave of outrage by calling this culpable homicide as "God's will". "Nobody can stop accidents. Whatever

happens is by God's will. The incident was unfortunate but you cannot go against the nature's will," he said while talking to the reporters in Patiala. It is obvious that he was trying to dilute the gravity of the incident and trying to shield the culprits who are employees of the State Deputy Chief Minister. If his interpretation is to be accepted, then all criminal acts, rapes, murders, genocides, and pogroms are to be branded as having been "divinely ordained". What can be more ludicrous than this! But the motive of the minister becomes clear when the girl's father alleged that he is being pressured by "some people" to reach a compromise on the issue. "I want the criminals to be punished. I don't want money, I want justice", he said. He also claimed threat to his life and that of his family and sought security cover. This is another instance of how crimes on women has grown and proliferated in the country and how those occupying seats of power are ridiculing the incidents and instead of punishing the culprits basking under the shelter of the ruling parties are seeking to protect them.



# Municipal elections in West Bengal under TMC: mockery of democracy

Quite recently, with the TMC in the state government, elections were held for 92 municipal bodies of the state of West Bengal including the Kolkata Municipal Corporation. The KMC election on 18 April preceded others proving that elsewhere it was not going to be anything other than a carbon copy of elections held in earlier regimes under different other political parties. It meant notwithstanding change in governments, such “free and fair election” runs on unchanged. In 3 out of 91 municipalities the TMC had won “uncontested”, meaning that none else was allowed to contest. The rest of the drama was enacted on 25 April when 88 other municipalities went to the polls. Everything was “free”, that is unchecked: booth capturing, freely pressing the button, inking voters’ fingers and sending them back to their home without casting votes, charging bombs at or near the booths, opening fire leading even to killing and many such sacred means of “free and fair” election” to rob votes freely. In Kolkata itself during the poll date near Girish Park in north Kolkata, a police officer was hit by the bullet fired upon him by the goons of the ruling party, TMC. The police Commissioner did not even have the guts to mention the political identity of or patronage behind the culprits. Where the police itself including its CP was in such a shameful state, it can be well assumed what would be the condition of people at large. Everywhere on the poll date right from the morning the band of TMC goons came out flexing muscles at and around particularly chosen wards and booths where there was slightest possibilities of the opposition coming ahead of the ruling party. The police did not remain silent spectators; they openly carried out orders from the local leaders of the TMC. If and when the limit was palpably transgressed, they raised a meek voice of disapproval. The much-hyped Central force was left standing at some distance to oversee the drama.

## Corrigendum

In the May 1, 2015 issue of P Era, please read the 36<sup>th</sup>, 37<sup>th</sup> and 38<sup>th</sup> lines of Column 4 of p. 8 as follows—“Clearly we do not consider them as communist parties. He also pointed out that left unity should be based on ....” Some mistake crept in during proof reading which we sincerely regret.

Troubles were not confined to wards where the opposition was strong; rather in any ward, be it in Cossipore area of Kolkata or in districts, with candidates of dissident TMC in the fray, thanks to their inner party squabble for power and pelf, things turned out worse.

After all those bloodshed and accompanying anarchy, the Chief Minister proudly announced that she had never seen any polling to have taken place in such a nice ambience.

Perhaps more than ridiculous and pitiable was the role of the State Election Commission, supposed to ensure “free and fair” elections. The Commissioner once admitted that ‘the polling did not take place in ideal condition’; the very next day he chewed his words, faltered in public glare and submitted that the polling had taken place in a fair and democratic environment. After 25 April he even refrained from making any comment on whether the polling was free or not. He just provided the media-men with a list of troubled spots adding his comment to read it out themselves from it. What a shamefully sorry figure the Commissioner had cut for himself; was it merely for keeping his career record unstained!

Now the point is, the TMC knew that there was no formidable opposition to face in this election. Why then they had to take recourse to such muscle flexing, such palpably unfair methods? Slightest scanning of recent elections, be it of parliament or assembly or panchayats or municipalities, would clearly reveal that that bourgeois democracy has been reduced to this. This is the face hid behind all tall talks of democracy, of “free and fairness” ! This bourgeois democracy and the bourgeois political parties no longer put faith upon people’s support. They sustain really upon money power- muscle power-administrative power. So people have the least role to play in this event of elections in democracy. In the last parliamentary election, the big corporates, the leading monopoly houses opened their coffers to launch a media hype to paint and pose Narendra Modi as the saviour of the country and place him at the helm of the governance. The corporate and section of media under their control tried the same trick in West Bengal too to push the BJP

through. But even the brief rule of the BJP government at the Centre has torn open its real face to the people; the enthusiast event managers have learnt that it would not be easy for the BJP to take root into the soil of West Bengal. Instead the revelation has led the big and regional capitalists and the media to put their stake upon the TMC with liberal funds and campaign for them, with raising of mafia groups for the ruling party, or with flooding the poll process with freebies and money. The result was that long ahead of the polls, the big media houses could confidently and unambiguously conclude that the TMC would return victorious though in reality people were fuming with the misrule of the TMC, murmurs of discontent-disapproval- disenchantment could be heard at the slightest effort.

Some people seem to bear an opinion that people brought the TMC to power for a radical change, with an eye to bringing an end to the misrule of the CPI(M). With its subsequent performance, the TMC has crushed their hope. Our Party have always raised caution against such a view and have said that we do not believe the TMC would and could bring in any change of worth. At most they could ensure administrative neutrality, could put a check to nepotism and corruption and do some such work, that too hardly to be hoped. But that was what could be expected from any other bourgeois party than the TMC. And like all other bourgeois parties, the TMC know that their real sustenance comes not from any support from people; what they need are the money bag of the capitalists, bands of armed goons and effortless, sterile, if not partisan, police-administration and election commission. Only these could ensure their success in the

vote-battles. That is why, the TMC did not take any risk and went straight ahead with the bands of goons, musket-mongers and such other killers.

The TMC is a bourgeois party and they have gone the way it was expected of them. But there are still other disturbing facts. In West Bengal, the CPI(M) , now the largest opposition, had been in power for a long stretch of 34 years. Not rarely the CPI(M) leaders and party workers would be found to be boasting of that. But should not they give a thought to a bitter question: Why, in spite of their being in power for such a long tenure and in spite of their garnering a massive support from people, they could not put up any effective resistance against the TMC, why people still end in despair saying: “They are now doing what the others did earlier”.

Such being the reality, what is required is unhesitating admission of earlier mistakes and misdeeds to regain people’s confidence and reestablish the prestige and honour of leftism. Along with that, there should be united militant class struggle and mass movements to be led united by the left parties and developed on the edifice of higher values and fighting politics. At the grassroots there must develop people’s struggle committees and volunteer forces as instruments of struggle. While these are the tasks laid out for the political cadres, people have their own. They should realize that if they chose to be hoodwinked repeatedly by the campaigns of the bourgeois media, chose to withdraw from fear of armed criminals or chose to give in to the temptations of money or freebies, the maladies they now face will simply go on deepening. People themselves would have no choice but to lament at their own helplessness.

## AIMSS condemns Moga killing of 13 year old

Comrade H.G. Jayalakshmi, General Secretary, AIMSS, issued the following statement on 01-05-2015:

The All India Committee of AIMSS expresses its shock and severely condemns the incident as reported in the media, of a 13 year old girl and her mother being molested and thrown off from a moving bus near Gill village on Moga-Kotkapura road, Punjab, on Wednesday. It is also reported that the teenage girl has died and her mother has suffered serious injuries.

The All India committee of AIMSS demands for a speedy and impartial enquiry into the whole incident and severely punish the guilty if found.

## Victory over fascism

# History holds out eloquently what prudence Stalin showed in handling the complex war situation and saving mankind from the clutches of fascism

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Army, the brave Soviet people and great Stalin the credit of defeating fascist axis, dropped atom bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki killing over 2 lakhs of innocent Japanese civilians and thereby seeking to arrogate to themselves the acclaim of winning the war.

### **Why could Britain-France-America not repulse Nazi attack?**

But trickeries and hoodwinking cannot suppress the truth. Why could Britain and France, then possessing substantial military might, not repulse the fascist attack at the first instance? Because, as we said above, the Second World War was nothing other than an imperialist war for grabbing world capitalist market. Germany, an imperialist force, which had to take a severe beating at the hands of the Anglo-French imperialist powers in the first World War, lose its market and face severe economic crisis, wanted to snatch that market which was mostly divided among the British-French-America and other western imperialist powers. And that could be possible only by launching war. So, Germany declared war on others and found in Mussolini's Italy, another rising fascist force, an ally for the same reason. The people of Britain, France and other imperialist countries were also suffering from gruelling capitalist exploitation, aggravated with the worldwide intense economic recession. Among them there was mounting discontent and resulting confusion and mistrust about their rulers. So, when their countries were attacked, the exploitative imperialist-capitalist rulers could not rouse them ideologically and politically to take on the invading enemy. The call for national unity did not work as the contradiction between the capitalist owners and the oppressed working class, with interests opposite to each other, had been intensifying from terrible crisis. Hence Britain-France-America and others had to rely solely on their mercenary army. On the other hand, Hitler knew that there were within the European countries many disgruntled tribes, arch anti-Jew pro-Nazi groups. German fascists also could find in those countries a host of fifth

columnists or traitors willing to cooperate with them against their own countries in exchange of some favours or other gains. They shrewdly used these people to their advantage. Whatever little of people's resistance in the form of guerrilla warfare was noted in the Western countries was mostly by the volunteers who, influenced by communist ideas, were conducting struggle against the respective ruling bourgeoisie of those countries.

### **Soviet resistance was based on socialist ideology and people's power**

But with Soviet resistance, the picture was entirely different. Soviet socialism was a society free from exploitation. Side by side, with the ending of economic exploitation, Soviet socialism had advanced greatly in their task to remove lingual, racial, communal and regional conflicts. The entire people of the country imbued with the lofty ideal of Marxism-Leninism were engaged in building and strengthening socialism with the last drop of their blood. In Ukraine, there were a good number of tribes of German origin. But Hitler could not get any traitor from among them. When, at the initial stage of German aggression, the Red Army was retreating through the lands of Russia inhabited by multi-lingual, multi-religious and the minority people who were exposed to severe torture by the Nazi forces, no one went against the Bolsheviks. Even as the German force advanced, partisan fighters (volunteers under party leadership) blew up German arsenal, stopped the supply of provisions, disrupting and delinking railways and other communication. They saw to it that the fascists did not get essential food crop like wheat, potable water etc. The German force was trapped between the Red Army in front and the partisans at the rear. The Red Army was no mercenary army but an ideologically organized battalion committed to protect socialism at any cost. The battle of the Bolsheviks against fascism was a battle of reason against blindness, of individual freedom against regimentation, of humanity against butchers of humanity. There was then not a single family in Russia which had not lost someone or the other in the war. Partisans like Joy, Shura, Liza, Ivan, Oleg, Uliyana, Lubov or Sergei- that

could be the best sons on the Russian soil- set examples in their teens by laying down their life. A Soviet teenager who had laid down his life fighting valiantly at Sebastopol said before death, 'I am a member of Lenin's Komsomol'. A Red Army soldier had written a letter to Stalin from the war front at Stalingrad :In your name had our fathers laid down their lives to save Tsaritsin (the previous name of Stalingrad), we too would at any cost protect Stalingrad." Responding to Stalin's appeal, not only the Red army, but all men and women, young and old, children and even hospitalized patients had come out with whatever they could lay their hands on to join the battle to save Leningrad. At midnight Marshal Zhukov, the Soviet Chief Commander received a telephone from Stalin. Over the phone Stalin asked him - "Will you be able to save Leningrad?" Zhukov answered in the affirmative. Stalin said - "Answer me as a communist". Yes, that answer was given by the gallant Red Army and the people by fighting back the fascist forces. 'Leningrad' - what an emotional chord this name strikes in the mind of the Soviet people, communists all over the world and the working class. The Soviet people, Soviet Communist Party and the symbol of human emancipation Comrade Stalin stood as an insurmountable obstacle to the imperialist, fascist military aggression set out desperately to destroy socialism- perpetrating the most unimaginable barbarism. The helmsman of this world-wide anti-fascist power was Stalin, himself a product of a great revolutionary struggle, a life dedicated to the cause of revolution and the people.

### **Stalin, a master strategist**

In recognition to the necessity of the time, Stalin also mastered war strategies. After being elected as the supreme commander of the armed forces, when in a very short time he showed his comprehensive grasp of the details of the war, the seasoned and veteran Russian Generals were taken aback. During the strategic meeting with Churchill and Roosevelt, the British and American Generals too were surprised seeing Stalin's extraordinary knowledge and grasp about the science of war. He even provided guidance in formulating the war strategy of their Western Front.

Stalin eloquently testified that a Marxist revolutionary leader can muster, if necessary, the highest efficiency in all fields.

### **Stalin was revered by all**

When the imperialists-capitalists taking a cue from Hitler's vilification campaign against Stalin, tried to brand him as inhuman, autocrat, ruthless, vengeance-seeker and even demon, obviously out of fear, the true nationalists, humanists, distinguished intellectuals, scientists, litterateurs as well as the common people of different countries sided with the Bolsheviks and hailed Stalin as a great leader of different mettle. Romain Rolland, the great humanist thinker, wrote about Stalin : "His intelligence.. is always alert, unfaltering, straightforward, always true, though a little grave. This intelligence does not waver before taking any decision. He has no practice of saying something in a roundabout way. His diplomacy does not include any crookedness, neither has it any place to eulogy and acclaim...It appeared to me that the cornerstone of the whole edifice of his nature lies in his sharp rationality, boundless patience, will force, indomitable spirit and wisdom. ...By giving honour to human emotions... and by leading the Soviet Union to Communist Internationalism for expanding the true understanding of proletarian democracy, Stalin, as it were, opens a new chapter of classical age in the annals of Russia and the people of the world." (Moscow Diary) George Bernard Shaw, another eminent humanist, said, "Stalin is a statesman of unique experience compared to whom the rulers of the western powers, hanging on to an automatic and evil system with an equipment of empty phrases, fictitious histories and obsolete routines, seem like rows of rickety figures in a worn-out waxworks." (G B Shaw, H Piarson - A postscript, Colynis, 1951). Netaji Subhaschandra Bose paid his tribute to Stalin with the following words, "In post-war Europe, there is only one power that has a plan which is worth trial, and that power is Soviet Union. If there is one man in Europe today who holds in his hands the destinies of the European nations for the next few decades, that man is Marshal Stalin." (Radio

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# Intensify ideological-political-cultural struggle to be conducted against fascism

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speech from Singapore, quoted in 'Subhas Chandra and National Planning' by Sankari Prasad Basu). When the war was in full swing, Rabindranath, then virtually on death bed, asked —"Tell me the news of Russia". When told that the Red Army would perhaps be able to repel German attack, his face lit up and he said "such was sure to happen, only they can do this and they would succeed." — (Kabikatha — Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobish, Visvabharati Patrika, 1350 Bengali Year) Averell Harriman, US ambassador in Moscow during the war, said, "Stalin the war leader was popular, and there can be no doubt that he was the one who held the Soviet Union together. I do not think anyone else could have done it. I'd like to emphasize my great admiration for Stalin the national leader in an emergency—the one of those historic occasions when one man made such a difference. He had an enormous ability to absorb detail and to act on detail. He was very much alert to the needs of the whole war machine. These were not the characteristics of a bureaucrat, but rather those of an extremely able and vigorous war leader." The former American ambassador Joseph Davis, wrote in his book "Mission to Moscow": "Many have asked me, why could not Hitler come across the traitors when he entered Russia? What I said is Stalin had long back already marked them out and uprooted them. Stalin had taken punitive measures against these traitors after having tried them in open court, and that in the presence of distinguished individuals of different countries including the American Ambassador." When the entire world thus held him in the greatest esteem, communists the world over accepted him as their teacher, non-communist democratic-minded humanists hailed him as the hero of the era, then too he would say about himself, "I am a follower of Lenin, my desire is just to be his worthy follower". According to him he was best known thus. Revisionist Khrushchev accused that Stalin had tried to appropriate the glory of the Red Army in the victory in the Second World War. But the reality was just the reverse. After the war, when everyone had taken for granted that Stalin would receive the salute in the victory parade, Stalin asked Marshal

Zhukov to take the salute. In his victory speech, Stalin said, "Our victory means, first of all, that our Soviet social order has triumphed, that the Soviet social order has successfully passed the ordeal in the fire of war and has proved its unquestionable vitality... In the progress of the war our Motherland has acquired a first-rate regular army, capable of upholding the great socialist achievements of our people and of securing the State interests of the Soviet Union. Despite the fact that the Soviet Union for four years has been waging a war on an unparalleled scale demanding colossal expenditures, our socialist economic system is gaining strength... This is the result of the heroic efforts of the workers and collective farmers, of the Soviet intellectuals, of the women and youth of our country, inspired and guided by the great Bolshevik Party."

### **Red Army's victory over fascist military might spurred liberation struggles worldwide**

This is the glorious history of victory over fascism rather fascist military might. This is how Stalin, the Red Army and the brave Soviet people rescued the whole world from being overtaken by the diabolic fascist forces. 2.6 million Soviet people lost their life in wresting this cherished victory from the jaws of the prowling fascists. The dead comprised valiant soldiers of the Red Army, leading activists and leaders of Soviet Communist Party, members of the partisan groups and common Soviet citizens determined to save socialism and the entire world. No other country faced so colossal loss of human life and property as the Soviet Union. The US imperialists today boast of having brought the victory. US cine companies are producing films highlighting that. But nothing is farther from truth than this. Except from the bombing at Pearl Harbour, US suffered practically no casualty in the war. Rather, US soared up following the war as its biggest contenders in the world market viz. Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Japan were ravaged by war and it thrived on their rubbles. The victory of Soviet Union, on the other hand, raised the prestige of communism and spurred the working class round the world to expedite world revolution. National liberation movements in the colonies and semi-colonies received tremendous

boost. In course of victory march of the Red Army to Berlin, socialism was established in most of the East European countries. The triumph of Chinese revolution under the leadership of great Mao Zedong looked imminent. World communist movement picked up tremendous momentum. The name of Stalin was engraved in every heart. Those who have tried to smear Stalin would themselves be smeared in history while Stalin would remain unscathed and live on in our hearts a great character; a giant communist leader.

### **Revisionist conspiracy and denigration of Stalin halted march of communism**

But the course of history took a different turn afterwards. After the demise of Stalin in 1953, Khrushchevite modern revisionists captured power in the Soviet Union. Aided and abetted by world imperialism-capitalism, they began the process of systematically destroying the pillars of socialism and started to tread the path towards counter-revolution. Finally Soviet socialism was dismantled in early 1990s through a counter-revolutionary upsurge. In achieving that, the revisionist clique unleashed a smear campaign against Stalin and sought to undermine his authority. At that point of time, it was the lone voice of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, founder General Secretary of SUCI(C) and one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of the time, who warned the world, particularly the communists of the danger inherent in it. He said categorically that "To black out Stalin would have the inevitable result of disowning his authority and consequently of rejecting his interpretation of Leninism, which is the present-day understanding of Marxism-Leninism. To the future generations, the chapter of relentless struggle waged by Stalin against the Trotskyites and the Bukharinites to safeguard the revolutionary spirit of Marxism-Leninism would remain dark and black and they would be deprived of the opportunity of being ideologically steered. It would mean invitation to all sorts of counter-revolutionary ideas to pass for Marxism-Leninism and the ideological foundation of the communist movement would suffer a setback. In short, it would objectively uncrown Lenin himself. (SW Vol. I pp 85-86) It is a welcome sign that people of Russia as well of many other parts of the world, particularly

in the erstwhile socialist states of Eastern Europe are again rising up with the photos of Lenin-Stalin. But to bring back socialism by accomplishing anti-capitalist revolution, what is needed is to develop and intensify an organized conscious movement under correct revolutionary leadership. At the same time the lesson we also need remember is that fascism has not ended with the war defeat of Hitler-Mussolini-Tojo axis. Fascism is not just naked military dictatorship. It is, as Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had shown on the anvil of Marxism-Leninism, "a historically conditioned form of counter-revolution in which capitalism seeks to stave off revolution by an anticipatory move. It is designed to save the crisis-ridden, chaos-discredited capitalist order from collapse in the face of mounting dissatisfaction of the people against the existing system..." (SW Vol. II p 55) He explained that in the present stage of decadent moribund crisis-ridden capitalism, how fascism has become a common feature of all capitalist-imperialist countries, whether advanced or backward. Cautioning that fascism can appear in any form, even by keeping up a facade of parliamentary democracy, he defined that 'in the fields of philosophy and culture, fascism is a peculiar fusion of modern science with spiritualism' (SW Vol. IV p.14) He elaborately explained that the bourgeoisie adopts the technological aspects of science, on the one hand, in its bid to develop the economic and military might of the fascist state. And it dishes out all sorts of anti-science religious fads and all sorts of idealistic and spiritualist hocus-pocus on the other hand, as the panacea of all ills, which are concomitant evils of the exploiting capitalist system, of the present society, and go together in the name of national culture and heritage today. The obtaining scenario in India is a glaring example of that.

### **Foil fascist conspiracy to keep revolution at bay**

So, while observing the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of victory over fascism in World War II, we must not forget that though the fascist combination of Germany-Italy-Japan was defeated militarily, fight against fascism is not over. As pointed out by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh long back, the distinguishing features of fascism, namely economic centralization, maximum

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Totally successful Jharkhand Bandh on 4 May jointly called by SUCI (C), CPI, CPI(M), MCC, JVM, RJD.. against Land Acquisition Ordinance. Lead role of SUCI(C) in organizing the bandh has been acknowledged even by the media. In the picture, SUCI (C) volunteers are being arrested by the police

## Executive Meet of AISEC in Kolkata

To assess the situation and determine future course of movement in the face of virulent attacks on education for common people brought down by the BJP-RSS combination-led Union government, the second All India Extended Executive Meet of the All India Save Education Committee (AISEC) was held in Kolkata on 7 and 8 May last. Asit Bhattacharyya, one of the Vice- Presidents of AISEC chaired the two-day long Meet. The Meet read out the appeal from Dr. N A Karim from Kerala, also a Vice- President, most earnestly conceived from his heartfelt convictions and commitments to the cause of education of people and excellently translated into black and white. Before that the Meet observed silence and adopted a condolence resolution in memory of its departed President Justice V R Krishna Iyer, the outstanding Jurist and equally fore-ranking and ardent fighter of people's cause, the erstwhile Secretary Prof. Gouri Sankar Ghatak, a distinguished academician and a persistent soldier of progressive science-cultural-educational-social movements and a few other leading members of the Save Education movement of different states. Representatives of 14 states narrated the nature of attacks on education they faced, the Save Education movements they had

undertaken, and the status of their respective state Committees including plans and suggestions on their future course of action and on meeting financial requirements. The Meet unanimously adopted a resolution against the present most virulent attacks on education being launched by the Union government along with stressing the need to build up movement against all those.

The meeting decided that after organizing various state level Save Education conferences, an All India conference involving eminent persons in the field of education and other walks of life will be held at a suitable venue. To run the affairs till then, the Meet unanimously elected Dr N A Karim as the President and Prof. Anis Ray as the General Secretary.

In his brief yet penetrating concluding speech, Asit Bhattacharyya elaborated the attacks and called upon the AISEC activists to change and develop themselves into worthy soldiers for the battle. The attacks on education are sure to affect people's fight for emancipation from all sorts of exploitation. So those need to be thwarted on any count. After the vote of thanks by Kartick Saha, Secretary, West Bengal AISEC the Meet ended with great enthusiasm and pledge to gear up the Save Education movement in near future.



Seminar on 70 year of victory of socialism against fascism in Kolkata on 11 May where speakers from CPI (M), CPI, SUCI(C), CPI (ML)-Liberation and Forward Bloc took part. Similar seminars were held in districts of West Bengal as well as in other states.

## SUCI(C) calls BJP government's decision to ban employment of children below 14 a crafty move to grant backdoor legality to child labour

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), issued the following statement on 14-05-2015 : —

The latest decision of the BJP government to ban employment of children below 14 in all kinds of commercial enterprises albeit with a caveat that children can work in farmlands, pursue family businesses, work in entertainment industry like advertisement, films and television serials and sports activities after school or in vacations, is a cunning ploy to grant backdoor legality to child labour. It will also increase informalization of labour and the stipulated 'prohibitions' could be merrily sidetracked by including matchbox making, carpet weaving and gem polishing industries within the definition of family enterprises and deny education to the girl child by making her stuck with household work.

Child labour which, though hitherto prohibited officially, is increasing at alarming proportion despite a frantic effort on the part of the authorities to peg down the figure through crafty manipulation and suppression of data. It cannot be otherwise because it is the oppressive capitalism which is breeding the bane of child labour. Parents incessantly pauperized by ruthless capitalist oppression push their young children into the labour market because they cannot feed their progenies. Also the employers of child labour find it extremely profitable because the little children are available either free or against payment of abysmally low wage and do not object to working long hours in extremely unhygienic conditions in sweatshops. In most of the cases, these children work like bonded labour. This cruel and gruelling exploitation of the children takes place in front of the very nose of the government—administration which remains either an indulgent onlooker or a passive bystander or at times covert accomplice to the crime in capitalist India.

Shrewd and sly as it is, the BJP government subserving sinister class interest of the ruling monopolists, has sought to justify its decision of selective exemption by alluding to the country's social fabric and socio-economic conditions. But, the truth it has shielded is that besides breeding, child labour is nurtured and sustained by oppressive inhuman capitalism and total abolition of child labour is never possible so long as rotten corrupt capitalism is not overthrown, no matter how many laws are framed.

However, as child labour is contingent upon deteriorating economic condition of the parents and families, its proliferation can be put under some check if all democratic-minded conscientious people including honest child right activists join hands with all other sections of toiling people in building up powerful democratic movement based on the burning demands of life including the demand for bettering the economic condition of the impoverished and destitute families sending children to work out of pecuniary compulsion and ensure that such movements grow as conducive to anti-capitalist revolutionary movement.

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concentration of political power in the hands of the capitalist-imperialist rigid firmness in administration, cultural regimentation and identification of the state with the interests of the ruling monopolists and thereby making state subservient to them are discernible, in varying degrees, in all capitalist-imperialist countries. Today when fascism is raising its ugly head in all the capitalist-imperialist countries more glaringly, it has become even more imperative to conduct intense ideological-cultural-political fight against fascism based on the

invaluable teachings of Marx-Engels-Lenin-Stalin-Mao Zedong-Shibdas Ghosh to foil the conspiracy of the imperialists-capitalists to exacerbate economic oppression and fiscal savagery, dispossess suffering people of all hard-earned democratic rights, muzzle voice of protest and more particularly blunt rational thinking, turn the mental process from the scientific path of causality to the mystic alley of blind faith and obscurantism, destroy the moral-cultural-ethical base and thereby keep revolutionary upsurge of the people at bay.

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