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SUCI (Communist) Polit Bureau on BJP's win in the 16th Lok Sabha election

The Polit Bureau of the Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist) in its last meeting held in Kolkata on 21st and 22nd May, 2014, made an evaluation of the recently held general election as well as of the overall situation that has developed after the declaration of the election results.

In brief, the Polit Bureau found that in absence of a powerful left-democratic movement against the pro-capitalist and anti-people policies, corrupt practices and total misrule of the Congress led UPA government, which made people's life miserable and against which deep grievances and even hatred had developed and went against the Congress, the BJP could, to a great extent, mislead the aggrieved masses with their most deceptive slogan of growth and development and by overt and covert communal propaganda.

On the other hand, being an inseparable part of the world

capitalism, which in its moribund stage is engulfed in ever growing insoluble crises, the Indian economy is also in deep crisis particularly after the unprecedented depression of 2008 that shook the very foundations of capitalism and from which there is no possibility of recovery. In the situation, the Indian ruling class with much fear was anxiously watching the growing trend of the people's movements that burst forth many a time spontaneously. Being afraid that the situation might go beyond its control, the ruling bourgeois class, particularly the most powerful corporate houses, were searching for a party and a leader of their choice who could pursue consistently and at times, aggressively, such policies which could rescue capitalism from its peril. Finally, it found such a party in the BJP and such a leader in Mr. Narendra Modi, who as the chief minister of Gujarat, had already

proved his pro-capitalist credentials by rendering most loyal services to the corporate houses, particularly by assuring them that his government would not tolerate workers' agitations. Naturally, the ruling capitalist class, particularly the corporate houses, held back their support to their hitherto most dependable party, the Congress, which was the target of people's anger, and extended all necessary help and assistance to its other alternative, the BJP, and towards projecting its prime ministerial candidate, Mr. Narendra Modi.

Taking advantage of the situation, the BJP and particularly Mr. Modi, misled the people, especially the unemployed youths, by openly raising the slogan of growth and development, which in this dying stage of capitalism is an unachievable dream. At the same time, they had in a subtle manner, confused and misled the vast masses of the suffering people by instigating

communal passions, fanning up Hindu nationalism as well as by appealing all the castes amongst the Hindus, in order to create their solid Hindu vote bank. This led to sharp polarization of the masses on religious lines. The most communal atmosphere that thus got created surpassed all the past records. Still the BJP was not certain of its victory with absolute majority to attain which it adopted all sorts of malpractices violating all norms and code of conduct prescribed by the Election Commission. To ensure majority, all other regional bourgeois parties too adopted malpractices like booth capturing, somewhere under veiled threats and somewhere through violent means, as had happened specially in West Bengal. Hence, the elections cannot be termed as totally free and fair as claimed by the media, which desperately but vainly, tried to create a pro-BJP and pro-Modi wave by

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Economic onslaught destined to escalate in BJP's rule

The Lok Sabha election is over. The BJP has come to power with a thumping majority. The Congress is routed, decimated. And immediately the monopoly-controlled media has started propagating that bad days are over and dawn of a new era is unfolding. It is also sought to be impressed that Mr. Modi, the BJP Prime Minister, would turn the situation overnight and unleash an abundance of economic progress that would bring smile on the faces of the oppressed millions wrecked by the ongoing economic onslaught. The bull-run on the stock exchange and appreciation in the value of rupee are projected as augury of bouncing back of economy. In its election manifesto, the BJP said: "We will bring back credibility and trust in government, re-sowing confidence in the India story domestically as well as internationally." The BJP has also promised job creation, encouragement and empowerment of the

youth for self-employment, transformation of employment exchanges into career, measures to control inflation, setting up a price-stabilization fund to be used to prevent shortfalls in local markets, establishment of special courts to prosecute hoarders and black marketeers, simplification of the tax regime, easing land acquisition, reducing healthcare costs, spending 6% of GDP to public expenditure on education and improving governance and faster infrastructure development. Addressing the BJP parliamentary party after being elected its leader, Mr. Modi said that "a government should think of the poor, listen to the poor, live for the poor, and the new government is dedicated to the poor. All these sound so mellifluous, so soothing, so caring and concerning for the toiling myriads who are battling day in and day out just for eking out a bare living.

What this optimism is premised on?

But the question that must stir one's mind is how would Mr. Modi and his government deliver so many goods? Also, whether the upswing of stock market index and a rising rupee is in anyway confirmatory of an economic revival. First and foremost, what is ailing the country's economy? Why are the people rattled by a barrage of ruthless economic assaults? Is it just because of the alleged 'policy-paralysis' or inept functioning of erstwhile Congress-led government or the root lies somewhere else? Is it that during the previous BJP rule spanning from 1999 to 2004, the downtrodden and have-nots were endowed with a surfeit of fortunes, mirth and hope? At least, history does not vouch for that. It was the same telling a tale as it has been in the Congress regimes. Why was it so? Because, whether it is the Congress or the BJP in power, the

capitalist economy and capitalist system are not changed. So, all the fads and aberrations of the outdated exploitative capitalism are manifest with equal virulence in both the regimes. Both the Congress and the BJP are servitors, defenders and protectors of decadent moribund obsolete capitalism. Even Mohan Bhagwat, the chief of RSS, mentor organization of the BJP, also assured a FICCI meeting that they are "not opposed to liberalization, privatization and FDI." In a significant statement that increases the leeway of Modi government on liberalizing FDI rules, RSS has said that it does not see itself as an economic fundamentalist. The indications are enough that there could be a surfeit of reforms measures during BJP regime. So, any discussion on the economic agenda of the BJP cannot be objective and fruitful if the basic questions concerning character of the obtaining economy are left out

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Problems bred by capitalism cannot be solved in capitalism, rather make bourgeois rule unbearable

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and the various aspects and developments are judged estranged from the laws and operation of capitalist economy in the given time.

Today, after electoral triumph the BJP is pointing fingers at the Congress and doling out a slew of promises. The same set of promises the BJP made when it was saddled in power in 1999. But all the promises were reneged on with alacrity. Who does not know that the much-touted 'shining India' campaign of Vajpayee government in 2004 was scorned by one to all as a charade on people's escalated suffering? Did not price line soar high in BJP rule? Is it not that even price of onion crossed Rs 80 per kg in BJP's rule? Why was it so? Because, outmoded capitalism cannot deliver any good to the people. Similarly, those who serve capitalism cannot but simply dupe and ditch people with false promises and hopes. The BJP who made a mockery of its own promises in its previous tenure is now back in power of course with a change of guard at the helm. What then is the basis of sounding so loud an optimism, among other things, about the stagnating and tumbling economy being on a recuperation mode? Or is it that there is every reason to be more alarmed of a darker future? Likewise, what is leading the spurt in stock index and whether it is any macro-indicator of economic resurgence? Any right-thinking person will approach the issues in the like manner.

Hoax of GDP growth

And to seek an answer, we need to turn to some relevant facts, developments and indications. We also begin with the arguments and data advanced by the economists and apologists of the prevailing capitalist economy and the opinions expressed by the BJP top brass. First of all, let us come to GDP growth because one of the main yardsticks put forth by the bourgeois academic circle for appraising economy is the rise of GDP. India's economic growth rate hit a decade's low of 4.5% in the fiscal year 2012-13. The International Monetary Fund has projected that the Indian economy will grow at around 4.6% in the 2013-14 fiscal year. But, the political commentators, columnists and bourgeois economists are now proudly referring to the World Bank ranking for 2011 which put India as the world's third largest economy

when GDP is measured in terms of purchasing power parity (PPP). Put in simple terms, PPP is used worldwide to compare the income levels in different countries. For example, if a pair of shoes costs Rs 2500 in India, it should cost US \$50 in America if the exchange rate is assumed to be 50 between the dollar and the rupee. It is contended that since market exchange rates fluctuate substantially, when the GDP of country 'A' measured in its own currency is converted to the country 'B's' currency using market exchange rates, country 'A' might be inferred to have higher real GDP than country 'B' in one year but lower in the other; both of these inferences would fail to reflect the reality of their relative levels of production. But if country 'A's' GDP is converted into country 'B's' currency using PPP exchange rates instead of observed market exchange rates, the false inference will not occur. In any case, it is shown that India is only next to US and China if GDP is measured on PPP terms. And the economists-columnists belonging to the establishment hold that since India is ranked as the third-largest economy in terms of purchasing power parity, it is possible for her to achieve robust growth in the current financial year. Obviously, the BJP is projected as the hand-maiden of that growth.

The BJP leaders are claiming that when they came to power in 1999 and presided over the next five years, India posted an average annual GDP growth of 5.8 percent. They further claim that they left behind an economy filled with possibilities in 2004. What they left was a treasury that would have strengthened India on the way to growth, a growth rate of 8.6 percent which could enrich the nation so that all those who aspire to be a developed nation could fulfill their aspirations. But today, as the Congress-led UPA remits office, it leaves behind a legacy of an economy which has been so mismanaged that growth has slid from 8.6 percent to 4 percent. In 2003-04, under the BJP-led NDA, manufacturing growth in India was 7.3 per cent. Today, Congress-led UPA leaves behind 0 percent growth in manufacturing. When the NDA was in power, industrial growth was 6 percent. The UPA has brought that down to 0 pc industrial growth. So, according to the BJP top leadership, the Indian economy is

now close to bankruptcy. Hence, they have chalked out a plan to improve the economic situation in the country.

Before examining how far the BJP's economic agenda is poised to change the situation, it is necessary to be clear on a fundamental question. Is it that GDP growth is confirmatory of what is now highly talked about, that is the 'inclusive growth'? GDP growth indicates creation of wealth. That is ok. But does GDP growth reflect the pattern of distribution of the created wealth? Answer is a big "NO". Then, what is so sacrosanct about GDP growth? Because, that is one of the easiest ways to befool people. Always there is some economic activity, some production, either in manufacturing or in the service sector. So, there will always be some increase in GDP. But, in capitalism

where most of the wealth is concentrated in the hands of a few rich depriving and pauperizing the multitudes of poor and have-nots, GDP could never be any indicator of economic progress since it never reflects distribution of increased wealth. Augmentation of GDP does not indicate upliftment of the general standard of life of overall population. If the people continue to be pauperized and produced wealth is concentrated in the hands of a few super rich—in other words the gap between a handful of rich and myriads of poor widens menacingly—still GDP will show upward movement. As the Arjun Sengupta Committee set up by the government showed, over 77% people are languishing at below poverty line (BPL) level, not able to spend more than Rs 20 on a day.

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projecting them on an unprecedented scale.

The Polit Bureau found that more than the so-called pro-BJP wave, it was the strong anti-Congress sentiment that swept the entire country excepting Kerala and to an extent Karnataka. This only explains why all the anti-Congress forces, like the AIADMK, the Trinamool Congress, the BJD, the TDP and the TRS benefitted from the anti-Congress atmosphere, mustered majority while the BJP in these states could create very little impact. But all these regional bourgeois parties are also out and out reactionary and anti-people.

In short, it was a reactionary sweep that reduced the left-democratic parties and forces to almost a non-entity, basic cause of which was the utter betrayal of the self-styled Marxists like the CPI, CPI (M) and their allies who have totally deserted the path of people's democratic movement even when an utterly communal environment had been created during the election campaign. The result has been disastrous. Attacks on the democratic norms and practices, particularly on secular democratic values have been intensified creating most favourable condition for the fast growth of fascism, which was initiated by the Congress.

Under the circumstances, when the life of the common people particularly of the toiling masses is

plagued with all-out crises in all spheres — economic, political, social, cultural — especially in the arena of ethics and morality, people have no other alternative but to organize themselves in countrywide united powerful democratic mass movements not only on the burning issues of their life but at the same time against the most communal and fascist condition that has developed after assumption of power by the communal BJP at the Centre and all other regional bourgeois reactionary parties in different states. As people's movement can freely grow only under democratic conditions, people will have to seriously engage in fights for restoration and extension of secular democratic norms and values and thus effectively fight against the present growing trend of fascism at the behest of the capitalist class.

It is therefore imperative that a new path of struggle is chalked out to resist the fierce onslaught of the capitalist rule under the BJP. All anti-fascist democratic minded forces have to be united on a broader platform of struggle and a countrywide united organization powerful movement on the burning problems of life has to be unleashed to create an effective deterrent to the impending catastrophe. It is in the cultural and spiritual ambience of this struggle that congenial environment will ensue to conduct a fierce ideological cultural battle against the reactionary forces sponsored by the ruling class.

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BJP would scrupulously pursue ruinous prescripts of globalization-liberalization

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On the other hand, wealth of the monopoly houses and corporate sector swelled so much as to be overflowing. Four out of ten richest persons in the world are Indians. So, the GDP or economic growth, whether it is 8% or 4%, does not have any bearing on the life of the toiling common people as the fruits are squarely usurped by the owning capitalist class. So, from people's perspective, this spat over GDP growth story is bunkum. It is immaterial whether India is the third largest or second largest in terms of PPP-based GDP growth as that would not lead to anything tangible accruing to the common people groaning under the yoke of worst capitalist exploitation.

Capitalism and BJP

The BJP is not scheduled to take on capitalism. Rather, it is subservient to ruling capitalism. It is the ruling capitalist class which has pulled the strings to bring the BJP to power as alternative to the Congress. Both the BJP and the Congress are trusted representatives of the ruling monopolists. Only at this particular juncture when the Congress, in course of serving the class interest of the ruling monopolists, has become thoroughly discredited before the people, the rulers have replaced it with the BJP. Thus the incumbent has changed, but not the system. To be clearer, decadent moribund corrupt capitalist system which is breeding all the evils remained shielded as before. People have been made to presume that since misrule of the Congress was bringing all wails and woes to them, the BJP whom they have voted to power would wipe off all their tears. What remains obfuscated in the process is that like the Congress, the BJP is also slated to serve the class interest of the ruling monopolists and corporate houses. So, there will not be any respite from the toil and torment shredding them into pieces. Rather, once the initial euphoria subsides, all teeth and claws will be bared with yet more ferocity. Hence, all the grandiloquence of the BJP leaders is mere eyewash and cunningly woven ploy to shield the hidden agenda. And there are already clear indications of that.

Deception of stock market bull run

As soon as the ground was set for a BJP takeover, there was a sudden spurt in stock market

activities. The stock market index which reflects the price movements of a select group of shares (secondary stocks) changing hands by way of buy and sale and spirals if more money is pumped into the speculative arena, began to move up. The cause is also known. The FIIs (Foreign Institutional Investors) which are conduits of injecting idle capital of the monopoly houses and multinationals to the speculative capital market, popularly known as bourse, began to invest heavily in the Indian market in anticipation of making quick bucks. Net FII inflows over the year ending May 15, 2014 amounted to US \$5.98 billion. It is stated that the FIIs which massively withdrew from the Indian market during the last couple of years causing enormous depletion to India's foreign currency reserve are returning because of hope of a stable government and expectation of a more liberalization of economy. But this is hot money. Any day any time, as is normal in gambling, the FIIs can pull off from the market. This stock market rally is a temporary showoff. There is nothing to be ebullient of such a speculative surge. It is very important to understand this aspect pending which, there is every chance of being carried out by the hullabaloo raised by the bourgeois quarters over stock market upturn.

There are two aspects. First of all, onrush of foreign speculative investment and consequential upswing of stock market index has nothing to do with economic development in the truest sense of the term. In fact, the so called 'market mood' or 'market sentiment' all coinage is to dupe the common masses because this market is no normal market of buy and sale of essential items but the speculative stock market, the punters' den. How does it affect a common man or for that matter the normal economic activity of production and distribution of material goods? There can be some relevance if it is found that new industrial units are being set up and for that the entrepreneurs are coming to capital market for raising resources either by issuing fresh shares or floating bonds (debt instruments). It would then have some impact on the base economy. But that would boost what is called primary capital market. The current spurt is in the secondary stock market which only deals with change of hands of the existing shares. How is it then any indicator of a reviving economy? Secondly,

the FIIs are expecting further opening up of the economy. Their calculation is that the BJP will give a business-friendly government and so will shore up profits and profitability encouraging larger inflows of speculative investment. In other words, they are looking forward to more deregulation, more decontrol and to be precise, virtual removal of all restrictions on unbridled gambling and further widening of the gamut of speculation. It may be added in this connection that gains rupee are making are on account of this increased inflow of foreign capital in stock market. With foreign currency accumulation increasing, the rupee is firming up though remaining absolutely vulnerable to sudden recall of investment by the FIIs. So, neither speculative FII investment nor consequential marginal increase of rupee value indicates any ebbing of economic gloom but it is manifestation of how susceptible the fragile Indian capitalist economy is to speculative inflow of foreign currency.

What is in offing—a repaired or a panting economy

Coming back to the priorities of the BJP government in the economy front, the bourgeois circle has emphasized among other things, (i) holding the fiscal deficit at 4.5% of the GDP; (ii) completing the deregulation of diesel and petrol prices before the end of the year, (iii) slashing cooking gas subsidy back to six cylinders and above all (iv) bring back confidence of the investors. In keeping with that, it is already being discussed that for raising much-needed revenues to trim India's ballooning fiscal deficit, the BJP government will go for a splurge of disinvestment of PSUs (Public Sector Units) and PSBs (Public Sector Banks) meaning liquidating government holdings to private hands. In that case, scope for speculation in those shares will increase manifold. Already in anticipation, the price of PSU and PSB shares are rising. One would recall that during the last BJP rule, a specific 'disinvestment' ministry was created to facilitate sale of PSUs, which once were created with public money, to private houses. Mr. Modi also said while giving a perspective on his economic agenda, "PSUs should be allowed to recover from their debts. They should not be branded as loss-making entities." Therefore, a disinvestment spree is very much on the cards.

Related to this is deregulation of diesel pricing. The outgoing UPA government has recommended a sharp increase in cooking gas and raising diesel prices to international levels in one shot to deregulate the fuel as well as raise natural gas rates with a clear road map towards free pricing to cut subsidies and shrink the budget deficit. It may be recalled that the Congress-led UPA II government put its seal of approval on the recommendations of Kirit Parikh Committee to reform the fuel pricing regime, abolish oil subsidy, fully deregulate petrol prices and deregulate diesel price in a phased manner thereby allowing the bumper profit-making oil companies to arbitrarily fix the retail tariff of petrol-diesel under the pretext of keeping parity with fluctuating international crude price and leaving the common people to the mercy of the oil sharks. Everyone knows that a hike of diesel prices has cascading effect on the general price line and transport cost and makes fuel dearer to the poor peasants who run shallow pumps for irrigation. Yet the Congress-led government, as per prescripts of globalization-liberalization, went ahead with the out and out anti-people decision. And now, the Modi government has also decided to continue the practice of raising diesel prices every month. Everyone knows what adverse has been its effect on the suffering countrymen most of whom cannot make both ends meet. But, the BJP like its predecessor Congress is more concerned to woo the corporate lobby and is least bothered if common people bleed white. Over and above, there is fresh demand on the part of the business and Industry for complete deregulation of not only diesel but even kerosene and LPG prices. Needless to say, these demands when conceded to would hold the poor to ransom.

Creating investment-friendly environment

The industrial houses have also been raising a bogey that they are not receiving adequate support from the government for investment. They want the government to be investor-friendly. This is another fraud. What is intended that government should dismantle whatever skeleton check and balance is there on business and should open floodgate of concessions, waivers and exemptions to the corporate sector. Land, water, power, infrastructure—

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“Call of 24th April is to unite and organize all the forces of movement in the country” — Comrade Krishna Chakraborty

(67th Foundation Day of our beloved party SUCI(Communist) was observed by Delhi State Organizing Committee through a public meeting on 25th April, 2014 which was addressed by Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, Polit Bureau Member of the Party, as the main speaker. We inserted a brief report in our last issue. Here we publish the full text of Comrade Chakraborty's valuable speech.)

Comrade President and Comrades,

You know that we observe the party foundation day throughout the country. Every year there are changes in the conditions which we need to understand. We analyze these changes and decide how to conduct our movements. In a capitalist state so long as state power remains vested in the hands of the bourgeoisie, the economy remains capitalist. All the means of production— factories, mills, lands and trade and commerce are owned and controlled by a handful of people whereas millions of labouring masses are forced to work as wage slaves. We, the labouring classes sell our labour power whereas the owners purchase the same. Naturally, the conditions and interests of both the classes are not only different but diametrically opposed to each other. What is beneficial to the owners is detrimental to the working classes and vice-versa. Both these classes are in constant struggle with each other. So long as the capitalist system exists, this relation between labour and capital remains intact and no qualitative change takes place in it. However, slow and gradual changes, what we call quantitative changes in Marxist parlance, take place. These quantitative changes stage by stage give way to open and direct struggles which serve as a prelude to revolution.

Real face of BJP- Sangh Parivar

The elections are about to end now. But there is a perceptible change between the conditions obtaining before the elections and those obtaining now. What is this change? Have the prices come down or the problem of unemployment been solved? No, the situation remains same in all the spheres of life. But there has been a great change, where? In the political sphere, and, if you probe seriously you will see there is a dangerous change in the thinking pattern of the people. You switch on the TV, you will see Modi on the screen with his rhetoric about the “change” he is going to usher in, about the new era he is going to herald, about the worthlessness of Congress etc., etc. There is virtually nothing to understand or learn from

it. There are no new ideas, no analyses, but a blind and fanatic mind-set of aggressive Hindu fanaticism is getting built up. Yesterday before filing his nomination papers at Varanasi, Modi exhorted that he has not come here on his own, but has been called by the Mother Ganges. This has appeared in the newspaper headlines today. Does a river call people? He says so and people believe in it! This deep-rooted and blind mental make-up of the people poses a great problem for the country. He, in fact, is exploiting these religious feelings of the people and that is really working.

It is the same BJP and the Sangh Parivar who demolished the Babri Masjid in December 1992 and had built up a dangerous Hindu fanaticism in the country. To fan up aggressive Hindu fanaticism LK Advani had embarked upon a country-wide Rathayatra which culminated in the demolition of the structure. This was followed by country-wide Hindu-Muslim riots. This was further followed by the Godhra incident. One of the bogies carrying the Karsevaks who had gone to Ayodhya with bricks to build the Ram temple, caught fire resulting in the death of some Karsevaks. Later a commission of inquiry instituted by Lalu Prasad Yadav under the chairmanship of a retired Judge of the Supreme court proved that the fire was accidental and not a deliberate act or a conspiracy. But it had been propagated that Muslims had put the bogie on fire, killing Hindus which led to riots in Gujarat. All this happened when Mr. Modi was the Chief Minister of Gujarat. After ten years of demolition of Babri Masjid again Hindu fanaticism was fanned up. Today he boasts that he has been let off by the courts. It is true that he has been let off for want of evidence but does that absolve him of his duty as the then Chief Minister to provide protection to every citizen of his state? Thousands of Muslims were massacred. Bellies of pregnant women were cut open by Hindu zealots and fetuses banished on tridents chanting the slogans of Har-Har Mahadev. And he says he is not guilty. The question is, all this happened under his very nose when he was the Chief Minister. Even if

he is not personally involved, as he claims, how could it be that he did not rescue even a person during the riots? And he claims he will provide good governance. Can he? This is all history. But what is happening today? The way they fanned up Hindu fanaticism during 1992 and 2002 which culminated in the demolition of Babri-Masjid and massacre of thousands of Muslims, they are not directly talking in that fashion now. But as soon as Narendra Modi's name was announced as the BJP's prime ministerial candidate, Muzaffarnagar communal riots started. Is it that it happened with the announcement of his name itself? Today you can see, he himself is not adopting a communal posture which itself is a dangerous sign. He doesn't speak in communal tone but still aggressive Hindu communal feelings are getting fanned up everywhere. Polarisation and division on communal lines is taking place. But they cannot hide their real face for long. Amit Shah could not restrain himself exhorting Jats to avenge the attacks on them. But when confronted by the Election Commission, he retracted saying that by giving a call for avenging he asked the people to avenge electorally by pressing the EVM button. What a cunning way to escape punishment! Even if he meant avenging electorally can he use the term 'Badla lena hai'. The language used itself smacks of aggression. It were the Muslims who suffered the most and hundreds of whose families are still in camps. Then why this language: 'badla lena hai'?

This also is an important point that needs discussion. A minority community rarely attacks a majority community. The Hindus in Pakistan are a minority. Can they dare to start a riot? Nowhere a minority goes for a riot against the majority because by doing so they will face extinction. In fact, it is a particular section of the majority community who start riots with an ulterior motive. Though it is a complex issue, it has to be understood critically. Broadly there are two reasons for it. First, for polarization of votes with the aim of reaping electoral benefits during elections. The second and the most dangerous is the worsening situation of the people in all the spheres of their life—leading to their misery and destitution. There is an all out crisis — economic, social, political, educational and above all, in the cultural field. Attacks on women like the gang rape of Damini and her killing thereafter, incidents of rape



Comrade Krishna Chakraborty

and murder are growing fast. There is regression in every field of life. People are fed up. And if there is a movement against all this, people join in thousands. You have witnessed the Anna movement. It was not a well organized movement. But, not only in Delhi, but starting from Mumbai and Bangalore, it spread to whole of the country with thousands and thousands joining it. Was it against corruption alone? Corruption of course was the main issue. The pent up anger and restlessness of the people have reached a stage where with the slightest call for a movement, they throng in thousands. Why? Because they want a way out, they want to get rid of the problems they have been facing everywhere in their daily life. The ruling capitalist class are mortally afraid of this situation. They have keenly observed the manner in which thousands of boys and girls of varying age groups joined the movement in the aftermath of the gang rape and murder of Damini in Delhi. The ruling class is afraid that if the movement takes an organized and conscious form, then it may pave way for the overthrow of the capitalist system itself. That is the reason why the capitalist class and its most dependable parties like the Congress, the BJP and others are trying to divide the people on communal, caste, regional, and linguistic lines — destroying thereby the very unity and the fighting spirit of the masses.

Because Hindus are more in number, the BJP thinks that by engineering a communal divide they can get more votes. Narendra Modi is cautiously avoiding uttering these things openly. But Amit Shah openly talked about avenging attack on Jats; Naqvi promised building Ram Mandir after BJP comes to power. Though a Muslim, he is more vocal about Ram Mandir! You can find such renegades in every community. Giriraj Singh exhorts that those who do not vote for Modi should go to

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Pakistan. All this is going on. Just imagine the talks indulged in by them. And Modi publicly advises them that such talks should be avoided at this stage. Arun Jaitley also harps on the same tune. But they surreptitiously raise questions about Art. 370 of the Constitution which, in its original form allows autonomy to J&K State and is a most justified and legitimate right of the Kashmiri people. Openly they do not say that it should be abrogated but they raise the questions. Similarly, though they are not using the same language which they used during the 1992 and 2002 to engineer riots, yet gradually a communal divide is taking place. Hindu fundamentalism today has assumed dangerous proportions resulting in sharp divisions and flare-ups over trivial matters.

Crisis-ridden capitalism can offer no development today

Common people, particularly the working class have no justifiable reason to support Modi. He talks of Gujarat Model of Development. In every field where he claims Gujarat is leading, we have shown the reality is otherwise. In every sphere of life it has been proved that other states of the country are much ahead of Gujarat. Lakhs of workers from Maharashtra, Orissa, UP and Bihar are working in Surat in power looms. A single worker operates 8 to 10 power looms for 12 hours during nights getting wages much less than the minimum wages decided by the state government. His Gujarat Development Model which is being publicized day-in and day-out is in fact a bundle of lies. Gujarat was industrially a developed state much before he took over as Chief Minister. From the very initial stages, that is, during the British rule itself Gujarat had developed as an industrial state. Ahmedabad, Bombay and Kanpur were the known centers of cotton textile industry. But the condition is different today as most of the factories have got closed. The situation is such that with the setting up of one factory ten factories face closure. That is the reality and he talks of development. He in reality is befooling and misleading the people.

Lenin, Stalin and later Comrade Shibdas Ghosh have pointedly shown that today when capitalism has reached its highest stage of development, meaning the imperialist stage, there cannot be

any further development. Rather, from this stage its regression or decadence has started. That is, after reaching the stage of imperialism, it has reached the stage of its decay. Today you see no industrialization is taking place. Capitalism can no longer take the society forward. This is the basic teaching of Marxism-Leninism. Whether in society, Nature or life, whatever thing comes into being, it initially plays a progressive role, a revolutionary role. It goes on developing and reaches a stage wherefrom sets in its decay which is inevitable after reaching the highest stage of its development. It has to go. When you have gone old, you are bound to die, you cannot live forever. Death is inevitable. That is the law of Nature.

Capitalism was not there from the beginning of human society. Before it existed the feudal system. When feudal system became old and decadent, it had to go. Capitalism has been there for almost 300 years and has become moribund today. There is no scope for its further development. It cannot grow at all and these people are crying hoarse about development! People too are getting befooled—especially the youth. Unemployed as they are, they are in dire need of jobs. They believe that Modi will set up industries and create jobs for them. Can there be a greater fallacy than this? Our youths need to understand that with the setting up of a factory ten other factories are getting closed. Why? Because there is no market. In capitalist economic parlance market means the purchasing power of the people. With the capitalist exploitation the purchasing power of the people is getting fast eroded leading to the squeezing of the markets to such an extent that the factories and industries are not in a position to utilize their full installed capacity. Unplanned capitalist production mostly leads to over production which either leads to closures, layoffs, suspension of production and glut in the markets resulting in distress sales. You can understand this from your own experience. Go to the market and you will see that clothes are sold at a rebate of 70%, 50%. In other words there is no market for sale of clothes. If after investing, the manufacturer cannot sell his product in the market why he will produce? He will close the factory and go for an investment that fetches him easy profit. This is the reason you will see that instead of

investing in manufacture of goods, corporate houses now a days are investing more in speculative activities where they get quick returns. This is the state of affairs of the capitalist economies all over the world. Their markets are fast shrinking. The idle capital is either being diverted, as I said, to the speculative activities or for militarizing the economies of the capitalist countries i.e. for manufacture of armaments and war materials. The dying capitalism wants to survive by generating local and partial wars which gives artificial boost to its economy. Does a common man need bullets or battle tanks? But in all the capitalist countries, particularly in our country, year after year more and more is being spent on Defence budgets. This is because capital cannot remain idle; it has to earn profits somehow. It is like the Gin of the Arabian Nights story who threatens his master, the fisherman, to give him work and keep him busy or otherwise he (the fisherman) would be killed by him. Militarization which needs everything, from articles of daily use to the sophisticated armaments, comes to the rescue of the crisis ridden and moribund capitalism and gives it a lease of life. Long back Stalin and afterwards Com. Shibdas Ghosh have thoroughly explained this phenomenon.

In such a situation, is economic development, about which so much of noise is being made, possible at all? This is a pure deception. Still then let us assume that some factories will be opened. Even in that case who actually is going to get benefitted? You must know that development in that sense was made by the Congress much more than the BJP. All the steel plants at Durgapur, Rourkela, Bhilai, Bokaro, Vishakhapatnam and Salem and the industries in the public sector were established during the rule of the Congress. Can Modi show even one industry which he has set up in Gujarat except Tata's Nano and few more which originally was to be established at Singur in West Bengal? For setting up the Nano plant thousands of acres of land were offered free. Not only that, even water and electricity were provided at highly subsidized rates and huge tax-rebates provided. In all about Rs. 30,000 crores were spent from the public exchequer for setting up the Nano plant. More important than that is the assurance

given by Modi that no workers movement will be allowed. And this he calls development. What a development? That is why all the top corporate houses – Tatas, Ambanis, Adanis are projecting Modi as the future PM of India. Where from the hundreds of thousands of crores of rupees which are being spent on his election campaign come? Congress has repented that a big chunk of election donations made by the corporate houses is being given to BJP and not to them.

Today capitalism is in deep crisis. During 1930 the world witnessed the great depression which ultimately led to the second world war. But the recent depression of 2008 is much more devastating, deep rooted and so prolonged that its effect is felt even now. According to the official figures 50 million people (five crore) lost their jobs. The real figure will definitely be more. Under such a situation what development Mr. Modi is talking of? Even if it takes place, as was done by the Congress in the initial stages of their rule, what are the results? All the development that took place has helped and benefitted the corporate houses. The result is that amongst the few richest persons of the world we find the names of certain corporate barons of our country. On the other hand 70% of the population is not in a position to spend even Rs. 20/- a day. That is why we ask for whom is this development meant? Neither Modi nor Rahul will answer this. I have already stated that a capitalist country has two classes with diametrically opposed class-interests. If the owner, the capitalist, prospers, it has to be at the peril of the workers, which, in the case of our country has happened. In a class divided society no party or leader can claim to serve the interests of both the classes, as I have stated it is not at all possible. Those who claim or promise to do so are actually telling lies and deceiving the people. That is why they should be asked whose development they are talking about—the corporate houses or the common people?

Both Congress and BJP implemented the imperialist policies of globalization

For rescuing the crisis ridden moribund capitalism, the policies of globalization, opening up and privatization have been introduced.

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Behind the slogan of development BJP fans up fundamentalism

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All the capitalist-imperialist countries of the world, including our country, have collectively framed these policies. They tried to introduce them earlier also when the Soviet Union, the socialist peace camp and socialist market existed but could not succeed at that time. It was only after the fall of socialist systems in USSR and China, that the bourgeoisie all over the world including the Indian bourgeoisie could introduce these policies of globalization and opening up. The result is all-out privatization in the field of education, health care, water and electricity, fuel etc. with a view to allowing super profits to the capitalist class. Leave alone the poor, even the middle class are getting deprived of their right to education. They cannot even think of getting their children admitted to the most popular medical or engineering courses. For that one has to spend lakhs of rupees. Health care is being extensively privatized. No one wants to get treatment in the government hospitals as they are poorly equipped and in a very bad shape. Treatment at private hospitals is prohibitively costly for the common man. Water supply is being privatized against which we are building up a people's movement. Electric supply has already been privatized. All the essential services which used to be provided by the government are being handed over to the private players. The all-out privatization has led to steep rise in the prices. Even drinking water has to be purchased. With the arrival of MNCs as a result of the said policies, lakhs of medium and small scale industrial units all over the country have got closed. During the prime ministership of Mr Narasimha Rao, when the Prime Minister Manmohan Singh was the Finance Minister, the Congress introduced the policies of globalization, opening up and privatization. Later to earn the confidence of the corporate houses, the Vajpayee government implemented and enforced the same policy more vigorously. They even created a new ministry under Mr Arun Shouri for disinvestment of public sector units. Both these parties have thus proved to be the most dependable and trusted parties of the Indian bourgeoisie. Today after 10 years of Congress misrule when the crisis has deepened and the people, restless for change, are joining people's movements, the

capitalist class of the country have put all their weight behind Narendra Modi projecting him the next Prime Minister of India. We must understand that this is a well thought out conspiracy of the Indian capitalist class as both the parties are their trusted parties. To ensure a stable government which would serve the interests of the ruling class in an uninterrupted manner, the BJP is trying to whip up communal passions to polarize Hindu votes to get absolute majority on its own. It is beyond comprehension as to how the Election Commission allows such a brazen communal force to continue as a recognized and registered political party.

It is claimed that India is a secular country. A secular state treats religion as the private affair of an individual and does not discriminate between believers and non-believers. It treats Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs or Buddhists alike. It neither encourages nor discourages any religion. But what is happening in our country? The government patronises all the religions. You can hear public recitations of Gita, Quran, Bible and Guru Granth Saheb everywhere. Com. Ghosh has shown that as a state with a particular state religion is a theocratic state similarly a state encouraging many religions is a multi-theocratic state and not a secular state. Here all claim to be secular. Even a party like BJP which is rabidly communal claims itself to be secular. But its real face is exposed by Amit Shahs and Giriraj Singhs. Anti Muslim feelings have been fanned up to such an extent that a Muslim is perceived to be a terrorist, a traitor. BJP is directly fanning up this blindness whereas the Congress in a very surreptitious manner is creating a tense situation at the borders with Pakistan creating thereby anti-Pakistan feelings. Today anti-Pakistan and anti-Muslim feelings have almost become synonymous.

Fundamentalism on the rise today serves as foundation of fascism

It is not difficult to understand that fundamentalism is on the rise in our country. It is this fundamentalist thinking which serves as the foundation of fascism. When reason ceases to work, man gets reduced to sub-human species where human feelings die. He turns into a barbarian. You have already seen how the Hindu chauvinists armed

with spears and swords cut the bellies of pregnant women, took out the fetuses and enjoyed burning them. Can such people be called humans? What happened in Germany? Millions of Jews were exterminated in gas chambers by fascist Hitler's followers. Fascism converts men into machines—even worse than machines. Com. Shibdas Ghosh has shown that Fascism blocks the man-making process in the society. Man is endowed with the qualities of love, compassion, power to reason and think scientifically. Fascism destroys all these values in man. These qualities create the ground for emergence of individuals of the stature of Newton and Einstein and also create an atmosphere congenial for men to rise to unimaginable heights. Fascism strikes at the very roots of rational and scientific thinking. This is what is happening in our country today.

With the creation of the anti-Muslim mindset a fertile ground is getting prepared for anyone foisting fascism on the country. Fascism has two main characteristic features. One is when the capital in a capitalist state gets concentrated in the hands of a few; the state also becomes highly centralized and powerful. In such a situation it is the industry-military-bureaucracy complex which rules the country. The government apparatus that exists is reduced to a mere facade. It is this complex of three which really runs the government from behind. Comrade Ghosh showed that this actually is administrative fascism which we are currently having. The second characteristic feature of fascism is more dangerous than the first because in this case the fascist state is backed by the people with blind chauvinistic nationalism as we have witnessed in Italy and Germany. This is called full-fledged fascism. In our country we have not had the full-fledged fascism but efforts are on for creating such a situation. To a greater extent a favourable ground has been prepared but it is not so easy; it cannot depend on anybody's wishes and whims.

Marxism teaches no condition or situation is absolute

But this is only one side of the picture. Marxism teaches us that no condition or situation is absolute. The seemingly dark clouds have a silver lining. And in the present case where lies that silver lining? We

have seen that people are simmering with discontent. For changing this suffocating situation they want a sustained movement. But they are unaware about the enemy they have to fight against. The people must understand that it is the capitalist system that generates all the crises. But no one is pointing his finger on capitalism as the reason behind all the ills of the society. In our country the so called communist parties the CPI, the CPI(M), the CPI(ML) and others either point out foreign imperialist powers or the feudalism in our country as the real enemies which is not the fact at all. The real enemy is the Indian bourgeoisie—the Tatas, Birlas, Ambanis, Adanis, Goenkas etc. People are to be made aware about their main enemy. If people are shown their real enemies, organized accordingly and we are able to organize only 50% of the population i.e. 60 crore people, the present capitalist system can be overthrown. It is the question of total and complete change and so long as the capitalist system continues to exist, the crises cannot be overcome; the basic problems of life whether it is unemployment, price-rise or corruption cannot be solved. For overthrowing capitalism we need the necessary organizational strength. The party has to be developed with these basic things in mind. Common people are to be convinced that mere change in governments will not solve their problems. Whether it is Congress or the BJP both are the trusted parties of the Indian capitalist class. Subservient to the interests of the Indian capitalist class for the last 10 years the Congress has earned the wrath of the people. Again when the BJP also does the same thing after coming to power, people will have no option but to vote for Congress again. This is what has been happening so long. What difference does it make? People want a total change but are not aware as to what has to be changed and what should be the nature of that change.

People can understand, provided they are shown, the correct party capable of organizing masses for that change. But which party is being projected as the correct party? The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP). People should understand that no party is supra class. If it is not a working class party, then it has to be a party of the bourgeoisie (capitalist class) or at the most a petit bourgeois party (party of the

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middle class). Mr. Kejriwal himself has declared that he is not against capitalism. Then how can he serve the capitalist class as well as the working masses at the same time? This is not possible at all. If you are for change, you have to explain what that change means. It is meaningless to talk of change when your aim is not to change the present capitalist system which is the mother of all the ills in the society. May be you are able to fulfil certain demands like that of providing subsidy from the public exchequer in the tariff-rates of water and power but you cannot go beyond that. You cannot change the employee-employer relation—the exploited will continue to be exploited and there won't be any change in that. Although it does not happen but for arguments' sake let us assume that all the demands of the TU movement have been fulfilled. Even then in this system the factory owner will remain a factory owner and a worker a wage-slave. He won't be emancipated unless this exploitative system itself is overthrown. But for that an organization, a party is needed which is capable to overthrow the present state power comprising of the army, civil administration and the judiciary.

Revolutionary party draws strength from revolutionary theory and lofty cultural-moral-ethical standard

A revolutionary party draws its strength from its revolutionary theory and the high cultural, moral and ethical standard. That theory is Marxism-Leninism-Com. Shibdas Ghosh thought which is the mightiest of all the weapons because it provides the people a new culture, a new life. Capitalism had also at one point of time provided a new culture, a new life to the society. But since capitalism is based on individualism which today has acquired the ugliest form, it has made the individual utterly self-centred where a brother kills his own brother for property and parents are totally neglected. Selfishness is bad but what is worse is that the character of the individual is becoming more self-centred now. The thinking "I exist and everything exists for me" is gaining momentum. Naturally, love, affection, finer feelings are becoming extinct. Morality and ethics have become things of the past and that is why corruption in all the fields of life has

become all-pervading. Only the proletariat as a class is capable of providing the new and higher culture, moral and ethical values to the society. That explains why our party comrades are so devoted and fully engrossed in revolutionary movement after giving up everything of their own. Where does this new culture, what we call collectivism, come from? Marx showed that under capitalism the concept of collectivism has developed from the real life of the proletariat. During the feudal era the serfs were bound to the land and could not leave without the permission of the landlord. They used to work hard individually and get very little share out of their produce. However insignificant the share was, they had a sense of belonging and possession which motivated them to work hard individually. Capitalism broke this bondage and deprived them of whatever little attachment they had to the land or its produce. In the new system of production in the factories under capitalism, they started working collectively not for their own individual consumption but for the whole society. They produce collectively for the collective whole which is just the opposite of production for individual consumption. Communist culture is based on still higher understanding of collectivism. The culture that develops out of this collective life has no scope for selfishness or self-centred behaviour. SUCI(C) was formed by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh on the basis of this culture. The leaders of the CPI honestly tried to build a communist party but could not do so because they could not release the struggle of collectivism in their own lives. Conduction of people's movements alone is not enough. Those conducting such movements cannot continue to provide leadership if they do not unleash a struggle against individualism and adopt the culture based on collectivism in their own lives. Their outlook has to be impersonal. For understanding the laws operating behind every phenomenon, we need to scientifically observe, examine and reach a conclusion impersonally. Dialectical materialism which is the philosophical basis of Marxism is the highest stage of development of this approach. Communists apply Marxism in their own lives and this outlook should guide every member of the party in his day to day struggles.

Democratic progressive forces must be united and organized to fight fascism

We will have to resist and stop the most dangerous fascist trend that is currently developing in our country. Marxism-Leninism-Com. Shibdas Ghosh Thought alone can equip us with the necessary strength to resist this trend. No other outlook or thought is capable of fighting this trend effectively. Mr. Kejriwal also claims to fight it but he cannot. Because, his outlook is no different from others. Both are guided by the bourgeois outlook. May be he is somewhat better than others. He is not communal. Though better than others how can he bring about a radical change when his outlook and approach are the same as those of bourgeois parties? For countering fascism you need a scientific approach. Mr. Kejriwal believes in spiritualism. He says he was not sure he would get 28 seats in Delhi Assembly and believes he got it by the grace of the almighty God. Can you fight capitalism-fascism with the grace of God? Then go for poojas and rituals. But it is through these poojas and rituals that fascism is being foisted on the country! It is not possible to resist fascism with this outlook. Today our country is in deep crisis not only in the spheres of economy and politics but in the cultural, moral and ethical spheres particularly. If we are not able to give birth to a new culture, we cannot change this situation. And only we can do this because we are the flagbearers of the thoughts of Comrade Ghosh which are based on new culture. The progress of the society will depend on how far you have been able to grasp it and apply it in your life. The progressive movement of the society solely depends on this. There is no other way open to us.

Just see how the corporate houses of the country are projecting Modi. But the so-called Left front or the CPI, CPM, Forward Bloc, RSP etc. are not uttering a word against this. It was incumbent on all the left and democratic forces and parties of the country to build a strong movement to resist this growing fascist menace. CPI and CPI(M) are doing nothing. Not even as much as Mr. Kejriwal is doing. As they have abandoned the path of people's movement, the fascist forces are gaining strength. But if we are able to mobilize and organize all the democratic and progressive forces who want to fight against

fascism, we will definitely achieve success. Unity of all the democratic and progressive forces of the country and the working class against the fascist onslaught is the need of the hour.

In this context I want to place another important point before you. Majority of the people amongst the Muslims, Christians, Buddhists, Sikhs and even the SCs and STs actually belong to the working class. They may be the members of minority communities but as working class they belong to the majority and an overwhelming majority when they combine with their working class brethren among the Hindus. If the whole working class from all the communities unites and we are able to bring the middle class and the lower middle classes within the fold of the movement, the bourgeoisie which at the most may be 10% of the population will simply be swept aside. And this we shall do.

24th April marks the beginning of conscious revolutionary movement in our country. Before that there existed a mindset in favour of revolution. There were parties like CPI and others. But with the emergence of the real revolutionary party the SUCI(C), the conscious struggle towards anti-capitalist socialist revolution started. With the growth of our party the movement is becoming intense and all-pervading. The more we are able to develop ourselves, the faster this movement will gain strength and we will be able to isolate and defeat the fascist mindset. This is possible and we shall have to do it. The call of 24th April is to unite and organize all the forces of movement in the country. All the democratic forces should be won over to this side. If we are able to unite, they cannot be a match to us. But if we get scattered, they will become a dangerous and irresistible force. Our country too will fall prey to fascists like Italy and Germany. Today we need to take an oath that whatever democracy is left in the country, we will preserve and develop it further and help the secular and democratic thoughts and values flourish.

Hindu and Muslim workers are equally exploited by capitalism

We must also be clear about the aggressive Hindu mindset that is being created by the fascist forces. Religion and communalism are not one and the same thing and have no direct relation with each other. No

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A fore-ranking working class leader of Tamilnadu breathes his last

Comrade P Narayanasamy, member of the Villupuram-Cuddalore District Organising Committee of SUCI(Communist) and Secretary, Neyveli Local Organising Committee breathed his last on May 5, 2014, after suffering from severe head and neck injuries from road accident within the Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC) Township. He was 50. At the news of his death, people of different sections of life from the Township, political and trade union leaders expressed their heartfelt condolences. Party comrades and leaders from different parts of the state of Tamilnadu rushed to Neyveli and bade him tearful farewell.



Comrade P Narayanasamy came in touch with the Party at the age of 26 years as a mine worker in the NLC. He started his political life as a member of the AIDYO. Soon he helped build up movements on legitimate demands of the mine workers, particularly the contract workers of the NLC, a Central public sector. Neyveli Workers' Unity Centre Union was set up on his initiative with permanent and contract workers of the NLC on the strength of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thoughts and the Party ideology. Since then NWUCU has been carrying on sustained movements of the workers. He also played a leading role in the prolonged organized movement for permanency of 13000 contract workers along with their demands of housing plots for instead of hutment areas and helped them achieve some demands. His was also a significant role in uniting around 3500 unorganised workers under the umbrella of Tamilnadu General Workers Union. It was a saying that there could be no workers' or peoples' movements in and around Neyveli without P Narayanasamy.

On 6th morning Comrade A Rengasamy, Secretary, Tamilnadu State Organising Committee (TNSOC), SUCI (Communist) and other leaders of the Party and AIUTUC and different mass organizations, other Union leaders as well as his colleagues paid respect to Comrade P Narayanasamy by placing wreaths on his mortal remains. Later, at a brief condolence meeting at the site of cremation, the emotional speeches of fraternal Union leaders of Neyveli NLC Township highlighted the big role Comrade P Narayanasamy played in bringing different unions into the joint movements taken in Neyveli. His ever-smiling face, simple and cordial behavior would remain ever shining in memory, they said.

At the sudden demise of Comrade P Narayanasamy the Party loses a promising working class leader.

Red Salute Comrade P Narayanasamy

People's protest hits Sao Paulo and Rio in Brazil

Riot police in Brazil have fired tear gas to disperse thousands of protesters in Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro who protested the enormous cost of hosting the soccer World Cup. Some demonstrators hurled stones while other burned tyres and blocked roads. They say they are angry that billions of dollars are being spent on next month's football tournament, rather than social projects and housing. Protests also took place in many other cities, including the capital Brasilia. Teachers and civil servants, among others, were also on strike across Brazil. In Rio, aerial images showed hundreds of people marching in rush-hour traffic on a main thoroughfare. Protesters there and in Sao Paulo, Brazil's biggest city, clashed with police before beginning to disperse. Some of those taking part, however, promised the demonstrations would get bigger and

more frequent as the World Cup gets closer. Last June, more than a million people took to the street over poor public services, corruption and the high cost of hosting the World Cup. Protesters there demanded housing, and not stadiums, be built in accordance with Fifa standards, in reference to world football's governing body. "Our goal is symbolic," said Guilherme Boulos, the head of Homeless Workers Movement. "We don't want to destroy or damage the stadium. What we want is more rights for workers to have access to housing and to show the effects the Cup has brought to the poor." Local media reported that, in the last 24 hours alone, 234 people were arrested. Recife, the state capital, is due to host five matches during the World Cup. (Source:—BBC—16 May 2014)

Comrade Bhaskar Bhadra, veteran leader of Purulia, West Bengal, passes away

Comrade Bhaskar Bhadra, member, Purulia district Secretariat of SUCI (Communist) of West Bengal breathed his last on 14 May, 2014 after he was afflicted with pneumonia. He was 79.



Around 1962-63 Comrade Bhadra was attracted to the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the founder General Secretary of the Party and the great leader of the proletariat as he came in contact with and got into personal acquaintance first with Comrade Pritish Chanda, the departed Politbureau member, and then Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, the former General Secretary and Politbureau members Comrade Sachin Banerjee and Comrade Subodh Banerjee.

After attending a discussion made by the great leader Comrade Ghosh, Comrade Bhadra dedicated himself to building up the SUCI(Communist) in Purulia to develop himself as a communist. He was one among the very few comrades who initiated to build up the Party in the northern part of the district. With unquestionable loyalty to the Party and the leadership and proving himself a true people's leader in course of his struggle on the strength of the teachings of the Party, Comrade Bhadra attracted many a people from varied strata of life and society to join the Party.

With a poverty stricken early life, yet with a mind-set for social welfare activities, he developed his deep feelings for the poor and oppressed. This helped him found the renowned physical exercise club 'Netaji Vyam Samity', or study Homeopathy to treat poor people free establishing him as a popular homeopath in Purulia and around. He was also one of the founders and a member of the governing body of Raghunathpur College as also an adviser of Save Education Committee of Purulia. He built up Raghunathpur Porters' Union, Raghunathpur Municipal Workers' Union, etc (in 1964), Bodo Granite Union(in 1994), Railway Daily Passengers' Samity (in 1998) and took important role in movement under public committee in preventing drought in Purulia or during extreme food crisis in Purulia in 1967, as also in the health movement in the district. He became the state vice president of the Medical Service Centre, district president of the Progressive Medical Practitioners' Association and president of the Save Purulia District Homeopathy College Committee. In 1994 he was elected Commissioner of Raghunathpur Municipality.

At the initial stage of the Party in Raghunathpur his home was the Party office and Party centre for Party leaders and workers, supporters-sympathisers and poor people as well. His immense influence over his family, relatives and friends and people around, including patients, drew many of them into the Party. His tender love and constant vigilant eye helped young Party workers work better and everybody around even with different party allegiance accept him as their near and dear.

The news of his demise thus brought a pall of gloom everywhere in the district, including Raghunathpur town. Comrades and innumerable people rushed to see him for the last time with tearful eyes. District Party office and the local Party offices kept the Red Flag flying at half mast. Party workers, supporters-sympathizers and people wore black badge.

On 15 May morning mortal remains of Comrade Bhadra were laid in front of his dispensary cum home on Raghunathpur Mission Road, and was garlanded by Comrade Swapan Ghosh, Party State Secretariat member on behalf of Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary of our Party, Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee, Central Committee member and All India President of the AIMSS, Comrade Pranati Bhattacharya, State Committee member and Purulia district Secretary, State Committee members Comrades Sunil Mukherjee, Nirmal Mandal, and Ratan Karmakar, leaders and workers of various units of our Party and mass organizations and Basudeb Acharya, veteran former MP of the CPI(M), leaders and workers of RSP and other political parties, as also eminent persons of the district and his countless admirers paid their respects with floral tributes. A few thousands of people took part in his last journey with tears in their eyes. KOMSOMOL paid guard of honour. He was paid last respects with the rendering of the song composed on Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and the Internationale.

With the demise of Comrade Bhaskar Bhadra our Party has lost a leading comrade of higher ethics and rare character.

Red Salute Comrade Bhaskar Bhadra

Demand for stringent punishment of killers of a doctor in Assam

After outraging her modesty, a group of miscreants killed Dr. Sarita Toshniwal, a serving doctor and post graduate student inside the ICCU of Dibrugarh Assam Medical College in Dibrugarh on 8th May. In a statement issued on 10th May, Dr. Bijnan Bera, Secretary, Medical Service Centre, held the state administration utterly responsible for

not being able to provide adequate safety and security to the serving doctors, demanded stringent punishment of the culprits and expressed deep sympathy to the bereaved family. He also demanded that adequate number of employees must be recruited in all the medical colleges besides ensuring availability of proper infrastructure.

Demand for banning the pornographic websites

Dr. H G Jayalakshmi, General Secretary, AIMSS, has strongly protested the statement of the Additional Solicitor General of India that pornographic sites cannot be banned. She said that because of availability of pervert websites at a

cheaper rate, rape, gang rape, sexual assaults on women and other crimes are increasing in the society. When the IT specialists are saying that it is possible to ban such sites and many countries have already done that also, why should it not be done in India?

Construction workers reiterate their demands to Haryana Chief Minister



Construction workers of Haryana are faced with several acute problems. Notwithstanding laws, labourers and masons find it difficult to register their names. Either there are no offices for enrolment at the main administrative institutes in the districts including Jhajjar, or there is shortage of staff in the office or the process is unduly lengthy to secure the documents. The needy among the construction workers find it hard to secure government aid for their daughter's marriage or so. Provisions For workers staying overnight there is no provision despite repeated demands and routine promises from the government making it tough for the construction workers of the state and more so for those coming from other states.

has been submitted to the Chief Minister on behalf of the Jhajjar District Committee of the Building-Construction Worker-Labour Union under the leadership of AIUTUC. The construction workers demand that provisions must be made for easy access to the documents needed for enlistment, once enlisted it should be valid for ten years, Enrolment Office as well as Labour Office should be started at the main Administrative Office of Jhajjar should start Enrolment as well as Labour offices, aid for daughters' marriage, not less than Rs. 51,000, should be granted at least 15 days prior to the occasion, the allowance for education of children of construction workers should be granted from class I itself. Pregnant female workers should be given a financial aid equal to their salary of six months, shelters should be built for the construction workers etc.

The Haryana Committee of AIUTUC have been organizing movements on these issues since long. On May 23, a memorandum

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AMUL Raised Rs 2/- in Milk Price

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Build up protest movement against unjust milk price hike SUCI(C)

Power and milk prices have spiraled immediately after the Lok Sabha elections. Gujarat state SUCI(C) has spearheaded protest movements in Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Surat and other cities

Richest of the World and India

A tiny elite comprising the richest 85 individuals hold wealth equivalent to that owned by the bottom half of the world's population, a report says. The report by worldwide development organization Oxfam, titled Working For the Few, published ahead of the World Economic Forum meet in Davos, details the impact that widening inequality is having in both developed and developing nations.

Wealthy elites have coopted political power to rig the rules of the economic game, undermining democracy and creating a world where the 85 richest people own the wealth of half of the world's population, Oxfam claimed. It added that since the late 1970s, tax rates for the richest have fallen in 29 of the 30 countries for which data are available, meaning that in many places the rich not only get more money but also pay less tax on it.

As per the report, in the last 25 years wealth has become even more concentrated in the hands of fewer people so much so that 1% of the world's families own almost half (46%) of the world's wealth. Oxfam wants governments to take urgent action to reverse the trend. It is asking those attending the WEF to make six-point personal pledge to tackle the problem. It is staggering that in the 21st Century, half of the world's population own no more than a tiny elite whose numbers could all sit comfortably in a single train carriage, Oxfam executive director Winnie Byanyima said.

This is in brief about the world. Now the picture in India

The number of ultra-high net worth individuals (UHNWI) in India is expected to double over the next 10 years, rising by 126% in Mumbai and around 118% in Delhi. With 60 billionaires, India ranks sixth among the top 10 countries for billionaires in 2013. The number is expected to rise to 119 by 2023, according to the 8th edition of global consultancy firm Knight Frank's Wealth Report released on Thursday. Mumbai also retains its

position as the 16th most expensive city in the luxury home sector. The survey was based on 600 interviews globally of private bankers and wealth advisers who represent 23,000 UHNWIs worth on an average \$ 68 million each and with a combined wealth of over \$ 1.5 trillion. "By 2023, only three countries in the world, the US, China and Russia, will have more billionaires than India," said Samantak Das, chief economist and director research of Knight Frank India. "Wealth creation in India is expected to accelerate with the number of UHNWIs being forecast to nearly double over the next decade," said Shishir Bajjal, chairman & MD of Knight Frank India.

The number of ultra-wealthy individuals globally rose by 3% last year despite continued economic turbulence. "The number of UHNWIs in 2023, who have \$30 million or more in net assets is set to grow by nearly 30% over the next decade," it said.

New York will overtake London as the most important city for ultra-wealthy by 2024. Three of the top five important cities by that year will be in Asia: Hong Kong, Singapore and Shanghai. The top five global locations for UHNWIs in 2014 are London, New York, Singapore, Hong Kong and Geneva respectively. The report said the number of cent-millionaires (those with \$100 million in disposable assets) in India is also projected to grow 99% to 761 in 2023 from 383 last year. The number of billionaires in Asia is also forecast to overtake the number in Europe over the next decade. Asian cities are also expected to see the fastest growth in the number of ultra-wealthy individuals over the next decade. The latest results from the Wealth Report's prime international residential index show Asian markets led by Jakarta, experienced the biggest price growth in 2013, followed by Auckland, Bali, Christchurch and Dublin. The average price change (2012-2013) in Jakarta was 37.7%. (Source : Times of India)

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everything should be provided to the corporates either free of cost or at nominal price. The Congress government had granted over Rs 7 lakh crores of fiscal stimulus to the industry by curtailing public expenditure and subsidies and extending plethora of tax advantages. An argument was floated that subsidizing food, power, fuel, fertilizer to give some relief to people is a wasteful expenditure and hence ought to be curtailed, if not withdrawn altogether. On the other hand, it is in the country's interest that plethora of concessions and waivers need to be granted to the industrialists and corporate sector to stimulate growth. But, the much-hyped fiscal stimulation did not give any thrust to the manufacturing sector or any other industry. Rather, more industries have been closed down. Just the other day, shutters have been downed at the Hindmotors of the Birlas, country's pioneer car factory. Despite granting such huge fiscal stimulation, NPAs (Non-performing Assets) of the banks soared up, tax avoidance climbed up, lay off and retrenchment went up. It is contended by the industrial houses that investment is not taking place because the government is putting hurdles. But, it is just the reverse. The government is on a splurge. The fact is that the investment climate is plagued by a market-crunch endemic of the very capitalist system. However, in order to keep this truth behind the curtain and extract more concessions, the bogey of absence of industry-friendliness is raised. The Modi government would have to yield to this pressure. The monopoly houses that have backed Mr. Modi and the BJP are expected to not lie low but exact to the last penny. Already, the captains of the industry who hailed BJP's victory have opined in favour of bold reforms and reminded Mr. Modi and his ministry that "industry must be seen as a key factor in the nation's advancement". So, a faster compliance with the wishes of the ruling class is in all probability in store for the poor countrymen slated to be assailed on a larger scale.

Congress started Globalization-liberalization

Notably, it was the Congress who first rolled out liberalization of Indian economy in compliance with the prescriptions of capitalist globalization which called for speedy dismantling of government control and ownership on all important areas

including healthcare, education, public utility services, banking, insurance and even social security sectors like provident fund and pension. Reforms, therefore, presupposed deregulation of the economy and provision of an enabling environment for unbridled loot and plunder by the private sector. Now, the BJP is keen to take it to a new height. For that, there is already a row that the economy is on a tailspin because the Congress went slow on liberalization. What prompted the ruling capitalist class to script globalization? Because, following inexorable law of capitalism where motive of production is maximization of profit, the purchasing power of the people is on a steady dwindle. Because, profit accrues out of 'unpaid wages'. If the buying power of the people falls, produced goods do not get sold. So, there is stockpiling of goods and crisis of market. In absence of market (market means buyers having affordability to procure produced goods), the capitalist owners down shutters on production units and move away from productive investment. Closed industries throw more people out of job. So, unemployment increases. Unemployed people have no means to spend. So, there is further squeezing of market, further downing of shutters in the industries. This is how, manufacturing sector folds up and industrial production comes to a standstill. Capitalism cannot come out of this vicious cycle, no matter how many theories are invoked by the bourgeois economists or to what an extent there is invention of economic quackeries to wriggle out of the situation.

Though industries are closed down, the quest for profit-maximization of the capitalists remains. So, the huge idle capital in their hands is then diverted to speculation for booking profit. With speculation becoming, so to say, prime economic activity, every effort is made to widen the scope of the same, both in depth and expanse, meaning both in diverse forms as well as augmented capital infusion. Cosmopolitan capital is continuously on the lookout for suitable destination to multiply return through speculation. At the same time, there is competition among the various capitalist countries to attract more and more speculative investment through sophistication of their respective capital markets and offering tax incentives. In fact,

today the bourgeois economists and governments show more concern for maintaining or increasing 'positive mood or sentiment' of the speculative market and tend to pose the same as indicator of economic progress. Even the activities centring on speculation are categorized as service and along with the values of the speculative transactions are included in GDP calculation to hide negligible contribution of virtually closed manufacturing sector. It would not, therefore, be any defiance of 'economic logic' to say that being unable to increase production, capitalist economy entirely rests on speculation today. When the door of productive investment is thus shut, capitalism alongside its indulgence in widespread speculation, seeks to maximize profit by commercially operating the areas of public welfare and giving fillip to capital market speculation. As there is no material production at base level because of market crisis, this speculative capital is moving in a vacuum which is hyped as cursor of economic activity. Globalization is a blue-print of this con game.

BJP bound to pursue globalization-liberalization aggressively

Judged in this backdrop, more deregulation of the economy and provision of an enabling environment for private sector players is expected to be the crux of the BJP's economic programme given the demands placed by the industrial houses who, under the garb of "building confidence and trust amongst businesses and society", are strongly pitching for the same. Mr. Modi's slogans for thrust on "private enterprise and reduced bureaucracy" have no doubt been exciting the pro-market economists of globalization-liberalization. Mr. Modi and the BJP have made a lot of noises about boosting manufacturing and jobs. While Mr. Modi has not talked of any specifics so far, certainly the Modi government can be expected to give sops for big manufacturing plants. If Gujarat model of Mr. Modi is any indicator, Mr. Modi's promise to revive India's dismal manufacturing sector would entail major structural changes, such as overhauling labour laws to make it easier to fire people; and modifying land laws to make it easier to acquire land from poor farmers. There is already a strong lobbying for making hiring rules flexible

meaning allowing unbridled power to the corporates and recruiters to fire employees and workers at will without any accountability or obligations whatsoever, putting in place an easy exit policy to show doors to the workers and amend Contract Labour Act further in favour of the employers ostensibly to force the occasional and temporary labourers to work on any terms, be it in the quantum of wage, duration of working hours or working environment. Time would tell how and how soon does Mr. Modi and his government implement these demands of the corporate employers to honour globalization-liberalization and further worsen the condition of the half-fed semi-clad working people. In Gujarat, the Mr. Modi's government has not encouraged subsidies and freebies to the poor. So, the market-economists or the servitors of the oppressive monopolists are optimistic about Mr. Modi's axe falling on all kinds of subsidies and welfare schemes. In the run-up to the elections, the BJP has made noises about its opposition to FDI in retail. Now in power, it is to be seen whether it sticks to that or modify its stand in the name of boosting the economy with increased foreign money inflow.

Containing Inflation

The economists-columnists allegiant to ruling capitalism are also advising Mr. Modi to address the issues of spiralling inflation, interest rate cut, stability of rupee, tackling rising NPA in banks, improve supply side of food items and bring back investor's confidence. But, each of the issues is bound to pose immense problems to Mr. Modi because they all spring from the same root i.e. capitalism and hence cannot be resolved within capitalism. We take the issues one by one. First is arresting inflation. Inflation is, so to say, pictogram of capitalist economy. Apart from raising fuel tariff under fraudulent pretexts, other fiscal and monetary policies of the government are accentuating inflation beyond limit. Moreover, over Rs 2 lakh crores (Rs 2,00,000, 00, 00, 000) worth of black money is roughly in circulation. Another factor which is perilously spurring on inflation is unbridled printing of currency notes to finance budget deficits. It is pertinent to point out that of late, the government, under public

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pressure, is saying that it wants to contain inflation by controlling money circulation. The control is not in the form of putting a brake on speculation, banning private trade in food articles or curbing generation as well as unearthing of black money but by way of increasing the interest rate on bank deposits on the assumption that people would save more and spend less. Incredible indeed! When people at large are hard pressed to eke out a bare living, how come they would have money to save? On the contrary, upward revision of interest rate is making loans dearer. So, the credit-driven artificial stimulation that ruling capitalism seeks to inject in the market is affected. So, there is further contraction of demand resulting in stockpiling of goods and leading to increased recession which is staring at the entire capitalist-imperialist world including India. Thus, on one hand there is increase in price while on the other hand, there is plummeting demand. This peculiar situation in the current phase of dying capitalism is called stagflation—combination of inflation and stagnation which indicates the grave crisis capitalism is mired in today. Moreover, if interest rate is not brought down—something that Reserve Bank of India is averse to in its frantic bid to contain inflation—industrial houses would complain non-availability of cheap credit. So there will be a cry that the government is not investor-friendly. On the contrary, if interest rate is lowered, as per postulates of capitalist economy, savings would be discouraged and spending would increase fuelling inflation. It is admitted that the RBI's task of striking a balance between price stability and providing for the credit needs of the real economy has become that much more acute. The index of industrial production for March 2014 was 0.5 per cent lower over the figure for last year, completing a year of stagnation in the industrial sector. But reviving industry through a soft interest rate policy is not going to be easy as long as inflation remains above the RBI's comfort zone. This is thus a double-whammy for crisis-ridden capitalism. If it attempts to somehow stave off one crisis, it simply lands into another crisis. Similarly, while there is ebullience over strengthening of rupee following foreign money inflow in stock market, there is a flipside as

well. Here also, one can see the insoluble crisis of capitalism. Appreciation of rupee will make import cheaper but make export dearer. It is to be seen how the BJP bigwigs come out of this wriggle.

Arresting food inflation

Next is about arresting food inflation. As per the second advance estimates released by the Ministry of Agriculture in mid-February, production of food grains during 2013-14 is estimated at 263.20 million tons compared to 257.13 million tons in 2012-13. A disturbing feature of the Indian economy in recent years has been a high level of food price inflation despite reasonable good production. Though the government had estimated that food grains production had scaled a new peak, procurement in marketing year 2013-14 (till 17 April 2014) was only 51.5 million tons as compared with 72.2 million tons in the previous year. Since the inflation is deemed to be cost-pushed and driven by prices of food items, the recommendation of the bourgeois counselors is to augment supply side.

But what is further disquieting that besides large scale hoarding by blackmarketers and price manipulators, The Government of India currently has a buffer stock of food grains in excess of 80 MT. This implies that the Government, and not private grain traders, is the biggest hoarder of food grains. By purchasing such huge quantities of food grains and refusing to distribute them (a significant portion of this stock would be unfair for even cattle consumption), the procurement policies of the Government is a significant cause for domestic food inflation. To remedy the extant situation, the Government ought to forthwith release 25-40 MT of food grains and judiciously distribute at fair price through the Public Distribution system. But that would be tantamount to government control on food distribution and hence would run counter to the directives of globalization-liberalization which want both procurement and distribution to be in the hands of private operators free from any interference by the government. Let us see how the Modi government tackles this aspect.

NPA imbroglio

Next is about mounting NPAs

(non-performing assets) or bad loans of the banks and financial institutions. RBI numbers showed that the banks have added Rs 4,94,836 crore to their bad loans between 2007 and 2013. It denotes that the big industrial houses and corporate sector who avail of huge loans from the banks and financial institutions merrily default in repayment and escape unscathed. To put it in simple terms, most of these NPAs represent money forfeited by the loaning corporates with impunity. Now some self-styled experts have come out with a solution which of course sanctifies embezzlement of bank credit by corporate sector. They argue that wherever a borrower is not a willful defaulter [and has given collateral] the Government must come out with a clear cut plan to restructure such loans. Ideally part of the collateral could be liquidated. Such a bold step will allow entrepreneurs to concentrate on their business without any fear of undue interference from banks. And they further plead that such restructured loans must be out of the purview of any vigilance probe because the part of the borrowings is routed as "pay-offs" (read bribe). Since, 'pay-off' is a systemic problem meaning corruption is

institutionalized, it is to be tackled pragmatically if not sympathetically. We wait to see how far the BJP government heeds to such expert advices and bails out the culprit corporates.

Misplaced ebullience and mesmerizing illusion

This is how the capitalist economy of India as inseparable part of world capitalism is caught in its own web. Those who are nurturing illusion of the BJP coming to the rescue and hence reveling in Modi's adulation would soon accuse themselves of naiveté. Howsoever loud Mr. Modi and his brigade may cry for the poor and dedicate their government to the poor, not a single programme of globalization will be rolled back. More crisis-ridden is capitalism, more zealous it is in vigorous pursuit of globalization-liberalization which means further ruination and devastation for the poor. So, taller will be the order of the ruling class to Mr. Modi and his government for carrying out its behest more expeditiously and adroitly. People ought to remain aware and alert of that and brook no delay in closing their rank to put up resistance by unleashing a countrywide powerful anti-globalization movement.

People demand potable water and other civic amenities in Durg, Chhattisgarh



Under the leadership of SUCI(C), people of Durg, Chhattisgarh, have been conducting sustained movement demanding improvement in the supply of filtered drinking water and in the drainage system. On May 19, responding to the call of our Party, more than a hundred of people from Ramnagar Orla., Katulbor, Raepurnaka, Gayanagar, Shibpara, Titurdih, Girdharinagar and Ganjpara areas gheraoed the city's Corporation Office. Protesting over the loss of several lives from widespread enteric diseases caused by polluted drinking water and submitting a memorandum to the District Magistrate, they demanded, among others, supply of sufficient and filtered drinking water, regular cleaning of drainage ducts, strict vigilance that drinking water pipes are kept away from drainage pipes, maintenance and repair of public lavatories, compensation to the families of those who died from drinking polluted water and sustenance of other essential work. The protesting people pledged for continuing even mightier movement forming mass committees of citizens in every locality in case demands are not fulfilled.

Comrade Krishna Chakraborty's speech Democratic progressive people must close ranks to fight imminent fascism

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religion propagates aggression on others. Swami Vivekananda has been the greatest Hindu after Shankaracharya. He was totally against communalism. Communalism fans up blind love towards one's own religion and on the other hand generates fanatic hatred against the people of other religions. Some days back a Mahant of Kedarnath stated that whatever the BJP, RSS, Bajrang Dal and VHP are doing or propagating has nothing in common with religion and that all of them are against the teachings of Hinduism. They are exploiting the religious feelings of the people and fanning up communal hatred.

We must also understand that whether a worker is a Hindu or a Muslim, basically he is a worker. Birla poses himself to be the greatest Hindu as he has built Birla Mandirs all over the country. But in his factories does he spare the Hindu workers from exploitation? Does he discriminate between Hindu and Muslim workers in this regard? For him both Hindu and Muslim employees are workers whose fruits of labour he expropriates equally. For him all of us are workers but to the glee of capitalists we the workers fight among ourselves as Hindus and Muslims. Workers must understand that the strength of working class lies in their unity. For them to safeguard the unity of the workers is the first priority of the

working class movement. This unity has to be safeguarded like the apple of an eye. Secular democracy works as the cementing force for the unity of the working class who come from different religions, sects and communities. The secular democracy itself is under attack. The united movement of the working class will be its ultimate casualty. It is incumbent on all the sections of exploited masses to come forward for its protection.

Finally, comrades must realise that it is the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh which alone can lead us forward. Comrades must understand that there is no dearth of forces which can stall further worsening of the situation. They should also remember that the forces of progress are much stronger than the forces of regression. We need to mobilize and organize them under the banner of the Party and if we are able to generate revolutionary consciousness and character among the masses and build up their own instruments of struggle, no force on the Earth will be able to suppress them. On the occasion of this historic foundation day of the party I hope that comrades will realize this need and devote themselves to this task and strengthen and expand the party.

Offering my red salute to our
teacher and guide,
Comrade Shibdas Ghosh,
I end my speech here.

Protest against mysterious death of two students in Moradabad



AIDSO led a protest demonstration involving students and guardians in front of the district magistrate's office on 6th May, in Moradabad, UP, against the mysterious death of two para-medical students of Moradabad Tirthankar College. The protesters demanded stringent punishment of the culprits and also handed over a memorandum to the Governor.

Comrade Bimal Nandy veteran Assam State Committee member passes away

Veteran member of Assam State Committee of SUCI (Communist) and a prominent trade union leader Comrade Bimal Nandy passed away at the age of 74 years on May 9 after suffering long from diabetes and also affected by chronic renal failure towards the end. Deeply condoling his demise the State Committee kept the red flag half-mast at the State Headquarters.



In 1967, while employed at the National Life Insurance Corporation, Comrade Nandy came into contact with the revolutionary teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat, through Comrade Asit Bhattacharya, Polit Bureau member of our Party. Having realized that the emancipation of Indian people was possible only on the path illumined by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought, Comrade Nandy pledged himself to the struggle to become a communist and was among those few who took leading role in building up the Party in Assam. Fond of music and literature he played an active and important role in the party's initiative to observe the birth anniversaries of Jyotiprosad Agarwal and Nazrul Islam in Assam in the process of developing cultural movement conducive to revolutionary politics. His has been an important role also in bringing out the State Party Organ and other publications. With his firm devotion for the workers' cause, he also proved himself a leading organizer of workers' unions including that of the Life Insurance Corporation, where he worked in. He also developed joint movements of the trade union organizations in the state. In early 1970s a strong workers' movement developed in and around Guwahati under the leadership of AIUTUC, in which Comrade Bimal Nandy's contribution was remarkable. When in 1975, the ill-famed emergency was clamped upon the country, all political activities having been banned –he played a significant role to protect the Party. Again in 1979, when the parochial-chauvinist forces in Assam flared up, unity of people of diverse language groups and religions was in jeopardy, and the arch reactionary forces launched severe attack against the national political parties in the name of upholding regional interests, Comrade Bimal Nandy like all other devoted comrades got involved in an arduous struggle as true compatriots of Comrade Asit Bhattacharya to protect our Party in such a complex situation in Assam and in conducting an ideological battle against the rabid regionalist forces.

Ever since he joined the Party, as he equipped himself with Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's teachings, he set on a relentless struggle to change the humanist values he had possessed into communist values. Comrade Bimal Nandy had immense faith in Party Leadership. Remarkably patient, calm and disciplined even in the most adverse situations, dutiful, firm, yet sensitive and sympathetic, to anybody in distress and problem, brought him closer to the workers and the Party activists as well as his friends, relatives and neighbours. By virtue of all these qualities, even in those days of the arch provincialism that tended to destroy the ambience of amity and fellow-feeling among the different language groups of Assam, Comrade Bimal Nandy became popular with everyone –Bengali or Assamese speaking populace, remaining at the same time averse to publicity or populism. If he found any particular problem of some comrade beyond his ability to resolve, he would at once refer him or her to higher leadership.

Comrade Bimal Nandy was elected the member of State Committee Secretariat in 1988, at the First State conference of the Party. He was elected the President of AIUTUC at the State workers' Conference in 2012 and Vice-President of the All India Committee at the workers' Conference held at Bangalore in 2013. He also discharged Party organizational responsibilities in Dhuburi and Darang districts.

At his demise our Party has lost a dedicated revolutionary leader.

Red Salute Comrade Bimal Nandy

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