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## JAYNAGAR ELECTION

### Dr Tarun Mandal has been defeated, but people of Jaynagar refuse to leave him

Once the results of 16<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha are out, the bourgeois media and the monopoly-controlled propaganda machine have gone full throttle to call the outcome as people's mandate. It is impressed that the political power rests with the electorates who have exercised their franchise to make victorious the parties or forces they have consciously thought are worth of winning. But nothing can be further from truth. Facts would corroborate that in bourgeois democracy today, elections are never free and fair but craftily manipulated by the ruling class using all available means and such manipulations are camouflaged behind a high voltage publicity blitzkrieg. It has already come out that in many of the constituencies the results have been tampered with, either in the form of booth capturing, forced stamping or such other manipulative devices with the administration and much-touted Election Commission and its omnipotent machinery remaining either defunct or mute bystanders, if not indulgent onlookers. Any right-thinking person who gives weightage to facts and reality over orchestrated hype and billion rupee-strong ad-campaign trail knows that much before the polls, the money-muscle-media power of the ruling capitalist class is pressed into action to project only the parties or persons the class backs in the hustings. The whole attempt is to concentrate all attentions on the nominees of the class, get accepted whatever is told about these candidates in the media, even if those are trashes or concocted, as gospel truth and ensure that people's choice never goes beyond the candidates or parties the class is sponsoring or standing by.

#### Subversion of codified norms of parliamentary democracy

As we had pointed out in our earlier articles, such an act militates against and squashes the very fundamental principles of bourgeois

democracy that its founding fathers had enunciated. The said principles stipulated in no uncertain a term that each and every contestant would have an unfettered right to communicate political stand as well as ideological viewpoint to the electorates, reaching out to the voters with plans and programmes and entering into healthy debates and discussions over various issues having definite bearing on people's life — this was what constituted the inner kernel of elections as per the authors of bourgeois democracy in its rising period. The idea was that such widespread campaign by various political parties and forces, clashes and contradictions of ideas would generate people's interest in the elections. The electorate in turn would engage themselves in examining various trends of thought, ideological standpoints, exchange opinions among themselves to understand the truth. In the process, political consciousness of the masses would grow and develop, political maturity would ascend yet higher rungs and they would be able to cast their vote freely and fairly as per their conscience. In other words, the enshrined principle was to give widest scope to the electorates to be acquainted with all political opinions and divergent views so that they could take an informed decision before exercising their franchise. Any asymmetry in information was, therefore, viewed as to be tantamount to going against the very intent of this principle.

But in the current phase of decadent moribund bourgeois democracy when the ruling capitalist class has lost all its progressive role and turned out and out reactionary, corrupt and autocratic, all these principles have been given a decent burial. Instead, the elections are being robbed of its essence, rigged in every possible way and camouflaged as reflection of people's verdict. The triumph of the BJP which is being hailed by the

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## Red Salute Comrade Yakub Pailan



Comrade Yakub Pailan, veteran member of the Central Committee of SUCI(C), Secretary, South 24 Parganas district (West Bengal), lifelong revolutionary and a revered mass leader breathed his last after prolonged illness on 14th June at 05.02 AM at the Calcutta Heart Clinic and Hospital, Kolkata. He was 83. As soon as the news of his demise was known, Comrades Manik Mukherjee, Ranjit Dhar, Asit Bhattacharyya, all Polit Bureau members, Comrades Debaprasad Sarkar and Soumen Basu, Central Committee members and other available State Committee members alongwith a good number of comrades rushed to the hospital where a small programme was held to pay tribute to the departed leader. Wreath was placed on his mortal remains on behalf of Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary of the Party who was away to Odisha to attend a meeting. Then the Polit Bureau members, Central Committee members, state leaders paid floral tribute. Floral tribute was also offered on behalf of the mass and class organizations as well as the hospital doctors and staff. After conclusion of this brief solemn programme, the mortal remains of Comrade Yakub Pailan were taken to the preservation centre. On 16th early morning, his mortal remains will be brought to the Party's central office at 48, Lenin Sarani, Kolkata, where the comrades, well-wishers and admirers will pay their respect to the revolutionary leader of rare mettle and bid adieu to him. Then his body will be taken to Jaynagar, South 24 Parganas from where his exemplary revolutionary life started.

**LONG LIVE COMRADE YAKUB PAILAN**

## JAYNAGAR ELECTION

# Money-muscle-media-administrative power, billion rupee publicity blitzkrieg projected the parties or persons enjoying backing of ruling class

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mainstream bourgeois media as heralding of a new era is nothing but a glaring manifestation as to how the whole electoral process could be twisted and tinkered with riding on money-muscle-media triumvirate and the pre-determined result obtained trampling underfoot the laid down principles of classical parliamentary democracy. When the ruling class found, that the Congress, in course of serving the its class interest, has become thoroughly discredited before the people, it threw its gauntlet behind the BJP, its another trusted representative. The bourgeois propaganda machine began singing non-stop paeans in eulogy of BJP and its prime ministerial candidate Narendra Modi as if once the BJP is voted to power, all the misery and penury, corruption and aberrations would vanish in the blue. In fact, public mind was prejudiced in favour of the BJP and Modi through artificial stimulation of propped up sentiments and illusory nurturing. The BJP also made best use of this backing by merrily fomenting communal sentiment and inciting even casteist passion wherever it felt such could pay electoral dividend by way of a casteist- communal polarization while maintaining a façade of so called development. The entire episode of fostering BJP was planned and the result was virtually elicited through sleight of a hand. So, the BJP's victory is virtually stage-managed by the corporate house which the suffering people failed to understand and hence have fallen to the trap of the class. It has been reported in the media that the roughly Rs 5 lakh crores has been spent on publicity by the different candidates, financed by people from the corporate sector. (Statesman 22-05-14). However, despite a billion rupee campaign, orchestrated media support and wholehearted backing of the class, the BJP could not garner more than 31% votes. What has been the worst casualty in the process are the laid down procedures and principles of parliamentary politics which are premised on granting equal opportunity to all to reach out to the electorates with their respective viewpoints and cast of votes based on informed decision. Parliamentary Democracy has thus been reduced to nasty bourgeois vote politics of manipulation and manoeuvre, muscle

flexing and money spending, resorting to all kinds of unscrupulous and unfair means.

## Administrative rigging at Jaynagar constituency

But while the countrymen have been victim to this craftily hatched bourgeois conspiracy of manipulating election result, the people of West Bengal perhaps have seen a much more naked exhibition of subversion of electoral norms, conventions, codes and practices. And the worst demonstration has been in Jaynagar constituency which was in the radar of the class and its servitors right from day one. Because Dr Tarun Mandal, who as a sitting SUCI(C) MP could carve out such a place in the bosom of the common people solely based on his performance as well as care, concern and empathy for the poor have-nots and downtrodden, that the quarters of reaction were bent upon scuttling another term of his by hook or by crook. Dr Mandal's popularity among the electorates was not media-propelled. Rather, there has been a virtual blackout for him in the bourgeois-controlled media. Hardly could one see any news about him; let alone coverage, even a mention that he had spoken 75 times in Parliament on the burning problems of people's life and protesting against all the anti-people moves and decisions of the government, did not appear in the media. Dr Mandal earned this love and affection of the electorates by dint of his work, won admiration by demonstrating a firm value-based ethical, cultural and moral a character which is rare of the rarest in politics today. Dr Mandal fully lived upto the expectation with which the people of the nine blocks of the seven assembly segments falling under Jaynagar constituency, elected him. He fully honoured the trust and confidence bestowed on him and fulfilled all his promises. People have seen many MPs from 1952. But the kind of MP Dr Mandal had been is unprecedented — a fact acknowledged by one to all. He was totally by the side of the people of his constituency during the five long years, fought for their cause, organized movements based on their burning problems and achieved many of the demands, upheld their voice and demands in Parliament and tried his best to

move the administration for delivering the necessities of the suffering people. It is known that his was a solitary voice against the most unjust decision to exorbitantly raise salaries and perks of the MPs. He did not take way the enhanced salary himself but spent the entire amount for giving scholarship to poor meritorious students of the 9 blocks of his constituency and in organizing free medical camps. He has equally distributed his MPLAD funds among the seven assembly constituencies included within his parliamentary seat based on the need of the various localities. He rushed to the affected areas when the devastating cyclone *Aila* was in full fury and personally monitored relief and rescue operations, repeatedly knocked at the administration as well as both the central and state governments for prompt and effective action. He even raised the issue in Parliament, drew everyone's attention to the plight of the cyclone-ravaged people and appealed to the government for taking necessary remedial measure. Deeply moved by his painstaking effort and sincere concern for them, the *Aila*-ravaged people commented: "We could not imagine even in dreams that our MP would be by our side when we would be marooned in flood water. Never have we seen before any minister or MP to be on the side of the people at the hour of danger." Such comments continuously poured in from all corners of the constituency. Anup Biswas, secretary of a club in Canning East area has said in an open meeting: "Jaynagar never had such an MP in the past. Such a person must be elected again." "He is known for his good behaviour and humanity. He does not avoid people with problems and is not corrupt. There are allegations against many people's representatives but not him", said Swaraj Dalal of Canning. "He is known for his contact with the masses. It will be difficult to defeat him", said a local leader of a left party in Gosaba. The class took note of this overwhelming mass support behind Dr Mandal and our beloved Party, the SUCI(C). So, it had arrayed its entire arsenal to ensure that in no case, votes are cast in favour of him. First of all, the bourgeois media which scrupulously avoided any coverage of Dr. Mandal or the political standpoint of the SUCI(C) cunningly floated a view

that since SUCI(C) does not have organizational base in five out of seven assembly segments, Dr Mandal would not make it this time. Apart from this whispering campaign, message was also loud and clear to the ruling TMC as well as the CPI (M) and its associates, who all subserve bourgeois class interest and are keen to appease the class for pelf and power, that SUCI(C) must not be allowed to win the seat. Whatever is needed to be done for that should be done. So, it could be observed at least two months before the election day that known anti-socials and criminals who till the other day were with the CPI (M) but now have switched to the TMC were activated. These criminals began openly threatening the electorates that if they ventured out to vote Dr Mandal, they would face dire consequence and might well pay with their life. Lethal weapons were also brandished in course of this intimidation. Not only that. SUCI(C) volunteers were attacked when they went for campaigning. Leaflets were snatched, festoons and banners were torn and wall writings effaced. The volunteers were manhandled by the armed ruffians. These did not happen isolatedly but concertedly in almost all the places of two assembly sectors, Canning East and West, and in many pockets of Gosaba, Basanti and Magrahat assembly segments. Dr Mandal and the SUCI(C) volunteers were physically prevented from entering many areas by these armed criminals. And what had been most disquieting that many of these incidents happened in front of the police including Officer-in-charge of the local police station who conspicuously stood as indulgent onlookers. There was virtually no action on all the FIRs lodged by Dr Mandal and others despite naming the culprits and providing evidentiary proofs of their unlawful acts. It was also found in many cases that the version of the local police station and that of the criminals coincided showing how the administration was hand-in-gloves with the ruling party and the criminals basking under its aegis. All these incidents were promptly reported to every part of the administration, both in writing as well as in course of personal audience. But the entire bandwagon of Special Observer, General

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## Disarray in CPI(M)

# To get at the truth, CPI(M) workers need to deeply analyze developments on the anvil of logic and reason

The CPI (M) workers, and as it appears from media reports their leaders too, are in complete disarray after the debacle in the last Lok Sabha polls. The persistent call for a change in the CPI (M) leadership since its dismal show in the Lok Sabha polls, not only grew louder, but unprecedentedly came calling at the gates of the party's West Bengal state headquarters at Alimuddin Street in Kolkata. For the first time in the history of the CPI (M), a rally was organized by the disgruntled party workers including some of the expelled leaders outside the West Bengal party headquarters. The demonstrators demanded an immediate change in party leadership in order to save it from being wiped out from national politics. Earlier, one of the leading activists, in charge of party's website management, who was purged for questioning the propriety of the leadership to hold on to their post after routing in the hustings, sent an e-mail to like-minded comrades stating that leaders have "lost all credibility among the people because of their political-tactical errors and arrogance." "Even after such a comprehensive defeat, they are refusing to take responsibility and step down", added the communiqué. The recent West Bengal state committee meeting of the party held in presence of Politburo members was marked by heated exchanges, trading charges and taking potshots at each other. Posters have appeared in some districts demanding that leaders should shun their air-conditioned chambers and cars and go to the masses. Clearly, the intra-party rumblings are in the open and the main demand is for change of guards at the helm, both at the central as well as the central levels. But, we are of the opinion, given the kind of politics the CPI (M) has been pursuing over the last four decades, removing a few leaders from the top would not make everything hunky-dory for the party. The problem is far deep rooted. We place below certain aspects for serious retrospection and pondering by the aggrieved CPI (M) workers if they are genuinely disposed towards leftism and want to draw serious political lesson from the recent turn of events.

### Undivided CPI never grew as a communist party

It is quite natural that they are thoroughly disappointed at the decimation of their party in the

elections. But why has their party come to such a pass? Is it because some of their leaders have failed to provide leadership or have deviated from leftism? Such a thinking perhaps is too simplistic. The fundamental question that must agitate the CPI (M) workers clamouring for a change of leadership is whether their party has ever followed Marxist principles. Mere name does not make a party Marxist. It must imbibe the essence of Marxism as a guiding philosophy covering all aspects of life and act accordingly. Did the undivided CPI and later the CPI (M) as one of its factions ever tread that path? Answer will be "NO". Notwithstanding sincerity, honesty, immense sacrifice and emotion towards Marxism-Leninism, the undivided CPI leadership could not grasp Marxism as a science of all sciences and build up a party following the Leninist principles of party formation. It took the name of a communist party alright, but remained non-communist at the core. To the undivided CPI leadership, communism was merely a political slogan and never a life philosophy. The undivided CPI leaders could never comprehend the methodological approach of Marxism-Leninism and apply it concretely in the concrete situation of India. So, the party was crippled by birth and made one after another vital mistakes during the period of freedom struggle. While the concrete situation demanded that the communists align with the petty bourgeois revolutionism, catalyze emergence of a left alternative to the bourgeois Congress leadership and foil the conspiracy of the Indian national bourgeoisie to usurp power through compromise with the British imperialists—the guideline that great Stalin provided to them—CPI leadership instead not only opposed but denigrated Netaji Subhaschandra as 'Quisling' and thus helped compromising Gandhi leadership to tighten its grip over the freedom struggle and spoil the possibility of accomplishing a new democratic revolution like that of China. Instead the CPI leadership extended support to the British rulers raising slogan of 'people's struggle' against fascism, supported partition of the country and virtually helped the Indian national bourgeoisie and the Congress, its political outfit, to ride to power. It was no ordinary mistake

but a blunder for which the countrymen are paying even today. This blunder occurred because undivided CPI never grew as a communist party and never had approached any national and international issue based on Marxist approach and methodology.

### CPI (M) is no different from undivided CPI in class character, approach and outlook

When the CPI (M) was created following a split in the undivided CPI, not on any fundamental political question like stage of Indian revolution, correlation of forces or strategy of revolution, but simply centering on quarrel over leadership and so called difference over Soviet line and China line, its leaders also never took the pains to free themselves from the past mistakes, shun non-Marxist petty bourgeois outlook and embrace the arduous task of acquiring true communist character through appropriate struggle. Rather the CPI (M) leaders admitted that some of the groups within the undivided CPI came out to form the CPI (M). The CPI (M) workers can refer to the clause 90 of the pamphlet titled "Note for the CPI (M)'s programme" by late Shri EMS Nambudripad where he acknowledged existence of groups in undivided CPI. Even in an article by late Pramod Dasgupta in 1967 Puja number 'Deshhitoishi', the Bengali organ of the CPI (M), details were given how various groups, one led by Jyoti Basu, another by Pramod Dasgupta himself and such others came together and formed CPI (M) by dissociating from the undivided CPI. So, it is acknowledged that there were groups, meaning parallel leaders, meaning different trends of thinking inside undivided CPI. This was in total contradistinction with the character of any genuine communist party. Parallel leadership means parallel thoughts. How could there be parallel thoughts if the party is a monolithic communist party where uniformity of thinking is a primary condition? Moreover, it is an elementary Marxist teaching that in a class-divided society, every thought is a class thought. Existence of parallel thoughts means existence of parallel class thoughts. In other words, by their own admission, several class thoughts were present in the undivided CPI which, if it

were a communist party, ought to have only one thought i.e. the proletarian class thought. Thus, it could be seen that CPI was a conglomeration of various groups with parallel leaders and parallel class thoughts. And these leaders bore different methodological approach, different outlook and mental make-up and such others. How could then it be called a communist party? And the legacy was transferred to CPI (M) as well. The old methodological approach, mental make-up, process of analysis, outlook, behavioural pattern, non-Marxist way of life and even basic theoretical formulations remained intact. Only the name was slightly altered and some phraseological changes were incorporated in the programme. No serious painstaking struggle was conducted by the CPI (M) leaders to bring about a break in with the non-Marxist process of thinking and analysis of the old party. So, the non-Marxist character was ingrained in the CPI (M) also. The CPI (M) leaders and dissidents who are now directing tirades against their leaders need to go deep into such matters if they really want to unveil the truth and ascertain what went wrong with their party.

### Wrong formulations of the CPI (M)

It is pertinent to say a few words about the formulation of the stage of revolution by the CPI (M) because that would help understand some of the pro-capitalist stance and move of the CPI (M) leadership. Notwithstanding all verbiages and branding the old party as 'revisionists', there was no change in the strategy of revolution of the CPI (M) from that of the old party. It remained the same anti-imperialist anti-feudal people's democratic revolution based on an erroneous characterization of post-independent India. The CPI (M), like undivided CPI, did not recognize that with capture of state power by the Indian national bourgeoisie through compromise with the British imperialists, Indian state emerged as a politically independent national bourgeois state. With that, India entered into the stage of anti-capitalist socialist revolution as per the teachings of Lenin. Since the CPI (M) leaders failed to realize this objective truth, they persisted with

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# Undivided CPI as well as CPI (M) leadership could not grasp Marxism and build up a party on Leninist principles and methods

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the erroneous deduction of Indian revolution and held it to be anti-imperialist anti-feudal. Accordingly, in so far as class alignment of forces was concerned, the national bourgeoisie and the rich peasants became allies of revolution of the CPI (M). In other words, the Tatas-Birlas-Ambanis-Mittals-Jindals etc. who comprise the national bourgeoisie of India are allies of the CPI (M). So are the big *jotedars* or rural kulaks. Thus, the CPI (M) leaders refused to admit that the Indian national bourgeoisie is in the state power and the Indian revolution is anti-capitalist socialist revolution whose objective is to overthrow capitalism under the leadership of the working class in alliance with the poor peasants. Instead, because they were guided by a flawed formulation, they have always been in the lookout for the "progressive national bourgeoisie" and its political representative and establish a chord of friendship with them. Thus while the main blow should be against the monopoly capital in power and the object of revolution should be to overthrow it, the CPI (M) leadership remained busy in identifying the progressive section of national bourgeoisie in whom they could find an ally of its bizarre people's democratic revolution. The leaders of the undivided CPI once rallied behind Nehru as the representative of progressive bourgeoisie and thereby helped Indian monopolists to consolidate their position. Later, the CPI (M) leaders identified progressive elements and "democratic aspiration" in the Indira Gandhi-led Congress. The CPI (M) wrote in People's Democracy, their central organ, that "... the Indira Gandhi wing also contains within its fold a healthy trend which hates big landlords and monopolists...it has raised certain slogans and taken certain measures which are in tune with the anti-monopoly democratic aspirations of the people" (PD 15-02-70). Continuing in the same breadth, it talked of forming "a far broader front of the democratic forces, including a section of the Indira Congress who are earnest about the struggle against the vested interest" (ibid). The same Indira Congress, it may be recalled, betrayed its fascist character by clamping emergency on the country within 5 years of receiving such a big certificate from the CPI (M). The fact is that party thesis of people's democratic revolution and

scouting for the progressive section of the national bourgeoisie came handy to the CPI (M) leadership in buttressing their opportunist agenda of wooing and hobnobbing with the monopolists or their representative political party or parties. So, the CPI (M) did not find any difficulty in extending support to either Indira Gandhi or Manmohan Singh nor did it have slightest hesitation in standing by the Tatas and bring down murderous attacks on poor peasants of Singur. It is, therefore, clear that the faults and deviations of the CPI (M) leadership stemmed from a flawed anti-Marxist policy and outlook and its shift to wholesale bourgeois vote politics and penchant for power by currying favour with the ruling capitalists were and are also inevitable given the theoretical formulation of befriending with the national bourgeoisie.

As a sequel to this politics, the CPI (M) drew far away from whatever little movement it once participated in even from the electoral angle and whatever little of leftism they practised in the 1950s and '60s to preserve its 'left' image. This was particularly true after their ascending to governmental power in West Bengal in 1977. Since then the CPI (M) leaders bid adieu to whatever residual leftism was left in them and totally devoted themselves towards turning the party into a hard core vote-based petty bourgeois outfit with sole objective of remaining afloat in the corridor of power and enjoying all the pelf and privileges of power politics that all other bourgeois petty-bourgeois parties have been having. So, they merrily abandoned the path of movement, arguing in their defence that since they were in power, the workers-peasants needed no more to adhere to the course of struggle. From the seat of the government they would provide everything. Thus, while it is incumbent on any true revolutionary party to free the toiling masses from parliamentary illusion and make them imbibe the necessity of revolution, the CPI (M) carrying a "Marxist" signboard concentrated all its efforts to inculcate parliamentarism among the masses, impressed upon them that save and except vote and government formation, there is nothing else in politics. Very cunningly, the CPI (M) emasculated the working people from within and the state of West Bengal which once was held in high esteem as the citadel of left-democratic movement, acclaimed as the abode of the living

spirit of protest against all wrongs and injustice, soon became dispossessed of its struggling character and turned into a land of inexplicable muteness where all the fads and aberrations of dying capitalism, in absence of any formidable resistance, surfaced with utmost virulence. It has indeed been a criminal blow to the honest left-minded people including the honest rank of the CPI (M) who still nurture dream of revolution. A cursory glance at the bare facts will be further revealing.

### Digging the grave of leftism

The CPI (M) began indulging in politics of muscle flexing to curb opposition and gain support right from the days first United Front government was formed in 1967 after defeating the Congress. Once having been in power and the all-important home department at its disposal, the CPI (M) leaders spurned at the world in their pride. It used police to forcibly break the organizations of the front partners and expand its own organizational base. It was clear that power had got into the heads of the CPI (M) leaders and they had already begun to see how they could eliminate all others and singlehandedly ride to power. But all their bragging and flagging was till the time they had police under them. Once the United front government was toppled, all their bluster and highhandedness vanished and they went into the shells. Even they refused to respond to the call of the SUCI(C) to develop united democratic movement against the terror unleashed by the Congress-led government in West Bengal in 1972 on the plea that they would have to face police atrocities. But the ruling class could sense from its class instinct that if it were to strip the soil of West Bengal of its spirit of protest, it needed a party like the CPI (M) who could befool the people with its name and colour of the flag, deftly dissuade them from the path of class and mass struggles and thus can prove to be very useful in most effectively subserving bourgeois class interest. The class also wanted that the SUCI(C) be marginalized and cornered so that anti-thesis could not rear its head and play spoilsport to its nefarious class design. People of the state found CPI (M) in compliance with that class design, pulled strings to oust the SUCI(C) from the United Front and thus disgorge the Front of its genuine left content.

This was corroborated further when late Jyoti Basu in a radio talk

on the eve of the 1977 assembly elections said that there would no more be any unrest or anarchy as SUCI(C) was no longer a partner of the Front they have created now. He also assured that the CPI (M) would no more indulge in any militant movement. Consequent or subsequent to that, the CPI (M) assumed power in the state. The CPI (M) workers were ecstatic without realizing the significance of what Jyoti Basu, the chief minister designate of the party, had committed through those words. Was there any iota of leftism in the statement of Shri Jyoti Basu? Whom was he addressing or assuring? Surely, it was not the people at large who had definitely not told him to jettison SUCI(C) or give up militant movements. So, his target was the ruling capitalist class who wanted exactly an assurance of that kind. Because, the class was alarmed at the way SUCI(C) as a constituent of the two United Front governments of 1967 and 1969, tried to advance the democratic mass movement restraining police from interference. So, it was necessary for the CPI (M) to assure the class that sans SUCI(C), there was nothing to be afraid of the CPI (M) combination. The red flag the CPI (M) waived was merely a passport for garnering votes. Hence, the class should not mistake the rope for a snake. Though this approach has helped the CPI (M) to ride and cling to power by appeasing and currying favour with the ruling class, it has caused immense harm to leftism the price of which is now being paid dearly by the people and has made the honest rank wonder what caused such a downfall of their party.

### Chronicle of the CPI (M)'s 34 year long rule of West Bengal

Then again, what has been the experience of the people during the uninterrupted 34 year long rule of West Bengal by the CPI (M)? What kind of policies and outlook the CPI (M) adopted to run the government? Was there any semblance of leftism in its policies and practices? Instead of depending on the people, the CPI (M) leaders opted to exclusively depend on police-bureaucracy. The relative neutrality of the administration was completely destroyed. Instead, the police-administration was virtually turned into an appendage of the ruling party. The CPI (M) leaders even at the lowest level were giving instructions to the local police stations, if not

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## Disarray in CPI(M)

# CPI (M)'s erroneous deduction on Indian revolution came handy in hobnobbing with the ruling capitalist class

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running a parallel administration. They did not hesitate to cruelly crush any surging people's movement not only with police but by deploying hired armed criminals and storm-troopers. How many times the streets of Kolkata city and the suburban towns and villages were soaked in the blood of the protesting SUCI(C) workers! It was not the legitimacy of any move or movement, but unquestionable allegiance to the CPI (M) which only counted. The CPI (M) touts began nakedly interfering even in the private affairs of the families, dictating terms, intervening to settle so called disputes and ensured that their words only prevailed and everyone was bullied to supine submission before their fiat. Nepotism, self-serving, corruption, misappropriation of public fund, threat, intimidation, terror—name anything and the CPI (M) and its government could well be seen to be indulging in that with alacrity. Right from the grass root level, all these malpractices, wrongdoings and crimes were allowed to multiply under the aegis of the CPI (M) leaders and functionaries. Village panchayats were turned into dens of corruption and avenue for fortune making by the CPI (M) leaders and cadres. From panchayat member to the higher level, the leaders and satraps accumulated fabulous wealth, hutment dwellers of the other day became so rich overnight as to proudly flaunt ownership of luxurious multi-storied houses, expensive cars, roaring business and heaps of property even in the remotest rural ends. The life style of the leaders and cadres changed dramatically. And all these were done in a fairly organized manner keeping these largely under the carpet, using the well-knit organization of the party though mechanically held together. On the other hand, dishonest businessman, contractors, promoters, middlemen, land mafias, fishery dons, extortionists, gamblers, hoarders and blackmarketers boomed and blossomed with the blessings of the CPI (M) leaders. All notorious criminals and anti-socials made a beeline to join the CPI (M) and the CPI (M) leaders welcomed them for adding muscle to their kitty, gag people's voice and carry out all evil acts with alacrity. These criminals were merrily employed to rig elections by way of booth capturing, false voting, forced stamping and scaring away general voters. What a

great 'leftism' had been in operation! The ruling class was also extremely pleased to see that as expected by it, the CPI (M) leaders wearing a cloak of Marxism-leftism considerably doused the spirit of protest and pro-struggle mind of the state of West Bengal. Instead, it was heartening for the class to note that all kinds of opportunism, privilege-seeking mentality, selfishness, cheating, warped mindset, meanness and such other fads assumed menacing proportion along with growing offence of heinous crimes, like theft, robbery and burglary. Coupled with this has been unbridled promotion of vulgar culture of dying capitalism in the form of increased circulation of porn-literature, X-rated films, obscene posters and hoardings, ample supply of liquors and widespread gambling like online lottery. So, the process of degeneration of the society was operative in full swing in CPI (M) rule much to the glee of the class who wanted and always wants that the moral backbone of the people is broken so that they are mentally incapacitated to protest against the ruthless capitalist oppression and repression. So, the industrial houses and top monopolists had been agog in praise for the CPI (M) and saw to it that the party was conferred the title of "official leftist", received maximum backing of the media and put stayed in power as long as possible. It would be pertinent to mention that when the Tatas withdrew from Singur project under pressure of movement, they released a half-page paid advertisement in the leading newspapers exhorting people to back the CPI (M). When all these things were going on, a section of the CPI (M) leaders and workers intoxicated with power were busy making fortunes while those having genuine allegiance to leftism went to the back wondering how could their party stoop so low. Those who are now demanding a change of leadership must understand that this total decay of the party has not been brought about by a few select leaders and hence the party cannot be cleansed if some of them are removed. It is the outcome of a fundamentally wrong pro-capitalist anti-left politics that the CPI (M) as a party and virtually as a whole pursued with alacrity right from its birth.

### **The beastly savagery raved wild in Singur-Nandigram**

Come to the question of close intimacy of the CPI (M) top brass

with the ruling monopolists. In order to handover fertile agricultural land to the Tatas, the CPI (M) government unleashed a reign of terror to force the peasants surrender their cultivable land at Singur. The TV showed live coverage of the savage attack on the Singur peasants by the CPI (M) government for forcibly grabbing their land. Rajkumar Bhul, a volunteer of the Singur resistance movement was beaten to death. Another activist, teenager Tapasi Malik was raped and burnt alive. Instead of expressing regret, the CPI (M) leaders preferred character assassination of the murdered girl. Can such things be expected of a true leftist party? On the other hand, betraying rare arrogance, the then CPI (M) chief minister Buddhdeb Bhattacharjee announced that he would not allow anyone "to touch even a hair of the Tatas". Whose interest the CPI (M) was advocating, of the poor peasants or the financial tycoon like the Tatas? What 'leftism' was the CPI (M) leaders pursuing while making such insolent utterances? Naturally, the ruling class was elated and the monopoly-controlled media eulogized Buddhdeb Bhattacharjee's iconoclastic leftism (!) as "Brand Buddha". Would this outlook that prompted to act as the spokesperson of the Tatas by waving red flag, be wiped out if Buddhdeb Bhattacharjee is moved out of leadership? Was this outlook and approach exclusive of Buddhhababu or of the entire party? The honest CPI (M) rank need to deeply ponder over it.

The barbaric fascist onslaught unleashed by the CPI (M) on the struggling Nandigram peasants who were resisting forcible grabbing of fertile land for setting up an SEZ with the Salims, the infamous Indonesian monopoly house, as the promoter to house a chemical hub, has been despised and condemned by one to all. On the black morning of 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2007, a few thousands of armed police and para-military forces and shielded behind them, the CPI (M) goons, hired from different parts of the state and brandishing arms and arsenals used by the police and clad in police uniform but wearing chappals to give away their identity, were let loose in a dastardly operation transgressing all norms of civility and humanity to engineer one of the worst carnages the country has ever witnessed. Several were killed, hundreds inflicted grievous injuries

and maimed, small children were butchered, torn apart in front of their mothers. In addition and over and above the ghastly killings, numberless women were mercilessly gang-raped, subjected to bestial sexual assault. This was a unique feature: using hired criminals to bring down most deplorable atrocities on women with a view to smashing the morale of the protesting people! Making women soft targets was a very common thing during vicious communal riots. But none of the most coercive and oppressive rulers in the history of India ever dared such an act to test on fighting masses in a democratic movement! The spectre of the horror and terror, the trauma still loom large on the faces of the victims, eye witnesses and the family members of those killed or tortured. Openly bragged a veteran CPI (M) leader then that they would "make life hell for the Nandigram people". Many of the CPI (M) leaders also used utterly vulgar and abusive language against the fighting peasant women. Even on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2007, the CPI (M) organized another brutal attack on unarmed protesting peasants killing many on the spot and grievously injuring many and claimed that as a new sunrise in Nandigram. What a mark of 'leftism' left by the CPI (M)!

### **CPI (M)'s has been a politics of vote, pelf and power**

The CPI (M) workers who are now asking their top leaders to quit ought to realize that there has not been even an iota of leftism, let alone Marxism, in the politics of their party. If they seriously introspect freeing themselves from all bias and preconceptions, they would find that not only the last 34 years of CPI (M) front rule, even much before that, overlordism, highhandedness, muscle flexing, use of abusive, at times vulgar, language against the political opponents were made the way of life in the CPI (M). CPI (M) is a big party; so whatever they say has to be accepted as gospel truth—such was the fiat in the 1960s and early 1970s. What kind of leftism is it? Blindness, fanaticism, creating a bogey, inflaming and inciting hatred against the political opponents, subverting one's reasoning capacity during discussion, impatience, philosophical intolerance, abusing instead of answering questions, — these are typical behavioural patterns of the reactionaries. Only

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## Disarray in CPI(M)

# Nepotism, self-serving, corruption, misappropriation of public fund, threat, intimidation, terror marked CPI (M)'s 34 year rule of West Bengal

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those who are ideologically weak try to smother ideological questions with hollow slogans and arrogance. Those within the CPI (M) who still have not bartered away conscience and possess a leftist bent of mind, who may now be eager, even vocal for a change of leadership need to take due cognizance of these facts. All the above behaviours, conduct, egotism and superciliousness have been ingrained in the CPI(M). Many of the CPI (M) leaders who mouthed leftist slogans had led a totally contrary life, believed in religiosity and superstitions, multiplied private property and above all, carefully segregated their personal life from political life. But the workers had never questioned these things. The taste and charm of power made them all blindfolded. They could never understand that because of this non-Marxist non-leftist approach and conduct of the CPI (M), such a lofty ideal like Marxism-Leninism has been considerably disgraced before the people. People found no difference between the CPI (M) and other vote-based bourgeois outfits. Even the word "Comrade" instead of being honoured and revered is now being taunted.

As it stands at present, the alignment and mental make-up of the CPI (M) leadership and its party are wholly and solely oriented

towards vote. All their gains or losses are determined in terms of votes and seats won. So, as the CPI (M) started losing elections in West Bengal, first the 2009 parliamentary poll, followed by routing in the 2011 assembly elections and the latest whitewash in 2014 parliament elections, the empire of the CPI (M) has collapsed like a pack of cards. Sans power, the entire party is now like a ship without radar. The criminals and anti-socials whom the party depended so far to cross the Stygian ferry of election and wield stick over everyone are now switching over to the ruling TMC or lately even BJP, en masse. So long the CPI (M) leaders used to brag that they have a few millions of members of their party as well as of their student and youth wings. But once the ruling TMC began mounting attacks on them, the heart of their million-odd members sank into their boots. To save skin, a good number of the CPI (M) workers are crossing over to the rightist TMC and the extremely right communal BJP. What a tragic end to the self-styled big brother of the 'official lefts'! One of the district secretaries has said that this floor crossing is purported to derive advantage and privilege from the ruling party. Incredible indeed! It clearly proves that the organizational expansion that the CPI (M) was hitherto boasting of was due to

congregation of such privilege-seekers. Now with the power gone, the organization is cracking, getting dismantled. Once, the CPI (M) leaders used to claim that since they were sweeping in the elections, whatever they were doing were right. Now, the TMC and BJP are winning elections. If one has to go by the 'impeccable' logic of the CPI (M) leaders, then whatever the TMC and BJP are doing are all correct. What a great paradox!

### Appeal to the honest CPI (M) workers

This is the kind of "leftism" that the CPI (M) has been cultivating all through. Time and again, our Party has pointed it out to the CPI (M) workers. Even when the CPI (M) was descending murderous attacks on us, killed over 150 of our leaders and workers, sent several of our leaders and leading comrades to jail implicating in false cases, we had appealed to the CPI (M) workers to think where this politics of violence and arrogance, brag and bluster, would lead them to. We drew their attention to the fact that if a genuine revolutionary party gets chance to run a government in a bourgeois set up, will it try to anyhow cling to power, assume that to be the supreme task and build up parliamentary illusion? And for remaining hung to power,

will it eschew mass struggle, working class struggle? Can such a party be called leftist by any stretch of imagination? Or the party, if it is a genuine revolutionary party, must try to use its governmental power to stimulate and accelerate class and mass struggles by restraining the police-administration? The concrete guideline in this regard was put forth by our great leader, teacher and guide Comrade Shibdas Ghosh based on correct understanding of Marxism-Leninism.

Without going deep into these questions, analyzing everything on the anvil of logic, reason and correct Marxist approach and methodology, will the expectation of the honest CPI (M) workers be met by just replacing a few leaders of their non-Marxist party? Leadership is definitely important. It is the leaders who guide and conduct a party. But can leadership be viewed or appraised alienated from the party's basic structure, bent of thinking, methodology of approach, philosophy, culture, life style and above all ideological correctness? We hope the honest workers of the CPI (M) who still have allegiance towards leftism, want left-democratic movement to thrive and take a firm root on the soil, will seriously and sincerely think over these aspects we have detailed above.

## Stand up against the spiralling crime on women

Is this what the 'greatest democracy' of the world has to offer to its women today? Molestation, assault, lynching, stripping in front of public glare, rape, gang-rape and above all murder - these have become almost the order of the day in our country. How traumatic it is for every parent of a girl child, every husband or brother or even sons to be ever under the dread lest something should befall the women nearest to them; any time anywhere they may be attacked, fall victims to some barbaric acts perpetrated by known or unknown offenders lurking at the corner, have their modesty outraged, subjected to savage sexual assault robbed — often exemplifying the worst sort of bestiality that only nightmares may breed! Such gruesome attacks and assaults are in

the cities or in towns, in the remotest villages, in tribal areas or in the metropolis. Women are soft targets of beasts masqueraded as human beings. No one is spared- the educated, the uneducated, a mere child a few years or a woman who has attained seniority in age. Safety of women has virtually become a mocking statement in 21<sup>st</sup> century "modern" India.

The countrywide public commotion and uproar that had justifiably erupted following the gruesome rape and murder of Damini in Delhi in 2012, had indeed temporarily jerked the rulers out of their slumbers. A few laws were subsequently framed to mete out justice to such horrendous crimes and it is true if registered, a faster than before fast-track probe might have been carried on. But all



On 7 June Kolkata AIMSS protesting crime on women in UP, WB & elsewhere

promises of the rulers proved to be hollow, all laws remained enshrined in the books. Atrocities on women went on increasing instead of being abated. Of late, a few of the most horrific among the crimes

committed against women over the last few weeks in different parts of the country-incidents that vie each other in their savagery and brazenness need to be mentioned.

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The first one was at Badaun in UP. On May 27, two teenage Dalit girls were abducted, raped, killed and then in the most gruesome way hanged from a tree. Precisely a week later at Sitapur also in UP, yet another minor girl was in the same brutal way allegedly raped and was found hanging from a tree. A Yadav youth-Munna by name, beat to death an old Dalit woman – Bhoori Devi in Bhaionda village of Chitrakoot, since the woman had in all her righteousness intervened into the Yadav's molestation attempt on a minor girl from the same village. In another incident in Gaurapur village in Etawa also in UP, a woman was stripped publicly by those accused of raping her daughter a fortnight back — for having dared to refuse to withdraw her police complaint against one Sunny, son of one Basatlal Yadav. In Azamgarh of UP, which incidentally is the Lok Sabha constituency of Mulayam Singh Yadav — the Samajwadi Party chief, a 15-year old girl was gang-raped by four men. In Aligarh, UP, two men had sneaked into the house of a woman additional civil judge, the location of her house being under 24-hour Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC) surveillance and attempted to rape the woman deep asleep, and faced with resistance they knifed her, forced her swallow pesticide in their attempt to kill her and avoid detection. At Moradabad in UP, a 19-year-old girl was found hanging from a tree but a senior police officer claimed that *prima facie* it appeared to be a case of suicide. A young Dalit woman was abducted and raped by a youth in Meerut. A mentally retarded woman was allegedly abducted and gang-raped by two persons in Manduadh area in Varanasi. A senior police officer said a six-year-old girl was allegedly molested by a 15-year-old boy who was her neighbour in Kadaura area of Jalaun on June 10. A 24-year-old girl accused a police sub-inspector in Hamirpur in UP of sexually assaulting her inside a police station when she had gone there to secure her husband's release. However, the Samajwadi Party chief minister of UP of course is unfazed. Crossing all limits of shamelessness, he tried to rationalize in the following words: Google search will show Badaun type incidents in other places too. He has instead blamed the media of blowing things out of proportion! Equally irresponsible and unfeeling was his father Mulayam when questioned about rape who had no

compunction to say boys are boys —they make mistakes (meaning rape!) which does not warrantee that they should be hanged! They are right! Because rape incidents are galloping in their state. Barely two weeks after the shocking case from Badaun, another woman was found hanging from a tree after being allegedly gang-raped in the Bahraich district of Uttar Pradesh. A few more incidents of rape including child rape and killing have also been reported.

The list does not end here. The case of Josbina Sangma of Raja Goera Rangat of Meghalaya stands out in its ghastriness! While resisting attempt to rape her she was beheaded, being shot at point-blank range from a deadly AK-47. In Haryana, a 17-year-old girl was allegedly kidnapped and raped by a youth in Kaithal. Police said a 22-year-old newly married woman was raped by a distant relative in a village in Moga district in Punjab. A BJP central minister is accused of sexually assaulting a 21 year old girl in Sirsa, Haryana. A 32 year old woman is gang-raped in Jaipur, Rajasthan. In Kota in Rajasthan, a 22-year-old married woman was raped by her neighbour while her husband was away from the house, police said. In a shocking incident, a 17-year-old boy allegedly raped and killed a five-year-old girl from his neighbouring locality in Ahmedabad. Two minor girls, who were staying in a private hostel in Pollachi town near Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu, were abducted and gang-raped allegedly by two persons at a nearby complex, the police said. A Class VI student in West Bengal's Birbhum district was allegedly gang-raped by three students of her school. The epidemic is made worse by a rash of puerile statements from politicians all over the country, which provide alibis to rapists or otherwise trivialize rape. Ironically, many of these statements come from state home ministers whose job is to protect citizens. Maharashtra home minister R R Patil spoke of an 'erosion of values' and pleaded helplessness in preventing rapes because, apparently, they would happen even if a policeman were posted to every home. The BJP home minister of Madhya Pradesh Babulal Gaur was heard to remark "rape is sometimes right, sometimes it is wrong." His Chhattisgarh counterpart Ramsevak Paikra has a priceless gem — no one commits rape deliberately, it happens by deceit. Incredibly unique! The arch patriarchal approach coupled with misogyny and lechery! All these statements are tantamount to

blaming the victim instead of going after the perpetrator. Insensitive unashamed ministers-bourgeois politicians are not tired of making such senseless arguments.

Though in the recent past UP has thus dominated the scene of heinous crimes against women, other states too including West Bengal (having a legacy of progressive left movement), as we have cited some instances above, do not fare any better. News, one after the other come pouring in from virtually all corners of the country, disturbing the peace of mind of the saner denizens. Is this a civilized society? Does the rule of law or of lawlessness prevail over this so called 'biggest democracy'? How long will such savagery go on? Where and how may the end be put on such barbarism? Such are the questions that continue to

rape and kill! Law is mute, order is fractured. Justice wails in the wilds. So, is the spurt in such beastliness!

We had shown earlier that only deterrent to this growing crime of women lies in the surge of a countrywide all-pervasive socio-cultural movement based on higher culture and ethics. While such a movement will provide courage to the people to come forward and protest such heinous crime, provide spunk to the victims and victims' families to demand justice raising their heads high, it will exert necessary pressure on the administration to trigger and speed up probe and booking of the offenders and mete out nothing less than exemplary punishment to the guilty.

Rightly responding to the need of the hour, AIMSS has all this



*Condolence meeting at Badaun, UP on 7th June in front of the victims' house*

haunt us in the wake of the inhuman assaults to honour, security and life of women? Given such a situation, what is the attitude reflected by the elected officials, our 'revered representatives' who adorn the parliament and the assemblies? In most cases, the role of the police-administration is being questioned. Culprits are not arrested, let alone being punished. Sometimes, the miscreants are thumping around because they are having backing of powerful politicians. In most of the cases victims happen to be helpless minors, from impoverished families, tribals and girls from lower rungs of society whereas the offenders particularly in UP and other Northern states belong to powerful Yadavs, upper castes, Jats and even sometimes sons of those wielding political power. Does it not follow that such incidents can never come down if those in power go on patronizing and supporting the police and administration as they utterly fail to stop such heinous crimes and book the perverts who

time been staging demonstrations and holding conventions and seminars throughout the country involving all right-thinking persons and groups in an attempt to mobilize public opinion against such bestial atrocities against women. Recently AIMSS has been taking up series of programmes against the brutal cases of rape and murder at Badaun, Moradabad, Badlapur and other places in UP, in Delhi, Lucknow, Manipur, Kolkata, Bangalore, Mysore, Patna and other parts of the country demanding justice for the victims and exemplary punishment for these vandals who thus engage in gruesome acts of rape and murder of women. An AIDSO and AIDYO delegation also visited Badaun and met the family members of the victims on 7th June. A condolence meeting was also organized there. It is incumbent on all those exasperated at the rising crime on women to come forward and strengthen this just struggle upholding the cause of the women.

## Syrian Election

# Glaring instance of people's rejection of US imperialists engineered intrigues and terrorism

Recent presidential election in Syria, in which president Bashar al-Assad has won to become the president for the third time with a massive mandate from the people, has drawn attention of world. While reports of Assad's prospect have come out clearly to public, there have also been brazen false claims by the US imperialists that the election was a farce. Before making any further comment on it, two related points need be mentioned as background material.

### Recent elections in Egypt

On the contrary to the Syrian case, the US imperialist rulers embraced and applauded the results of elections organized by the military coup government of a former army chief Abdel Fattah el-Sisi in Egypt and the election by the fascist coup forces of billionaire oligarch Petro Poroshenko in Ukraine. In both the cases, the forces that rose to power through the recent elections did overthrow respective elected governments, brutally repressed all opposition and organized the election as a rubber stamp of its seized authority. In both countries, millions responded by refusing to vote.

Of these two countries, Egypt was one of the countries of the Arab world which gave birth to the famous 'Arab Spring' movements in 2011, in which there were massive surges of people against the decades-long autocratic, despotic, corrupt, tyrannical rule of their respective rulers. Unprecedented to the history of Egypt and even in the annals of people's movement in the world, hundreds of thousands of people cutting across their political opinions, religion or socio-economic positions braved to take to the streets, held their posts at Tahrir square in Cairo as also elsewhere in the country to finally depose their then President Hosni Mubarak, who had headed for decades a virtually military government to run the capitalist state, favoured, fuelled and even monitored in particular by the US imperialists. But as we submitted our apprehension at that time, the Egyptian movement, or as a matter of fact, similar movements elsewhere in the Arab world could not reach their cherished goal of freedom from autocracy, oppression and exploitation, for want of any correct revolutionary leadership to lead them to an organized sustained struggle for radical transformation of their conditions. In Egypt, the Muslim

Brotherhood, an Islamist fundamentalist outfit proving itself as the most organized force in the movement, usurped the leadership, and subsequently its leader, Mohammad Morsi became the first elected president of the country through an election which was highly criticized as rigged one. True to the fear of progressive and secular people of the country, the Morsi government right from the days of their rising to power started to implement their fundamentalist agenda of introducing Islamic Law in public life, looked the other way from atrocities on women, did not remove people of Mubarak regime from powerful positions, came out with brazen pro-imperialist policies in full support for the Zionist Israel and for overthrow of Syrian government and went along with IMF demands to cut subsidies for food and electricity and others. In no time, the betrayal was clear to people which was ultimately reflected in a more than 15 million strong petition, "Tamarrud" (rebellion), against Morsi government. Cashing upon this people's resentment and wrath against the Morsi government, General Sisi rose to power last year by virtue of a military coup led by him and overthrowing the elected government of the Muslim Brotherhood. The government then formed by General Sisi brought down cruelest crackdowns in Egyptian history. He suspended the constitution, ordered arrest of Morsi and hundreds of other Brotherhood leaders, and massacred thousands of innocent supporters of Brotherhood. With the strongest organized opposition in the country thus liquidated, Sisi earned the victory with more than 96% percent of votes. However, only about 46 percent of Egypt's 54 million voters had cast their votes, a turnout even lower than the 52 percent turnout secured in the rigged 2012 presidential election by Mohamed Morsi. In the present election, there were glaringly empty polling stations with even 10 percent voter turnout. General el-Sisi's government frantically extended voting by a second day and then a third. A holiday was declared, free transportation was available to polling sites, and all who didn't vote faced a heavy threat of a \$70 fine — an extortionist charge for millions of the poorest Egyptians. The latter at large took low turnout as an outcome of political apathy,

discontent at suppression of freedoms among liberal youth, calls for a boycott by the Muslim Brotherhood and above all opposition to another military man becoming president casting a spell of military dictatorship behind the façade of an "elected" president who will preserve the corrupt army's interests, quash hopes of democracy and mismanage the economy. They thus call the election a farce, knowing full well that 'the media will lie to the people, all for the sake of the one man'. On the other hand, the business community, the corporate world that is the investors as well as the rulers of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait and some of the most reactionary elements of the Arab world welcomed the result. They expected from Sisi vigorous neoliberal reforms following the World Bank and the IMF prescriptions. And above all, notwithstanding some early rumblings of criticism, the US imperialists, Egypt's mentor in the West, could not but applaud such a victor as they could not abandon the Egyptian military which is the bedrock of the US imperialist power in the region. With these turn of events, the Egyptian people thus stood virtually sandwiched between the two faces of reaction, the fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood and the tyrannical military rule presently led by Sisi. Once again the Egyptian people left apparently radarless must have felt the painful absence of a genuine revolutionary leadership before their movements to lead them to any goal they desired for.

### Elections in Ukraine

Ukraine, formerly a part of the former USSR, had been subject to crisis-ridden, corruption-infested coercive and exploitative rule of capitalism, since the dismantling of socialism and break-up of the USSR. At the same time it fast became a centre of clash among the Russian capitalism, EU and US imperialism hinged on grabbing market and extending spheres of influence, having nothing to do with the interest of the people of Ukraine. Only a few months back, playing upon people's resentment and wrath against the then President Viktor Yanukovich, who had been heading nothing but a capitalist government, branded pro-western imperialist discredited elements as well as rabid anti-communist fascist forces deposed him and rose to power

enjoying full patronage and support from their mentors, i.e. the imperialist powers of the EU and the US. On the other hand, making use of the conflict between a smaller Ukrainian speaking population in the western part of the country and the vast Russian speaking population in the eastern and southern parts, Russia regained Crimea from Ukraine where Russia has a naval base. Few weeks earlier from now, a popular referendum for local autonomy in eastern and southern Ukraine was voted for by millions. That election was dismissed as illegitimate by Ukrainian officials and the imperialists. But when on this background, Petro Poroshenko, a rabid pro-western imperialist billionaire oligarch won the latest presidential election, the imperialists of US and EU were all praise for the victorious oligarch expecting in him a subservient ruler. Unfortunately for them, the victory was marred by a marked incongruity. Millions of voters in eastern and southern Ukraine — the most densely populated urban areas of the country, who had enthusiastically voted for the referendum a few weeks earlier, were glaringly apathetic to this election. Polling stations of that vast area remained empty. So there was millions strong boycott of the official election in Ukraine, as it was in the case of Egypt. This boycott certainly and seriously undermined the dictatorships' claims of broad support. On the contrary, unstinted support of the US and other imperialists extended to these markedly tainted votes in Egypt and Ukraine, clearly indicate how eager they are to see the countries to be ruled by some force of their choice that would help them extend or maintain their spheres of domination.

### Imperialist engineered war thrust upon people of Syria

Syria, another Middle East country of the Arab world is also subject to strong and stout capitalist rule, presently under President Bashar el-Assad. Thus just like in any other capitalist country in these days of decadent capitalism, Syrian people are exploited and oppressed by the ruthless rule of the capitalist system. By any means, that does not authorize any imperialist power or any reactionary pro-imperialist government of the Middle East to interfere and stimulate dissension

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## Syrian Election

# Once more underlines necessity of revolutionary leadership in people's movement

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with a view to bringing about a regime change in Syria, that is to deposing President Assad and installing a puppet government composed of reactionaries favoured by them. However this deplorable effort of the imperialists and their cohorts is glaringly evident from the three years of non-stop war the country has to endure that has killed 150,000 Syrians and displaced more than 3 million Syrians outside of Syria. Despite all propaganda otherwise, the world has known for certain that the war has been thrust upon the country by so-called rebels, who are nothing but US and EU imperialists-Saudi Arabia-funded terrorist insurgents and tens of thousands of mercenaries receiving further helps from other arch-reactionary governments of the Arab world. On face of that President Assad and his capitalist government can earn support from the freedom-loving people of the world for stubbornly opposing imperialist intervention and intrigue. It is on this background inside the country that the election has taken place reasserting people's confidence on the anti-imperialist stand of the President Assad and unambiguously refusing to accept the imperialist design.

### **Election in Syria**

Thus, if the results of the elections in Egypt and Ukraine were boons to the imperialists, the Syrian election stood out in distinct contrast. While the imperialists applauded the results in Egypt and Ukraine, the Western media projected the Syrian elections as having been forced on the Syrian people. In fact the imperialist rulers and the media serving them even asserted that Syria has no right to hold an election because the country is in the midst of a civil war. The US Secretary of State labeled the election a farce. Added to those, the imperialists sent military officials, politicians and corporate-funded "human rights organizations" and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to that country. Purportedly to oversee the election impartially, all these were different forms of election monitoring process, a form of intrusive intervention and coercion. As a further attempt to subvert the election, the imperialists played another dirty trick. Around the world, citizens living abroad as expatriates routinely vote in election

at the consulate or embassy of their home country. Even the western corporate-owned media, such as the Washington Post, New York Times, BBC and Reuters, reported that in Lebanon traffic stretched for miles, bumper to bumper, while tens of thousands of non-resident Syrians walked for miles and stood all day in the broiling sun to cast their vote there. Reports were there that half a million of voting-age Syrians thronged to the polls holding pictures of President Bashar al-Assad and waving Syrian flags. However, in the US, France, Germany, Belgium and United Arab Emirates, Syrians were denied the right to vote at their consulates and embassies, to take part in the vote of their country. In New York City, Syrian expatriates gathered in front of the United Nations to protest this US denial of their right to vote.

Sponsored-monitored-armed and blessed by the imperialists, the so-called rebel forces in Syria demanded a boycott of elections. They threatened to enforce their boycott with mass terror at voting lines. But the massive outpouring of Syrian refugees in Lebanon and other countries to vote shows that the call for an election boycott has been overwhelmingly rejected.

The picture was no different inside the country. The western media naturally kept silence. But the truth came out from the reports and statements of international delegations that went to Syria. Thus delegates from several Latin American countries and the BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) as well as Uganda, Venezuela and Iran including their parliamentarians, unambiguously reported that the elections were "free and fair" and held in a "democratic environment, contrary to Western propaganda". On the other hand, the delegation held the US and its allies responsible for war crimes committed against the Syrian people. "We call upon these countries that support state sponsored terrorism to cease and desist from supplying material support in these efforts."

The delegates clearly expressed that they found the people in Syria very happy about the election. It seemed that the Syrians have waited for this moment for so long. "The Western media has projected a view that the elections were forced on the people," said the

Ugandan lawmaker, a member of the delegation who had visited several poll booths. "I did not see any force. People stood in long queues to vote. People were very excited about the election." The delegation criticized countries which prevented Syrian refugees from voting in Syrian embassies thus denying their rightful claims. A delegation from the US, including a representative of the International Action Center, also visited the country, as a way to show opposition to the imperialist attack on Syria.

These delegations were not in Syria to support or to condemn Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, who heads the exploitative capitalist rule of the country. It is wholly up to the Syrian people to decide, free of outside intervention and sabotage, as to which rule they want for their country. It is exclusively their prerogative. US imperialists and others have no propriety to infringe on the right of the Syrians to choose their own governance. So it is important to be in solidarity not only with Syrians' efforts to defend themselves with arms against foreign imperialist-sponsored insurgents but also with their right to hold an election.

The vote for Assad was clearly a vote for national cohesion against efforts of imperialist dismemberment and chaos. This is why the imperialists are so arrogantly demanding that Syria stop its election. The election was also a part of the Syrian people's struggle to maintain their economic and political independence, free from terrorist insurgents and tens of thousands of mercenaries.

### **Lessons Syrian and other elections leave for the world**

The three recent presidential elections, in Syria as well as in Egypt and Ukraine were held in backgrounds different in details. But they converged on a few points; they leave the same lessons for all democratic-minded progressive people of the world. First, the elections in Egypt and Ukraine were marked by low turnout and massive boycotts, whereas in Syria, millions of people enthusiastically took part in the election. In all the three cases, people of the respective country, en masse, left their stamp on the process. They made it clear that

even on the face of hundred and one odds they are determined to make their aspirations heard and noted. They left no doubt that they were not going to fall prey to the imperialist designs to install persons or force of their choice to power. However, the most important lesson must be read carefully and prudently from these events. In all the three cases, people's movements for freedom, democracy and end of exploitation were marked by zeal and determination. But these events also leave this lesson for the people that to reach their cherished goals, fulfill their aspirations and lead their struggles to their logical culminations, they will always require their own genuine revolutionary party and its leadership. Only such a party and its leadership can develop and steer people's movements through painstaking ideological-political struggles to an organized and sustained shape against exploitation and oppression, be it from their own rulers or from the prowling the imperialists particularly the US imperialists and their cohorts, the dreaded enemy of mankind. Until and unless such a party and leadership emerges before and establishes itself to people, the rulers and or the imperialists will always hatch newer and newer designs and conspiracies to mislead and crush people's movements. Thus massive Tahrir Square movement will find fundamentalist force to usurp power; and again when people dare to stand up against such a force, still dreadful oppressive force of corrupt, power-hungry military will drag people again into arch reactionary regime. Or, sans revolutionary leadership to lead them, people will find themselves thrown from the frying pan of capitalist exploitation and oppression into gruesome, prolonged war fuelled and monitored by imperialists and their agents. So building up genuine revolutionary parties on their respective soils through arduous struggle is a condition imperative to make the cherished emancipation from the yoke of exploitation to come by. Hence, the results of the elections in the three countries notwithstanding, their struggling people need to take this lesson seriously to ponder over and work for it as and when they accept it.

## JAYNAGAR ELECTION

# Dr Mandal earned love and affection of electorates by dint of his work, won admiration by demonstrating a firm value-based ethical, cultural and moral character

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Observer, Police Observer, micro-Observer, Chief Electoral Officer, Chief Election Commissioner, Dy. Election Commissioner in charge of the state, the District Magistrate, the Returning Officer and the Superintendent of Police observed the code of silence and inaction. The list of the sensitive booths was provided well in advance. A list of the hard core criminals threatening the voters and attacking Dr Mandal and his volunteers was handed over to all concerned. Repeatedly we renewed our request for taking appropriate steps to stop this highhandedness and overlordism of a handful of criminals protected by the ruling party. Our demand was that the administration at all levels work with an impartial attitude and maintaining desired neutrality so that the troublemakers did not dare to indulge in gangsterism and other intimidating activities and all political parties could carry out their campaigns and other election-related activities freely and people could vote according to their choice and conscience. We pointed out that it was impossible to guarantee free and fair election without putting a rein on the criminals and anti-socials as merely posting armed guards at the polling stations on the election day would not serve the purpose. But all these went in vain. Save and except making certain cosmetic courteous gestures and giving false assurances of taking suitable action, nothing else was done. Even on the polling day, incidents of booth capturing, forced stamping and scaring away of genuine voters were duly brought to the notice of all concerned. Still, the entire administration remained unmoved proving thereby that it was very much part of the entire rigging operation and all its promises of making election free and fair are hollow and farcical. It became evident that there was decision at the highest level to see that Dr Tarun Mandal did not have even a slightest of chance to scrape through overcoming all the hurdles. Being scared of the immense popularity and wholehearted acceptance of Dr Tarun Mandal, both the TMC and the CPI (M) arrayed their entire arsenal to prevent his victory. So, besides threat, intimidation, hooliganism and distribution of huge money, the administration was nakedly used to scuttle any minutest

of possibility for Dr Mandal to come out successful. It was a complete gameplan with no loopholes whatsoever. And what is proved beyond doubt that with passage of time, the class is bent upon eliminating altogether the genuine revolutionary party from the arena of parliamentary politics.

### **People mourn the defeat of Dr Tarun Mandal**

As fallout of this total conspiracy of the class implemented through its lackey political forces, Dr Mandal has lost the election. The ruling TMC managed to win through successful operation of the rigging machinery aided and abetted by a committed administration. But among the electorates, there is a pensive mood. A shadow of pain has descended throughout the constituency. Post-poll public reaction would vouch for that. "We have got him as a man of our own. Our verdict could not be reflected because of the ferocity of the ruling party. We want that the way Tarunbabu used to visit the various assembly segments on definite schedules and meet the common people, should continue. Whether he is an MP or not, people know him only and want him", said Fazlul Karim naskar of Amtala, Canning West. "After the defeat of Tarunbabu, I am feeling uncomfortable. I am immensely pained. The ruling party has done everything possible to defeat him. We have not seen an MP who published a book to inform people of his work, who listens to the problems of the people patiently and plunges into remedial action. And we always find him treating the patients free of cost everywhere. We shall not let him go away from us", observed Ranjit Mandal of Hatpukuria, Canning West. "As a person of the Sunderbans, I am mortified and pained that we could not send such an efficient honest person to Parliament. We are really ashamed", remarked Asit Roy, a trader of Basanti market area. "Tarunbabu is an exceptional MP, akin to a primrose on a dunghill. It is futile to expect proper operation of a democratic process like election in a country where there is no democracy. If we cannot resist the criminals, we cannot make persons like Tarunbabu victorious", remarked Murari Debnath, leader

of anti-eviction movement, Canning. "Those who have not voted a person like Dr. Mandal would realize soon what blunder they have made", opined Tapati Manna of Bally 2, Gosaba. According to Arati Sardar of Gosaba, "People of Gosaba has defeated a god". Haripada Mandal of Kumirmari, Gosaba said that Dr Tarun Mandal is the best people's representative he has seen in his life. Samsuddin Laskar of Kalapahar, Dakshin Dhamua, Magrahat believes that a treachery has taken place against the person they all admire and wanted to be returned. "Cannot believe that we shall see someone other than Tarunbabu as MP, we know, whoever wins, we shall always have Tarunbabu by our side," held Ramen Bar of Kantapukuria, Magrahat. "I am ninety but have never seen an election so polluted, so manipulated just to prevent one honest man from entering Parliament second time", remarked one old man of Canning West. All sections of the toiling people—the domestic maids, van rickshaw drivers, poor fishermen, marginal peasants, agricultural labourers, ferry workers, construction workers—everyone echoed the same opinion, gave vent to same feeling. "We would have been led astray if Dr Mandal did not take initiative to get us the concessional railway pass", observed one middle-aged lady from Dhamua, Magrahat, who travels daily to Kolkata city to work as part time domestic hand.

### **Supremacy of revolutionary politics**

How could Dr Mandal enjoy so much of confidence and affection of the people at large? Because, he could succeed in upholding the politics of the SUCI(C) in the concrete sphere of his activity. While all the parties irrespective of hues have surrendered to the class, become inseparable part of the foul bourgeois vote politics and have election as the focal point of all their activities, it is the SUCI(C) founded by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat, which is singlehandedly fighting for the cause of the toiling people holding aloft the noble banner of Marxism-Leninism and genuine leftism, building up the various struggles of the people centring on the burning problems of life. As against the

politics of self and power of the vote-based parties, the crux of SUCI(C)'s politics is to develop class and mass struggles based on higher proletarian ethics and culture and as conducive to anti-capitalist socialist revolution. So, when the rot of bourgeois politics engulfs everyone, it is the SUCI(C) which represents the anti-thesis remains unscathed from the putrefied vote politics and allied vices and aberrations. This distinct difference is also glaringly manifest before people who find the SUCI(C) leaders and activists bearing a moral character, devotion and dedication. Even during the period of electioneering, apart from the impact of our political viewpoint, people at large were immensely impressed by the dedication, determination, fearlessness, perseverance and pain bearing ability of our Party workers. What they admired most is the exemplary courage shown by our comrades in discharging their responsibilities disdaining all threat, intimidation and even physical assault. Undaunted, they stood to the ground and provided spunk and confidence to the frightened people. This is the crux of the issue. As an ardent student of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and committed soldier of the SUCI(C), whatever little Dr Tarun Mandal could reflect in his deeds and character has made him so endearing to the masses. That is the supremacy of revolutionary politics the fire of which cannot remain smouldered in ashes.

Dr Tarun Mandal could not win. But, his political opponents including the ruling TMC could very much feel that people have refused to buy the argument that popular verdict has gone against him. Rather, the electorates are definite that strings have been pulled from all corners to get him defeated. The space he carved out in the hearts of the millions could not be effaced. Rather, the gains are galore. Like other constituencies, thousands of new contacts have been received in Jaynagar also in course of the elections. Many of these new contacts have actively take part in campaigning and other activities. A good number of them were hitherto connected with the CPI (M), RSP and TMC, have decided to build up Party organization as well as the class and mass fronts in their respective localities. When all other

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## When the rot of bourgeois politics engulfs everyone, SUCI(C) represents the anti-thesis and remains unscathed from putrefied vote politics and allied vices

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parties are getting disintegrated, our Party has been making gains despite losing the seat. Dr. Mandal himself alongwith other comrades are holding series of meetings with the new contacts and the supporting mass at large because people refuse to leave him though he has been made to lose the election. It is this people's support and affection which will help SUCI(C) consolidate the gains of the election and strengthen organizational base.

#### Why and how a revolutionary party participates in elections

In fact, when to all the parties, win or loss in election matters most; to a revolutionary party, what matters most is its political gains, the propagation of revolutionary politics among wider masses, organizing the masses based on the revolutionary political line and making them disillusioned about bourgeois vote politics. A revolutionary party does not participate in the elections out of fancy but on being compelled. So long as people are not positively disillusioned about parliamentary

vote politics, so long the fake democrats, pseudo-democrats, pseudo-socialists, pseudo-revolutionaries still exert considerable influence on the democratic forces, the workers-peasants-middle class, that is, the classes who constitute allies of revolution, so long the conditions, both subjective and objective, are not created for the seizure of power under the leadership of the correct revolutionary party, the revolutionary party being compelled by the necessity to remain with the people, does not have any other alternative but to take part in bourgeois election. While the focal point of the vote-based parties is to anyhow grab maximum seats to stay afloat in the corridor of power, the focal point of a revolutionary party engaged in developing the class and mass struggles, is to educate the people as to how to fight the election on the basis of a mass revolutionary line, expose the wrong politics of the compromising forces and isolate them from the masses and above all, imbibe them the imperativeness of overthrowing the decadent moribund

capitalist system, the root of all evils, by revolution. At every stage, the revolutionary party tries to bring out clearly that in the bourgeois system, not a single basic problem of the people can be resolved; no matter whoever comes to power and what slogans they raise. And in course of that, the revolutionary party tries to win as many seats as possible but always evaluate performance in the elections based on advancement of revolutionary politics and not on win or loss. So, an electoral defeat does not bring despair and frustration among its leaders and cadres if it is found that its very purpose of taking part in the elections has been served. Not even for a single moment, the revolutionary party is oblivious of the fact that in present stage of dying capitalism, when all democratic norms, values, ethics and practices are merrily trampled underfoot, vote-based parties stoop to any low, resort to any unfair means just for grabbing seats, the condition of the toiling people are like the proverbial subjects of dynastic kingdom—crossing swords are the kings, dying are the poor

subjects. The people are indeed used as pawns by the bourgeois petty-bourgeois forces in their vote bank politics. So a revolutionary party tries utmost to make people aware of the trickeries and chicanery of the vote merchants, imparts in them the ability to distinguish between friend and foe, right and wrong, genuine concern and deceptive overtures. The emotion expressed by the people of Jaynagar constituency after declaration of election results, their abhorrence for the ruling parties and their urge for having Dr. Tarun Mandal with them in the coming days do indicate that though SUCI(C) has not won the hustings, it has definitely won the masses. That is the greater victory, invaluable takeaway from this electoral battle. The need is to consolidate the gains, organize the masses and cement their unity in the field of mass and class struggles. Guided by the illuminating teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the entire Party is pledged-bound to carry forward that task undauntedly.

### AIUTUC reiterates demand for all out state trading in essential items, National Employment Policy, pension coverage for all employees and opposes FDI in Defence, Media and other sectors

In pursuance to the long standing practice, the Union Finance Minister Mr. Arun Jaitley held Pre-Budget Consultation Meeting with the leaders of the Central Trade Union Organizations at North Block on 6 June. Those present in the consultation were AIUTUC, BMS, HMS, INTUC, AITUC, CITU, UTUC, TUCC, AICTU, SEWA and LPE. Taking part in the deliberation, Comrade Sankar Saha, General Secretary, All India United Trade Union Centre (AIUTUC) endorsed the Joint Memorandum submitted by all Central Trade Union Organizations to the Finance Minister and said, *inter alia*, that "We are totally opposed to FDI in any Sector of the economy in our country. The reported initiative on the part of the Government of India to allow 100% FDI in Defence Production sector is culmination of the sinister move which former BJP prime minister Mr. Atal Behari Vajpayee took way

back in 2001 for privatization of the defence industry in continuation of the process launched by the Congress government in the 1990s to open up various industries to FDI. This is detrimental to national security and would expose fully the strategic defence sector to foreign forces. We are also opposed to the move taken by the BJP Government to allow 100% FDI in Media Sector. We are of the considered view that it would neither strengthen our media sector nor improve the standard and quality of journalism. On the contrary, it would endanger Freedom of the press, pollute the cultural arena and establish firm domination of foreign monopoly on our Media." Referring to the harrowing rise in prices of essential commodities, he said "For long AIUTUC has been demanding all out State Trading in food and essential items but that has been turned down by all the successive

governments at the Centre." Expressing his grave concern on the menacing employment situation, Comrade Saha said "It is indeed alarming. We reiterate our demand to formulate a National Employment Policy which would spell out the concrete measures for protection of the existing jobs and unabated generation of job opportunities, expansion of labour intensive industries and concrete plan of action to arrest ongoing job loss in various sectors as well as continuous downsizing in Government and Public Sectors."

At the conclusion while reiterating the demand of minimum pension of Rs. 3000/- to each EPF subscribers as contained in the Joint Memorandum, Comrade Saha criticized the UPA Government for not honouring its commitments to provide a minimum pension of Rs. 1000/- and extend EPF coverage to all establishments employing 10 or more workmen.

### AIDYO dharna at Amroha, UP

Previous BSP government in UP divided Moradabad district into three districts by forming two new districts named as JP Nagar and Bhim Nagar, purely for political advantage. Next SP Government changed the name of both newly formed districts as Amroha and Sambhal for the political advantage again. In the formation of both the districts neither BSP nor SP government had any consideration regarding the geography and facilities of the common people. Since last two years AIDYO is continuously demanding the reformation of the district boundary on geographical basis and on the basis of people's convenience and is demanding the Nekpur Nyaya Panchayat must be included in Amroha district. On 6th June, as a part of ongoing movement, AIDYO Amroha district committee along with Moradabad district committee organized a sit-in dharna before the Commissioner Office in Moradabad.

## Delhi AIDS0 demands immediate roll back of four year undergraduate programme

Under the banner of Save DU Campaign a protest demonstration was organized at MHRD (Ministry of Human Resource Dept) on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2014, demanding immediate roll back of FYUP (Four year Under Graduate programme), removal of VC and others. Along with AIDS0 five other student's organizations and teachers organizations took part in the protest. First of all a rally started from Central Secretariat marched towards the Ministry raising slogans, the rally was barricaded by police at the MHRD gate where it converted in to a public meeting. The meeting was addressed by Comrade Aasif (Treasurer, Delhi State AIDS0) and Comrade Bhaskaranand (All India Save Education Committee, Delhi) who told that these changes in the education pattern are purposefully

implemented by ruling political party to serve the present capitalist classes as education is very secured market for them to earn maximum profit. They also appreciated the support from other students and teachers organizations who are coming forward against such a serious attack. Meanwhile a delegation of 5 members led by Nandita Narayana, President, DUTA, went to meet HRD minister Smriti Irani, from AIDS0 Comrade Rahul Sarkar (Office Secretary, AIDS0 Delhi State) was the part of the delegation. The delegates reminded the HRD minister to fulfill their commitment which they made before election and also mentioned in their manifesto. The delegates also added that the movement will continue if immediate action would not be taken.



SUCI(C) organized demonstration on 6th June before the District Magistrate's office in Jamshedpur in demand for solving acute drinking water problem

## AIMSS protests sexual assault of Pune HOME children

In a statement issued on 31 May, Dr. H.G. Jayalaksmi, General Secretary of All India Mahila Sanskritik Sangathan (AIMSS) expressed deep concern and agony at the most gruesome incident of sexual harassment of the children of a "HOME" named Chandraprava Charitable Trust at Pune. She condemned the immoral and

criminal activity and demanded of the Government of Maharashtra to mete out exemplary punishment to the culprits. She also demanded proper treatment and rehabilitation of the abused children and wanted the authority to ensure proper vigilance to prevent recurrence of such incident in future.



AIDS0 demonstrating before Sasthya Bhawan, Kolkata on 6th June against reduction in the number of seats in the medical colleges.

## SUCI(C) vehemently oppose move to impose additional cess on petrol-diesel prices

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), issued the following statement on 15th June, 2014:—

It is preposterous that in order to finance upgradation of the plants of the huge profit making oil refineries, there is a move within days of the BJP government's ascendancy to power to impose a flat cess of 75 paise per litre on both petrol and diesel prices. Already, the prices of petrol-diesel are being periodically raised under the fraudulent pretext of spurt in international crude market and compensating for the so called 'under recovery' of the oil behemoths. Over and above that, if such additional cess is levied, it will further push the already spiralling priceline upwards making the life of the common people back-broken by persistent capitalist economic onslaught yet more nightmarish.

We vehemently oppose this utterly felonious proposition and demand of the government to withdraw the same forthwith.

## Gujarat SUCI(C), AIDYO, AIDS0 demand proper step to fight ongoing heat wave

This summer, a heat wave has engulfed the state of Gujarat. Many deaths due to heat wave have been reported in the vernacular media. SUCI(C) Gujarat State Organizing Committee submitted a memorandum to the Health Minister of Gujarat as well as Commissioner of

The drive was led by Comrade Jayesh Patel, Secretary, Gujarat State AIDYO. Some of the senior citizens of Ahmedabad Swimming club association also joined for volunteering. On 5th June the distribution was done at Income tax circle, Ahmedabad. And on 6th June,



Roadside water and butter milk distribution centre by SUCI(C), AIDYO, AIDS0 in Ahmedabad

Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation demanding necessary steps to fight the heat wave and prevent illness and deaths caused by the heat wave.

AIDS0 and AIDYO took initiative to collect funds from various donors and provide cold water and buttermilk to the passersby in the afternoon to fight against heatwave.

the distribution was done at Natraj Bus stop, Ashram road, Ahmedabad.

Volunteers took special care to see that workers coming by bicycle or pulling cart or taking luggage by pedal rickshaw do not miss the chance of taking water as well as buttermilk to get refreshed to carry on laborious work.



AIDS0 demonstrating on 3rd June before Bhubaneswar Council Office, Odisha, against faulty evaluation of answer papers of Higher Secondary Examination

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