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Countrywide remembrance and resolve mark Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day

Twenty-ninth Memorial Day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the founder General Secretary of our party SUCI and one of the foremost Marxist thinker of the era, was observed on August 5 last in different parts of the country with due solemnity and reverence. Party units at the state, district and local levels, joined by the masses of toiling people observed the day, wearing Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Badge, garlanding the portrait of the great leader, rendering the song on him and the Internationale, and above all, renewing their pledge to carry out the behest of Comrade Ghosh and to rise up in a revitalization and consolidation struggle with all earnestness and dedication, heeding the call of our Central Committee.

ORISSA

The 110th Death Anniversary of Comrade Frederic Engels, the great leader of International Communist Movement and 29th Death Anniversary of Comrade Sibdash Ghosh, the founder General Secretary of our Party and the guide of working class movement in India was observed on August 5, in a befitting manner all over the state. On this occasion, Red Flag hoisting, garlanding of the portrait of the great leaders, Engles and Shibdas Ghosh were done in party state head quarter at Bhubaneswar and in all district and local offices. Memorial meetings were also organised on different areas at Jajpur, Rourkela, Angul, Jagatsinghpur, Delanga,

Bhandaripokhari, Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Kenderapara, Jasipur, Khurdha, Barang, Rajgangpur and undivided Koraput. Comrade Tapas Dutta, Secretary, SUCI Orissa State Committee and member of the Central Committee of our party addressed huge gatherings at Jajpur and Jasipur. Other state committee members addressed the gatherings at different places of the state and discussed on the valuable teachings and different aspects of the life struggle of Comrade Sibdas Ghosh.

At Jajpur, the meeting was presided over by Comrade Jagabandhu Baral, state committee member and Jajpur District Secretary of SUCI.

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On 5th August at the Salt Lake Party Commune, Calcutta

Comrade Nihar Mukherji, the beloved General Secretary of the SUCI, offering Red Salute to the portrait of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. He also read out the 5th August Pledge. Floral tributes were placed also by the Central Committee members, Comrades Sukomal Dasgupta and Sitesh Dasgupta, as well as by Comrade Mubinul Haider Choudhury, member, Central Committee of the Socialist Party of Bangladesh. The song on Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and the Internationale were sung. All the inmates of the commune participated emotionally and pledged to revitalize themselves with the ideals of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the Great Leader of the Proletariat.

IMDT Act Repeal

SUCI calls for united democratic movement to safeguard minority community

In Assam, the situation that has cropped up with the repeal of the Illegal Migrants Determination by Tribunal (IMDT) Act by the Supreme Court, is creating grave apprehension in regard to security of people, particularly of the religious and ligu minority communities of the state. In this background, with a view to finding out ways to resolve the problem as also to guiding

people to the correct direction, the Goalpara District Committee of SUCI held a massive public rally at the West Goalpara College Campus on July 27 last. Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya, member, Central Committee, SUCI and an eminent mass-leader, presented a threadbare discussion of the situation and problem in his speech as the main speaker in that meeting.

Comrade Bhattacharyya pointed out that five years back the parochial force AASU had moved the Supreme Court with the unjust demand of repealing the IMDT Act, under the patronage of the BJP-RSS combine and as representative of the then AGP government of Assam. As Congress depended on the minority vote bank for its parliamentary ends, it could not lend direct support to

the BJP proposal against the IMDT Act in the Parliament. It, however, started surreptitiously to side with the demands of parochial forces. The case in the Supreme Court made the road clear for it. After it assumed governmental power, it was left with the choice of withdrawing the affidavit submitted by the AGP government and of

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Comrade Dutta narrated in his emotional addresses that mere observance of a memorial meeting would not be enough. By releasing a struggle to lead the life in the line as Comrade Shibdas Ghosh has established by leading a painstaking struggle by which he ultimately became one of the outstanding Marxist philosophers of the world,

has also analyzed the grave situation in the country causing as a result of globalization and liberalization policy of the government. He also gave exposure to the role of parties like CPI, CPI(M) who have turned towards bourgeois parliamentary politics more and more. In this grave situation ours is the only party that realizes the historic inevitability of dictatorship of the proletariat. And



Comrade Tapas Dutta addressing at Jajpur

we can pay proper homage to his memory. Comrade Ghosh started his political life at his early age by joining Anusilan Samitee, a revolutionary outfit in the line of uncompromising struggle in the anti-imperialist movement against British rule over India. While in jail, he started studying Marxist classics and initiated a struggle to form a genuine communist party on the line laid down by Comrade Lenin as the then undivided CPI was not at all a communist party. On release from Jail he, with a very few compatriots at their tender age having no minimum means for survival, name and fame, but with a determination and taking it as a historic responsibility formed SUCI through a Convention on 24th April, 1948 at Jaynagar. In that Convention Comrade Ghosh was elected as the General Secretary of the Party. From that day he never looked back till 5th August 1976 he breathed his last. By creating many examples for the future revolutionaries in his life struggle he built up the party by releasing a higher ideological struggle inside the party for which in his absence comrades could lead the party and advance.

Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, our beloved leader and present General Secretary, has given a call for the revitalization and consolidation of the party and mass organizations. He

we are to go to the people to educate them with the teachings of our party and for this we are to learn the same deeply. We must try our best to build up party in Orissa and still are struggling hard to understand the thoughts of Comrade Ghosh that without socialism there is no alternative for emancipation and only Marxism-Leninism and Comrade Sibdash Ghosh's thoughts can show the path, he said. If we can carry forward the struggle to accomplish this task of emancipation of the working class that will be the real homage to our beloved departed leader Comrade Sibdas Ghosh.

WEST BENGAL

At the party central office, Calcutta, Comrade Manik Mukherji, member, West Bengal State Secretariat and Central Staff, hoisted the Red Flag and paid floral tribute at the portrait of the Great Leader.

Red Flag was hoisted and floral tributes placed at the portrait of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and his teachings were recalled in all the regional and local party offices throughout West Bengal.

From 1st to 3rd August, an exhibition of quotations embodying the thoughts of the Great Leader was held at the Mahabodhi Society Hall, Calcutta.

At the call of the West Bengal State Committee, a huge central

rally was held in the afternoon of August 5 at Rani Rashmoni Road, Calcutta. Seated on the dais were the Central Committee members Comrades Anil Sen, Sukomal Dasgupta and Sitesh Dasgupta, Comrade Mubinnul Haider Chowdhury, member, Central Committee of the Socialist Party of Bangladesh, and the SUCI West Bengal State Secretariat members Comrades Yakub Pailan, Prativa Mukherji, Sanat Datta and Soumen Bose. Comrade Manik Mukherji presided while Comrade Provash Ghosh, member, Central Committee and the West Bengal State Secretary, was the main speaker.

In his speech, Comrade Manik Mukherji said : The anniversary day 5th August is being observed in almost all the states of the country. Through his life-long struggle, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh developed a comprehensive knowledge about the ideology and politics of anti-capitalist socialist revolution and along with it, he also founded and built up the correct revolutionary party, SUCI for leading and directing this revolution. In this way, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh emerged as the living symbol of the aspiration for emancipation of the



Comrade Pravash Ghosh addressing in Calcutta

exploited masses of India. That is why the observance of his memorial day is of such great significance. On this day, we take the pledge of rededicating ourselves to strengthening the revolutionary movement in the country with renewed vigour.

The main speaker, Comrade Provash Ghosh, said in his speech : Today, many millions of people, about one-third of the total population of the country, are unemployed. In the name of economic reforms, about 40 million workers have lost their jobs. The

Central Government is abolishing posts at will, causing huge reduction in the number of employees. Each year, thousands of peasants, poor people, are committing suicide, dying of starvation. Women in large numbers are forced to come out on the streets to sell their bodies. What a cruel, terrible picture ! But where is the country-wide protest movement against all these? The parliamentary political parties are enmeshed in utter hypocrisy, shameless falsehood and deceit. What is going on is the politics of vote banks – Hindu vote bank, Muslim vote bank, Yadav vote bank, Dalit vote bank etc. Acrimony and strifes centring round religion, castes and community are being stoked up and the parliamentary parties are utilizing these for making electoral gains in their petty interests. And all these parties claim to be secular. Even the Congress whose hands are smeared with the blood of numerous communal riots and who opened the locks of the Babari Masjid gate to facilitate the BJP's gaining ascendancy through practicing rabid Hindu communalism, claims to be secular. And the CPI(M) is certifying the secularism of Congress in order to develop closeness with it to gain advantages from the Central Government and for winning one or two seats in the

elections in the other states through alliance with the Congress. In the absence of protests and mass movement, the dark forces raise their heads and rank opportunism goes on in the name of politics. The CPI(M) and its associates enjoy governmental power in West Bengal and Tripura with the patronage of national and foreign monopolists and do not want to do anything that might sour the relation with them. That is why the CPI(M) and the CPI kept

their "opposition" to the anti-people Indo-US military pact limited to just issuing statements against the pact whereas, had they been truly leftist or communist, it was their bounden duty to develop a country-wide strong protest movement against this act against the interest of Indian people. When the USA invaded Iraq in 2003, the CPI(M) made merely a perfunctory show of protest in Calcutta but spurned our party's proposal for a lasting programme of joint movement. On the police barbarity on the workers in Gurgaon,

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the CPI(M) Industry Minister in West Bengal gave assurance that the foreign capital in this state need not have any such apprehension. He is absolutely right because the CPI(M) led state government is doing everything to prevent any workers' movement here. This government has been instrumental in thrusting upon the workers one after another anti-working class measures in the jute industry, tea industry – in all industrial establishments. Any attempt by the workers to resist is branded as "militant" movement and crushed mercilessly by the state government. In fact, any movement of any section of the toiling people is greeted with lathis and bullets by this 'leftist' government. SUCI is the only party that has not sold itself to the capitalists, has not given up its ideology being lured by the prospect of enjoying governmental power. Imbued with the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, this party is waging battle in the interest of the exploited and oppressed masses. I appeal to you all to strengthen this party in every way, to protect it from all attacks and harms.

ASSAM

A mass meeting was organized on August 5 in Guwahati with Comrade Bhupendra Nath Kakoti, member, Assam State Committee, presiding. The main speaker at the meeting, Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya, member, Central Committee of the SUCI, said: 29 years back, on this day, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh breathed his last. The strength of his teachings is such that even in his absence, there has been speedy expansion of our party over the years. While the other leftist parties are hankering after power in their petty interest even at the cost of ideology, students and youth, workers and peasants are being attracted more and more by the teachings of Comrade Ghosh and the party is becoming stronger. Early in his life, Comrade Ghosh realized that emancipation of the people was not possible unless a true communist party could be developed on the basis of correct understanding of Marxism. A close examination of the process of development and record of activities of the then undivided CPI led Comrade Ghosh to the conviction that the CPI had utterly failed to develop as a true communist party. So, he decided to found and develop

the SUCI as the ever-alert sentinel for upholding the interest of the working class. A cardinal point of Comrade Ghosh's teachings is that the process of developing a true communist party must be based on an all-out socialist struggle covering all aspects of life including love and sex, for grasping the essence of communism, that is, getting rid of the private property mental complex, thereby evolving communist character and the collective leadership of the party. Comrade Ghosh had given the forewarning about modern revisionism being the main danger in the world communist movement. Today, the communists in different countries who have identified modern revisionism as the main danger and have started developing the communist movement accordingly, are greatly attracted by the thoughts of Comrade Ghosh. Another important teaching of Comrade Ghosh is that alongside a correct revolutionary party so essential for revolution, relentless development of mass movements based on higher ethics, morality and culture is needed to awaken revolutionary consciousness of the people and to achieve their identification with the revolutionary party.

DELHI

A memorial meeting in memory of the departed leader was held on August 5 by the Delhi State Organizing Committee of the SUCI at Gandhi Peace Foundation Hall, which was attended by a large number of party workers, sympathizers, supporters and common people. The main speaker in this meeting was Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, member, Central Committee, SUCI. It was presided over by Comrade J. N. Mandal, a senior member of the State Organizing Committee. The Secretary of the State Organizing Committee Comrade Pratap Samal also addressed the gathering.

At the outset, 'The Call of the SUCI General Secretary Comrade Nihar Mukherjee' was read out in the meeting and all present there pledged to wage struggle in their personal lives and in the field of class and mass struggles to be able to become worthy disciples of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in order to



Comrade Krishna Chakraborty addressing at Delhi

accomplish the task of anti-capitalist socialist revolution in India.

The main speaker Comrade Krishna Chakraborty referred, inter alia, to the one of the most important teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh that, the growth of monopoly capital, that is, the concentration of capital in the hands of a few leads to centralization of the state power which ultimately gives birth to a fascist state. Such a fascist state, by confusing not only the illiterate working class but even the intelligentsia of the country by raising social-democratic slogans and by bringing about regimentation of thought, rallies them behind the state leading to full-fledged fascism that we witnessed in Germany and Italy. Comrade Ghosh showed concretely with facts that India has already developed administrative fascism and attempts are being made by bourgeois parties to bring about full-fledged fascism. The analysis of Comrade Ghosh has been vindicated once more by the barbaric incident of Gurgaon where workers' movement has been

Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya addressing at Guwahati



crushed with unprecedented brutality, Comrade Chakraborty pointed out. Comrade Chakraborty called upon all sections of working people, particularly the working class, to deeply realize these teachings of Comrade Ghosh and build up their organizations to thwart the attempt of the ruling class and its parties to impose full-fledged fascism in the country. He explained that there are two great creations of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh — one, his revolutionary thoughts and two, SUCI the real revolutionary party of the proletariat in our country. The thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh are showing the path even to

the world communist movement which is facing complex problems in the present phase.

HARYANA

A state level memorial meeting was held at Rohtak on 6th August under the auspices of Haryana State Organising Committee in remembrance of our departed leader, teacher and guide Comrade Shibdas Ghosh on the occasion of the 29th anniversary of his demise. The memorial meeting was addressed, in the main, by Comrade Krishan Chakraborty, member, Central Committee.

Comrade Satywan, Secretary, Haryana State Organizing Committee, presided over the meeting and read out the pledge of the 5 August released by Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, our beloved General Secretary. He stressed the need of acquiring the thoughts of Comrade Ghosh keeping ourselves with high communist emotions, ethics and morality. Comrade Anoop Singh, member, Haryana State Organizing Committee also addressed the meeting exposing the police barbarity on Honda workers in Gurgaon and several other problems of the state.

GUJARAT

The Gujarat state level Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Meeting

was held in Baroda on 8 of August in IMA Hall. Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, member, Central Committee, was the main speaker. Comrade Bharat Mehta, member, State Organizing Committee presided over the meeting.

Baroda experienced unprecedented water logging, where our party carried the medical relief activities for 24 days. This flood was followed by the slum demolition. A resolution was passed on both flood and slum demolition demanding proper rehabilitation of the flood victims and to stop slum demolition. This resolution was

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passed by Comrade Kanu Khadadiya and supported by Comrade Jayesh Patel, both members of State Organizing Committee followed by the speech of Comrade Dwarika Nath Rath, Secretary of the Gujarat State Organizing Committee. Comrade Rath dealt extensively about the man-made flood and slum demolition and exposed the Gujarat government's disaster mismanagement and anti-people policies of the Modi government.

State Organizing Committee members Comrades Tapan Dasgupta, Ram Bharat Maurya, Bhaveek Raja, the Secretary of All India DSO, Gujarat, Comrade Bharati Parmar of AIMSS also delivered speeches.

GHATSHILA

Under the auspices of Jharkhand State Organizing Committee of the SUCI, a mass meeting was held on 5th August to commemorate the 29th Death Anniversary of the great leader of the proletariat Comrade Shibdas Ghosh at the Study Centre of Marxism-Leninism-Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thoughts at Ghatshila. Comrade Ranjit Dhar, member of West Bengal State Secretariat, was the main speaker. In his speech, Comrade Dhar said : 5th August comes every year in our life with the question how far could we accomplish our duties and responsibilities as true disciples and fighters in the social revolution and how far could we acquire good communist character on the basis of the teachings of the great leader of the proletariat Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Continuing, he said : Comrade Shibdas Ghosh did not just apply in India the conclusions that Marx-Engels-Lenin-Stalin-Mao Zedong reached at, following the Marxian methodology in diverse

fields. Comrade Ghosh concretized and enriched Marxism by applying Marxian methodology concretely in concrete situation on Indian soil and thereby not only did he characterize the stage of Indian revolution covering every field of epistemology, but he also built up the SUCI, the essential weapon for the Indian proletariat to accomplish the revolution.

Quoting the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, Comrade Dhar said : Without attaining higher communist character, it is impossible to acquire this Marxian methodology. Attainment of this high standard of character cannot remain same for all time to come, said Comrade Dhar. The limit of attainment of high standard of character also goes on changing upward with the change of the society, problems and mode of life of the people. Thus, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh showed that submission of personal interest to the interest of the class, party and revolution which was previously considered to be the high level of communist character, is today, just the beginning. Today, to elevate oneself to a high communist standard, one must identify one's self interest with the interests of the class, the party and the revolution. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was the living embodiment of such a higher standard of communist character.

Stressing that anti-capitalist socialist revolution is the only way to emancipation from the utter political and economic crisis in the country, Comrade Dhar said: Comrade Shibdas Ghosh struggled all through his life to develop a good number of dedicated communist leaders and cadres who would emerge as new MAN by acquiring Marxism-Leninism in every aspect of their life. 5th August enjoins us to take that pledge anew.

PATNA

At the public memorial meeting in Patna, the main speaker Comrade Chhaya Mukerjee, Central Staff, who had earlier hoisted the red flag at the state office, said : Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had shown that had there been a genuine communist party at the time of the freedom movement, the bourgeois class could not have usurped the fruits of sacrifices of students and youths and the people at large. Comrade Mukherjee also said that so long as imperialism-capitalism persisted, people would not be free from exploitation. She highlighted the revolutionary teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and called upon everyone to take the pledge to develop mass movements complementary to the anti-capitalist revolution.

Comrade Arun Singh, member, Bihar State Committee, said : parties in power and the administration have, by serving the corrupt capitalist system, themselves become submerged into corruption and malpractices.

Comrade Shivshankar, Secretary, Bihar State Committee, who presided over the meeting, gave the call to develop mass movement based on teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh to thwart menace of corruption of the party-in-power and the administration.

ANDHRA PRADESH

A memorial meeting was organized on August 07, 2005 at Anantapur, A.P. The meeting started with the garlanding of the portrait of Comrade Ghosh followed by the song composed on Comrade Ghosh. Comrade K. Radhakrishna, Secretary, Karnataka State Committee and the main speaker of the meeting dealt elaborately on the struggle and contribution of

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Memorial Day observed at Alipore Central Jail, Calcutta

On 5th August, the party workers and supporters in the jail observed the 29th Death Anniversary of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat and founder-General Secretary of our party, at the Alipore Central Jail. In their fight against the capitalist class, guided by the thoughts of the great leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, they were put behind the bars through the conspiracy of the vested interests, more specially, of the CPI(M) government in collusion with police and administration, by implicating them with false charges. However, the observance of 5th August, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day, at the jail once again proved that the SUCI leaders and cadres cannot be buckled and demoralized in spite of all heinous conspiracies to throw them inside the jail in hundreds or more. About 150 party workers and common prisoners were present at Memorial meeting presided by Comrade Ashoke Chakraborty, a member of the district committee of the 24 Parganas (South). Comrades Rajaram Roy Mandal, Prafulla Mandal, Hareram Mandal, Kanak Sardar, Yusuf Gayen, Ashoke Chakraborty, Sundar Chatterjee and many others paid their tributes by placing wreaths at the portrait of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Comrade Sundar Chatterjee addressed the gathering as the main speaker.



Comrade Ranjit Dhar addressing at Ghatshila and a part of the gathering

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Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in regard to building up SUCI, the revolutionary party of the country and highlighting different questions confronting the international communist movement.

Comrade K. Sridhar, Secretary, A.P. State Organizing Committee of the party, criticized the role of the courts in damaging legitimate democratic mass movements, citing the example of the two state level movements by A.P. Junior Doctors and A.P.S.R.T.C. workers.

Comrade B. S. Amarnath, Anantapur District Secretary, presided over the meeting.

TAMILNADU

The Tamilnadu State Organizing Committee held a public meeting in Theni, district headquarters of Theni District, on August 07, 2005 to observe the 29th death anniversary of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Comrade C K Lukose, Secretary, Kerala State Committee, SUCI, was the main speaker for the evening. Comrade A Anavarathan, member of the Tamilnadu State Organizing Committee and Secretary, Villupuram-Cuddalore District Organizing Committee of SUCI, presided over the meeting. Comrade R Jeyapaul, member, Tamilnadu State Organizing Committee, translated Comrade Lukose's speech into Tamil.

The thrust of Comrade C K Lukose's speech was that the only way out for the people to get out of the sordid misery of their lives, being intensified by the attacks of globalization today, was to understand that the only philosophy that could guide them was Marxism-Leninism and the only Party that could provide it was the SUCI, the greatest creation of Comrade

Shibdas Ghosh, its founder, leader, teacher and guide and one of the leading Marxist thinkers of the day.

He gave a brief but comprehensive idea about Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's struggle to build up a genuine communist party on Indian soil. He narrated how as a young teenager, he had plunged into the freedom struggle.

When he realized that the then united CPI was not a communist party, Comrade Ghosh, with a handful of compatriots, facing the most unimaginable of odds, had built the SUCI up brick by brick as the genuine communist party in the country, concretizing Marxism on Indian soil, showing the correct path for the emancipation of toiling masses. The SUCI had grown from a handful of revolutionaries in Bengal to spread over twenty states today, continuing along the path laid by Comrade Ghosh, under the leadership of his compatriot and comrade-in-arms, Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, the present General Secretary of the Party.

When united struggles of the people on burning issues of their lives, was the crying need of the hour, the greatest betrayal of all had been by the social democratic forces like the CPI and CPI-M which had abandoned the path of people's democratic movement. In fact where they were in power, they were brutally suppressing people's movements. They were giving support to every anti-people policy of the Central Government and there was nothing that the exploited people of the country could hope from these sham communists.

He pointed out only hope before the people of the country, was to be guided by a genuine communist Party, a party led by Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh's Thought.

That Party was the SUCI. He exhorted the people to come forward, learn what Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had to teach them, take his teachings to all corners of the country, strengthen the SUCI, and march on to overthrow this exploitative capitalist system and

was observed in Kerala with due solemnity and reverence. And all over the state comrades renewed their pledge to carry out the behest of Comrade Ghosh and to rise up in a revitalization struggle with all earnestness and dedication, heeding the call of our Central Committee. Memorial meetings were held simultaneously at six district centers on 5th August which were attended



Comrade K. Radhakrishna addressing at Anantapur, A.P.

replace it by socialism, which alone could bring about their true emancipation.

Meetings to observe August 5 were also held at Chennai and Villupuram.

KERALA

The memorial day of our departed leader, teacher, guide and one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of the era Comrade Shibdas Ghosh

by hundreds of party comrades, supporters, sympathizers and general public. In Trivandrum and Pathanamthitta Town the meetings were addressed by Comrade C. K. Lukose, state secretary. In Alleppey district a mass meeting was organized where in Comrade V.Venugopal, party state Secretariat member addressed. State Committee members Comrade G.S.Padmakumar and Comrade Jaison Joseph attended as main speakers, Kottayam and Calicut respectively. In Ernakulam also Comrade G.S Padmakumar delivered the memorial address. In all the meetings, the invaluable teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh were solemnly remembered. The most relevant and exemplary lessons from his life long struggle to build up the genuine communist party of the soil was touched upon by the leaders



Comrade Dipankar Roy addressing at Nagpur

to as to imbue and inspire all the comrades in the present revitalization struggle unleashed by our Central Committee inside the party with all spirit and vigour.

MAHARASHTRA

In commemoration of Fredrick Engels and Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great proletarian leaders, memorial meeting was held in Nagpur on August 5, with Comrade Madhab Bhonde, Nagpur District Secretary, SUCI as the President and Comrade Dipankar Roy, member, West Bengal State Committee as the main speaker. Recalling the

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Comrade C. K. Lukose addressing at Theni, Tamil nadu

People resent Gurgaon police atrocities on All India Protest Day on 29 July

UTUC-LS lashes at anti-worker agreement in Honda

Comrade Krishna Chakravorty, Vice-President, All India Committee, UTUC-LS, has issued the following statement on the so-called settlement imposed by the Honda management on workers in presence of the Haryana Chief Minister :

“The so-called settlement between the Honda management and workers is highly undemocratic, illegitimate and condemnable. This totally unfair settlement is an attempt to create a precedent for other company managements to follow, thereby crushing any attempt by workers to organise and fight for their collective demands. The Honda management must reinstate all dismissed and suspended workers unconditionally. Regular wage and salary increases is an obligation of management, to make it conditional upon so-called workers’ discipline goes completely against the democratic rights of the working class. The company’s adamant attitude in not withdrawing its false charges against suspended workers is condemnable; all charges must be withdrawn immediately. The condition imposed that workers will not make any demands for one year is a virtual ban on workers’ movement, which the management has no right to impose. All these clauses of the so-called settlement show the out-and-out anti-working class attitude of the Honda management. The presence of the Haryana Chief Minister at this meeting between workers and management, the lack of any objection from him to these illogical and illegitimate conditions imposed by the management, and his support for this so-called settlement, once again reveals the indulgence of the Government towards the anti-working class moves of multinationals and corporates. We call upon the Honda workers and the working class in general to continue their struggle until their demands are achieved.”



Protests at (from top) Patna, Ranchi, Trivandrum



Protests at (from top) Gurgaon, Nagpur, Calcutta

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placing a fresh one on its behalf. The party, instead, placed an additional affidavit, as an annexure in reality, expressing its disapproval of the earlier affidavit, its electoral pledge, but at the same time without proper arguments about why the Act should not be repealed and also without withdrawing the earlier one. It thus blatantly contradicted its own stand and betrayed the cause of minority community, of which it boasted once and often, even during its last election campaign.

Noting all these trends, our party has raised the warning, all through these years, that future of the IMDT Act was at stake and it may be repealed at any moment. When a month back, there were attacks of the communal and parochial forces brought down on religious minorities in Dibrugarh, our party, in its series of mass meetings in Dhubri and Goalpara districts, on precise analysis of the situation, concluded that it was no

accident that such attacks are coming down even with Congress in government. These came in chain with the parochial Assam movement that had started in 1979 and if people are not freed from the influence of these fascist forces, thereby isolating the latter from the masses under the pressure of united democratic movement of exploited people irrespective of race, religion, colour or language, such attacks will not remain even at where they were. Repeal of the IMDT Act on July 12 has the ominous sign of more dangerous onslaughts to come in future, only proving our apprehension come true.

While giving exposure to the double dealing of the Congress, our party, on the strength of our analysis of the concrete situation in the light of Marxism-Leninism, Comrade Bhattacharyya showed that governments, whatever be their composition, Congress or BJP, had shunned the correct path of solving the problems centring round the

separatist forces like the ULFA and others through discussions and dialogues involving and uniting people and fulfilling their legitimate aspirations and hopes. They had taken up instead to curb those with police and military. But when these attempts failed abjectly, they, in the aggregate interest of the ruling capitalist class which all of them served as best as they could, adopted appeasing divisive parochial forces like the AGP or AASU with a view to creating some political agents to handle and combat the separatists. The present verdict of the Supreme Court is an outcome of that process only, at the same time attesting that the different organs of this capitalist state stands only for the ruling class; the exploited masses cannot defend their interest without democratic movement, merely with the help of legal battles.

Comrade Bhattacharyya, while refuting criticisms against the IMDT Act, said that it was wrong and false

to say that the Act was applicable only to Assam and, by that, discriminatory. Any other state government could equally implement this act, only after a proper notification. Tripura had already started implementing this Act. It had also been accused that this Act devolved on the petitioner himself the responsibility to provide proof against the respondent. It was being said that this was wrong and it hampered identifying infiltrators. But a basic tenet of jurisprudence is that the burden of proof lies with the prosecutor or the petitioner. This Act rather violates this principle of jurisprudence in wresting equal responsibilities to both the prosecutor and the accused. Comrade Bhattacharyya made it also clear that in a class-divided society, everything, its politics, the political parties, economy, court and legality, all these must be judged from the class angularity, for which class do they stand, the rulers, the

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London and Egypt blasts : reaction to state terrorism of imperialist powers

On the morning of July 7 last, three bomb blasts in subway trains and one in a double decker bus rocked London, all within an hour's time, killing over 50 persons and injuring many. This was followed by a number of smaller explosions on July 21. On July 23, blasts of car bombs ripped through the shopping and hotel areas in the Red Sea tourist resort at Sharm el-Sheikh in Egypt, killing at least 88 people and injuring over 200.

As usual it is the innocent people who have been killed or maimed by these acts of terrorism. We condemn such terrorist attacks and share the grief and sorrow of the families who lost their near and dear ones or whose members sustained grievous injuries.

But while doing so, we cannot lose sight of the fact that such terrorist attacks are but frantic attempts at reprisals against the massive world-wide state terrorism being resorted to by the imperialist powers headed by the USA, with Britain as an accomplice, that has assumed a particularly intense and virulent form in the countries of the Middle-East in recent years. It is well known that the imperialist countries headed by the USA have been for decades aiding and abetting the Zionist ruling clique of Israel in attacking, terrorizing and dominating the Palestinian Arabs – driving them out of their homeland. In the name of putting an end to the terrorism of Osama bin Laden's Al-Qaeda, imperialist powers led by the USA invaded and captured Afghanistan and put up a puppet government there. But the Al Qaeda itself was originally a creation of the USA, sponsored and equipped by it to perpetrate acts of terrorism to further its imperialist ends in the Middle East. Only when the Al Qaeda's activities went against the USA, did it become terrorist in its eyes. For long have the US imperialists had covetous eyes on the oil riches of Iraq. The 1991 imperialist bombardment led by the USA wrought severe damages on Iraq but could not subjugate it. So, March 2003, the USA, with Britain as accomplice, led a massive imperialist invasion of that country, on the false plea that Saddam Hussein's regime had stockpiled weapons of mass destruction (WMD) which posed an imminent and grave danger to the USA and its

allies. Iraq was devastated and occupied, but no trace of WMD stockpile could be found! A puppet government has been set up there to ensure US stranglehold on Iraqi oil. But the people of Iraq have not been cowed down despite the massive attack, devastation and deliberate, indiscriminate killing of Iraqi civilians including women and children. Their resistance continues, the heroic Iraqi people fight on against heavy odds. We salute them!

War is an endemic necessity of crisis-ridden imperialist-capitalist economy which resorts to all-out militarization in a bid to provide artificial stimulation to the recession-stricken economy. War or war-like situation enables it to release the stockpile of armaments, to engage in a spree of producing military hardware and munitions. War, directly or by proxy, is needed to secure markets, to extend imperialist spheres of influence by forcibly subjugating others if necessary. That is why, the USA, as the leading imperialist power, has been, over the years, the chief perpetrator of international brigandage and gangsterism. The world has witnessed wanton interference and armed intervention by the US imperialism into the affairs of many a country and even full-scale invasions – in Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Indonesia, East Timor, Chile and a host of other countries in Central America, Latin America and Africa. After Afghanistan and Iraq, USA, the arch rogue state on the globe, has now openly marked Iran and North Korea as the next targets. And of course, socialist Cuba, subjected to US blockade for long, is under constant threat of US imperialist attack.

Peace and security of the people of the world are now being endangered all the time by the organized state terrorism of the imperialist powers. The need of the hour is to resist this tooth and nail, but counter-terrorism directed against the US and its associates is not the answer. Such acts of terrorism cannot even dent the armour of the oppressive and terrorist military machines of imperialist states, and so, as a method, it is futile.

It is not only futile, but counter-productive too. It should be remembered that only a united anti-imperialist struggle by the peoples

of the world including those of the imperialist countries can provide an effective deterrent to imperialist-capitalist machinations. At present, the peoples of even the advanced capitalist countries are groaning under the ever-growing capitalist exploitation which has particularly become more intensified in the phase of globalization for the past 15 years. They have been coming out on the streets in hundreds of thousands to protest against the onslaughts on their lives and living, against the imperialist globalization policies, against invasion of other countries by their governments, as was seen during the US-led invasion of Iraq. So, the burning necessity is to unite, coordinate and integrate their struggle with the anti-imperialist struggle of the peoples of the countries subjected to imperialist brigandage, attack or invasion so as to present a common united front against the imperialists which alone can force their hands.

In this context, acts of terrorism, instead of weakening imperialism, actually strengthens its hands. Raising the bogey of terrorism, imperialist states create panic among their peoples, confuse them and obtain a measure of social sanction and support behind their nefarious attacks on other countries, and can adopt with impunity draconian measures (like the Patriot Act in the USA or the present moves of the British governments) in the

name of fighting terrorism, severely curtailing the democratic rights and civil liberty of their peoples – thus weakening their democratic movements against exploitation and creating rifts in the anti-imperialist unity of the peoples of the world. The re-election of President Bush and Tony Blair, despite the very strong public opinion in their countries against Iraq invasion, bears testimony to this.

Terrorist acts springing from religious fundamentalism are all the more damaging because, by its very nature, fundamentalism is divisive and cannot but destroy the unity of the peoples professing different faiths, and so, cannot but obstruct forging of the world-wide unity of the people against imperialism, cannot but objectively strengthen imperialism. It hinders the growth of socially and politically conscious struggle which, under a correct revolutionary leadership and organized on the basis of higher culture and ethics, can strike at the roots of imperialism-capitalism.

On the other hand, people of the imperialist, metropolitan capitalist countries should remain ever vigilant, lest the terrorist attacks are exploited by the ruling class of their respective countries to further strengthen the state military machine, adopt fresh draconian measures in the name of safeguarding national security and whip up jingoism. They should realize in the last analysis, the coercive apparatus of the state, its military strength, will be used against them in their anti-capitalist struggle.

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struggles and contributions of these leaders, Comrade Roy emphasized that it was in our striving to spread their thoughts to the Indian toiling people that lay the significance of observing the memorial day.

MADHYA PRADESH

At Jabalpur in the state, different programmes were adopted in commemoration of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Besides literature campaign, flag-hoisting, laying floral tribute, a meeting was held on August 8. It was addressed by Comrade Arun Kumar Singh and was presided over by Comrade Umapasrao.

CHATTISGARH.

At Durg, the Memorial Day was

observed on August 7. Comrade Badsah Khan addressed the memorial meeting, highlighting the invincibility of Marxism-Leninism as the ideological weapon of the oppressed people and the lifelong struggle of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in concretising this philosophy in the Indian soil.

UTTAR PRADESH

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial meetings were held with enthusiasm at different places of UP, including Sultanpur, Pratapgarh, Jaunpur, Kanpur, Moradabad and Allahabad under the auspices of the respective district committees of the party. District leaders addressed the meetings attended by party workers and people at large.

IMDT Act : SUCI calls for united democratic movement

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exploiters or the ruled and exploited. This must be clearly understood. Repeal of the IMDT Act once again proves that the exploited people cannot live simply by towing the ruling class.

Comrade Bhattacharyya also showed that the present ambience in the whole of the country, vitiated with communalism cropping out of Muslim-hatred and particularly with parochialism-fanaticism in Assam, had created the fertile ground for this onslaught on the minorities that came with the repeal of the IMDT Act. During the continuous stretch of 45 years' rule, the Congress, instead of curbing the communal forces, actually fomented disunity among people and carried on divide and rule policy. It was in outcome of this policy only that the RSS and Jan Sangh (now BJP), which did not have any mass base at all during the independence movement days, could raise their ugly head and could perpetrate the heinous incidents like the demolition of the Babari Mosque or the pogrom in Gujrat.

Comrade Bhattacharyya further emphasized that all these forces, be it RSS-BJP or AASU-AGP were not just enemies of religious minorities; they are the fascist forces, the enemies of democratic thoughts, concepts and values, of humanism and above all of communism. It is only the Marxist-Leninist ideology which can defeat these fascist forces

of one and all countries, in the way Hitler, the hated enemy of mankind, was defeated in the hands of the Soviet Union itself. Toiling people thus need take this ideology to their heart, as their own philosophy of life.

At the same time, to thwart any attack from the ruling capitalist class, its rule and exploitation and communal conspiracy, it is required that exploited masses of all sections and levels must build up an intense ideological movement against all these to forge their own unity thereupon, irrespective of race-religion-language with a view to strengthening mass movements on one and all aspects of life. But the parties like CPI(M)-CPI that go by their Communist signboards have not only shunned the path of mass movements. From their governmental power in West Bengal, they are not even refraining from unleashing brute coercion with the help of police and military to crush democratic movements that SUCI is continually trying to build up in keeping with its fighting tradition of all the years of its existence. Those parties, in the name of combating communalism are playing as appendage of the Congress, the trusted party of the capitalists, only with an eye to gaining advantages in parliamentary politics. By that, they ignore or conceal the plain fact that without creating proper ideological movements against communalism-

parochialism these fascist forces cannot be defeated through parliamentary manoeuvres. RSS-BJP have not lost their venom, simply because of an electoral defeat. Their comeback in Bihar and Jharkhand has thus belied the claim of CPI(M)-CPI. Added to it, these latter parties, contrary to heeding to our repeated call to build up united democratic movement in Assam, preferred to rise to the governmental seat through an alliance with AGP in 1996 and are again showing their keenness for such an alliance now. CPI has already expressed their glee, and CPI(M) their meaningful indifference, at the repealing of the IMDT Act, that itself has caused panic among the minorities.

Reiterating the necessity of building up massive democratic movement of people irrespective of race-religion-language in Assam, Comrade Bhattacharyya pointed out that SUCI stands as the only tested and trusted force of mass-movements in one and all the states of the country. In Assam, too, SUCI, as the only genuine communist party, is alone striving to generate ideological struggle amidst Assamese-speaking people to point out the truth to them freeing them from the thrust of fanatic parochialism, emanating from Muslim-hatred. In fact, none other than real communists are expected to do that either. Comrade Bhattacharyya called upon people to

build up their own resistance committee with hundreds of volunteers with a view to developing struggle for self-protection of the minority people. The minorities, in their turn, must make sincere attempts to win the heart of Assamese-speaking people along with fighting for their own cause. They must realize that no struggle of theirs can meet success without unstinted moral support from the majorities. So they must assure the Assamese-speaking people that the minorities bear full respect for the language and culture of the majorities and in no way stand in the way of fulfilling their aspirations and hopes. Drawing instance from his own life, Comrade Bhattacharyya revealed that at the time he had set his foot in Assam, assigned by his party SUCI, he did not know the Assamese language, nor did he have much acquaintances barring a handful of relatives. But soon he could win the heart of the Assamese-speaking people quite easily through spreading the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh among them. Today thousands of Assamese-speaking people have joined hands with the struggle of exploited masses. It is thus incumbent upon people to realize today that ultimate victory of theirs is inevitable, if and only if they can conduct their struggle on the strength of correct philosophy and correct base political line.



A part of the mammoth gathering at Calcutta on 5 August to pay tribute to the great leader of the proletariat Comrade Shibdas Ghosh on his memorial day

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