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Comrade Manik Mukherjee, Member, Polit Bureau, SUCI(C), offering floral tribute to Comrade Mao Zedong, the great leader of the proletariat, at Party Headquarters in Kolkata on 9 September on the occasion of his 39th Memorial day.

## Comrade Provash Ghosh congratulated people for making the All India General Strike on 2nd September successful

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary SUCI (Communist), in course of a statement issued on 2 September, 2015, conveyed his heartfelt congratulations to the toiling millions of India for making the All India General Strike on 2nd September called by the central trade unions, a massive success. He has further added that this success manifests the accumulated wrath of the people against the misrule of the Modi government. He assured that SUCI (Communist) would continue the mass struggle till the demands are achieved.

## AIDSO congratulates students of the country for making All India Students' Strike on 2 September a grand success

In a statement issued on 2 September, Comrade Ashok Mishra, General Secretary of AIDSO, said:

The All India Student Strike jointly convened by AIDSO and other left student organizations against privatization-commercialization-saffronization of education, no-detention policy up to Class-VIII, trident attack of semester-CBCS-RUSA and other anti-education policies of the central and different state governments was

completely successful throughout the country today. In spite of attack of ABVP – BJP – RSS in many places and the goons backed by the ruling parties in some states like West Bengal, the students whole-heartedly supported the strike. Thousands and thousands of students actively participated in the strike boycotting classes and held protest rallies. The strike also received spontaneous support of the teachers, guardians and all education-loving people of the country. I,

on behalf of AIDSO, convey revolutionary greetings to the struggling students of the country for making the All India Student Strike successful. We declare that the student movement will continue until the demands of education are achieved.

The AIDSO also congratulates the workers of the country for making successful the General Strike today against anti-labour policies of the government.

## The Central Trade Unions congratulate working people for magnificent response to All India strike on 2 September against anti-labour policies of BJP government

The following is the statement issued on 2 September, 2015 by the Central Trade Unions (CTUs) – INTUC, AITUC, HMS, CITU, AIUTUC, TUCC, SEWA, AICCTU, UTUC and LP:—

It has been an unprecedented strike of millions of workers at the call of Central Trade Unions. Response has been as never before. It is the biggest strike ever in the country. This strike has been called by 10 Central Trade Unions. It has been supported by thousands of local unions, unaffiliated associations and federations. It is the broadest unity of the trade unions that has

achieved this miracle. All sectors of the economy are affected. The strike received the all-out support of the people. The strike call was given against the government's negative response to the 12 point charter, the main among these being the aggressive steps being taken by the government to amend labour laws in favour of the corporates.

We congratulate and salute the gallant workers for their magnificent response. We expect the government to take lesson and take steps to ameliorate the grievances of the working masses. It must restart discussions with Central Trade Unions for concrete solution to the

demands failing which the struggle will be intensified.

This strike has been so widespread because of the growing discontent among working people against anti-worker policies of the government. It is also a protest against food price rise and failure of the government to contain the slow-down of the economy leading to heavy retrenchment and informalisation.

The strike has been unprecedented in transport, oil, coal, power, bank, state government employees, insurance, port & dock, defence,

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Rally on deserted roads and closed shops on Bandh day in Delhi



Police brutally arresting female picketers in Kolkata, WB on Bandh day.

## MIGRANT TRAGEDY OF WEST ASIA

The whole world has been stupefied seeing the lifeless body of three-year-old Syrian child in a red T-shirt and blue shorts being washed ashore on a Turkish beach. The scream of his silent body represents the horror of war and displacement unfolding in the Mediterranean. This photo which has broken through the clutter and stirred people round the globe, comes in sequence of similarly flashed photos of a vulture looming behind a prostrate starving child in Sudan, or that of young Phan Thi Kim Phuc running from a US napalm attack in Vietnam, with her skin peeling off, symbolised similar horror perpetrated in their respective countries. After turning Vietnam, Sudan, Somalia, Cambodia, Ethiopia and other places into hotbeds of imperialist machination, loot and plunder, the war-monger imperialist sharks headed by the US imperialists are now on a rampage in the entire West Asia. Starting from launching full scale military assault to perpetuating local and partial wars, engineering intrigues, weaving plots to bring about regime change, installing puppet governments, pitting one section of the people against another—the menu of their West Asia policy consists everything. As a result of their pyretic policies, undemocratic ferocious fundamentalist forces are raising their ugly heads, indulging in mindless violence with gangrenous insensitivity and unleashing a reign of terror. This is causing thousands and thousands of people to flee Syria, Libya, Sudan, Afghanistan and other countries not just in search of shelter but to save life. They are all citizens of sovereign national states. But today they have turned migrants or refugees overnight and are desperately seeking to stay alive by infiltrating into other lands.

### Why this mass migration?

Media have been circulating disturbing pictures of drowned children and sinking boats, penning stories of suffocating trucks and thousands camped in train stations and along roadways. They are also giving the figures of how many refugees will be accepted by which 'humanitarian' European country. But it is tight-lipped about the cause of this huge influx of asylum seekers. But our question is why this tragedy? What is driving these hapless refugees away from their home and hearth, evicting them from their fields or factories? They are no victims of any natural calamity—flood, drought or volcanic eruption. Then why is this dislocation and migration? A quick glance at the bare facts would reveal that they have been made to desert their homeland because the imperialist

death merchants particularly US imperialists have unleashed unprecedented barbarism in the region in pursuit of their heinous agenda of expanding spheres of influence through overlordism, brigandage and wars of aggression. And in a bid to establish their firm hold on oil and other natural resources of these West Asian countries, the gunboat diplomats of Pentagon and their associates besides foisting war on these lands and escalating tension and fear psychosis in the region have also been flaming sectarian, ethnic, national and religious differences, involving oppressed people in internecine clashes and conflicts in a bid to scuttle possibility of united resistance of the people against these imperialist machinations and murderous acts. And in the course, they have created certain diabolic maniacs who are now holding everyone into ransom, perpetrating not just violence but a brutality which surpasses even what is witnessed among most ferocious of the animals in the deep forest.

### US imperialism first targeted Afghanistan

As is being seen right now, the largest number of refugees are fleeing from war-torn Syria, Afghanistan, Libya and South Sudan. Since the 1978 Saur Revolution which overthrew monarchy in Afghanistan, the US imperialists in order to destroy revolution and free the country from Soviet influence particularly the influence of socialism, pressed notorious CIA into action and provided more than \$3 billion to the anti-Saur revolutionary forces and warlords. Taking advantage of the wretched condition of the people as a fertile ground, the already existing religious fundamentalists raised their head and took the rein of the affairs. Towards the end of the seventies the *Mujahedeen*, an alliance of Islamic fundamentalist groups was born with overt and covert support of the CIA and the US imperialists. Finally, as admitted in the CIA's own documents, secret US aid to the opponents of the pro-Soviet regime in Kabul was initiated in 1979. The CIA and the US imperialists kept on instigating the mutually warring rebellious warlords as well as the different factions of the *Mujahedeen* liberally providing them with arms, money and satellite reconnaissance and intelligence data. Along with that, *Al Qaeda*, another conglomerate of rabid Islamic fundamentalists based on utterly reactionary, obscurantist ideas and

thoughts and led by Osama bin Laden was created in 1988 in full knowledge of the US rulers and worked on funds from Saudi Arabia and USA, maintaining close ties with the CIA. In the name of religion, it trounced all kinds of progressive thoughts and annihilated any opposition to its views. In fact, the US rulers and the CIA used such a dangerous force, over and above the *Mujahedeen* and other fundamentalist forces, shamelessly to whip up their anti-Soviet campaign in Afghanistan. But, subsequently terrible power struggle began among the warlords which killed thousands of Afghans, drove hundreds of thousands into squalid refugee camps, created political chaos, and blocked millions of exiles from returning. The rest of the country disintegrated into isolated fiefdoms dominated by the local despotic warlords. In this pathetic murky situation there emerged the *Taliban* militia in 1994, once more with the blessings, patronage and support of the US imperialists. *Talibanis* matched perfectly with the fundamentalist tunes and oppressive methods of the *Al Qaeda*. Then, once the *Talibanis* rode to power, these two dreaded fundamentalist forces developed perfect understanding between themselves and worked in tandem, denying any kind of freedom of expression and democratic associations and activities and ruthlessly demanding unqualified blind submission to their rule. Later when the profit-hunting, power-hungry imperialists, headed by the US imperialists, were stepping up their neo-colonial exploitation in the different oil and gas-rich geopolitically strategic Islamic states of the Middle East using fanatic anti-Islamic Zionist Israeli regime, carried out subversion and even launched brute aggression against these Middle East Arab states, including Palestine, a strong sentiment and opinion against US imperialist conspiracies and aggression went on mounting among the people of these Muslim-dominated countries. Seizing upon this growing anti-US imperialist sentiment, the *Al Qaeda* once created by the US rulers wanted to come to the forefront and turned Frankenstein. In the name of containing *Al Qaeda* terrorism, US launched military aggression on Afghanistan, destroyed an already war-ravaged economically shattered country and brutally descended murderous attack on the

virtually defenceless Afghan people. For a cover, they established a puppet regime in that country and continuously reinforced their military deployment and stepped up attack even till date. It is the US imperialists, who are continuously perpetrating worst kind of terrorism in countries one after another; it is them, who fostered, nurtured and patronized the fundamentalist forces and then it is the same US imperialists who launched brute attack on that country in the name of fighting terror.

### Next targets were Iraq, Libya, Sudan, Syria

After Afghanistan, it was the turn of Iraq. It is pertinent to mention that Iraq under Saddam was mostly free from fundamentalist influence or religious divides. Besides attacking and illegally occupying Iraq on the fraudulent pretext of Saddam Hussein possessing weapons of mass destruction, the US imperialists after occupation, also tried to drive a wedge into the Iraqi people playing upon the sentiment of the ruled Shia community against the hitherto ruling Sunnis and finally managed to install a Shi'ite-dominated pliant government in the name of establishing democracy. Successful in Iraq, they went on inciting and exacerbating Shia-Sunni divide to keep the whole of Arab people divided and also fuelled different brands of Islamist fundamentalism.

Next in the target was Libya. This experience of Iraq prompted the US imperialism and its NATO allies to change tactics in the next case of Libya, another Arab country with a similar firm anti-US imperialist stand. US imperialists demolished Libya and killed its President Quaddafi. Seven months of US-NATO bombing destroyed the entire infrastructure of a modern state where nationalized oil helped achieve the highest standard of living in Africa. Two million Libyans, or one third of Libya's pre-NATO-intervention population, have taken refuge in neighbouring Tunisia. Then these slobbering felons trained gun against Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir refusing to yield to them, falsely implicated him by bringing in fabricated charges of war crimes and crime against humanity, planfully fomented mistrust, chauvinism and division among the different ethnic groups and locked them in bloodbath, destabilized the country and finally succeeded in dividing the country into two. In this way, they established control over the rich oil fields of that country.

It was then the turn of Assad's Syria where US-backed so-called 'Free Syrian Army' (FSA), *Al*

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# Build up world communist movement anew freeing it from revisionism in the light of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought

(Appended is the slightly edited version of the speech delivered by Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya in Assamese at the 39<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day meeting of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, at the District Library Hall in Guwahati on 6 August. Responsibility of translation or inadequacy of expression, if any, lies with the Editorial board of Proletarian Era.)

In his address, Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya laid out the significance of holding this memorial meeting every year, not excepting this year, on the occasion of the 5th August. He pointed out that this was no ritual by any means. It was the necessity of ourselves, of the exploited people of India. The historic necessity of hastening up people's struggle for emancipation has come to rest upon us. It is to fulfill that necessity properly and to equip ourselves adequately for the task, that we take the pledge anew on this date, every year. We do the same every day, every moment throughout the year through debates, discussions, meetings and associations; yet on this day of deepest sorrow in our party life, all of us assemble to take pledge together to develop ourselves as worthier revolutionaries; we also meet people on this day so that they too can realize the significance of this ardent task.

Elucidating that it was Comrade Shibdas Ghosh who had really laid the foundation of genuine communist movement in this country, Comrade Bhattacharyya said that, as many of you must have known, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had joined the independence movement of the country right from his school days. Since then he had engaged himself in an arduous struggle as a member of the Anushilan Samity, one of the leading revolutionary organizations in the independence movement, with all his might and giving up everything personal he had. At that time, it was being felt that it was necessary to give defeat to the compromising trend of the independence movement under the leadership of Gandhiji which would push the country towards calamitous ends. Out of that necessity there were attempts to spread out revolutionary struggles of the uncompromising trend of the independence movement across the length and breadth of India. And realizing how important was this necessity, the leadership of the Anushilan Samity decided to depute its leading cadres to different parts of the country. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's whole-hearted struggle in upholding the cause drew attention of the then five front-ranking leaders of the Anushilan Samity. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, and along with Comrade Nihar Mukherjee and

others who later became the members of the first Central Committee of our Party and had been associated with the revolutionary activities of the Anushilan Samity, were sent out with responsibilities to different areas. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and Comrade Nihar Mukherjee were deputed to Kolkata to develop revolutionary organizations there. In a few days Comrade Ghosh was taken into custody. The whole country was then boiling with turbulence. When independence was



Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya addressing at the District Library Hall in Guwahati on 6 August.

virtually knocking at the door, the government released Comrade Ghosh and others. But by that time the attitude and activities, the thoughts and views of the compromising leaders like Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru and others, had been giving rise to deep apprehensions and doubts in the mass mind. People were asking, what kind of independence was being awarded through the transfer of power following the compromising path of the Gandhites? How far would this independence fulfill the aspirations of 90% people of the country, of all sections of the exploited masses including workers, peasants and middle class employees, fulfill their longing for freedom from exploitation? People were being tormented by these questions; but they could not find the right answers. There were so many stalwarts in the independence movement; but none did come out to provide correct answers to the people. Even the Communist Party of India which had come up in the twenties failed to do it. Even an intellectual stalwart like MN Roy who had tried to develop communist movement in the country and later

## — Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya

took part in the movement for building up world communist movement, and by that way had come in contact with great Lenin, could not provide the answer. In such a situation, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, then in his late teens only, having no formal educational qualification and just released from the jail, showed revolutionary audacity to take upon himself the task of identifying the self totally with the question of emancipation of millions of his countrymen. To begin with Comrade Shibdas Ghosh presented to the country's people an irrefutably correct analysis of the independence movement and pointed towards

others who were trustworthy friends of the imperialists themselves. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh showed further that it was not because of the civil disobedience movement of Gandhiji, but because of the way the revolutionary struggles of the uncompromising trend under the leadership of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose were consolidating and were challenging the incorrect fruitless compromising line of Gandhiji, created the impact which forced the British imperialists flee the country in a haste. But the leadership of the independence movement ultimately remained with the Gandhites and so the entire fruits of independence were usurped by the national bourgeoisie. In consequence, the Indian people were made to stand face to face with a new phase of exploitation, the exploitation of the Indian national capitalist class in place of British imperialist exploitation. It was evident that this new exploitation was going to be more acute with every passing day. So the Indian people were required to accomplish the task of another revolution which would be anti-capitalist socialist revolution.

Besides analyzing independence movement and setting the task before, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh provided theory of anti-capitalist revolution of India

further tasks to perform. It was for the first time that a Marxist thinker accomplished that task. In unambiguous terms he showed that the independence was coming through transfer of power by way of clandestine understanding with the compromising Gandhi leadership at the behest of the national bourgeois class; true this independence would no doubt bring about a political change in the country, meaning that the British imperialists would no longer be in power and the country would be politically independent. But at the same time, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh pinpointed that there had been no economic change. Though the rulers had changed, the instrument of exploitation had not. Freedom from not only imperialist exploitation, but from all kinds of exploitation such as of zamindars, jotedars, usurers and the capitalist class as a whole-- was the longing of people and that longing was ingrained in the independence movement. But that longing was not fulfilled, rather was foiled and frustrated because of the treachery of the Gandhites. It was because the state power had gone to the hands of the national bourgeoisie represented by the Tatas, Birlas, Goenkas and

Comrade Bhattacharyya added that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh did not stop at presenting this analysis of the tragedy of independence movement or at pointing out the task required to bring about people's emancipation. Marxism reveals that explaining an event or change is not the only task, philosophy has to perform; rather the principal objective of philosophy is to help bring about changes in this world. This, first of all, requires formulation of a proper theory. Based on this Marxist guideline and following Marxist methodology, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh formulated such a correct revolutionary theory for this country and based on that engaged himself in a unique unimaginably arduous struggle for founding and developing a genuine revolutionary party as the weapon for emancipation of Indian people from capitalist exploitation. It meant that with these efforts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh the struggle was initiated with the goal of emancipating exploited masses of the country, 90% of the population as such, from all kinds of exploitation.

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## Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya's speech

# Comrade Shibdas Ghosh laid the foundation of genuine communist movement in this country

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With his penetrating analysis Comrade Ghosh showed that even though the Anushilan Samity fought uncompromisingly for independence, it could not develop into a Marxist party. It was because there was no Marxist ideology operating in it, nor it was guided by the proletarian class outlook. Also, the party which was formed in the twenties carrying the name of the Communist Party of India, could not develop into a correct communist party as it did not follow the Leninist principles and methodology of communist party formation. Lenin's teachings entailed that there cannot be any revolution in any country without the leadership of a genuine communist party and that such a genuine revolutionary party cannot develop without a correct revolutionary theory. On these realizations, Comrade Ghosh emphatically pronounced that there was no genuine communist party in the country and that such a party needed to be formed. When Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was presenting this analysis, the world communist movement was passing through its glorious phase. That was around 1945-46. Hitherto unthinkable advancement of socialist movements in one country after another, miserable defeat of fascist Hitler and similar contemporaneous events and trends had created irresistible attraction for communism in not just the workers and peasants of the world, but stirred up the entire toiling masses of India as well as of the world. For that reason, in India people rallied behind the undivided CPI presuming it to be the party of the Indian communists. It was in such a situation, adverse as it was, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, who stood alone, without support and even acquaintances, without any backing of media, but who had acquired unfathomable strength by virtue of his deep theoretical knowledge and understanding as well as experiences from arduous struggle, highlighted with all vigour and boldness that the CPI was not a genuine communist party. Words might fail to gauge how difficult the task was in those days. On the one side, stood Comrade Shibdas Ghosh virtually alone, surrounded by thousand and one adversities and obstacles. His

scientific analysis infuriated the undivided CPI, but the latter could not combat the challenge. Ignoring all opposition, ridicules, belittling and slighting from around him, Comrade Ghosh made possible what looked like a sheer impossibility, simply by dint of his practice of correct ideology and adherence to truth with a perfectly impersonal outlook. In 1948 SUCI was founded in a convention. Those who had witnessed that painstaking struggle of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh must have realized its depth and greatness.

Comrade Bhattacharyya added that Karl Marx, as a lone fighter treading the path of struggle for truth and ideology, rose to the height of becoming the beacon to the world proletariat in their struggle for emancipation. The appeal of the theory propounded by him transgressed the frontiers of England and Germany to reach the entire world. Treading the same path of searching and practising the truth and only truth and in the process giving birth to the theory of Indian revolution, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh also became the icon of emancipation to the proletariat. Through his struggles to build up the revolutionary party of the country, SUCI (Communist) he gave the abstract theory its concrete shape. During the initial days of party formation undertaking immensely tough and difficult struggle, he recruited cadres for the Party convincing one after another of them with the help of his invincible sharp reasoning. Even he attracted cadres from the undivided CPI itself and he brought them into his Party. Such indomitable struggle could result in the Indian proletariat class finding their own Party. On 24 April, 1948, SUCI (C) came into being. Subsequently spread of the Party at undeterred speed, gaining of strength in one state after another, growth and development of one after another mass movements led by the Party all these together have endeared this Party to the exploited people of India.

Comrade Bhattacharyya firmly submitted that in course of concretizing Marxism- Leninism on the Indian soil, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh emerged as the real founder of genuine communist movement in

this country. Continuously along with this, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh made unique contributions towards strengthening world communist movement freeing it from mistakes and lapses. During the later years of his life, Stalin, taking lessons from Marx-Engels- Lenin as their student, developed Marxism further, which came to be assimilated in Marxism-Leninism of today. In the same manner, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, acquiring all the necessary lessons from Marx-Engels-Lenin-Stalin-Mao Zedong has enriched and developed the treasurehouse of Marxist knowledge and ideology to its present height through higher and more refined day to day life struggles. This is the course of history. We need to realize that what a tremendous ideological struggle was necessary to reach this point. It was an indomitable struggle that embraced practising Marxist theories and knowledge, applying those in every aspect of one's own life and by that course confronting ever-changing situations. Comrade Ghosh noticed that in the world communist movement, some dilutions and deviations are marring the dialectical process of thinking. He highlighted before the world proletariat in clear terms on which precise and specific points such dilutions and deviations were taking place. He added that we too must perform our duties properly for eradicating these deviations. We cannot exist without doing it. A society free of exploitation can be built up only by properly sharpening the ideological weapon for struggle.

### **Emergence of modern revisionism reflected infiltration of bourgeois thoughts and ideas in and relative lowering of the communist consciousness**

On the other hand, after the death of Stalin, there developed an unforeseen situation in the world communist movement. Modern revisionism cropped up viciously. It must be borne in mind that Lenin too had to face and combat some other different kinds of revisionism. Using the name communists, and wearing the cloak of communism, Kautsky, Burnstein and such other personalities became proponents and carriers of capitalist thinking. They wanted to arrest people within the maze of parliamentary politics, holding that it was possible to do away with fundamental problems of people's life through elections or that revolution could be brought

about through elections. There were intense ideological differences in the Second International on these questions. Lenin had to fight against them single-handed. Again, after Stalin's death such obnoxious bourgeois thoughts started raising their head from within the world communist movement. Election is just one of the means in the web of conspiracies that the capitalists of capitalist states continuously set up to keep people politically unconscious so that they may continue to exploit them. In this way, starting from Khrushchev, Brezhnev to Gorbachev, these people kept on injecting capitalist thoughts and ideas at all levels and fields: economic, political, social and cultural. In consequence of that grounds were prepared in erstwhile Soviet Union as well as East European countries for restoration of capitalism.

Comrade Ghosh showed further that a particular kind of bourgeois individualism, which he termed 'socialist individualism and along with that a particular kind of bourgeois economism, a new economism, started to surface in the former socialist countries with a threat of engulfing the whole of their societies. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh showed that both these have their roots in the sense of private property, in the private property mental complex. Through these vices, unstinted bourgeois thinking gathered its strength to challenge Soviet socialism. Raising the bogey of abundance in production, Khrushchev and his likes brought in the doctrine of the sort of incentive theory based on the new economic thoughts which entailed 'I would work, but only for fat salaries'. The world communist movement was thrown off its pivot, as it was gripped by such pernicious thoughts of modern revisionism. To ensure that China did not fall in line with this trend and get affected, Mao Zedong, during his lifetime, initiated under his leadership a cultural revolution against modern revisionism, the deadly enemy of communist movement. But there too the desired end could not be reached; after Mao's death the same unwarranted events eclipsed China too.

Elucidating the main reasons for emergence of this modern revisionism that posed grave danger to the world communist movement, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh showed that material development in socialist

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#### **Corrigendum**

In the speech of Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, Polit bureau member, in Proletarian Era, dated 01-09-15, the sentence ( p. 5) "The countries of entire Eastern Europe turned socialist and China was also liberated" should be read as "The countries of entire Eastern Europe turned socialist and later China was also liberated". This mistake during editing is regretted.

Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya's speech

# Comrade Shibdas Ghosh gave the abstract theory of Indian revolution its concrete shape by building up SUCI (C) through arduous struggles

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Russia under the leadership of Stalin had stunned the world. Capitalists-imperialists were compelled to keep their heads down. But after Stalin's death, even to some extent during his life time, the ideological- theoretical standard did not develop to the extent they were required to and this had an impact on practice also. As enunciated by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, emergence of modern revisionism in communist movement reflected infiltration of bourgeois thoughts and ideas in the communist movement and in the socialist states. He further said: relative lowering of the communist consciousness is the root cause of appearance of modern revisionism.

It was Comrade Shibdas Ghosh who had presented the theory which provided the guideline for reviving the world communist movement uprooting modern revisionism. Explaining Comrade Ghosh's theory, Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya said that the antidote of modern revisionism lies in developing the standard of

communist consciousness to higher and higher levels with each passing day. If theories and their understandings do not develop continuously to higher levels, this menace of revisionism cannot be checked. The way antibiotic of 4 decades back may not serve the necessities of today and more developed antibiotics may be required for the purpose of curing serious diseases, in the same manner it is necessary to develop older theories to higher levels to enrich their understanding further. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's contribution on this point is another great achievement in his life. While raising his voice against modern revisionism and showing the way to free the world communist movement from its grip, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh pointed out in what way and why the bourgeois humanist thoughts are exhausted and thus turned ineffective today. Humanist thoughts had made their way in human society during the course of development of capitalism. In progress of civilization, these played incomparable role in those days. For this reason

in the yardstick of judging communist consciousness, it was adequate to place social interest above personal interest in those days. But today in this age of decadent capitalism, when modern revisionism is raging virulently, this thought, this yardstick has become inadequate, hence ineffective. Today the minimum standard of communist consciousness demands total merger of personal interest with social interest. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh showed that the Chinese Cultural Revolution came very near to this concept, but could not give it a concrete theoretical shape. So while designating that Cultural Revolution as magnificent, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh also mentioned this limitation. Today personal interest and social interest are one and the same: this theoretical proposition contributed by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh needs to be grasped at depth. It would not do by simply shouting slogans 'down with revisionism'. Comrade Bhattacharyya emphatically said that every communist must view it as a scientific conclusion and realize that today individual and his or her society are one and the same, that individual will perish if society decays; he can survive only when society survives. Each communist must free himself or herself from the clutches of individualism and develop oneself as the living icon of identification of personal interest with the social interest. These days, the crux of the struggles lies at this point.

## **SUCI(C) calls upon people of both India and Pakistan to realize that their respective capitalist rulers are escalating border tension to divert their attention from gruelling capitalist oppression breeding all distress and deprivation in their life**

*Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), issued the following statement on 09-09-15:—*

We are gravely concerned at the fact that when problem of terrorist activities is perpetuating and growing in the Indo-Pak border areas particularly in Kashmir valley, instead of adoption of any concrete positive step on the part of both India and Pakistan governments to mitigate the problem amicably, there is escalating incidents of exchange of fire between Indian and Pakistani armies along the border coupled with trading of charges and counter-charges by the bourgeois governments of both the countries exacerbating tension in the boundary regions. All efforts are towards creating a war-like situation. We know that when wrath and grievance of the people of any capitalist-imperialist country against the gruelling capitalist oppression in all walks of life accentuate, the rulers try to divert attention of the suffering people by raising war psychosis and precipitating border tension. Ruthlessly exploitative capitalist rulers of both India and Pakistan are also pursuing the same line to distract attention of the people from the burning problems of life, craftily trying to create disaffection among the toiling masses of both the countries and thereby shielding the exploitative capitalist system, the root of all the misery and penury, deception and deprivation in people's life.

As regards Kashmir, we have been consistently maintaining that although Kashmir is legally and undisputedly an integral part of India, the long-standing political problem it is involved

in needs to be resolved through meaningful dialogue and discussion in an amicable ambience as soon as possible and there should be no bungling over the issue, let alone fomenting bellicose mentality and making war-like gestures and postures. It is to be reiterated that had the Indian rulers and its government honoured the agreements entered into with Sheikh Abdullah, the undisputed leader of Kashmiri people, at the time of accession, like safeguarding to the fullest extent the special status and autonomy of the state as envisaged in the 'Instrument of Accession', allowing the valley people to build up their state according to their best traditions and culture, offering them fullest cooperation and all necessary assistance from the Indian Union reflecting true spirit of federalism as well as truly upheld Article 370 subsequently incorporated in the Indian Constitution to ratify the special status, the turmoil in the valley could have been averted, the problem of terrorism would have been nipped in the bud and Pakistani rulers would have never got chance to rile up water over this question.

We call upon the toiling people of both the countries to realize this heinous game of their respective rulers, never fall victim to their sinister design and motivated propaganda, never indulge in anything that can cause division among the people which the oppressive capitalist rulers intend to bring about to protect their reactionary rule and close up their ranks to strengthen powerful legitimate democratic movements against all these ulterior machinations of the respective rulers.

## **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh emerged as Marxist-Leninist authority enriching and concretising Lenin's teachings and developing thoughts of other Marxist authorities**

Referring to other sides of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's life struggle and teachings, Comrade Bhattacharyya said that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh made immense theoretical and epistemological contributions to the treasurehouse of Marxist knowledge and epistemology in course of his struggle to further enrich, develop and heighten Marxism-Leninism with changing time as also his struggle to build up the real communist movement in India by giving the concrete shape of that developed Marxism-Leninism on this soil. Comrade Bhattacharyya added that, this immense volume of invaluable contributions of Comrade Ghosh themselves make a vast ocean of human knowledge. It is being found that wherever and to whatever extent we are being able to carry his teachings to people within this country or even beyond it, the communist movement in its turn is finding a new direction, a new guideline. His thoughts are attracting people like magnet. In different countries, communist parties are being formed on the basis of the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. While upholding Lenin's teachings on formation of communist parties, the way Comrade Shibdas Ghosh enriched and concretised them and the way he developed the thoughts of other Marxist authorities on this issue, lead him to emerge as another Marxist-Leninist

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### Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya's speech

# Build up genuine communist movement achieving total identification of personal and social interests thereby eradicating the vices of socialist individualism and new economism

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authority.

Today Marxism- Leninism- Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought stands before us as a very powerful invincible weapon. While combating modern revisionism, the question as to why it could not yet be uprooted from the world communist movement may be posed in a different way. It may be asked how could it be uprooted, in which way and guided by which ideology? And here again one cannot avoid, by any means, perfect realization and application of the invaluable teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. In many countries of the world, rabid form of modern revisionism is holding sway under the cloak of communist banner and signboards. The world communist movement must be freed from the clutches of this menace of modern revisionism. And it is for that the communist thoughts and ideas must be elevated to higher levels. This has to be done of the basis of, on the foundation of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's teachings. It entails that in every country the struggle for building up genuine communist movement must be made successful by creating the field for total identification of personal and social interests and thereupon by eradicating the vices like socialist individualism whose source lies in private property mental complex as well as the vices like new economism or filthy economism that are being practiced in the trade union movements of capitalist countries.

#### **Failure to develop as genuine communists assimilating Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's teachings in our life stands as the our enemy from within**

The second important issue in this regard lies in finding out why the SUCI ( Communist), the Party built by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh himself, the Party which is gaining strength in different states every day on the strength of his thoughts, yet fails to pick up the desired and required speed in its growth and advancement. The speed at which SUCI (Communist) should have come up at the leadership with adequate strength still remains very low in the country. This is a truth that cannot be denied. All around, the Party is being highly acclaimed and praised. People are earnestly desiring that the Party grows fast.

By this time they have developed a clear idea about CPI, CPI (M), CPI(ML) and other outfits of Naxalites. To that extent, obstacles from without do not pose that serious a problem. Barring capitalism, we have no formidable enemy before us, no powerful obstacles. Then wherein lies the problem of growing fast? We will have to ascertain that on the basis of teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. We must ask ourselves, if each of us has been able to develop ourselves as genuine communists, as model characters, by voluntarily forsaking everything personal, by grasping and assimilating Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's teachings and applying those flawlessly to our own life and thereby carrying on the very essential struggles for freeing ourselves from individualism, sense of private property and mental make-up arising from that, the struggles whose methods and every details Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had outlined for us. We must ask ourselves: have we been able to carry out these tasks properly and vigorously? So the problems lie here only. Obstacles are not from without, those are coming from within ourselves. We ourselves are stalling our progress. Once great leader Karl Marx had said: communism is humanism minus private property. Note it! On which point Marx did lay emphasis upon in the issue of attaining communist character. It is the process of completely freeing oneself from private property and private property mental complex which is the determining factor in the process of becoming a communist. If we cannot grasp this point, we would not be able to reach the truth, rather we would recede far back from the truth. The famous novelist

Saratchandra Chattopadhyay wrote in his novel *Srikanta* : Truth is revealed first to selfless persons. And on this question, what is Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's teaching? It is as follows: Revolutionaries must be selfless and greedless on all issues of life, even on issues concerning sex life. Elsewhere he said: Revolutionary character must be tempered with the fire of sacrifice. At the same time he pointed out that in real essence this is no sacrifice. When one leaves a shanty cottage to live in a palace, he does not make a sacrifice. Rather sense of sacrifice may give rise to self- contentment,

self-aggrandizement. One may start to think: how much I served the Party, how I gave up so many things for the Party. What are these thoughts? These are nothing but concrete expressions of individualism. If we cannot free ourselves from these mentalities, to whatever extent we might have acquired communist consciousness, we may be losing them fast. So, we for ourselves must wage fierce struggle against these mental traits, and for that proper and adequate practice of theory remains the most essential and invincible weapon.

Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya said that in different periods of history different personalities emerged in course of fulfilling historic necessities of that stage. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh too emerged in such a course. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had to build up himself to fulfill the historic necessities of his time. Each individual must assess his role on this anvil. In history role of individual plays an important part. For instance, see the fervent call of Jyotiprasad Agarwal: Youth, the *nowjawan*, get prepared; you will have to take the fire-bath! What is the spirit that these words contain? You yourself must take initiative to play a proper role. Great leader Stalin said: The revolutionaries! Never forget, there are none but you

to hold this banner high! Every great individual emphasized on individual's performing proper role. On the question of propagating communism across the world and consolidate it, all the great Marxist authorities, starting from Karl Marx, have repeatedly hammered on acquiring collective knowledge and building up collective leadership. At the same time, they have laid equal importance upon the role of individual too. By using the word MAN, they have often meant this individual. Firmly they opined that MAN must free himself from thoughts centering round personal interest to reach a point at which labour would become the prime want of life. This MAN would emerge one day combining all individuals into an advanced human race. He will bear a character blooming out by itself which does not desire to acquire anything for his personal gain, rather which offers the society everything he has, unhesitatingly and entirely. Society and individual must develop together and hand-in glove. This is what lies in the essence of this realization.

I have been requested to say a few words on Assam. There is no difference in the fundamental problems of the people of Assam with those of other states. For example, people of West Bengal,

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### **SUCI(C) strongly opposes the fascistic circular of BJP-led Maharashtra government giving unbridled powers to police to book anyone under sedition charge for criticizing or expressing dissatisfaction with central or state government**

*Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), issued the following statement on 7 September, 2015:—*

We strongly oppose the out and out fascistic circular dated 27 August, 2015 issued by the BJP-led Maharashtra government giving unbridled power to the police to invoke section 124A of IPC, a colonial era sedition clause, against any person who "by words, either spoken or written, or by signs or by visible representation or otherwise, brings or attempts to bring into hatred or contempt, dissatisfaction and provoke violence against the central or the state government."

This draconian edict of the Maharashtra government flagrantly violates the very fundamental right of freedom of speech and expression, guaranteed to every Indian citizen in the Constitution under article 14.

We call upon all the right-thinking democratic-minded citizens as well as all left and democratic political parties to rise up in protest and force the Maharashtra government to withdraw this anti-democracy circular forthwith.

# US-sponsored wars, starvation sanctions and planned destabilization are the cause of the surge of thousands of war refugees

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*Qaeda* elements and others hinging largely on Sunni fundamentalism joined hands to dislodge Assad. At the instigation and backing of the US imperialists, clerics and the fundamentalist Sheikhs of US-friendly Saudi and Qatar also began spitting venom against the 'heretical' Assad government and urged young Syrians to turn Syria into another Afghanistan. But till date, the US imperialists have not succeeded in their mission.

## Birth of ISIS

But, in the meanwhile there has been another important fallout of the US policy of precipitating divide among people based on sects within same religion. The Shi'ite sectarianism not only fanned up the old Sunni Awakening movement, it also led to the emergence of the extremist and deadly fanatic Sunni militia, of the ISIS which began as an Iraqi franchise of *Al Qaeda*. Initially centered on Iraq and known as the Islamic State of Iraq (ISI), ISIS added the second S for Syria to its name while joining the US-backed anti-Assad rebel forces in the country's civil war which erupted several years ago. The pro-US Arab monarchies — Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and the other Gulf states have all been ideological soul-mates of ISIS and are stated to have been liberally funding and arming ISIS. US Vice President Joe Biden, for instance, admitted last year that

Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Qatar and Turkey had funnelled hundreds of millions of dollars to Islamist rebels in Syria that metamorphosed into ISIS. Of late, it has come in the media that there are proofs and evidence for US aiding ISIS. In last December, Iraqi Parliamentary Security and Defence Commission MP Majid al-Gharawi stated that the available information pointed out that US planes are supplying arms and ammunition to ISIS. A declassified secret US government document obtained by the public interest law firm, Judicial Watch, shows that Western governments deliberately allied with *Al Qaeda* and other Islamist extremist groups to topple Syrian President Assad despite anticipating that doing so could lead to the emergence of ISIS. Pentagon foresaw the likely rise of the 'Islamic State' as a direct consequence of the strategy, but described this outcome as a strategic opportunity to "isolate the Syrian regime", the document revealed. The document thus provides extraordinary confirmation that the US-led coalition presuming to fight ISIS currently, had three years ago welcomed the emergence of an extremist "Salafist Principality" in the region as a way to undermine Assad. Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Ya'alon also confirmed that Israel has been providing aid to US-backed Syrian rebels. Another source quoted in the media apprehended that even European superpowers like

Germany were selling arms to ISIS through intermediaries and via some of the Arab states who are clients of their weapon business. And there cannot be anything otherwise. ISIS do not have an arms industry nor do they have any permanent territory. How then can they be in possession of so many sophisticated arms unless the imperialist arms merchants supply those to them? Also they are buying the arms out of the money they are making by selling oil from the captured oil fields. One thing is, therefore, confirmed. ISIS or other fundamentalist forces who are found to be monstrously diabolic, savagely reactionary, inhuman in approach, incensed, viciously misogynic and extremely cruel to women, virulently sectarian and virtually in a killing spree sparing no innocent, are all creations of the imperialist forces particularly the lynchpin of world imperialism, the US imperialists. The US imperialists and their associates who pretend to be so belligerent against the terror and tyranny of ISIS and other fundamental forces, are indeed keen to sustain and nurture them to ensure perpetual divide among the common toiling people centred on religion, sect, region, ethnicity and so forth and thus scuttle possibility of any true upsurge of the oppressed millions against their sinister design.

## US imperialists are responsible for mass exodus of people in West Asia

It is known to all peace-loving democratic-minded people round the globe that the imperialist superpowers like the US or UK first perpetrate communal or ethnic divisions in a country and then make that a plea to prepare the ground for imperialist intervention. We have seen that in Romania, in erstwhile Yugoslavia, in the orchestrated ethnic conflicts among Serbs, Croats and Bosnians, in Cambodia, Rwanda, Somalia and such other countries. Now it is learnt that UK parliament is considering a proposal to bomb Syria fresh attacks on the "evil Assad regime" to deal with the refugee exodus "at source". It is true that insane inhuman frenzied ISIS have been forcing people to leave. But ISIS is a creation of US imperialism only. The imperialist superpowers like US, Britain, France and their regional allies have intervened continuously, funding, training and arming rebel forces, as recent US leaked intelligence documents underline. So, it is imperialist-sponsored, more

specifically US-sponsored wars, starvation sanctions and planned destabilization together with rising poverty and distress which are the overwhelming causes of the surge of hundreds of thousands of war refugees flooding across European borders and across the Mediterranean Sea. The major European-NATO powers collaborated with US imperialism in each of the illegal military interventions in various Arab countries from where people are now running away. Rightly commented one columnist that "Yes, ISIS is brutal, but US is more." A French actor and former French football icon has said that he is disgusted by a rise of xenophobia stirred up by the Western superpowers in home and abroad and slammed them for global refugee crisis. "We are not chasing your benefits, we are fleeing your bombs", commented one Syrian migrant referring to the US-imposed civil war forcing them to leave their motherland. Whatever 'liberal' faces might the European countries project in accepting the migrants, fact is that these homeless uprooted people will be used by them as cheap labour in their profit maximization game. Footage has emerged of migrants being treated 'like animals' and thrown bags of food at a Hungarian camp near the border with Serbia. The spectacle is so harrowing and heart-rending that one is reminded of the immortal lines of the famous poem 'Africa' by Rabindranath:

"Barbaric greed of civilisation  
stood denuded in unashamed  
cruelty  
Your wordless cries in mist  
stricken forests,  
Muddled your dust mingled with  
blood and tears  
Trampled with spiked boots of  
demonic feet  
Lumps of gruesome clay  
Left eternal marks on your insulted  
history."

So while demanding immediate proper rehabilitation of the migrants and urging every peace-loving democratic-minded people to be empathetic with their cause and offer them all kinds of help expected from any humanitarian soul, we once again reiterate that unless a worldwide anti-imperialist particularly anti-US imperialist well-organized well-coordinated militant peace movement under correct revolutionary leadership does not surge forth and swamp across the countries, this death procession would not end.

## Unemployment at Peak: Post-graduates, Doctorates, Engineers among applicants for Peon Posts

The harrowing situation of unemployment in capitalist India is once again brazenly manifest when 75,000 applications were received for the post of 30 peons in Directorate of Economics and Statistics of the Chhattisgarh government. While the eligibility criterion was qualification up to Class V, several engineers and post-graduates in arts and science also applied for the job. The authorities were so perplexed at this unexpected surge in the applications that they were compelled to cancel the exam scheduled on August 30 last.

The crisis of unemployment has compelled even PhD holders and B Tech qualified candidates to apply for the post of peons advertised recently by the Uttar Pradesh government.

Officials overseeing the recruitment exercise are stunned and virtually non-plussed with the kind of response that has inundated them after the advertisement for the post of peons in the state secretariat. For the 368 posts of 'chaprasi', the number of applications received has crossed a whopping 17.50 lakh. As many as 201 of the applicants are PhD holders, 20,056 have completed their masters (M Sc., M Com or MA). Besides, 1.23 lakh-plus candidates are either B. Tech, B. Ed, BSc, B Com or BA pass.

In Uttar Pradesh, for 368 posts of class IV staff, 17 lakh have been the number of applicants which include B. Tech graduates and even doctorates. (Source:-The logical Indian dated 27-08-15 and DNA dated 11-09-15)

## Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya's speech **To pay genuine tribute to the great leader, strengthen SUCI (Communist)**

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too, face the same burning problems. In West Bengal, a demonic party clamouring leftism and communism reigned over the people for 34 years like an immovable deadweight. However, people could ultimately put an end to their oppressive undemocratic rule. But the party which came to power replacing them, the TMC, has gone one step further ahead in the same line. Is it then to be taken that this will go on till socialist state is established by overthrowing and shattering the existing exploitative state machine at the stroke of revolution? The same thing is happening also in Assam. People are dying helplessly under the sky; excepting our Party, nobody cares for them. So we must provide people with the confidence that we are and would be there by their side, at the times of their distress and crisis. And for that each member and supporter of the Party must prepare him or herself accordingly. One after another militant movements must be launched on the burning problems of people. This National Register of Citizens that is being brought in has made millions of people sleepless from the thoughts of how they would be harassed and deprived. The conspiracy centring round updating the NRC has become like a sabre, a deadly killer. We have repeatedly pointed out that this is a heinous conspiracy to deprive millions of people of their citizenship, virtually their life. You know, our views have brought rudderless people something to cling to; have helped them regain their self-confidence. It is coming out in media or through letters. What did we do? We have analyzed the problem on the anvil of Marxism-Leninism- Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought. This much has attracted people like a magnet. Thousands of people are getting organized in the Barak Valley to resist this move. In Dhuburi or Goalpara, too, the same scene is being repeated. To whatever extent we could build up an organized movement, its influence is drawing people close. All this indicates that people can still be roused. We must acquire the strength for it. First, one must get over the fear of dying; must build up life on a fighting mode. Only then

the enemy could be defeated. So we must prepare ourselves from all sides to resist the attack of NRC. It is true that absence of powerful left movement in the state has helped the fanatic provincialist, communal forces to create this problem. It will be possible to thwart the attack only if, and when, the genuine communist movement will be strengthened.

### **Grasp Lenin's teachings; take them into your head and heart; make them strengthen your character and resist the attacks**

You know a cyclone brings in devastation. This gimmick of NRC is a planned cyclonic attack. This NRC operation is as devastating as a cyclone is. Inevitably it would bring about immense casualties. But we must not break down. We would have to combat it like a well organized army. This is why we must ride over the fear of dying. The force thriving on injustice does not pay heed to reasons. So it must be resisted with required strength. People must build up organization within and without their home. They must take the pledge: we will win back our snatched-away citizenship, come what may, however long it may be required. Not just wayward outburst of suppressed resentment; nor sporadic terrorist activities, we must build up powerful organized strength. All well meaning persons cutting across race- religion-language- caste must be drawn into this movement. We must convince them the legitimacy of the demand of those whose citizenship is being snatched away. In due course the movement will become powerful, indomitable which will help us to regain the citizenship. Whatever may happen right now, the perpetrator of injustice will have to bow down to this mammoth invincible movement. So grasp Lenin's teachings; take them into your head and heart; make them strengthen your character and resist the attacks.

At the beginning of the meeting Comrade Chandralekha Das, Secretary Assam State committee and Comrade Azahar Hussain, veteran member of the State Committee paid their tributes to the great leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and called for strengthening SUCI (Communist) in Assam as well as the entire north-east India.

## **SUCI(C) strongly opposes highly undemocratic anti-education proposal of the BJP government to include teachings of Gita, Ramayana and Mahabharata as well as spiritual values in academic syllabus**

*Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), issued the following statement on 13 september, 2015:—*

We strongly oppose the highly objectionable proposal of the BJP-led central government to include in the school and college syllabus, teachings of Mahabharata, Ramayana, Gita and all other spiritual values—a well-calibrated move which is in consonance with the sinister design of communalizing and saffronizing education taking in its sweep whatever little of secularism is still remaining. Hence, this very move to incorporate myth and religion in the curricula clearly militates against the concept of secular, scientific, democratic, universal education that the doyens of Indian renaissance strongly espoused for and all right-thinking democratic-minded educationists, academicians and intellectuals firmly stand by today.

It is clear that in the name of “ridding the country of ‘cultural pollution’ and inculcate ‘values’ among young minds”, the attempt is to blunt rational thinking process, trigger cultivation of revivalist and old obsolete thoughts and orient the mindset of the students in mystic alley of blind faith.

We call upon the well-meaning citizens, teachers, students, professors, principals, vice-chancellors, guardians, eminent persons connected with the academia as well as all sections of the toiling people to resist this onslaught on education and develop a powerful movement so as to force the government to rescind this draconian proposal.

## **Central TUs congratulate working people**

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postal, telecom and automobile industries. Thousands of workers have been on streets to make the strike an excellent success. Delhi has also seen the impact of the strike.

The Central Trade Unions condemn the police action and atrocities by hooligans on the peaceful agitation by the trade union cadres for this strike in West Bengal. It is a state backed terrorism. We believe that all the right thinking people of the country should unitedly protest against the

atrocities committed on the trade union cadres of West Bengal. Despite the terrorism sponsored by the state, the undaunted trade union activists have made the strike a success. We greet them.

There have also been lathicharges in different parts of the country. There have also been cases of intimidation by the police and arrest of workers. In some states, despite imposing ESMA, workers have moved forward undaunted to make this strike a grand success.

The Central Trade Unions condemn the reckless police action.



*Comrade K. Radhakrishna addressing a huge joint procession at Bangalore and [below] a part of the joint rally at Mumbai on Bandh day*



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