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Long Live Historic May Day

May Day proclaims the international fraternity and solidarity of the toiling people of the world. Its true observance lies in the renewed resolve of working class to continue the struggle unitedly for achieving and preserving their legitimate rights – and take pledge to fight not only against the exploitation of capitalism wreaking havoc on their life and

checked one, dating back to May 1, 1886, when industrial workers across USA went on strike across the country, with the demand of 8 hour working day instead of the gruelling 12-16 hours. Their demand was met with brutal repression of the state machinery, including indiscriminate police firing on peacefully demonstrating workers in

tens of thousands in Haymarket Square, Chicago, and public execution of 4 Union leaders, while others got life term.

However, the impact of this struggle of the workers reverberated not only across USA but Europe too. This was also borne out by the countless demonstrations on the



Comrade Manik Mukherjee, Member, Polit Bureau, SUCI(C), hoisting the Red Flag at the Central Party Office, Kolkata on May Day

living but also to intensify the struggle to liberate mankind from the grip of capitalism and open the path of all round progress for human civilization. Today more than ever there is crying need of the workers throughout the world to close their ranks in international solidarity, as one by one their hard-earned rights achieved through decades of working class struggle across the globe are being relentlessly curtailed, and working conditions amidst ever soaring unemployment are plunging from bad to worse, in rich and poor countries alike.

Time was when May Day was observed with great hope, when the goal of emancipation of humanity seemed so palpably near. That was when the socialist camp stood in full glory, shining as a beacon of hope and inspiration for the oppressed and exploited people of the world. The socialist states demonstrated how in a society freed from capitalist exploitation the workers live with honour and dignity at their workplace and in social life. Even in capitalist countries working class struggle could wrest many rights until history took an unexpected turn as revisionism got entrenched, reversed direction and finally brought on counter-revolution in one socialist state after another.

The history of May Day is a

day of 1 May to remember the martyrs in the following years. The red flag proudly carried by the working class owes its origin to this incident – the workers' flag drenched with martyr's blood. It became the symbol of their resolve, courage and revolutionary audacity. And in 1889, under the leadership of great Engels, the Second International decided to observe May Day to proclaim workers' fraternity and solidarity in the struggle for their rights. Engels also enjoined on the workers to take pledge on this day to put an end to capitalism. And a few years later at the Zurich Congress he stressed: "The demonstration on May First for the eight hour day must serve at the same time as a demonstration of determined will of the working class to destroy class distinctions through social change and thus enter on the road, the only road leading to peace for all peoples, to international peace." (History of May Day)

Yet, after the demise of Engels the working class movement got bogged down by growing economist and opportunist trends within. It was great Lenin who again imparted a revolutionary orientation to the May Day observance, by rallying the workers in the cause of "the great struggle for freedom of all the

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68th Foundation Anniversary of SUCI(C) observed throughout the country with due solemnity

SUCI (Communist), the genuine communist party on Indian soil, was founded 69 years back by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, an outstanding Marxist thinker in the post-Lenin period, on this historic day of 24

Indian national bourgeoisie whose aim was to usurp all the fruits of freedom movements and grab power from the British imperialists through compromise. He further realized that this great betrayal to the people



Comrade Ranjit Dhar, veteran Member, Polit Bureau, SUCI(C) offering red salute to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh at Party's Central Office in Kolkata on 24

April. Misery, ^{April morning} oppression and repression of the common Indians in British imperialist rule stirred Comrade Shibdas Ghosh so much even when he was in his early teens that he made it a mission of his life to wipe away the tears of the suffering countrymen. So he was initiated into the fold of the uncompromising revolutionary trend of anti-imperialist freedom struggle as a young volunteer. Right from inception, Comrade Ghosh had a quest for truth, for unraveling truth and acting in the process of truth—not subjective but scientifically tested objective truth. That singular pursuit of truth spurred him on to embrace Marxism-Leninism, the philosophy based on scientifically verified truth. While many others viewed Marxism just as a political theory, Comrade Ghosh accepted it as a life philosophy, a guide to action in every sphere of life. The truth of life as well as of the given time dawning upon him, with Marxism-Leninism acting as the beacon, he could realize that the glorious freedom movement, the heroic struggle and sacrifice of thousands of martyrs was not going to achieve the desired objective of emancipation from all sorts of exploitation, deprivation and discrimination because the leadership was appropriated by the

was going to take place since there was no genuine communist party who could by way of correct and concrete application of the science of Marxism-Leninism on the then Indian condition foil this conspiracy of the aspirant Indian bourgeoisie and lead the freedom struggle to its logical

culmination. Once he grasped this truth, he took upon himself the historic task of building a real communist party based on Leninist model premised on the science of formation of a proletarian revolutionary party. He made no mistake in understanding that the party going by the name Communist Party of India did not develop following the Leninist model and could not assimilate the essence of Marxist philosophy. So, it failed to read the situation correctly and chalk out appropriate strategic line befitting to that of revolutionary proletariat. Comrade Ghosh also understood that communism is the highest ideology of the time. Since the kernel of all great ideals of all ages had been ingrained in their higher ethical-cultural standard, Comrade Ghosh realized that it was imperative for those who would form the core leadership of the new party to first acquire that higher proletarian culture through a socialist struggle covering all aspects of life and in that process derive uniformity of thinking, one process of thinking, oneness in approach and singleness of purpose — the essential precondition for establishing ideological centralism, precursor to democratic centralism, the living soul of a communist party.

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Tamilnadu election

SUCI(C) contesting to uphold genuine leftist line as against opportunistic combinations of vote-based national and regional bourgeois parties and pseudo-Marxists

Along with four other states of the country, Tamilnadu is also holding its Assembly elections this month. Like all other states, in election or not, people of Tamilnadu, too, are subject to ruthless capitalist exploitation wreaking havoc in their life. But, like other states, not a single burning problem of people's life is featuring as election issue. Instead, the whole focus is on which of the regional bourgeois parties, DMK or AIADMK, would win and form government. To recapitulate the history of these two Dravidian parties sharing power between themselves alternatively in keeping with the sinister bourgeois design of 2-party democracy, DMK was founded way back in 1949 by late C. N. Annadurai as a breakaway faction from the Dravidar Kazhagam (known as 'Justice Party' until 1944) headed by E. V. Ramasami Naicker ("Periyar"), a popular Tamil reformist leader. Dravidar Kazhagam insisted on an independent nation for Dravidians called Dravida Nadu consisting of areas that were covered under the then Madras Presidency. Though DMK, from its inception, wanted to have a separate independent state for the Dravidians, it suspended that demand after Sino-Indian war and since then concentrated on ruling the state as a regional outfit. All India Anna DMK (AIADMK) formed by MG Ramachandran in 1972 is a breakaway group of DMK. Bourgeois columnists and political commentators tend to characterize the two as having different support bases and different approaches to start with. They thus hold that DMK with its urban organised working class and middle class base stresses on governance and infrastructure, while the AIADMK swear by welfare schemes and dole-outs to lean heavily on the rural poor and unorganised workers. However, both parties are Dravidian in name and invoke the achievements of the DMK's founder and first Chief Minister, CN Annadurai. An in-depth analysis would show that both the parties fall in the category of regional bourgeois outfits in political identity and commitment. And the so-called differences in their support base or approach are nothing but a ploy to win over this or that section of people and use them as assured vote-banks. That this is no wishful or motivated characterization of the two parties, may be known from the

simple fact that with passage of time, AIADMK and DMK have become virtually indistinguishable from each other save and except name. With crisis deepening, this identical character of both is becoming more pronounced. For the last two decades or so, governmental power alternated between these two and whenever in power, both of them have been adopting same nakedly pro-corporate, aggressively anti-democratic anti-working people or anti-peasant policies. As regards corruption, misuse of power, nepotism, opportunism and distribution of freebies to the voters, educated or illiterate alike, to win elections, they are only mirror images of each other. They are so cast in each other's image that voters are increasingly beginning to feel that one is not an alternative to the other in any substantive sense.

Under the present AIADMK government led by Ms. Jayalalithaa, Tamilnadu has become notorious for brutally suppressing any voice of dissent. Thousands of workers and peasants are languishing in the jails, simply because they have dared to protest. The state government ranks highest in the country in launching maximum number of criminal defamation cases against political leaders, activists and journalists. Tamilnadu people disdainfully recall the high-handed treacherous attitude of the government towards the villagers fighting against the setting up of Kudankulam Nuclear Plant. Idanthakarai village was put under siege for that. The police were let loose on the demonstrators. The villagers, more so those who were in the forefront of the struggle including women were arrested. Tens of thousands of people have been charged under the Sedition Act, for opposing the setting up of highly risky nuclear power plant in Kudankulam without any proper safety and anti-pollution measures in place thereby exposing the populace to not just health hazard but contraction of serious diseases like cancer and blood disorder. All these were done by a government who had once pledged in their pre-poll run-up to stand by the people in their fight.

The Tamilnadu peasants face extreme insecurity of livelihood, being bound to all-powerful money lending institutions who virtually

control inputs to and trade in agriculture. Like other states, water, power, agricultural implements and machinery, seeds, fertilizers, pesticides — all have become prohibitively expensive. Even the government bungles with the procurement prices of agricultural produce like sugarcane or paddy etc., always keeping it lower than what farmers demand as legitimate ones. As per recent data from NSSO, 82.5% of Tamilnadu peasants are trapped in debt burden. All these together are driving increasing number of peasants to bankruptcy and even to suicide. While Vijay Mallya, who owes banks Rs 9000 crores, is allowed to get away to the UK, bank officials with police thrashed a peasant for being unable to repay the last installment of a loan on his tractor, dragged him to the police station and confiscated his tractor. This attests to the miserably anti-people attitude being held by the present state government.

The callous anti-people even inhuman face of the present government was amply exposed during the recent flood in Chennai city and parts of the coastal districts. Immediately afterwards, it was clear that unusual rainfall was not the simple cause of it. Rather limitless greed of real-estate barons who destroyed the natural drainage system mindlessly for profit under the very nose of the City corporation and the government, callous attitude of the administration which did not care to issue warning to people at right time and did not act promptly to release water prudently from reservoirs, lackadaisical attitude of the government and civic bodies in deploying relief measures: all these point to the man-made components behind this disaster which took a heavy toll of human life- livelihood and property. The official relief proved to be a fraction of the spontaneous and voluntary response of common citizens and social-minded individuals and organizations. The worst came out when relief materials were stopped by AIADMK cadres to paste the pictures of chief minister Jayalalithaa on them or to prevent those from rendering help, when relief materials were hijacked to destinations of their choice.

So Tamilnadu goes to the polls with, one, people getting disenchanted more and more with

the two regional bourgeois parties, DMK and AIADMK as alternative to each other, and two, the present AIADMK government proving itself to be shamelessly pro-rich and anti-poor, anti-middle class, aggressive even vindictive, utterly corrupt, inhuman and callous to people's sufferings. This could have been a favourable situation for genuine left and democratic forces to forge unity and develop people's movements on their burning problems. And in course of that movement, the united left forces could have provided people with the desired left alternative in elections too. In fact, at the instance of our Party, SUCI (Communist), an effort was initiated to develop and strengthen unity of left parties at all India level against anti-people policies of the right reaction and spearhead democratic mass movements. A six party combination (a four party combination in Tamilnadu) was also launching movements in different states on their local issues as well as the anti-people policies of the union government led by the BJP. It generated much enthusiasm among the cadres of the parties as well as leftist supporters and democratic-minded people of the state. However the record of the big official lefts, CPI or CPI (M) has been always of opportunistic vacillation as to which of the ruling parties to join hands with, DMK or AIADMK? Though in a bid to preserve their leftist image, CPI (M) and CPI claim from the rostrum of public addressing system that only left parties could effectively fight the menace of corruption, communalism and casteism, but for vote, they instead of providing a genuine left alternative before the people explores every possibility of anyhow tying up with any regional bourgeois party so that they could increase their tally of seats. This time, sensing people's mood against both AIADMK and DMK, who are having enviable track-record of neck-dip corruption, nepotism and anti-people rule, they found their allies in the Vaiko-led Marumalarchi Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (MDMK), a parochial Dravidian outfit, caste-based Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi (VCK), and Manithaneya Makkal Katchi (MMK). With them, they have formed a so called People's Welfare Front (PWF). And as they have aligned with them, they have not

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hesitated to confer on these newly-found caste-based parochial allies the title of being 'democratic' just the way they have branded Congress as 'secular and democratic' and tied up with them in West Bengal election. The PWF earlier decided to contest the 2016 Assembly elections as the People's Welfare Alliance (PWA), with a slogan of freeing the people from decade long corruption-ridden governments of AIADMK and DMK and fight both Congress and BJP as well. Once PWA was formed MMK left it to join DMK saying they joined PWF for developing people's movement and not elections. One wonders how could these smaller outfits broadly having same political views as the DMK-AIADMK, would act as dependable allies in fighting against corruption just as one is befuddled to see CPI(M), CPI asking people of West Bengal to believe that Congress known for butchering democracy and soft-pedaling communal mentalities would restore democracy and practise secularism. One would recall that guided by the same sole motive of grabbing seats, CPI (M) and CPI once joined hands with Assamese Chauvinist AGP and even supported its government. The opportunism of PWF was apparent when on the eve of this election, they tried to rope in the Desiya Murpokku Dravidar

Kazhagam (DMDK), headed by Vijayakant, a former Tamil film actor-turned-politician, with whom the BJP was also talking for a tie-up. After some hesitation and gauging of water around, the DMDK joined the PWA on the assurance that Vijaykant would be its chief ministerial candidate. However, people from their experience view the PWA only as the 'B' team of the AIADMK. The Tamil Maanila Congress (TMC), a recent breakaway group from Congress is reportedly trying some bargaining with the AIADMK, though to no avail as yet. Congress with its deleted strength appears inconsequential. So, it has united with DMK.

Different parties of Tamilnadu namely AIADMK, DMK, PMK, MDMK, and DMDK as also CPI and CPI(M), at different times backed the party in power in the Union Government. BJP was given a foothold in Tamilnadu politics by AIADMK in the late 1980s. Yet the aggressive communal agenda of the Sangh Parivar is seen as a reason why no party in Tamilnadu is at present willing to risk going with BJP. Such is the murky scenario of electoral adjustments in Tamilnadu fraught with opportunistic manoeuvring of the different vote-based parties.

As a result Tamilnadu is still

some distance away from seeing a party other than DMK and AIADMK coming to power. However, that did not debar a large influential section of the print, electronic and social media, under control of the moneybag of the monopolists and politicians to become busy with expert analysis, predictions and advice. Politicians from the various parties, caught up in the election fever, are busy giving interviews to the newspapers and on various TV channels, attending meetings. But remarkably, as has been the trend in recent Indian elections, no serious political issues, no vital issue of people's life seems to be finding a place in the agenda of this electoral fever. The suffering common man only wonders what will be done to solve the pressing problems of their lives; when and whether they will get some relief from poverty, price rise, unemployment, hunger, disease, health problems, drinking water shortage and so forth.

Our Party the SUCI (Communist) has accepted this election as a part of its on-going efforts for building up people's movement on burning problems of life. While it will continue its efforts towards developing mass and class struggles in the state, making utmost endeavour to forge unity with genuine left and democratic forces, it

has decided to fight this election from 2 seats of the state (Dr R.K Nagar in Chennai and Madurai North) single-handedly to protect the prestige and honour of struggling leftism. In R. K. Nagar, SUCI(C) is fighting against chief minister J. Jayalalithaa. Armed with the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the founder General Secretary of the Party and one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of the era, the Party can assure every single member of the vast masses of common toiling people, that electing even one SUCI(C) candidate will mean that the voice and demands of the people will be raised in the Tamilnadu Assembly. As against politics of pelf, power and opportunism of the vote-based bourgeois parties, both national and regional, SUCI(C) stands committed to strengthen extra-parliamentary movements and if any of its candidates merge victorious, he would integrate parliamentary battle with extra-parliamentary movement and leave mark as to how noble value-based ideologically-attuned revolutionary politics is distinctively different from vote-politics of self-subservience and self-aggrandizement. So, SUCI(C) fervently calls upon the people of Tamilnadu to support its candidates by stamping on **BATTERY TORCH** to ensure their cause is upheld inside assembly.

Puttingal Temple tragedy exposed a criminal nexus of the authority-administration

For a country of teeming millions among whom a large section is god-fearing, it is not unlikely that the devotees will throng at different temple or pilgrimage sites particularly on the occasions deemed auspicious. However, startling as well as shocking is the fact that accidents and disasters of serious nature, best described as tragic human devastations, taking a toll of lives of devotees and visitors in tens, even hundreds, keep on occurring at this place of pilgrimage or that over the years. A few years back there was an accident at the *Kumbhmela* site. Then again India witnessed the sad death of some 105 in an incident at Sabarimala Temple in Kerala in 2011; the toll was 89 at the Ratangarh temple in Madhya Pradesh in 2013; while 22 pilgrims died off stampede at Rajahmundry in Andhra Pradesh in 2015.

Just a quarter of the current year has passed, we have witnessed yet another such shocking accident at Puttingal Devi temple in Kollam, Kerala, caused by unauthorised

firecracker display within the temple premises. More than 110 were killed and over 380 injured. This ghastly incident shows how the Temple Management Committee seating on heaps of cash ignored all warnings, grossly violated all legal restrictions including order of the additional district Magistrate and allowed a firework competition to take place without putting requisite safety measures in place. Unlawfully and neglecting all necessary precautionary measures, they went ahead with the competition and even permitted storage of highly inflammable material without any protective shield. So the Committee members acting in criminal defiance of law are liable to be prosecuted for virtual murder of the devotees.

What is more disquieting is the fact that the committee had taken in tow most of the local politicians who in their electoral interest endorse everything in the name of religion. It is reported that in the midway of the competition, the Temple authorities thanked local politicians, including the sitting MLA from CPI and a former MP and another former

MLA (who was also Kerala Devaswom Board chief) both from the Congress, for making the event happen. Though the Congress-led state government as face saving has ordered crime branch to probe into the incident, the point is why did the government and its police allow such an event to take place?

Can the government also absolve itself of the responsibility even if there is an arrest of the temple officials? What is its accountability to and concern for the people? Does the excuse that it cannot put a deterrent to age-long religious traditions like the bursting of crackers to mark the occasion has any ground to stand? Does so called religious sentiment or spruced up hype over a fire game in the name of religion have primacy over people's life? The fact is such events are occasions for making money from devotees' contributions and other means. Hence, the authorities enjoy a hallowed status because of their immense wealth and backing by all sorts of 'big-wigs', in the administration-police-political circles, in one word, all

centres of power. And by virtue of that position of theirs they bluntly defy even laws of the land and administrative orders. Utterly deplorable further is that instead of expressing grief at this man-made tragedy, Dwarka Shankaracharya Swaroopanand Saraswati, a misogynist religious leader, nonchalantly pronounced that the "Kerala temple tragedy may have occurred due to women forcibly entering the Shani Shingnapur temple in Maharashtra." He was referring to the recent lifting of ban of over four centuries, preventing women from entering the temple. These self-styled religious leaders perch atop the shrines, lead luxurious life and vend religious backwardness, blind faith and superstitious mindset in faithful subservience to reactionary bourgeois class design of blunting people's thought and keeping them arrested within the precincts of bigotry and medieval darkness with alacrity. Many of these self-pronounced godmen amassing huge wealth from either selling

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So, he along with a handful of revolutionary compatriots began conducting a historic, arduous, all-embracing and ceaseless struggle to attain the desired standard. Only when they in course of that struggle reached a basic level of that standard, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh formed the party on a solid foundation and then ensured that the struggle was kept alive in the Party. Braving all odds, disdaining all taunts and ridicule, overcoming all hurdles, he built up the Party inch by inch, creating a band of professional revolutionaries who could merge their individual interest with the interest of the proletarian class, revolution and party. He concretised Marxism-Leninism on the soil, deduced the strategy of anti-capitalist socialist revolution and in the process enriched and developed the philosophy of Marxism-Leninism and elevated its understanding to a new height. There was not a single problem, either in national or international spheres or in the realm of philosophy-culture-art-literature which was not illumined by his profound wisdom. He was first in the world to caution that penetration of mechanical thought process as against dialectical thought process in international communist movement, would, if not checked forthwith, bring disaster. Again he was first to notice that Khrushchev by denigrating Stalin was uncrowning Lenin himself and opening floodgate of revisionism, that it would spell danger in revolutionary working class movement and posed threat to socialism. He also explained the process of growth of modern revisionism, the menace of individualism and delineated in concrete terms what would constitute a true communist character in the given socio-historic condition. Guided by Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought and in avid pursuit of truth as well as traversing the path of truth, SUCI(C) today has emerged as a formidable Party at all India level singularly holding aloft the banner of militant leftism and is making bold

strides ahead frustrating all bourgeois conspiracy to halt its march forward while all other parties including the pseudo-Marxists have sold themselves out to the lure of pelf and power of bourgeois vote politics and thereby considerably discredited themselves before the people. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought as the most developed and comprehensive understanding is also making significant impact on leftists-communists round the world.

It is in this backdrop, that the 68th foundation anniversary of the Party marked 24 April last and throughout the country the Day was observed with due solemnity with fists clamped in resolve to make Indian revolution a success weathering all storms.

Central Office in Kolkata

In the morning of the 69th Foundation Day, at the Party Central office in Kolkata, Comrade Ranjit Dhar, veteran Member, Polit Bureau, SUCI(C), hoisted the Red Flag and paid floral tribute to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat and Founder General Secretary of the Party. Also present were central and state level leaders.

Karnataka

Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, Member, Polit Bureau, SUCI(C), addressed a well-attended meeting with people attending from Bangalore, Mysore, Tumkur, Chitradurga and Davangere on 24 April 2016, the occasion of Party foundation day at SCM house, Bangalore, Karnataka. In his elaborate speech Comrade Chakraborty called for standing up to the occasion to fulfil the historic task of proving once again that socialism is no utopia, it is real and it is possible. We will publish the text of his speech in a coming issue. Among Karnataka State Committee Members, while Comrade M N Sriram presided over the meeting, Comrade B R Manjunath, State Committee Member, also spoke on the occasion while Comrades K.



Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, Member Polit Bureau, addressing at Bangalore

Uma and HG Jayalakshmi, both State Committee members, were present on the dais.

Andhra Pradesh-Telangana

69th Party Foundation Day was observed at Hyderabad on 26 April 2016, with Comrade Ch. Murahari, Member, State Organizing Committee and In-charge, Hyderabad District, presiding over the meeting. Comrade K. Radhakrishna, Member, Central Committee, was the main speaker in the meeting and Comrade K. Sridhar, Secretary, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana State Organizing Committee also addressed it.

Dealing with the policies of the BJP government at the Centre, Comrade K. Radhakrishna said there was no fundamental difference between BJP and the Congress there. Both the parties have doled out huge sums to the monopolists at the cost of welfare projects for people. The Congress rule initiated administrative fascism to stave off the crisis of the Indian capitalist system. RSS- BJP combine and other Hindutvawadi outfits with their hallmark attitude of intolerance towards other ideas and ideologies, create an atmosphere of terror so that none can raise their voice against their destructive policies. Cunningly they have chosen premier education institutions like Madras University, Central University in Hyderabad or JNU, New Delhi to bring down attacks on the students who represent other ideas, which bear distinct footprints of fascism in all these gory incidents.

Only a conscious people's movement under the leadership of SUCI (C) where all sections like students, youth, women, peasants, employees are organized on higher ethics and morality, as taught by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, can bring any change in social and political atmosphere in the country. Comrade K. Radhakrishna appealed to dedicate ourselves to that historic task by strengthening SUCI (C) to fulfil our role bestowed by history.

Comrade Sridhar, in his speech, also criticized the anti-people rule of both the Telangana and Andhra

Pradesh governments. They are busy raising the prices of essential commodities, permitting liquor business and promoting real estate while neglecting projects for people's welfare. He underscored the need and importance of people's movements based on higher ethics and morality to thwart the heinous and diabolical design of the central government's fascistic and divisive policies as well as the anti-people measures of the state governments.

Tripura

At Agartala in the far eastern state of Tripura, the Foundation Day was observed through a mass meeting at Shakuntala Road on 25 April. Comrade Arun Bhowmick, Secretary of Tripura Organizing Committee of the Party and President of meeting initiated the proceedings. Comrade Gopal Kundu, Member, Central Committee of the Party, and the main speaker presented an analysis of the national and international situations, highlighting the aggressive warmonger policies of the imperialists. He indicated that the Indian monopolists, now turned imperialists are frantically trying to combine with the US imperialists in their own interests. They are thrusting the onus of entire crisis of their decadent capitalist system on to the people. Armed with the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, SUCI(Communist) is striving hard for building up mass struggles conducive to the socialist revolution. As its own strength falls short of necessity, it is also trying to forge united movement of left parties. But CPI(M) in their limitless greed for power is facing the on-going assembly election in West Bengal joining hands with the discredited force of Congress. Comrade Kundu urged people to come forward and under the banner of SUCI(Communist) to strengthen mass movement ultimately leading to revolutionary battle.

Haryana

On 24 April itself, Party Foundation Anniversary was observed at Pataudi Chowk in



Comrade K. Radhakrishna, Member, Central Committee, addressing at Hyderabad

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Gurgaon in Haryana through a state-level mass meeting with an impressive participation of people from different parts of the state. It was presided over by Comrade Satyawan, Haryana State Secretary of the Party and Member, Central Committee, while Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee, Member Central Committee addressed it as the main speaker. Different other leaders of the State Committee of the Party and its peasant organizations addressed the meeting. In her address Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee firmly pronounced that the future of the world lies in socialism, the debacle the socialist camp has suffered is temporary; the end of capitalism is certain. The imperialist policy of globalization-privatization has miserably failed all over the world. Crisis is gripping every country, including ours, fast and without respite. Democratic rights and concepts are being trampled. Trend towards fascism keeping the parliament intact, that was set by the Congress is being strengthened by the BJP. To thwart it, it is necessary to step up mass struggles along with intense ideological-cultural movements. And for that we need working people's unity, amity and fraternity. SUCI(Communist) has been striving its utmost to develop left and democratic unity. However, the opportunistic parliamentary politics of CPI(M) – CPI is standing as a great stumbling block. Comrade Mukherjee appealed to the Party comrades to assimilate Marxism-Leninism in a deeper and deeper way and step ahead with initiative for fighting for people's cause. The meeting accepted two proposals, one protesting the change in the name of Gurgaon and Mewat district and the other against the anti-worker measures being taken by the state government.

Delhi

Delhi State Organising Committee of the Party held a public meeting on 27 April at the Gandhi Peace Foundation Hall, New Delhi. Comrade. Chhaya Mukherjee, Member, Central Committee, SUCI(C), addressed the meeting as the main speaker. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Pran Sharma, Delhi State Secretary of the Party.

Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee recalled the intense and all-embracing struggle waged by Com. Shibdas Ghosh and a handful of his comrades in laying the foundation of the party way back in 1948 and exhorted the people of the country to

realize the need to strengthen the SUCI(C) when all the so-called left parties are treading the path of revisionism, opportunism and class collaboration. Elaborating the anti-people, pro-corporate policies of both the Congress and BJP governments, and the heinous design of the BJP-RSS combine to disrupt the unity of the people by stoking communal passions and spreading Hindutva thoughts, Comrade Mukherjee appealed to the people to strengthen the party by joining the all-embracing socio-cultural and political movements launched by it to realize the goal of the anti-capitalist socialist revolution.

Tamilnadu

In Taminadu, a public meeting in observance of the 69th Party Foundation Day was organized on 26 April at Gauripalayam in **Madurai**. Comrade BR Manjunath, Member, Karnataka State Committee, SUCI(C) was the main speaker. Comrade A Rengasamy, State Secretary, Tamilnadu State Organizing Committee, SUCI(C), presided over and Comrade A Anavarathan, Member, Tamilnadu SOC, SUCI(C), translated Comrade B R Manjunath's speech into Tamil. Comrade MJ Voltaire, SUCI(C) candidate for Madurai North also spoke. On 27 April at R K Nagar in **Chennai**, a meeting on the occasion was presided over by Comrade K Chandran, Member, Chennai District Organizing Committee and was addressed by Comrade A Anavarathan, Member, Tamilnadu State Organizing Committee, SUCI(C). Other members of the Chennai District Committee and Comrade E Sadayandi, SUCI(C) candidate for R K NAGAR were present on the dais.

Madhya Pradesh (MP)

At Indarganj Chouraha in **Gwalior**, MP a state level public meeting was held on 24 April evening on the occasion of 69th party foundation day, which was participated by party workers, supporters and common peoples from Bhopal, Guna, Ashoknagar, Jabalpur, Sagar, Indore, Devas, Vidisha and Alirajpur. The main speaker Comrade Dhurjati Das, Odisha State Secretary, SUCI(C), said that in 1948 Comrade Shibdas Ghosh founded this party, SUCI(Communist) from the realization that the independence from the British imperialists was not going to bring freedom for the oppressed toiling masses for which another revolution under the leadership of a genuine communist party was needed. Today capitalism

is totally decadent and is giving birth to each and every problems of people's life. People need to strengthen SUCI(Communist) to help accomplish that task of anti-capitalist socialist revolution. MP State Secretary, Comrade Pratap Samal also addressed the meeting and Gwalior District Secretary, Comrade Sunil Gopal presided over the meeting. Earlier in the morning of 24 April, an exhibition on quotations of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was inaugurated by Comrade Umaprasad, State Office Secretary.

West Bengal

Because of the on-going Assembly elections taking place in seven phases since April there was no central programme in the state. Among many local programmes in the city of Kolkata as also elsewhere, at **Shyambazar crossing** in north Kolkata Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee, Member Central Committee placed wreaths at the portrait of the great leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. In south Kolkata at **Hazra crossing** in another meeting in the evening organized by the Calcutta District Committee, District Committee leaders Comrade Karuna Bhattacharyya was the President and Comrade Anjanava Chakraborty, the main speaker, while candidates for the Rashbehari and Bhowanipore assembly constituencies, Comrades Swati Dutta and Shova Singh respectively were present on the dais. Incidentally, Comrade Shobha Singh was the only leftist candidate against the state chief minister Mamata Banerjee in Bhowanipur.

Bihar

69th Party Foundation Day was observed by organizing district level meetings. In **Patna**, Bihar by the Patna District Committee on 24 April. After Red Flag hoisting in the morning at the Party central office of the state located in the city, a meeting was held at the IMA Hall in the evening. The meeting was addressed by Comrade Sadhna Mishra, Patna District Secretary of the Party. She said that the capitalist world including our country is moving in the road towards fascism. At the same time, waves of movement are gradually coming up in different countries. Yet those are not finding the correct revolutionary leadership. She indicated that the united left movement was coming up at the initiative of our Party. But the CPI(M)'s alliance with the Congress in West Bengal has sent a shock wave to people who had hoped for a lot. Comrade Manikant Pathak, Member, Bihar State Committee presided over the meeting.

At **Bakhri in Begusarai** district the Day was observed in a meeting on 26 April, which was presided over by Comrade Jaiprakash Malakar and was addressed by Rajkumar Chowdhury, Member Bihar State Committee. Highlighting the background and struggle of foundation of this Party by the great leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, Comrade Choudhury called for strengthening SUCI (C) for developing powerful mass struggles conducive to the anti-capitalist revolution.

Report of Party Foundation Day in other places will be covered in coming issues.



Meeting at the Gandhi Peace Foundation Hall, New Delhi



Comrade B R Manjunath, Member, Karnataka State Committee, SUCI(C) addressing in Madurai



A part of the impressive gathering at Party Foundation Day meeting at Gwalior

Spruced up euphoria over a fake economic growth

International Monetary Fund (IMF) is an organization of 189 countries, whose stated mission, among other things, is to “promote high employment and reduce poverty around the world.” But, in reality, the role of IMF, inter alia, is singing glory to crisis-ridden reactionary moribund capitalism through a surfeit of counterfeit propositions. Of late, World Economic outlook released by the IMF has stated that India continues to remain a bright spot in the otherwise bleak global economic forecast, as the fastest growing major economy in 2016-17 with growth rate (meaning GDP growth) of 7.5%, which is more than China. It has expressed optimism that “India’s growth will continue to be driven by private consumption, which has benefited from lower energy prices and higher real incomes.” Once this IMF report was published, the Indian government and the columnists-economists in servitude of ruling capitalism have been euphoric and giving accolades to themselves for such a ‘spectacular’ growth. But the question is whose growth is it? Is it of the people of the country or a handful of industrialists-monopolists swelling their coffers by squeezing the last drop of blood of the toiling millions?

Any sensible person would agree that economic growth can be testified only by the rising standard of the life of the common people, rapid all out development of both industry and agriculture, spurt in the purchasing power of the masses, dipping unemployment and availability of all essential commodities and services to the countrymen at large, and so forth. But what is the spectacle in that respect? A report of the State of Food Insecurity in the World mentioned that “Higher economic growth has not been fully translated into higher food consumption, let alone better diets overall, suggesting that the poor and hungry may have failed to benefit much from overall growth.” Facts corroborate that. A global survey revealed that there is enough food to feed everyone in the world. If total world food supplies are divided equally – all food grown divided into equal portions – there will be plenty for everyone, with some to spare; in fact, today the world produces 10 % more food than is needed to feed everyone. But 30% to 50% of 1.2-2 billion tonnes of food produced around the world never makes it to a plate, and gets wasted. India is a glaring example of that. It is home to the largest under-nourished and hungry population, with 230 million

people going hungry every day. Close to 165 million children are stunted as a result of under-nutrition and infection, leaving them physically and intellectually weak. It costs just Rs 16 per day to provide a child all the vitamins and nutrients he/she requires to grow healthy. But appalling poverty deprives the parents of arranging that bare minimum for their wards. Over half a million children die in India before their fifth birthday because of severe malnutrition, according to the Indian Academy of Paediatrics. One child dies every minute. In the last 20 years, nearly 300,000 peasants being unable to bear the plight of poverty have committed suicide. Every 30 minutes, one peasant commits suicide in India. Right now, 33% of “growing” India is reeling under severe drought. Last year, one had witnessed what enormous misery was caused to the people because of torrential rain and fury of flood in various parts of the country. The rulers and their servitor section of “Growing” India who are busy sending satellites to the cosmic world or priding on successful launch of high-powered missiles have not even slightest of concern for the hapless people falling victim to this cyclic assault of drought or flood. To them, the immediate task instead is to ensure chanting of “bharat mata ki jai,” or setting up Ram Temple in Ajodhya or installing wax statue of the prime minister in Madame Tussauds museum.

Another hoax is the story of ‘higher income’ of the masses. The very extent of poverty holds out how fast is plummeting the income of the penury-stricken masses resulting in fall off their purchasing power which in turn is entailing recession and market-crisis. Recently published Socio-economic Census report, revealed that 75% of rural households do not earn even Rs 5000 a month. In 92 % of households, the main earning member makes less than Rs. 10,000 a month. In nearly 75% of all rural household, the income of the highest earning member is Rs 5,000 or less per month. It could be either Rs 1,000 or even Rs 10. Obviously, they have to be categorized as abysmally poor. 6.68 lakh families survive on begging while 4.08 lakh families earn their livelihood by rag picking. Late Arjun Sengupta, who chaired the National Commission for Enterprises in the Unorganised Sector a decade back, estimated that 77% of India’s population was below the poverty line if an income criterion of Rs 20 per day per capita was used to calculate poverty. There have been

frantic efforts by the Government of India and its pliant experts to artificially lower the figure through a slew of techniques including discovering alternative unrealistic criteria for fixing poverty line. Yet the soaring poverty of people in capitalist India could not be shielded. After all trickeries and statistical juggleries, while clearing of the National Food Security Ordinance, the Planning Commission had estimated in 2013 that subsidised foodgrain entitlements will cover 67% of the BPL population. Even the President of India in a speech last year endorsed the figure. Rising poverty and hunger attests to falling income. So the very claim of “growth is being driven by private consumption” is hollow, if not a blatant lie.

Over and above that, unemployment is soaring. India does not publish any official data on unemployment or job loss for obvious reason of hiding truth. But, from unofficial sources and media reports, a large pool of youth in the age group of 18-25 years despite being skilled are facing unemployment. Similarly, the unemployment amongst the graduate is 32 %. A glimpse of unemployment among the educated can be had from the recently published news that for 369 posts of peons in Uttar Pradesh secretariat, 23 lakh job-seekers including 255 doctorates, 24,969 post-graduates and more than 1.5 lakh graduates have submitted applications. Rising rural poverty is indicative of the extent of rural unemployment. There is a phenomenon of disguised unemployment in rural areas. (Disguised unemployed are those persons who work on their own account and who are too numerous relatively to resources with which they work, so that if a number of them were withdrawn to work in

other sectors of the economy, the total output of the sector from which they were withdrawn would not be diminished even though no significant reorganisation occurred in this sector.) Disguised unemployment in rural India is 25 % to 30 %. And increasing number of job loss following closure of existing industries because of acute insoluble market crisis of capitalism is further augmenting the number of unemployed.

Next point is about IMF’s observation about people having been “benefited from lower energy prices and higher real incomes.” This is another brazen misrepresentation of facts. With the Indian basket of crude oil price plummeting to an 11-year-low of \$37.34 a barrel because of drastic fall in international crude oil price, the country is set to save Rs 2.14 lakh crore (as against earlier estimate of Rs 1.5 lakh crore) on its oil import bill alone in FY16, according to the oil ministry. This is in addition to the benefits to the government in the form of lower petroleum subsidy. The government had collected Rs 99,184 crore in excise collections from the petroleum sector in 2014-15. The budget for the current year has provided subsidy for the oil sector - essentially on cooking gas and kerosene - of just Rs 30,000 crore against the revised estimates of Rs 60,270 crore for 2014-15. Besides the government, other huge beneficiaries have been the oil behemoths. For example, profit of Mukesh Ambani’s Reliance Industries Ltd. rose nearly 16% to Rs 7,398 crore (\$1.1 billion) in the fourth quarter of 2015-16, the highest in more than eight years, due to strong margins in its refining and petrochemicals business. But, the people at large, contrary to what the

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Haryana SUCI(C) protests changing name of Gurgaon

Protesting against the proposal of BJP government of Haryana state to change the name of ‘Gurgaon’ to ‘Gurugaon’ and of ‘Mewat’ district to ‘Nooh’, Comrade Satyawar, Central Committee member and Haryana State Secretary, SUCI(C), has called upon the people to develop a movement against the decision. Terming the decision undemocratic and useless, Comrade Satyawar pointed out that the name Gurgaon is age-old and it stands to reflect the local culture and heritage. Comrade Satyawar pointed out that such a change would not in any way bring about any betterment in public life and so there can be no justification. Also the huge expense amounting to thousands of crores involved in the campaign for introducing the new name is equally useless. Then again there seems to be a conspiracy to bring in mythical reference instead of historical significance in support of the change in name, thereby paving way for blindness rather than scientific reasoning and logic. Finally there has been no public consensus invited on the change and the process is undemocratic. It thus calls for a powerful people’s movement to thwart the decision, Comrade Satyawar urged.

MAY DAY

Grasp essence of Marxism-Leninism and overthrow oppressive capitalism by revolution

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people and liberation of all who toil, from the yoke of capital”.

And what a profound change occurred in the life of workers when for the first time the honour and dignity of their labour was ensured in the first working class state established through the Bolshevik revolution. Under the leadership of Lenin, and later of Stalin what a great upliftment of workers' and peasants' life took place in Soviet Russia, embracing economic, political, educational, social, and cultural spheres. Savants from abroad including Rabindranath Tagore who visited that country and who were by no means communists, have all attested this fact. Deeply moved by what he saw, Rabindranath extensively wrote about it in his “Letters from Russia”.

Great leadership of first Lenin and then Stalin was able to inspire the working people in Soviet Union with dedication, sense of brotherhood and enthusiasm, releasing their creative labour power that was held captive under capitalism in its decaying state. The Soviet state also freed the women not only from the grip of patriarchal oppression but confinement to drudgery of housewife's life, by assisting them in every way and creating countless opportunities for them and to play their due role in the productive system in society. The goal of socialism is emancipation of labour from its coerced imposition, that is, freedom to perform labour which would provide access to material and spiritual necessities of life. Thus in socialism, the social outlook on labour be radically transformed — from its being looked upon as a possible means of earning living of those who are not entitled to accessing any other means to earn their living to its being the ‘prime want of life’.

Little wonder, that Stalin speaking at the Conference of Stakhanovites about worker's life, and the significance of the new wave of higher socialist emulation sweeping the country, commented: “Life has improved, comrades. Life has become more joyous.”

Superseding the 8-hour working day, the 7-hour working day was introduced in Soviet Union. May Day was observed in Soviet Union to highlight the great achievements and tasks of the working class struggle, and as an inspiration for the workers of the world to step up their struggle for emancipation.

It is following the law of socialist economy and educating workers politically, ideologically that such spectacular progress in all spheres of life, and social activity was made. But the whole process, as well as this surge of inspiration so characteristic of the working people in the USSR under revolutionary leadership, reversed later in the aftermath of usurpation of power by the Khrushchevite revisionist clique. Under revisionist dispensation, life in Soviet Union turned more and more into a burdensome existence, until capitalism was restored through counter-revolutionary blow. The socialist camp got dismantled as counter-revolution brought back capitalism in the erstwhile socialist countries.

The absence of the socialist camp has left the workers of the world unprotected and open to renewed aggressive attacks of capitalism in its most crisis-ridden, decadent stage. One by one their rights, acquired through long years of struggle drenched in martyr's blood, have been ruthlessly trampled. Exploitation and virulent attacks in economic, social and cultural life are becoming most barbaric under the prescripts of globalization and liberalization. Permanent jobs are being abolished giving way to contractual work without any security. Even where officially ‘standard model of employment’ still exists, conditions are continually worsening and the pressure of workload on the workers and employees for ever increasing while danger of losing their job is rising by the day in the background of the existence of a gigantic army of unemployed forced to accept whatever crumbs are offered to them. Crisis of capitalism is leading to relocation, outsourcing or downsizing of industries to boost their profits to the maximum level while driving down workers' wages, rights, and amenities further and further.

Today, labour conditions in capitalism mimic virtual slavery. Slavery of the olden days was formally abolished through the bitter struggle of civil war in USA, but it has not only made a comeback but is growing fast; the US State Department and social scientists estimate that there are as many as 47 million slaves in the world today. Slavery is not highly visible as of old, but is mainly enforced on victims in a clandestine manner, after kidnapping, trafficking or allurement of jobs. To all these problems capitalism, being

the progenitor, has no solution. On the contrary capitalism survives on militarization, wars, enslavement of peoples, and ruination of the toiling masses.

Though the temporary setback to the international communist movement brought about by revisionism, have left the working class of the world in a temporary disarray, history has proved that when they close their ranks in solidarity and fraternity under correct ideological leadership, their force is invincible and there is no power on earth that can prevent their progress and advance. The capitalist class too knows that the conscious unity of the working class would spell its doom and it is desperate in its attempts to

prevent and pre-empt this. Capitalism is frantically attempting to set one section of workers against another, by inciting and creating ethnic, communal and religious hatred and division among the toiling people.

In this situation, learning the lesson of May Day has acquired a new importance. Today the call of May Day rings loud and clear: workers of the world unite; take lessons from history! Give defeat to the conspiracy of the capitalist class by closing your ranks in international solidarity and fraternity! Grasping the invincible weapon of Marxism-Leninism step up the struggle to put an end to this obsolete capitalist system and bring about emancipation of humanity!

Fake economic growth

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advocates of market economy promised while deregulating retail tariff of petrol-diesel, have been denied the due benefits which were appropriated by the government unjustifiably by repeatedly imposing additional cess on fuel to finance its yawning budget deficit caused not on account of providing relief to the people but because of dishing out plethora of tax concessions and waivers to the big industrial houses and corporate sector running into lakhs of crores of rupees. While international crude price has come down by 367%, the corresponding fall in retail tariff has been a cosmetic 16%. Tax components of retail tariff of petrol and diesel at present are around 57% and 55% respectively which makes the Indian retail prices virtually double the global retail price of oil. So, the claim of IMF that ‘steep decline in oil prices has helped India reduce food price inflation’ is a big lie as just reverse is the case. Food prices are jumping in tandem with dip in international oil price. Finally, a word about the very basics of GDP growth and its calculation. As we had pointed out repeatedly in our previous write-ups, celebration over rise in GDP is meaningless as GDP does not indicate the distribution of the wealth generated. Moreover, of late, the method of calculation of GDP has been so revised that figure of 4.7% growth has jumped to 6.9%. This trickery has also come handy in boasting that Indian economy has overtaken China.

In capitalist India, like any other capitalist-imperialist country, the gap between the few rich and myriads of

poor and have-nots has been widening monstrously. As per media report, India's richest 10%, getting steadily richer, hold 370 times the share of wealth that its poorest hold. India's super-rich constituting 1% of the populace has been getting richer even faster. A report submitted by the chief economist and director of research and advisory services in Knight Frank India estimated that in the decade between 2003 and 2013, the number of billionaires in India grew from 23 to 60, a jump of 161%, and the number of Ultra-High Net Individuals grew from 598 to 1,576, up 164%. This clearly shows that from an equity standpoint, the disparity is increasing phenomenally no matter how much the rate of economic growth is rejoiced over. Perhaps not being able to endorse the exultation of the government and its lackey economists-columnists over the IMF's description of India as ‘the bright spot in the global economy’, Raghuram Rajan, the governor of the Reserve Bank of India, said that this is a case of “the one-eyed man” being king in the land of the blind. Warning not to be ‘euphoric’ about the fastest growing economy tag, he pointed out that one has still miles to go in providing every Indian a decent livelihood. He also confirmed slowdown in industrial production saying 30% of installed capacity is not utilised. But what Mr Rajan held back is the fact that in dying capitalism, there cannot be any alteration to the scenario. Rather, the situation would turn more and more nightmarish and strangulating for people at large with passage of time while the rich would prosper at their cost.

Anti-imperialist symposium in Turkey : calls for solidarity of toiling people of the world

Aimed at mobilizing solidarity for the struggle in Turkey, as also to form a forum to collect and exchange experiences and perspectives of struggles from different countries and to internationalize solidarity of anti-imperialist fighters all over the world, the Anti-imperialist Front of Turkey organized its 7th symposium at Istanbul between 14 and 17 April 2016. Comrade K Sridhar participated in the symposium on behalf of the All India Anti-imperialist Forum (AIAIF) and the International Anti-imperialist Coordinating Committee (IACC).

Delegates from Russia, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Greece, Italy, Germany, Czech Republic, Morocco, Ireland, Lebanon, Pays Basque, Columbia, Peru, Mexico, Kurdistan, Syria and of course from Turkey took part in various sessions conducted on themes like the issue of Political prisoners in the world, Coordination of class and mass struggles, Imperialism and its attacks, Kurdistan problem, Syrian refugee crisis and lastly Militant struggles and democratic mass movements. Comrade K Sridhar spoke on "Imperialism-terroristism and fascism".

In his speech Comrade Sridhar narrated in brief, how SUCI (Communist) guided by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought, stepped ahead to build up an anti-imperialist people's front at international level with communists at the core to conduct militant peace movement and to coordinate the anti-imperialist movements of different countries in fulfilment of the historic necessity after sad dismantling of the socialist camp and revival of imperialist aggression and brigandage. At the Calcutta anti-imperialist Conference in 2007, the desired people's committee was formed with the name International Anti-imperialist and People's Solidarity Coordinating Committee (IAPSCC), [now named as International Anti-imperialist Coordinating Committee (IACC)] with Ramsey Clark as President and Manik Mukherjee as General Secretary. The 2nd International Conference was held at Beirut, Lebanon in January 2009 by the International Anti-Imperialist and Peoples' Solidarity Coordinating

Committee (IAPSCC) jointly with the Consultative Centre for Studies and Documentation in Beirut, and several other political and social organizations and forces. The 3rd International Anti-imperialist Conference was held at Dhaka in 2011.

Comrade Sridhar then added it is in this era of imperialism and proletarian revolution, task imperative is to build up powerful movements against ruling capitalism-imperialism in each country and strengthen the unity of revolutionary forces of all countries to combat globally the imperialist aggression, thwart fascistic attacks and accelerate process of anti-capitalist revolution. He mentioned that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh defined fascism as an anticipatory counter revolutionary move to stave off revolution by annihilating communism ideologically and communists physically. He also pointed out that Marxism is an invincible weapon which no arms on earth can suppress, provided it is understood and used creatively. Comrade Sridhar then read out the message of Comrade Manik Mukherjee, Member, Polit Bureau, SUCI(C) and General Secretary, IACC.

After his speech delegates asked questions like "What is left adventurism and how to understand it" and "how to correlate anti-capitalist struggles with anti-imperialist struggles".

Afterwards copies of Volume 1 of the Selected Works by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the Founder General Secretary of SUCI (Communist) and one of the eminent Marxist thinkers of the present era, and the booklet titled "Great Stalin" by Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary of SUCI (C) were distributed to the delegates. Some delegates who showed interest in knowing about formation of genuine communist party were given copies of the book "Why SUCI(C) is the only genuine communist party in India" by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Among the decisions agreed upon were setting up of a 'political prisoners' international representation committee' and another committee comprising leaders from Morocco, Columbia, Bulgaria, Italy and Ukraine for organizing the next symposium in 2017.

Temple tragedy exposed a criminal nexus

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commercial merchandise in the name of Ayurveda or emasculating people from within by propagating so called life-style *mantras* are backed by big business and protected by out and out corrupt bourgeois administration. People must rise up against such killing and cheating business in the name of religion, make concerted effort to

mobilise opinion against the nexus of authorities of such religious shrines-administration- government-police-moneybag to stop recurrence of such tragedy and release an intense ideological campaign to keep vigil against the heinous designs of religious fundamentalists to spread the venom of gender-bias, discord and disunity among the people.

Dangerous move to introduce Sanskrit in IITs

Call it *Sikhhan nu Bharatiyakaran* (Indianisation of learning) apparently initiated by a RSS ideologue while writing textbooks in Gujarat or suggestions in the report of a panel chaired by a former CEC, the Union HRDM has come out with its latest agenda of requesting IITs "to teach Sanskrit language especially with reference to study of works which contain scientific knowledge", as the HRD minister Smriti Irani said in a written reply to the Lok Sabha on 25 April.

India's higher education system has many problems — mismatch in supply demand, mushrooming of low-quality institutes, funds crunch, shortage of teachers — which need more than some heavy-duty and long-term solutions that require time and intense involvement. However, Hindutvawadi ideologues and political flag-bearers think otherwise. So they rake up issues.

Sanskrit was no doubt a well-developed, neatly structured classical and liturgical (related to worship) language in which grammar, science, religion and philosophy were written. But its study being restricted to the upper castes, to the Brahmins and priests, so lamented Vivekananda, despite being a believer in Vedantic philosophy, "In our country, owing to all learning being in Sanskrit from the ancient times, there has arisen an immeasurable gulf between the learned and the common folk". "The Sanskrit language, so difficult that almost a life time is necessary for its perfect acquisition, is well known to have been for ages a lamentable check on the diffusion of knowledge." (1823), as said Rammohan Roy a great scholar of Sanskrit. Iswarchandra Vidyasagar, another stalwart of Sanskrit language, among his other similar views, wrote "The study of mathematics in Sanskrit should be discontinued... I wish to substitute the pursuit of it in English, whence in less than half the time now given to it an intelligent student will acquire more than double the amount of sound information that he could obtain by the most perfect acquaintance of all that exists in the Sanskrit language in the subject". (1852) If studying mathematics in Sanskrit at Vidyasagar's time be that difficult, one can well imagine what hurdles will stand on the way of studying still more intricate and difficult issues of the modern science in Sanskrit, if possible at all. Yet the Hindutvawadis, who stand nowhere near these great scholars and philosophers, are rushing after introducing this language in the IITs. Of course, it is not really unexpected from them. The way these Hindutvawadis instead of scientists invited papers for the Indian Science Congress from the department of Sanskrit of Mumbai University and Kavi Kulaguru Kalidas University, Ramtek and allowed self-styled authors of those papers, only attested their motive. The speakers who presented their papers included even students of Sanskrit with no serious research background. The chairpersons of the sessions did not allow any question- answer session, virtually mandatory in scientific forum, thus leading to suggest blind acceptance instead of scientific reasoning. Naturally the attempt at *Sikhhan nu Bharatiyakaran* or promotion of Sanskrit in Science only ridiculed India and Indian scientists before the scientific world. Now the same design is prescribed for the IITs which, despite many shortcomings, are still considered as leading institutions in scientific and industrial research and studies. One can only wonder what looms before these fore-ranking institutions of the country as and when they accept the request of the HRDM. The treacherous duplicity speaks out when the HRDM uses the word 'requests' to make this proposal gullible to the IIT authority. Because, as the trend goes, any dissent might well be marked as anti-national (Opposed to *Bharatiyakaran*).

Acharyya Prafulla Chandra Roy, the celebrated scientist and author of *The History of Hindu Chemistry* once lamented that because of 'bidding adieu to experimental and inductive sciences', India could not produce another Newton or Descartes 'for once bade. Later during the Renaissance, Indian science again made some long strides to attract appreciation and reverence of the international scientific world. But the moves mooted by these Hindutvawadis are destined to spell a further doom, a total destruction, for Indian science. Every rational, scientific minded person faces the task of recognizing the danger and thwarting it.

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