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“...the bourgeoisie exploits the proletariat in every conceivable way for its own benefit! We have, however, hitherto seen only how the single bourgeois maltreats the

proletariat upon his own account. Let us turn now to the manner in which the bourgeoisie as a party, as the power of the State, conducts itself towards the proletariat. Laws are necessary only because there are persons in existence who own nothing; and although this is directly expressed in but few laws, as, for instance, those against vagabonds and tramps, in which the proletariat as such is outlawed, yet enmity to the proletariat is so emphatically the basis of the law that the judges, and especially the Justices of the Peace, who are bourgeois themselves, and with whom the proletariat comes most in contact, find this meaning in the laws without further consideration. If a rich man is brought up, or rather summoned, to appear before the court, the judge regrets that he is obliged to impose so much trouble, treats the matter as favourably as possible, and, if he is forced to condemn the accused, does so with extreme regret, etc., etc., and the end of it all is a miserable fine, which the bourgeois throws upon the table with contempt and then departs. But if a poor devil gets into such a position as involves appearing before the Justice of the Peace – he has almost always spent the night in the station-house with a crowd of his peers – he is regarded from the beginning as guilty; his defence is set aside with a contemptuous “Oh! we know the excuse”, and a fine imposed which he cannot pay and must work out with several months on the treadmill. And if nothing can be proved against him, he is sent to the treadmill, none the less, “as a rogue and a vagabond”. The partisanship of the Justices of the Peace, especially in the country, surpasses all description, and it is so much the order of the day that all cases which are not too utterly flagrant are quietly reported by the newspapers, without comment.”

(Condition of the Working Class in England)

Achievements in two years

BJP rhetoric on development closely interspersed with RSS hate campaign for fratricidal bloodbath

On completion of two years of their rule, the RSS-BJP combine, the ruling clique at the centre have unleashed an invigorated campaign. With the BJP party president and the prime minister Modi taking charge, and to catch people’s imagination they harp on rhetoric of economic growth and development of the country, eradication of corruption and ensuring ease of doing business etc., achieved during their rule. While their fabulous claims fail to match the reality people face day in and day out, rather prove fictitious on many counts, parallel to it the ruling RSS- BJP combine and their government carry on a disastrous wave of the other part of their campaign, an unrelenting hate campaign against the religious minorities as also the communists that tends to drag the country towards dark days which the world has witnessed during the condemned days of fascism. It devolves upon

people to realize the danger before it is too late and launch efforts to thwart it.

A brief glance at the world

Even the least knowledgeable people cannot deny in any way, that the world around is in the grip of a severe all-out crisis. Despite all tall claims of recovery the world capitalist system does not show any inkling of chances of ending with the most acute recession it is facing since the days of the great recession that led to the world wars. Leave aside any economic growth and development, stagnation in industry and uncertainty have become the order of the day. Even attempts at face saving with the help of service sector or real estate or so-called industries of tourism etc., have failed miserably. The much-hyped IT industry now stands on earthen legs,

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Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal (Marxist) condemns massacre at Gulshan in Dhaka

In a statement issued on 3 July 2016, Comrade Mubinul Haider Choudhury, General Secretary of Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal (Marxist) strongly condemned the terrorist attack at a restaurant at Gulshan in Dhaka and the gruesome massacre of twenty people including many foreign nationals. Expressing deepest grief at the loss of life, and conveying his sympathy for the bereaved families, he demanded swift identification and trial of the murderous outfit and their accomplices, and exemplary punishment.

In his statement Comrade Choudhury, pointed out that this gruesome massacre stands as a glaring testimony how blind religious faith can make people inhuman. He also stressed that the government cannot absolve itself of the responsibility for this massacre. Even after recurring murders of writers-publishers- teachers-bloggers- clergies and *purohits* belonging to different communities like the Christians, the Hindus, and the Buddhists, from all over the country, the government tried to brush those aside as isolated incidents. Terming all these as anti-government conspiracies, they arrested more than 13000 people, most of them leaders and activists of opposition parties, in the name of anti-terrorist combing operations. Moreover, the ministers, including the Prime Minister, themselves have dished out advice to use greater restraint in

writing in a compromise with the fundamentalist forces, and have made public a list of so-called blasphemous bloggers. Through Black Acts, etc., the government has curtailed the freedom of expression. Taking advantage of the situation, the terrorist outfits have gained strength and become desperate. Penetration of lethally armed terrorists in the protected diplomatic enclaves like Gulshan proves how insecure people’s life has become.

Comrade Mubinul Haider Choudhury further said: The bare truth is that by unleashing a reign of plunder and aggression with most ghastly effects, as in Afghanistan, different Middle East countries, and others, the imperialist rulers themselves have created these terrorists. And they have kept these terrorist forces alive with arms and money, utilizing them to give shape to various designs and conspiracies. On the other hand, the tyrannized, abused, rudderless youth community of the affected countries have associated themselves with terrorist groups with a view to fighting against the imperialists. In Bangladesh, too, the youth crushed under the yoke of capitalist rule and imperialist aggression, humiliated and rudderless, who are living a life bereft of dignity and honour — they are also taking to this route. Mistaking it as anti-imperialist struggle, they, in effect, are giving shape to the

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Development a mirage to Indian capitalism an inalienable part of decadent world capitalism

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ready to crumble down at any moment. Accumulated mammoth capital lies idle, frantically looking for ways out. The consequence is ever-mounting rise in unemployment and insecurity of life and livelihood and fall in purchasing power of people leading to intense market crisis. On the other hand, irrepressible desire of the imperialists and their multinational corporate houses for maximum profit hunting is leading to unbridled race and business of lethal arms and arsenals, shameless brigandage to extend and establish control over the global market, and for that brute trampling upon the independence of weaker independent states by the powerful war-monger states headed the US imperialism. One after another different countries are being ravaged by the imperialist war-brigands. People's unity is being shattered through creating heinous forces like the Talibans, al Qaeda or presently the ISIS. Through them the imperialists foment fratricidal bloodbaths hinging on religious fundamentalism, racism and all other obnoxious offshoots of the infamous *divide and rule* policy of the imperialist-capitalist rulers. Millions of innocent people are being thrown out of their home and hearth in consequence of these imperialist onslaughts and intrigues. Moral-cultural backbone of people are

Massacre at Gulshan

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designs of imperialists, knowingly or not. By killing innocent common people, these terrorist outfits are creating an ambience of fear-apprehension-insecurity all over the world. And the rulers of imperialist countries, in turn, are making use of these events to suppress democratic movements and civil liberties. The situation could come to such a pass because of the weakness of the democratic and socialist forces which are the mainstay in the anti-imperialist struggle over the world. Only united struggle of anti-imperialist democratic and socialist forces can bring people out of this situation.

Comrade Chowdhury called upon all democratic minded people to come forward under the leadership of leftist forces to build up and develop struggles against imperialism and capitalism in the country.

being pulverized through unchecked propagation of rotten vulgarity, pornography, sex-violence ridden culture. The world is being thrown at the doorstep of hell.

Indian scene: growth rate, taxes, price rise and people's living standard

The Indian capitalist state now with strong imperialist aspirations for rising to the status of a regional superpower, is an inalienable part of this abjectly crisis-ridden world capitalist-imperialist system. It thus shares all the maladies as well as hankering for power and pelf of the rulers that reigns supreme in the prevailing world system. It presents the same dismal and heart-breaking social-cultural scene as an outcome of terrible exploitation and oppression of the capitalist system. People's resentment and wrath mount with every passing day. The ruling Indian monopolists with the BJP government as their latest political manager and spokesman frantically try to assure people that everything is all right. So they trumpet the slogans of development and growth. They boastfully claim that the Indian economy stands on solid foundation and is recording faster growth rate than other economies, for instance the apparently fastest growing Chinese economy. They highlight the magic number of 7.8 or 7.9% GDP growth rate as testimony of their claim. But it could not be kept suppressed that the said growth number is spurious or fictitious. It is arrived at by conveniently changing the base of calculation and it contains discrepancies as much as by 51%. On rectification the growth number comes down to a meagre 3.9%, nowhere near their claim.

On the ground, they still claim economic growth. Questions galore. Is the high growth raising the standard of life of common people? Is their purchasing power showing upward trend? Do industry and agriculture show any sign of development? Is unemployment coming down? Do people at large get ready supply of essential commodities and services within their means? When the growing India of the rulers get busy in sending satellites to the outer world or in trying the run of Bullet train on the ground, how do the hapless victims of cyclic assault of deadly drought or flood feel about those achievements? None of these questions have affirmative answers. Yet they claim of development.

The BJP president writes in the column that laudably, their government has arranged for crediting subsidies to the consumers' bank accounts and has been able to supply LPG cylinders to the poor to free their women and children from kitchen smoke. Is he sure that those poor women or their family could gain access to the banks getting over all hurdles of securities and other bureaucratic paraphernalia and that they can eke out two square meals a day, leave aside using the LPG cylinder? And what are the achievements of the BJP government during this tenure of two years? The government has repeatedly raised fuel price despite fall in international market (or for instance, for a drop in crude oil price by 331% in January 2014, the government reduced petrol price by only 16%. Clearly, this was a fraud on the common people by the government claiming to be corruption free and accountable). It has increased train fare and freight, has raised service tax to 15% and added taxes like Swatch Bharat tax, both all pervading in scope, has withdrawn price control of essential drugs and made health facilities market linked, has increased fees for education at different levels, has left the power tariff rise sky-high and so on. An economist would say increase in taxes points to sluggish nature of economy. Then what do these tax increases indicate? Rather, all these have only contributed to the phenomenal price hike, that leaves no scope for common people, more so the poor, to live a decent life, not to speak of raising their standard of living.

Indian scene: industry-agriculture

What do the government's own data say, in spite of all efforts to manipulate those? Those reveal: In the last six months industrial production has shrunk almost every month; major sectors like steel, power, coal, real estate, and mining sectors are in bad shape; factories cancel shifts, reduce output. Major labour-intensive industries have been creating lesser jobs, rather job loss is rising (Labour Bureau, India), disguised unemployment in rural India rises to 25% - 30%. Wage against industrial output drops, though profit of owners goes on rising. For 6 months, from November 2015 to April 2016, capital goods production has fallen by a horrifying 26% indicating drop

in investment. Even service sector slowed to a six month low in last May. Exports have shrunk for the 18th month in a row as have imports, showing India losing market share. Over and above these, the government has legally extended limits of hire and fire in industries, has limited the 100 days work project for rural poor to a despicably low number of districts of the country. In all, the processes have aggravated unemployment, which has already reached a menacing dimension. The government has slashed the budget for agriculture, has withdrawn subsidies and virtually destroyed the Public Distribution System of essential commodities from behind the slogan of ensuring food security and has made farmers' consent unnecessary for land acquisition. It has liberalized laws for acquisition of forest lands without approval of Gramsabha of the tribals endangering people in a nearly 21.05% area of the country; it has allowed industrialists to leave acquired lands unused for any length of time. All this together along with huge price hike and almost ritualistic recurrence of massive flood and drought, are driving farmers towards the ultimate step of suicide, almost 25 farmer suicides per day as per the National Crime Record Bureau. The BJP leaders, however, heartlessly ridicule this as latest 'fashion' of farmers. Are all these instances of development? But development is there. A single industrial tycoon Adani, the apple-of-the-eye-of-the-government has taken loans to the extent of 72000 crore of rupees, an amount more than the total amount of loans taken by millions of farmers of the entire country. The government allows staggering amounts in lakhs of crores of rupees, of tax exemption and debt-waiver for the rich, who leave huge amounts of bank loans unpaid as Non-Performing Assets with banks, though the same banks would confiscate a Rs 1 lakh worth of agricultural land from a poor peasant for his outstanding loan of just Rs 10,000. Development indeed, but for whom remains a moot question.

Indian scene: social scenario stinks with far more ominous traits

As narrated above in brief, the BJP government's lopsided claim of economic growth and development is at best a carefully planned design

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Post-election Assam

Murky bourgeois politics revealed in full glare

The 14th Assam State Assembly election is over. For the first time in the state a combination, led by BJP viz., the BJP-AGP-BPF combination, has formed the government securing 86 seats in a house of 126.

The Congress party ruled the state continuously for a prolonged period of fifteen years. During their misrule, price rise, rampant corruption, particularly in government offices, unemployment problem, atrocities on women, rhino killing, syndicate raj, closing down of industries, handing over the profitable public or government units to the private sector, all these together characteristically provided a picture of condition of the state that went from bad to worse.

As a result, in rural areas, MNREGA, Indira Abash Yojana etc. have practically become the virulent breeding ground of corruption for a nexus of political leaders, bureaucrats and contractors. Condition of the education and health sectors are no better either. In the name of *sarba siksha abhiyan*, education has become a farce. Many schools run without teacher. Vacant posts are not filled, not to speak of creation of new posts. In government educational institutions, even an iota of educational atmosphere is practically absent. As a result, it is the poor students who are deprived of education. Even in the capital city, enrolment of students in government-aided schools are declining so fast that many of the schools face the danger of being closed. Side by side there is mushroom growth of private institutions even in villages. With a hope to educate their children, even the lower middle class families are forced to admit their wards to these private schools at a high cost slicing their minimum family budget on other counts. The rich obviously opt for the luxurious schools at a cost beyond imagination of common people.

Similar is the case in the health sectors. All the government hospitals are languishing. There, not to speak of free medicine, even the doctors or nurses are not available. The government-run hospitals are overburdened with patients. But the patients are deprived of minimum proper treatment as the numbers of doctors and nurses are miserably disproportionate. Poor people find no alternative to relying upon the mercy of their almighty. However, hospitals with looks of five-star hotels are growing in full swing. In

these hospitals, the cost of treatment is so high that, leave aside poorer section, even the middle class cannot afford it. People are practically forced to embrace death.

Still more miserable is the scenario of the agriculture sector. Here, cost of production is constantly increasing whereas the price of the produce is decreasing every day. So the poor peasants are faced with extreme hardship. Irony is that their produce are sold at a very high price in towns. The major reason is clear enough. In every town and city there are syndicates controlled by miscreants sponsored by politically patronized goons. They collect *goonda* tax which is so high that the price of the vegetables has gone beyond the reach of the common people. As in other parts of the country, peasants are committing suicide in the state failing to repay the loans. Fish market, too, presents similar scene.

Over and above these economic maladies, the socio-political scenario is very much complicated. Unlike other parts of the country, the chauvinist forces are very active in Assam since long in the past. The infamous Assam Movement was launched in 1979 by the AASU against the so called foreign nationals. Through misleading propaganda, common people were made to believe that millions of foreign nationals had been entering Assam. That would snatch away the language, religion, culture and political rights of the Assamese speaking people. However, after coming to power, despite their best efforts, the AGP failed to detect and deport foreign nationals because there was no such huge number of foreign nationals as they had propagated. Although the slogan was against the foreigners, the thrust was upon the religious minorities. Due to their failure in this respect and also the rampant corruption of the AGP leaders, the party lost ground. The Congress took advantage and came to power in 2011. While in power, they treaded the same path of appeasing chauvinism. The attack upon the minorities went on unabated. Taking advantage of the situation, another arch-communal outfit namely AIUDF was formed by some disgruntled Congressmen claiming it to be the saviour of minorities. The formation of the AIUDF helped the Congress party to become more acceptable to the chauvinist forces and they could bag as good as 78 seats in 2011 election.

The Congress, the trusted

representative of the ruling class, was utterly discredited throughout the country because of its pro-capitalist rule, Assam being no exception. Besides that, there was always power struggle within the party for the last three years. A batch of greedy leaders of the Congress came out openly for change of the Chief Minister. During this period practically all the developmental works came to a standstill. People in general could not take the issue easily.

So, in the 2014 Parliamentary election out of 14, the BJP bagged 7 seats with their slogan of *achchhe din*. As such BJP had a weak organizational network in Assam. But their parent organization, the RSS was growing silently through some so called religious institutions organized by RSS itself. This factor helped BJP politically.

Prior to the last Assembly election, as the AGP was totally discredited, there was a move to form a separate party by the chauvinist forces to revive regionalism. Some so-called intellectuals also joined the move, even some of them were Marxists in private. However, this attempt failed. But the unfounded fear of losing lingual, religious and cultural identity still haunted the minds of the people. Also, it was widely propagated that the Assamese people will lose their political power due to the influx of both the Hindus and the Muslims from the neighbouring Bangladesh. It needs to be mentioned that a huge number of Bengali Hindus came to Assam even after the liberation of Bangladesh. But the influx of the Muslims was minimal. Except the SUCI(C) there was none to explain the historical lesson that one section of oppressed people can never rob the right and aspiration of another section of oppressed people. Rather they unite to fight their common enemy, the ruling capitalist class. This is the lesson of history.

To regain its lost ground, the AGP was desperate. They were trying hard to form any sorts of electoral understanding with any party. Ultimately they combined with the BJP. BJP, too, complied with as they calculated, if the anti-Congress vote was divided, they would be the loser. But still there was a problem. BJP announced through a notification that those Hindu Bengalis, who entered Assam from the neighbouring Bangladesh till 2014, will be given shelter, although the BJP did not commit to accord citizenship to those people. It

was never acceptable to the AGP. Their demand is that those who entered Assam after 1971, shall have to be detected and deported irrespective of their religious belief. The chauvinist forces, since long, have been propagating that the Assamese language would wither away if the influx of the Bengali people goes on unabated. But the craving for power could brush aside this difference in no time.

The Congress decided to fight the election alone. The AIUDF tried to form an alliance with the Congress. But the attempt failed as the arithmetic for bargain of seats remained unsolved. Bagging 18 seats in 2011 election, as it would be, the AIUDF failed to fulfill the expectation, which is natural for any bourgeois party. The religious minority, being afraid of the danger of BJP coming to power, once again began to pin hope upon the Congress.

Another force, the BPF, an utterly parochial, separatist and communal force, has their organization and good hold over the Bodo people. This party claimed itself to be the saviour of the Bodo people. It was formed on demand of a separate state, not on any democratic value. Naturally this demand gave birth to the worst form of separatist, parochial and communal feelings. All the non-Bodos became their target. Killing, arson, bloodbath became the order of the day. No parties or forces other than ours could take the right course of strong ideological campaign to make people understand that such demands were not only detrimental but suicidal too, rather conceded to the illegitimate demand. Short of state, an autonomy was accorded and the BTAD was formed. The attack upon the non-Bodos continued unabated. After the BTAD assumed power, the onslaught accelerated as also the leaders plunged into deplorable corruption. They openly pronounced in a public meeting that bribes may be accepted, but within limits. To gain electoral mileage, the BJP had no hesitation to join hands with such a party.

In absence of left democratic movements, the anti-incumbency factor went in favour of the BJP and combined. From the national level commitment of the six left parties, we took an initiative to form an electoral understanding with these parties. But the cunning approach of the CPI and the CPI(M) foiled our attempt. They were only interested

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Situation in Assam

People face the task of realizing the danger and help build up necessary movements

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in forming an alliance with other bourgeois and chauvinist forces in the name of fighting the BJP, obviously for some electoral gains. They could not dare to make any understanding with the Congress, as they did in West Bengal. People here were grossly anti-Congress this time, set to dethrone the party at any cost and bring about a change. The situation was favourable to develop democratic movements centering round the burning issues of the people's life. But the self-styled lefts have abandoned the path of movement since long. To keep themselves surviving, they were compelled to do anything and everything just to have some seats in elections. It was reported that the CPI(M) instructed its party members to vote for the Congress where they have not put up candidates. A few intellectuals with leaning towards the CPI(M), openly made statement not to vote for the BJP. But surprisingly they kept mum on whom to vote, implying advocacy for Congress. This helped the BJP very much as the media used the issue in favour of the BJP.

In such a condition, the election process started. Feeling the anti-Congress mood of the people, the aspirant, greedy, power hungry, corrupt politicians belonging to different bourgeois parties rushed to join the BJP. The latter did not hesitate to give them a red-carpet welcome only to capture governmental power.

During the campaign that ensued, no party, barring the SUCI(C), took up any issue of the real cause of misery or the way in which it can be confronted with. They, mainly the Congress and the BJP, were only locked in a rat race for power spitting out high sounding tall promises. Their campaign, perhaps the worst ever Assam witnessed, went even to the extent of character assassination. For instance among many, the AIUDF supremo Badaruddin Ajmal made an ugly and vulgar remark to a lady, who had deserted his party and joined the Congress. As usual the communal cards, divisiveness, parochialism, money power, threat and intimidation, the pro-capitalist role of the media etc. played the vital role to manipulate election result. Bodo areas witnessed, in addition to money power, the role of muscle power too.

In sum and substance, ultimately this time the Congress could bag

only 26 seats and the AIUDF 12. It appears that in 22 constituencies, the BJP would have been defeated had there been an understanding between the Congress and the AIUDF. But there was an allegation, likely to be true, against the AIUDF for intentionally fielding candidates to help the BJP. AIUDF, the self-styled champion of the minorities, has a businessman of international stature as its supremo. So he needs to maintain a good relationship with the Central BJP government. Though in the process, the AIUDF score came down to 12 whereas there were 18 AIUDF MLAs in 2011 election. In the Assamese-speaking areas, the chauvinist forces got a better choice in the BJP-AGP combination. This, along with, a strong anti-incumbency factor, helped the BJP-AGP-BPF combination to earn a thumping victory. In the Bengali-speaking Barak valley, the Hindus voted for the BJP falling victim to the worst communal propaganda of the RSS-BJP. Besides, here again, the anti-congress sentiment and the BJP claims may have played a vital role, to help it bag 8 seats out of 15 in the Barak Valley. In the end it was BJP 61, Congress 26, AGP 13, BPF 12, AIUDF 12 and independent 1.

Our Party fielded 26 candidates. The election battle remains with us as a means to approach the vast masses of people with our basic ideological-political line and educate and organize them. The Party thus highlighted, that in this capitalist system by winning an election battle even for a seat, we can bring people's voice inside the parliamentary fora, to help the extra-parliamentary democratic movements on burning issues of people's life we have been continuing incessantly. Powerful democratic movements always remain the ultimate means, even to realize some relief for the people, and also to prepare people ideologically-politically-organizationally for the mass and class struggles leading to revolutionary overthrow of this exploitative capitalist system. No political campaign was conducted by any other party except our Party. Our political approach received tremendous appreciation of the people. Handbills holding out this views were distributed in lakhs across the state, receiving unstinted appreciation. True we were limited by our organizational and financial

constraints. But wherever we could venture out, we got all help and support from common people. There were reports that people ready to vote for NOTA, ultimately voted for us when they came across us, fully aware that we were not in a position to win.

In such a situation the BJP, with its allies won the election and formed the government. On the part of BJP-AGP-BPF tall promises were made to misguide people. People's expectation, too, tended to run high. Assuming office, the newly elected chief minister put his first signature on a file for withdrawing all the check gates arguing that these are the dens of corruption. But what is strange is that he did not have any hesitation to withdraw this notification within 72 hours under the pressure of vested interests. His next priority was upgradation of National Register of Citizens (NRC) which clearly manifests the government intention of declaring millions of genuine Indian citizens foreign nationals. The result will be disastrous. If the issue is not properly guided and a powerful democratic movement is not launched against it, it is bound to create an unwanted situation in the state.

But more dangerous is the move for saffronization of education and

vitiating the social fabrics with communal hatred and regimented thoughts based on Hindutva. It is such an ambience that may act as potential ground for fascism. The situation in Assam tends towards foisting of a fascistic regime in the rule. Blind religious faith coupled with chauvinist and separatist outlook are gaining ground every day. The future looks horrifying.

The need of the hour is to launch a strong ideological campaign vis-à-vis develop powerful movements centering round the legitimate demands of the poor people of all strata, exploited and oppressed by the prevailing capitalist system. United left movement on sound ideology-principle and code of conduct would have thrown a real alternative to people. But situation does not permit pinning any hope upon the self-styled left parties. The only ray of hope is the SUCI(C), the only revolutionary Party, imbued and enriched with the thoughts of the great leader of the Proletariat Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, which is continuously endeavouring to accomplish this task of fulfilling the historic responsibility. People are required to comprehend the reality and come out resolutely to help the SUCI(C), build the required movements.

United States now holds more oil reserves than Saudi Arabia

A new independent estimate of world oil reserves released on 4 July 2016 by Rystad Energy, shows that the US now holds more recoverable oil reserves than both Saudi Arabia and Russia. For US, more than 50% of remaining oil reserves is unconventional shale oil.

The new reserves data from Rystad Energy also distinguishes between reserves in existing fields, in new projects and potential reserves in recent discoveries and even in yet undiscovered fields. An established standard approach for estimating reserves is applied to all fields in all countries, so reserves can be compared apple to apple across the world, both for OPEC and non-OPEC countries. Other public sources of global oil reserves, like the BP Statistical Review, are based on official reporting from national authorities, reporting reserves based on a diverse and opaque set of standards.

Rystad Energy now estimates total global oil reserves at 2092 billion barrels, or 70 times the current production rate of about 30 billion barrels of crude oil per year. For comparison, cumulatively produced oil up to 2015 amounts to 1300 billion barrels. Unconventional oil recovery accounts for 30% of the global recoverable oil reserves while offshore accounts for 33% of the total. The seven major oil companies hold less than 10% of the total. This data confirms that there is a relatively limited amount of recoverable oil left on the planet.

NB: It is the rich oil reserves of the Middle East countries for which the US imperialism continues its brigandage in that part of the world. In process it has looted the natural resources of and ravaged those countries, including plundering the priceless evidences of some of the oldest human civilizations. And now it heads the world oil reserves!

AIDYO celebrates 50th Anniversary



Youth rally on the occasion of 50th Anniversary of All India D Y O at Badlapur-Jaunpur, UP on 11 June

Bhiwani district AIKKMS staged demonstration on peasants' problems



Bhiwani district AIKKMS staged a demonstration at Bhiwani DC Office on the burning problems of the farmers and submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister. Among the demands raised were: poor farmers and sharecroppers should be allowed remission of their debts; proper price for crops and also compensation for damaged crops to be given from government exchequer; in the name of Prime Minister's Crops' Insurance Scheme private companies infiltration be stopped; poor peasants, landless

peasants, sharecroppers and other low-wage workers be included under BPL scheme; pass-fail be introduced from class 1 etc. In his address AIKKMS State Secretary Vijay Kumar pointed out that the Crops Insurance Scheme of Modi government is a fraud and the anti-farmer policies of the present BJP governments at the Centre and the state alike those of the former Congress government, call for powerful united peasants movement. The demonstration was led by district and local leaders.

AIDSO Delhi holds study camp



A two-day study camp of school and college students was held by Delhi AIDS from 2 to 3 July 2016. Delhi State Secretary Comrade Pran Sharma elaborately discussed on students opinions that they had placed beforehand after studying *To the Teenagers* written by Comrade

Provash Ghosh, General Secretary of the Party, SUCI (C). AIDS O All Inia Vice President Comrade Mukesh Semwal, and others also addressed, while Comrade Bhaskarnand, AIDS O Delhi State President conducted the proceedings.

United left movement across the country

Efforts towards united left movement are being made in different forms in different parts of the country. A few instances have already been reported, a few more are included here.

Calling for an All India General Strike scheduled on September 2, different central trade unions combinedly organised a convention on June 11 at IMA hall in Patna, Bihar. A presidium comprised by central leaders like Arun Kumar Singh, Bihar State President of AIUTUC, Chandraprakash Singh of INTUC, Gajjanfer Nawab of AITUC, Rajkumar Jha of CITU, RN Thakur of AICCTU and Shyamlal Kishore of AMU were in conduction of the convention. Comrade Arun Singh and Comrade Bimal Jana of AIUTUC, Chandraprakash Singh of INTUC, Rajendra Prosad Singh of AITUC and Chakradhar Prosad Singh, Ganesh Shankar Singh of CITU, RN Thakur of AICCTU and Nripendra Krishna Mahato of AMU addressed the gathering.

A joint convention against fascistic attacks of communalism, against price-hike, unemployment, corruption, drought, and for protection of democratic rights was held on 20 June at Ganga Prasad Verma Memorial Hall, Lucknow, UP, with SUCI (C), CPI, CPI(M), CPI(ML) and AIFB taking part.

7 Leftist Parties rallied together against FDI at a *Dharna* programme at Jantar Mantar in Delhi on 27 June. Those who spoke at the gathering included SUCI(C) Delhi State Organizing Committee member Comrade RK Sharma, CPI(M) Polit-Bureau member Comrade Brinda Karat,

CPI Central Committee member Comrade Amarjit Kaur, Comrade Birju Nayak from Communist Gadar Party, and CPI(M) Delhi State Secretary Comrade KM Tewary. SUCI(C) Madhya Pradesh State Organizing Committee Secretary Comrade Pratap Shamal was also present.

A state-level joint convention was organized at Bhopal, MP on July 3, in support of the proposed country-wide strike of September 2, on the issue of burning problems in the life of common people as well as the workers including problems of price hike, unemployment, and demanding among other things pension benefits for workers, Rs.18,000 as the minimum wage of workers etc. It was attended by central trade unions like AITUC, CITU, AIUTUC, HMS, and different trade unions viz., of BSNL, Bank, Insurance, SEWA. In this convention speakers from central trade unions were Comrades D L Sachdeva, General Secretary, and Roop Singh Chauhan, State Secretary, AITUC, A R Sindhu, Secretariat Member, and Pramod Pradhan, State Secretary, CITU, R K Sharma and Sunil Gopal, State Secretary, AIUTUC, Prakash Sharma, HMS, Yashwant Purohit (Central Employees), VK. Sharma (Bank), MT Sushilan (Insurance), Basanti Malviya (SEWA) were present. Comrade JC Barai was present on the dias as a member of presidium. The convention adopted a resolution, and decided to hold zonal conventions, *Mashal Julus* at different levels on 9 August, and bike rallies at all levels on 1 September in preparation of the strike of 2 September.



Joint convention of AIUTUC, CITU, AITUC, HMS and different trade unions at Bhopal, MP on 3 July in support of proposed All India General Strike of 2 September

Party study class at Jaipur Rajasthan

On May 28, a one-day long study-class was held at the initiative of the Rajasthan State Organizing Committee. Discussion in details was carried on the book written by the Great Leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, namely *Gandhism: an analytical study*. The class starting

with the rendition of the song on the Great Leader, was marked by question-answering by the participant comrades, irrespective of their political-ideological standard. At the end Comrade Satyawar, Member, Central Committee of our Party dealt in length on all the questions.

Ominous danger of fascism calls for united resistance on higher ideology and culture

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based on fictitious figures. It is a criminal attempt to mesmerize and deceive people to conceal the reality from them. On this issue they tread the same path of hoodwinking people that all the bourgeois petty bourgeois even social democratic parties are taking to in their bid to gain and remain in power playing subservient to the ruling class, the monopolists particularly during these days of utter decadence of capitalism. However, from bitter experiences of life people tend to get at these truths of economic growth, sooner or later. But more dangerous and alarming situation prevails in social-cultural spheres.

We are living in a society where even the horribly poor have to pay high price for the barest necessities. It is a society in the twenty-first century where there are long queues at hospitals, where people continue to die due to starvation and malnutrition. It is a society in which even potable water remains a far cry to many and drought-relief is distributed among the village rich depriving the poor, who may even have to face death while waiting for the drops of water to quench their thirst. Arguably, these were already there in the capitalist Indian state and still exist here, may be in more drastic or milder form. But what appears to be raising its ugly head more and more during this rule of RSS-BJP combine is the planned unfolding of an aggressive agenda of communalization.

Thus while the BJP-led Modi government chant slogans of development and growth to mesmerize people and rope them in behind their programmes, the RSS-BJP combine along with their fringe organizations like VHP, Bajrang Dal, Sanatan Sanstha or their student wing of ABVP are bringing down newer and newer attacks every moment, every hour, every day on people of religious minority communities. With overt or covert, open or clandestine support of the governments, they are unleashing a cult of communalism over the country, creating an ambience of fear and mistrust across the country. In power or not, they are dictating what to eat, whom to love or marry, what to write or paint and so on. Now they are lynching a common Muslim villager on unsubstantiated allegation of consuming beef at home, and then under the slogan of Ghar Wapsi they are pouncing upon people of different religions, Muslim or Christian to rechristen them into

Hindus on temptation or under threat. They are introducing school textbooks filled with unscientific, fanciful, even blatantly false ideas. In the name of reviving past Indian glory, they are dishing out obscurantist, illogical, unscientific thoughts and facts, like India sending airplanes to Mars in Vedic times, which really are making India ridiculous to the world. In their bid to rejuvenate our past glory they are distorting history. In place of encouraging modern scientific education they are incorporating in curriculum from schools to universities, so-called Vedic mathematics, epics like Mahabharat-Ramayana as also Geeta which the Hindus regard as religious scriptures. They are compelling even non-Hindus to perform Yoga, calling it a secular event yet cunningly giving it a Hindu religious orientation associating it with chanting of Om.

And as resentment mounts in people, as the civil society, including eminent intellectuals of the country, tend to come out in protest, the RSS-BJP combine and their associates bring out their fangs. To smoothly implement their agenda and programmes, they try to weed out any opposition, ridicule or condemn them, even annihilate them. Coercively they snatch away democratic rights, trample democratic values, hell bent upon foisting a regimented regime with multipronged attack to see that none dares to oppose. Here they target eminent rationalist thinkers or students who tend to form leading protesting community, branding them anti-nationals even on fake evidences. And they put up a deceptive dual face. While the BJP president poses as dining with dalits before the camera, elsewhere, as in Hyderabad Central University dalit students are harassed to the extent of abetting one of them, Rohith Vemula, to take his own life. Again, in UP a BJP MP from Kairana claims that 346 families left the town because of 'persecution' by the Muslims, only to be proven false or yet another BJP MLA Sangeet Som known for his involvement in Muzaffarnagar bloodbath tries to whip up communalism afresh. But in the same state of UP at Allahabad the prime minister Modi himself addressed the BJP national executive of 200 top leaders, harping on development. It was the same game of hiding one ugly face by another, hiding communalist propaganda behind the alluring

slogan of development or amity. And from behind this duality, all these acts are entirely directed towards whipping up a regimented frame of mind based upon Hindu religion-oriented national jingoism along with curtailment of freedom of expression or speech or right to oppose and right to dissent, with ruthless curb on freedom of belief, religious or otherwise. Reminiscent of dark days of fascist menace, these are particularly relevant as the RSS-BJP combine attempt towards Hindu religious revivalism arrogantly and unhesitatingly condemning the Muslim minority community to bow down to the majority or perish; highhandedly pronouncing that the entire country must turn into Hindus. Cleverly now and then, here and there, round the clock they are splitting the populace vertically into two parts of the Hindus and the Muslims. This only brings back the memories of the way Hitler had brought down his onslaught in Germany Here in India the RSS-BJP are moving in the same line, so that any moment they can unleash an all-out ghastly attack on the targeted minorities. In preparation they are not failing to ignite occasional flare-ups in this or that place. There have been 300 communal bloodbaths in 4 months of 2015. And the major ones of these take place at suitable moments, preferably on the eve of some election to polarize votes on communal grounds. This is the game RSS-BJP started with the Ayodhya Ram Temple issue, in their bid for national breakthrough for power. It is being conveniently repeated during their Modi rule. Added to it is the cunning move against communism from behind the slogans of their so-called nationalism, or campaign against radical rationalist thoughts. This is creating a social ambience in which exploited and oppressed, yet unorganized people stand further disunited and in mutual distrust. And that only serves the ruling party and power to carry through their agenda unopposed, though the pincers of economic-social-political onslaughts suffocate people every moment, every hour.

The BJP, the political wing of the rabid communal RSS, assumed governmental power riding on the liberal support of the corporate, monopolists and the rich of the land and abroad. As the above account tells us in brief, they are frantically trying to prove their worth as the most efficient subservient flag-

bearer of this decadent capitalist system. Yet the reality forces them to take guard. The crisis, the wrath and resentment in people generated by their misrule all tend to destabilise their efforts. So the RSS-BJP have hatched this conspiracy. The BJP, in charge of governance of the country has been assigned the task of alluring and mesmerizing people with the slogans of growth and development, while the RSS takes up the task of vitiating the country with the venomous air of communalism and anti-communism by bringing down their *Hindutwavadi* attack without relent, so that people are vertically cleaved into mutually mistrusting communities, are confused about their tasks and responsibilities and are thus disunited and distracted from standing firmly against the rulers.

Demand of the situation : need of the hour

Now the question is, what does the situation demand us to do. It may be feared that the way democratic values are being trampled upon and rights snatched away, the situation unopposed may ultimately lead to establishment of a fascist regime. The only course that remains then, is to put up resistance and thwart the ongoing attacks. Right-thinking well-meaning people imbued with democratic values must unite on that singular cause under a common banner. And such banner can only be held persistently aloft by those who take vanguard role and initiative in leftist-Marxist movements. It cannot be denied that the thinking conscientious section of people have tried best within their limits and abilities to rise up to the occasion. But where are the powerful leftist forces who could have spearheaded the fight against the impending danger? Those among the leftists who used to boast of power have virtually deserted the path of struggle. Now they show the least concern and interest for these any more. While other bourgeois parties, national or regional, have been polarized with the branded major forces of the bourgeoisie, the Congress or the BJP, these forces are also stepping into the same shoes. Their single drive, as it appears now, remains in the run for power and pelf by proving themselves subservient to the ruling capitalist class. Naturally, by this act of theirs, they are leaving the entire political arena

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open to the RSS-BJP. The latter in its turn, are not failing to take advantage of the favour dished out to them. Merrily, virtually unopposed they have let loose all their arsenals to opiumate people with their vicious thoughts and campaigns.

In the face of the grave danger, people have no choice other than developing adequately powerful democratic movement, aided with strong ideological campaign against this fascist danger looming large in the horizon. Such a movement, need be organized and sustained to grade, step by step, into formidable

mass and class struggles. So along with launching such a movement it needs to be shaped out with concern and vigilance for correct revolutionary leadership. Only a movement under revolutionary leadership can place the movement on its correct path, can generate an ideological-political-cultural campaign parallel to the cunning campaign of the ruling party. That parallel campaign will provide the higher ideological and lofty cultural base to make common people thoroughly and adequately conscious and equipped against the present situation and its inherent danger

and prepare them to repel the impending fascist attacks.

The SUCI (C), the Party founded by one of the eminent Marxist thinkers of this age, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, as the only revolutionary party of the country has been striving its best since its formation to develop mass and class struggles of the oppressed exploited masses bit by bit, step by step. This has been established in the political scenario of the country through all these years by their performance and activities. To people also, the truth is coming out gradually, removing all distracting

covers of propaganda and confusion. The need at this hour is then to organize people under the leadership of this Party. And for people it is vital to recognize and realize that unless and until movements are organized effectively under this revolutionary leadership, it would not have the desired character and strength of distinct and higher ideology and lofty culture. And till the movement assumes such character and strength to continue organized and sustained, those can not meet the desired end of success too. Failing that there will only be frustration, confusion and helplessness to help the despicable enemy which bears the possibility of turning into menacing fascist force.

Bhiwani SUCI(C) protests pension cut

Bhiwani District Committee of the SUCI(C) in Haryana state organized a protest demonstration on 21 June at the Mini Secretariat and a memorandum was submitted to the Chief Minister of Haryana. The District Secretary of the Party, Comrade Rampal addressed the gathering, saying that the Government's proposed decisions on imposing conditions and effecting a cut on old-age-pension are anti-people and in violation of social justice. He urged that it should be withdrawn immediately and pension be increased to Rs. 2000, as had been promised by the BJP before it came to power. Other district and local leaders also addressed the gathering

Protest in Haryana against bus-fare hike

Recently Haryana Government has effected a hike in bus-fare. On June 29, a protest was staged by SUCI(C) at Rohtak where effigy of

Rohtak Chief Minister Manoharlal Khattar was burnt.

Demonstration at Jamshedpur, Jharkhand

In an attempt to save people in hundreds from being retrenched following the conspiracy to close the Tayo Company at Jamshedpur in Jharkhand and on demand of Government take-over, supply of sufficient potable water and electric supply, and for putting a ban on liquor SUCI(C) submitted a charter of demands to the authorities concerned.

Hool Diwas observed

162th Anniversary of Hool Diwas, a day of great honour to the tribals to pay homage to the Sidho-Kanho, the well known tribal rebels, was observed by AIDS0 at Adityapur-2 in Seraikela-Kharsawan on 30 June 2016. At Kanpur village under Keshiyari PS in West Medinipur, WB, the Day was observed with great enthusiasm

on 30 June under the auspices of Kanpur Hool Diwas Observance Committee and West Bengal State Tribals Social Welfare Organisation.

Movement against atrocities on women in Tripura

It is alarming to note that as elsewhere in India in the state of Tripura too instances of assault and rape of women are continually on the rise. Starting from the child to the aged, none are being spared. On June 27, a Tripura Civil Service official raped a woman. On demand of arresting the offender a protest demonstration was held at the initiative of MSS, DYO and DSO on June 28, in front of Agartala police Station for women.

SUCI(C) demonstration at Ahmedabad against price rise and increase in service tax

Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist) organised a protest demonstration on 7 June at Ahmedabad, Gujarat against rampant rise in prices of essential commodities like milk, oil, petrol, diesel, etc. The protest was also of the hike in Service tax upto 15% by the Central Government in the name of 'Kisan cess' and 'Cleanliness cess'. The passersby also joined the demonstration in large number. The participants resolved to take the movement against price rise to every nook and corner of the state.

Education convention at Agartala, Tripura

A convention on problems of education in Tripura was organised by All India Save Education Committee, Tripura Unit on 26 June last at Agartala. Well-known educationists and intellectuals of the state, including Kamal Roy Chaudhury, a re-known playwright and educationist, Dr. Pranab Bardhan, Dr. Alak Satpati, Shri Hara Kisore Bhaumik and student leader Shri Ramprasad Acharjee strongly criticised the central and state governments for their anti-people education policies and the Tripura Board of Secondary Education for their repeated irregularities in publication of different board examinations. They lamented fall of standard of education in government schools mainly due to No Detention policy, which in turn is leading to flourish



of education under private sector. They appealed to education loving people to build up movement, including on demand of reintroducing Pass-Fail system from Class I.

MP AIDS0 observes demand day for Pass-Fail system from class I and other demands

MP State Committee of AIDS0 observed a demand day on 8 July 2016 for immediate reintroduction of pass fail system from class I, for appointment of more than 11 lakh permanent teachers (post lying vacant in the state as per the

reports of ASER) and for immediate withdrawal of the policy of closure of 108000 government schools of Madhya Pradesh etc. Protests were held in Bhopal, Guna and Aron towns while a memorandum to the DM was submitted in Ashoknagar.



Against the Haryana state government decision of not allowing students to appear in the final examination in case they have reappeared in the first semester of the undergraduate course, a joint rally of students including AIDS0, SFI and Chhatra Ekta Manch (Students Unity Platform) was organized at Rohtak on July 2016. It proceeded from Nekiram College campus to the MDU VC office.

AIDYO celebrates 50th Anniversary Fighting organization of youth calls for job for all, curb of liquor

AIDYO, the lone fighting organisation that upholds a life of dignity for the youth and has been building up sustained youth movements throughout the country for jobs for all capable people and against menace of drinking and other drug addiction, against obscenity, against violation of our women, against other burning problems, observed its 50th anniversary with thunder. The foundation day 26 June saw in Kolkata the central anniversary celebration while other states also observed the day. On 25 June a vibrant yet disciplined and decorated youth procession marched from Raja Subodh Mullick Squaire till it reached Esplanade, the heart of Kolkata. There a huge youth gathering was addressed by Comrade Saumen Basu, member, Central Committee, SUCI(C), Comrade B. R. Manjunath, All India President, AIDYO, Comrade Praibha Nayek, General Secretary, AIDYO and others. It was presided over by Comrade Mohiuddin

Mannan, Vice-President, AIDYO.

On 26 June, the foundation day, flag of the organisation was hoisted at the central office. From there a decorated motorbike rally went to Baranagar Rabindra Bhawan, located at the northern end of the city. There the Delegate session was inaugurated by Comrade Satyawan, Central Committee member, SUCI(C). Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, of the Party SUCI(C) addressed the session. Comrade Manik Mukherjee, Politbureau member, SUCI(C) delivered the concluding speech. Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee, also member, Central Committee of the Party and other all India leaders of AIDYO also addressed the gathering. Cultural performances were presented at both the programmes.

To mark the occasion a youth rally was held at **Badlapur-Jaunpur, UP** on 11 June 2016 led by Comrade Deepak Kumar, Vice-President AIDYO. A well-decorated youth rally was held also

Immediately restore peace in Kashmir Valley

Expressing deep anguish and agony over the painful development in the Kashmir Valley, Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary of SUCI (Communist) issued the following statement on 13 July 2016 :

The continually deteriorating situation in the Kashmir Valley has reached its peak. According to the press report the death toll has already reached 30. Educational institutions, shops and market places, offices and firms — all are closed for long paralyzing the normal life. A situation of insecurity and uncertainty has pervaded the entire valley making life unbearable and suffocating.

This is not the first time that such a situation has developed in the valley. The gravity of the situation demands urgent and necessary steps to normalize situation and restore peace in the valley. But we believe that peace can be restored by peaceful negotiation involving all concerned and not by armed operation.

We urge the Central government to take immediate and appropriate steps to involve all concerned for a negotiated peace.

at **Silchar, Assam** led by the state AIDYO leaders.

At several places youth movement in different forms was organized in different parts of the country. At **Chandil**, in Seraikella-Kharsawan district of **Jharkhand**, AIDYO staged a well decorated protest demonstration at the office of the BDO, led by state and district leaders of AIDYO. AIDYO Delhi State Committee organized a

demonstration in front of **Delhi State Secretariat** on 22 June and a charter of demands submitted to the Chief Minister, urging the AAP government to fulfill its promise towards opening up job opportunities, filling up of posts of 20000 professors, 40000 doctors, 15000 nurses lying vacant since long, ensuring security of women, stopping display of vulgar posters and advertisements etc.



50 years of AIDYO: Comrade Manik Mukherjee, member, Polit Bureau, SUCI(C) addressing the delegate session. Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary SUCI(C) and other leaders of SUCI(C) and AIDYO seated on the dais. Picture on the right : Part of the gathering at the delegate session



Protest demonstration in MP against Central Government increasing the limits of FDI at Aron on June 30 (top) and Gwalior, MP on 28 June (below)

Observe 5 August Memorial Day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh great leader of the proletariat

Join memorial meeting

at Rani Rashmoni Avenue, Kolkata at 4 P.M.

Speaker : Comrade Provash Ghosh

General Secretary, SUCI(C)

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