

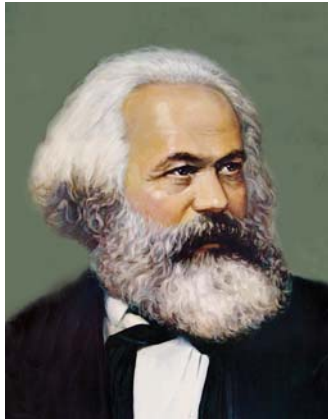
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LONG LIVE GREAT KARL MARX



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“Both for the production on a mass scale of this communist consciousness, and for the success of the cause itself, the alteration of men on a mass scale is necessary, an alteration which can only take place in a practical movement, a revolution; this revolution is necessary, therefore, not only because the ruling class cannot be overthrown in any other way, but also because the class overthrowing it can only in a revolution succeed in ridding itself of all the muck of ages and become fitted to found society anew.”— (*The German Ideology*)



Comrade Provash Ghosh, hoisting the Red Flag at the Party Central Office in Kolkata on the historic 24 April

Overcoming ambience of utterly unprincipled, corrupt politics across the country 71st Party Foundation Day observed with revolutionary conviction

The whole country is passing through a dark phase. Ruling capitalism and its servitors are resorting to all kinds of vile measures to make life unbearable for the common people. It is a stifling condition in every sphere –economic-political-social-cultural. The toiling millions are reeling under abjectly opportunistic totally unprincipled vote-politics, coupled with the BJP- RSS combine, in power at the Centre and many states, trying thousand and one means, particularly their Hindutvawadi religious fundamentalism, casteism going to the extent of anti-Dalit campaign to drive cleavage among people and leave them emasculated. Criminals, debauch and lumpens are wreaking havoc with atrocities on women and children mounting high. Not only the bourgeois parties, even the pseudo-Marxists driven by the lure of pelf and power and having no other objective except reaping electoral benefits, have reduced politics to sheer opportunism and a corrupt practice of making career. Oppressed people have been frantically seeking emancipation, even bursting forth in sporadic protests but are soon plunged in frustration and despair as their struggles are fizzling out in absence of proper leadership, guidance and correct ideology. Amidst this all-out gloom, it is the SUCI(C), as the revolutionary

Party built up by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, one of the fore-ranking Marxist thinkers of the present days, which is upholding the banner of politics based firmly upon Marxist-Leninist principles and ideology and lofty proletarian culture. Toiling people already under severe capitalist exploitation are feeling the pang of this situation helplessly, yet keenly observing and wherever possible extending support to the Party and its activities.

The 71st Foundation Day of the Party has been observed throughout the country on this background. Party comrades –supporters-sympathisers along with masses of onlookers from the common people organized different kinds of programmes, in most cases ending in mass meetings addressed by the leaders deputed centrally from the Party headquarters, as usual. The observances were marked by rendering of mass songs as well as the songs on 24 April, on Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the founder General Secretary of the Party, at the beginning and the *Communist Internationale* at the end.

In Kolkata the 70th Foundation Anniversary was initiated at the Party Central Office on 24 April morning with hoisting of the Red Flag by Comrade Provash Ghosh, the Party General Secretary and with paying floral tributes to the portrait of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the founder General Secretary of the Party and one of the fore-ranking Marxist thinkers of the days by Comrade Provash Ghosh and veteran Polit Bureau member Comrade Ranjit Dhar along with other leaders. Comrade Provash Ghosh made a brief speech in Bengali to the comrades assembled there. Its English translation is given below. Responsibility of translation error, if any, lies with the Editorial Board, Proletarian Era, .

Stand firmly imbued with Marxism-Leninism- Shibdas Ghosh Thought

Comrade Provash Ghosh's call on the
71st Party Foundation Day on 24 April
Comrades

All comrades know the importance and historical significance of 24 April. You are also aware how Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, great teacher and Marxist thinker and worthy continuer of great Marx-Engels-Lenin-Stalin-Mao Zedong had founded SUCI(C) through an arduous uncompromising struggle against too many odds

Comrades

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Comrade Provash Ghosh's speech

Capitalism has nothing to offer other than decadence and degeneration

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and obstacles. Carrying in his heart the tears, pains and sorrows of the oppressed millions he founded our party SUCI (Communist) with the dream to accomplish anti-capitalist socialist revolution in India and thereby strengthen the international revolutionary movement.

Decadent moribund capitalism devastating every walk of life

What is the situation we are faced with today? People of the world including our country, rather the whole human civilisation is faced with a grave crisis. Great Marx-Engels-Lenin-Stalin-Mao Zedong had foretold about the advent of such an all-round crisis in this era of dying capitalism. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh could himself witness some of these. A social system does pass through the stages of adolescence, youth, maturity, old age and infirmity. Capitalism-imperialism today is like a stinking corpse on death pyre. But a social system does not die automatically in a natural course like animals. Role of consciousness is crucially important in accelerating the process of change of human society. In a class-divided society conflicts exist between the reactionary thoughts of the ruling class and the progressive thoughts of the oppressed class seeking emancipation. So long as the oppressed class yearning for emancipation does not find and accept the revolutionary ideology and revolutionary culture and build up revolutionary organization, the decrepit society does not die *ipso facto* howsoever is the extent of degeneration and decay. This is the law of history. Capitalism, either in the world or in our country, has nothing to offer further in the economic-political-social-cultural spheres other than more destruction and decadence. We are faced with such a grim situation. On the one hand, there is extreme concentration of wealth in the hands of a few, while on the other there is extremely increasing poverty, hunger, starvation and death. On the one hand, there is maximization of profit while on the other there is maximization of unemployment and retrenchment. This severe crisis has gripped all the imperialist-capitalist countries starting from USA, the chieftain, to India and other countries of Asia, Africa, Europe and Latin America. Ridden with severe market crisis,

the imperialist-capitalist economy is sunk upto its neck. Just a few years back, USA, the ring-leader of the imperialist-capitalist world, was the chief proponent of the globalization of trade with a view to grabbing world market. Today, it finds that because of the same scheme, most of its home market has been swallowed by the imperialists-capitalists of other countries. This has put the US industries in crisis. Unemployment and retrenchment is soaring. So, the US rulers are now raising complaint against globalization which they themselves had once advocated so strongly. They are now raising protective tariff walls to prevent entry of foreign goods in order to protect own home market. As against globalization, they are now opting for protectionism. In retaliation other imperialist-capitalist countries are also doing the same. Thus, a trade war has ensued in the world. Who knows in the next round there may be armed clashes or wars also? Imperialism-capitalism does mean scrambling and conflict over loot and plunder of markets. Lenin, on the eve of the First World War, had shown that capitalism has entered its moribund stage. Today, the same capitalism is a carcass spreading bad smell. It is destroying everything in the economic-political-social-cultural-moral lives of the people.

The ruling bourgeoisie is destroying human values, human essence, ethics and morality

In the 20th century, even in that era of decaying capitalism, the banner of humanism was held aloft by Romain Rolland, Bernard Shaw, Einstein and other luminaries. Later Russell, Sartre and others stood up. On the other side, Marx-Engels-Lenin-Stalin-Mao Zedong and Comrade Shibdas Ghosh held aloft the flag of communism. In our country, humanist movement started with Rammohan, Vidyasagar, Jotiba Phule and such other doyens. Then came Rabindranath, Saratchandra, Nazrul, Premchand, Subramania Bharati, Jyotiprosad and in the political sphere the revolutionaries like Netaji Subhas, Bhagat Singh and Chandrasekhar Azad. Today, not only in India but in the entire world, there is no semblance of humanist values in social life. Most of the bourgeois statesmen are found to be hypocrites, cheats and liars. Even

some of them are nothing but debauches. Everyday a new case of sexual scandal involving the US President is coming to the fore. The statesmen in our country are also rank liars and hypocrites. They are deceiving and defrauding the people, indulging in palpable falsehood. Democracy is only for name's sake. There is attack on human essence. What distinguishes a man from an animal is his power of thinking. Civilization is endowment of this thinking faculty of men. The supreme contribution of civilization has been evolution of human values, concept of ethics and morality and sense of responsibility. Right from the dawn of civilization, these human values and essence have been most precious in every society. Today, capitalism-imperialism is destroying all human values. In all spheres of social life and activities there is dire absence of sense of morality and sense of values. The pioneers of renaissance movement and the leaders of our freedom movement did not see this crisis of total degeneration. The rulers are annihilating love, affection, tender feelings, sense of duty, fraternity—everything. Every day, several number of rape cases are reported. Starting from a 70-year old lady to a 7 month infant, no one is spared. Daughter is complaining of being raped by father. The greatmen of earlier period had not witnessed such bestiality. Now, we are witness to this barbarity almost daily. These all are the fallout of decadent moribund capitalism. Capitalism today is stripping human beings of human essence. It is giving birth to a new species which are humans in physical appearance but bereft of any human essence. Such species could not be found even in the medieval or barbaric age, not even in the world of beasts. Capitalism is killing not only rational thinking but even the very faculty of thinking. All sense of obligation, duty, responsibility and judgement are simply wiped off. Stripped of human essence, human beings are being turned into beasts, mindless and heartless creatures. Thus, the very mind to protest against wrong and injustice is destroyed. In order to sustain this exploitative capitalist society, the ruling bourgeoisie and its servitors are leading the youth to astray in every respect; dumping them in the dungeon of sex-perversion and criminal activities.

This is the reality we are face to face with.

People's movements are fizzling out in absence of correct leadership

We all are students of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. We are all firm in our resolve to spread his thoughts. We have voluntarily joined the Party. We all are aware that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had not only developed Marxism-Leninism by way of concretely applying it in the concrete situation of this country, he had also provided answer to all the questions in the realm of philosophy and science that arose in the post-Lenin period. How to develop a proletarian revolutionary party in today's context, what is proletarian democracy, what is proletarian culture, what are the problems emerging within the communist movement, what are the reasons behind rise of revisionism within socialism and how is that helping capitalism to surface and stage a comeback—all these questions were duly answered by him based on the methodology of analysis provided by the science of Marxism-Leninism. In that process, he had further enriched the treasurehouse of Marxism-Leninism.

The oppressed people today are bursting into agitations-movements in various countries. There are repeated tides of surging movements but only to be followed by ebbs. The mass struggles are losing steam and subsiding in no time. Because, there is no correct leadership to guide these struggles to logical culmination. The aggrieved agitating millions are not aware of the correct course of conducting the struggles. Neither the world socialist camp nor the world communist movement is in existence today. There is no proper communist leadership in different countries. There are only some stray attempts to develop communist movement in certain countries. But we know, no genuine communist party can be developed today without being guided by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought which is the higher understanding of Marxism-Leninism. So, it is incumbent on us to spread Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought in various countries as well. For that we need to increase the strength of our Party far more. With the present strength, we shall not be able to perform that task. So long as

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Direct military assault by US imperialists and their allies on Syria

Heinous imperialist machination of running over sovereign countries unfolded once more

Two months back, shocking videos of mutilated bodies of dead children and women alleged to be victims of deadly attack of chemical weapons in East Ghouta of Syria went viral. And in no time, the US imperialist regime charged the Syrian government of using poisonous chlorine gas and similar toxic chemicals against its civilian population. Citing the photos, the US government officials as well as the UN, long turned into their rubber stamp, expressed 'grave concern' for the Syrian people and accused Syrian President Assad and his government of brutally killing civilians and raked up the oft-repeated claim that the "regime of Assad" is very evil and must go. And then the US, Britain and France bypassing any consensus at UN and brazenly trampling international laws launched a volley of air strikes against three Syrian targets. Germany is also reported to have already marked and documented possible targets, using its surveillance aircraft. Syria has thus become an open book to the US-led NATO constituents. Earlier, the US-backed Zionist Israeli regime had mounted air attack on Syria from Lebanese airspace in violation of international law. Clearly, there is a concerted move to escalate another large-scale war in the Middle-East.

Creating ground for military intervention by making false and fabricated charges

The 'grave concern' of the Pentagon rulers and their associates was short-lived as soon it was laid bare that the posts on chemical attack victims were all fabricated. These had in reality been photos from Gaza and Mosul and deliberately uploaded to slam false accusations against the Syrian government. Little wonder that the US led imperialist powers dispensed even with the fig leaf of an 'enquiry' into the purported crime before launching the air strikes. It is worth recalling that way back in 1964, the US rulers had circulated news of phony "attack" by Vietnamese PT boats on a US warship in the Gulf of Tonkin in 1964 and then on that pretext triggered the most heinous war of aggression against Vietnam. Over a decade back, the US imperialists invaded Iraq on the false pretext that Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi President, possessed Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and on that false plea killed over three lakhs of innocent citizens including women and children and razed the country to rubble. After military occupation, a puppet regime was installed there. A mockery of trial was held to murder Saddam Hussain. Later, the door was opened to the most felonious terrorist organization like ISIS, backed and armed by the US and its associates, to rise from the ashes and hold the entire area and its surroundings to ransom. Within few years, it was the turn of Libya, another oil rich Middle-East country. Muammar Gaddafi, the Libyan President, an ardent proponent of pan-Arabic nationalism and proposed merger of all Arab

countries into one country—the "United States of Africa", became an eyesore of the US imperialists. So, the US rulers pressed notorious CIA to lend all necessary support to various anti-Gaddafi disgruntled groups and elements and then combine them in a planted rebel organization named 'National Transitional Council' (NTC). It was posed as if NTC had spearheaded a democratic struggle of the peace-loving masses "fighting tyranny" of Gaddafi regime and organized popular militias to "liberate the country" from the clutches of a despotic regime. Then, under the cover of a crescendo of human rights violation propaganda against Gaddafi and in the name of helping the same very NTC in its nefarious game to assume power by any means, the US imperialist rulers together with their British and French counterparts overriding world opinion and dispensing with endorsement from a pliant UNO, launched direct military attack on Libya under the pretence of a "humanitarian" mission to protect civilian lives. So, Gaddafi was savagely assassinated by the US imperialists and their agents. Next to be on the hit list of the US imperialist sharks has been President Bashar al-Assad of Syria.

Syria—the latest target of a fabricated charges

The pattern followed in Syria is very similar to that adopted in Iraq or Libya. Since President Assad has long been refusing to bend down before US dictates, the US imperialists and its allies created a so-called 'rebel' force in Syria named 'Free Syrian Army' (FSA) hinging largely on Sunni

fundamentalism, fed it with all aids and assistance to start a movement, under the cover of a so called movement for democracy, with a declared demand for ouster of the President, Bashar Al-Assad. Alongside, with a view to destabilizing Assad, they went on financing, training and arming terrorist insurgents and tens of thousands of mercenaries like al Qaeda terrorists, recruits of Jihadist fanatics etc. operative within Syria. Qatar had trained many al Qaeda like rebels who are active in Syria. And German arms had reached ISIS via Qatar. In spite of that, the planted 'rebels' and so-called insurgents could not topple the Assad government, nor could they elicit any leniency from Assad. Rather Assad continued to enjoy his people's support, apparently from their long-standing anti-US imperialist mind-set. Then, in keeping with their tradition of spreading lies, the US imperialists with the help of their well-knit propaganda machinery and notorious espionage agencies, charged Assad government of killing hundreds of civilians in Damascus using lethal sarin gas in 2013. But investigations by noted journalists like Seymour Hersh, who exposed the 1968 My Lai massacre in Vietnam, observation of Peter Ford, former British ambassador to Syria, revelations by Scott Ritter, former U.N. weapons inspector in Iraq and even admission by Rex Tillerson, US Secretary of State till the other day, clearly proved that President Assad's government was not responsible for the chemical weapons deaths and the accusation was fake and craftily manipulated by al Qaeda-like forces to provoke a direct military intervention by US. Then, after being unable to dislodge Assad regime despite all efforts to exacerbate planted 'rebellion', the US rulers once again in December last accused the Assad government of having launched chemical attack in Khan Sheikhoun area of Syria. And on that pretext, the US pounded the Shayrat airbase of Syrian army from the sky. But once more the lie was exposed when James Mattis, the then US Defence Secretary, made it clear that the US had no evidence of any such chemical attack. On the contrary, investigation documents released by secret information agencies also

indicated that the use of criminal chemical weapons on Syrian civilians in Khan Sheikhoun was planned and operationalized by the US intelligence to oust Assad from power.

Still, the US imperialists did not relent from weaving ploys to achieve their sinister mission. Douma, the city of East Ghouta adjacent to Damascus, the Syrian capital, had long been under the hold of many armed terrorist groups like Jaysh al-Islam (Saudi-backed), Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (al-Qaeda), Ahrar al-Sham, backed by the US and its imperialist allies from Europe. This city under siege had been used by these terrorist-fundamentalist groups to launch deadly missile attacks on Damascus and kill civilians including school children. After a series of such deadly missile strikes since 21 February the Syrian Army was left with no choice to secure Damascus other than freeing the East Ghouta from the terrorists. So, it began air strikes hitting the hideouts and the base of the terrorists, especially their missile stockpiles. Enraged by brutal killing, inhuman tortures and repressions by the terrorist groups, the people of East Ghouta wholeheartedly supported the Syrian forces in their bid to liberate the city. Sensing that East Ghouta too would soon be freed by the Syrian government forces, the pro-US terrorist groups hoarded all the supplies and left the people there to starve. The hostage citizens were also used by them as a shield whenever the Syrian government forces were trying to free the hostages and take control of the city. But overcoming all these, the Syrian Army wiped off terrorists' hold in East Ghouta and was on a victory run over the 'rebels'. The town of Douma was the last to be liberated from the grip of the Jaysh al-Islam and other terrorist groups who had no option but agree to an evacuation. Smelling defeat, the US imperialists, as an initial manoeuvre, sought to enforce a ceasefire of 30 days in East Ghouta, the aim being to ensure an escape route for the 'rebels' and terrorists subservient to them. But the Syrian government only agreed to hold back fire only for 5 hours when the buses carrying the hostage East Ghouta citizens would move out and then again go for all-out

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US uses same ploy of spreading lies and planting ‘rebellion’ using well-knit propaganda and espionage agencies to dislodge Assad

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assault. It is at this point that once again the lies about ‘chemical attack’ by Syrian army were spread to ‘justify’ direct military intervention. Preposterous indeed! Why should the Syrian government choose this moment of victory to suddenly unleash a gas attack? That Syria did not possess any weapon of mass destruction was confirmed by the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons currently in Syria for inspection. It is now revealed that White Helmets, a British NGO, had staged a fake chemical weapon attack on the Syrian town of Douma on April 7 last and that this was used as a pretext for the coordinated US-Britain-France action. One thing is clear. Fabricated allegations were thrust upon the Assad regime by the US and its associates every time the Syrian Army made advances against the rebel terrorist groups. Last year, it was Khan Sheikhou. This year it is Douma. It also needs to be mentioned that US-Britain imperialist duo has been pretending to be so opposed to chemical weapons and the human suffering they cause. Incredible indeed! The whole world knows that no one other than the US imperialists have been recklessly using chemical as well as nuclear weapons on civilian population to score military victory over the opponents. It happened in Japan, in the Korean War, in Vietnam, in Iraq, in Libya and in so many other places. Now it is happening in Syria. And there is repeat of the shrewd saga of ‘turning the table’.

Why is the US hell-bent to dislodge Assad?

Obvious question is why the US imperialists are hell-bent to dislodge President Assad. For that a few relevant economic-political issues need to be taken into cognizance at the outset. First of all, though Syria is not a major crude oil producing country, both Saudi Arabia and Iraq oil pipelines have gone through Syrian deserts starting decades ago, from which it has earned much revenues. Secondly, the world’s largest known natural gas reservoir sits in the middle of the Persian Gulf straddling part in the territorial waters of Qatar and

part in Iran. The US imperialists have a hawk’s eye on these crucial natural resources for long and hence they have been so keen to take control over that by resorting to all kinds of evil measures including flexing of military muscle. In July 2011, the governments of Syria, Iran and Iraq signed a historic gas pipeline energy agreement. The proposed pipeline was to run from the Iranian Port Assalouyeh near the South Pars gas field in the Persian Gulf, to Damascus in Syria via Iraq territory. The agreement was poised to make Syria the centre of assembly and production in conjunction with the reserves of Lebanon. This was envisioned to be a geopolitically strategic space extending from Iran to Iraq, Syria and Lebanon. Shortly after signing with Iran and Iraq, Syria announced discovery of a gas well in its area of Qarahand. Gazprom, a large Russian company in the business of extraction, production, transport, and sale of natural gas, was chosen to be a major investor or operator of these newly discovered gas fields in Syria. Next point is that European Union (EU) is the world’s largest market for gas. Iran, which also has gas fields, had planned to extend the pipeline from Damascus to Lebanon’s Mediterranean to cater to the huge EU market. On the other hand, Qatar, hitherto a close ally of US-Saudi combine, is the world’s largest exporter of natural gas and naturally eyes the same EU market. For that, it also intended to build pipelines to the Mediterranean. So, it needed to edge out Syria. In fact, in 2009, Qatar approached Assad with a proposal of constructing a gas pipeline from Qatar’s north Field to Turkey via Syria to facilitate its EU supply. Assad refused, citing Syria’s long friendly relations with Russia and Gazprom. In fact, Assad had been consistently stalling any ingress of the US imperialists into its oil and gas reserves. Obviously, the US-Saudi bloc has taken umbrage at this. Hostility of the US imperialist bloc towards Assad was further aggravated when he dropped US dollar for oil trade and opted for Euro and banned Genetically Modified Seeds of which large US MNCs are the biggest suppliers. The US

SUCI (Communist) strongly condemns brazen missile attack by the US imperialists and their allies on Syria

Strongly condemning the brazen missile attack on Syria jointly by the arch imperialist USA, UK and France, Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(Communist), issued the following statement on 13 April 2018 :

We strongly condemn the combined brutal attack launched by US-British and France imperialists today on Syria with at least 100 volleys of missiles, utterly violating international laws, customs and conventions. The missile attack was unleashed raising a false pretext of use of chemical weapons by Assad government against the so called ‘rebels’— a charge found to be completely unfounded and baseless.

We call upon the anti-imperialist and peace-loving people of the world to come forward and condemn this heinous attack demanding immediate halt to this barbarity and develop powerful anti-imperialist struggle throughout the world.

monopolists, giant MNCs and banks—who are the holders of US imperialist regime—fear that defeat of US economic-political strategies in the Middle East would severely affect the hegemonic design they have been pursuing to buttress their ulterior class interest. They also apprehend that if US interests are jeopardized there and US military is compelled to pull out from the region, it would benefit Russia and China, now turned imperialist-capitalist following counter-revolution and appeared as major contenders in the global capitalist market. Also, it might strengthen the position of Iran, another formidable anti-US regime in West Asia. So, is the ‘imperativeness’ to drag out the same pretext to overrun Syria and plant a client regime there.

It is worth mentioning in this regard that Syria is also a unitary semi-presidential republic or a bourgeois dictatorship regime and obviously people there are also subject to bourgeois oppression and exploitation. Like all other ruling bourgeoisie in the capitalist countries, the Syrian bourgeoisie also, in decadent moribund capitalism, cannot and could not fulfil the democratic aspirations of their people. So, there does exist grievances among the Syrian people. But that by no means authorizes any imperialist power or any reactionary pro-imperialist government of the Middle East to interfere and stimulate dissension

with a view to bringing about a regime change and install a puppet government composed of reactionaries favoured by them. It is the inalienable right of the people of any country to choose their own regime and no foreign power should illegally and unauthorisedly interfere in the internal affairs of any sovereign country, let alone bring down military assault. Syria must be left to the Syrians to decide the course that people of that land would follow. They need to struggle for emancipation by giving birth to revolutionary leadership and treading along correct base political line.

Role of imperialist Russia

In this context it may be mentioned that capitalist-imperialist Russia in its own interest has been lending full support to Assad’s forces in combating this threat for quite some time. It ought not to be forgotten this Russia is not the socialist Soviet Union which once stood out as the bulwark against all imperialist machinations including military interventions. This Russia ruled by the Russian bourgeoisie saddled in power after counter-revolution in 1991 pursues the same hegemonic design with the intention of extending its own sphere of influence.

Russia’s involvement in the war in Syria is thus more out of concern of losing out to US and its allies like

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In absence of Socialist Bloc, bulwark of resistance must be created by spurt of organized militant anti-imperialist movement worldwide

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Saudi Arabia and Qatar in the 'energy war' i.e. who would control how much of oil and gas reserve in the Middle East. Moreover, 80 per cent of the gas that the Russian state-controlled company Gazprom produces is sold to Europe partly through Turkey and Syria. The proposed largest gas pipeline in the Middle East stretching from Iran's gas-rich South Pars field to the Mediterranean coastline in Lebanon via Iraq and Syria would not only cater to the European market but also the markets of China, India and Pakistan and other South-east Asian countries. Secondly, Iran, rich both in oil and natural gas, has an edge over Saudi Arabia, rich only in oil, and Qatar, rich only in natural gas. For long, Iranian rulers have been friendly with Russia and opposed to US hegemonism. So, Russia does not want to lose that advantage. To it, Syria with strong economic ties with Iran and antagonistic to US-backed Saudi bloc is obviously a natural ally. To contain Russia, the US-led Western imperialists have been strengthening and extending NATO bases in Eastern Europe and Baltic states and pulling strings from behind to pull down the pro-Russia government in Ukraine and brought on a civil war there. On the other hand, Russia is trying to assert its own power and thwart US machinations in Syria and extend its own sphere of influence. It is thus clear that this imperialist onslaught upon the Arab world is driven by the rapacity and cruelty so typical of the imperialist powers who have pounced upon this region with all might and shrewdness to establish an unchallengeable control over this region and its natural resources.

What makes the US brigands so undeterred in brigandage?

Obvious question is why the imperialist vultures turned into worst war mongers and how could the US imperialists and their allies dare to launch one after another armed attack on other countries, occupying other lands flexing military muscle, engineering coups and planting pliant regimes in various countries, sustaining a war psychosis throughout the world and Middle

East in particular, and orchestrating local, partial and even large-scale wars with alacrity? Answer lies in the economic essence of imperialism and the prevailing international political situation. Great Lenin had said long back that imperialism generates war. Why did he say so? Because, capitalist economy is dependent on market demand. Following endemic law of exploitative capitalism, the purchasing power of the common people falls rapidly. So, the market shrinks. When the home market squeezes, the imperialists seek market outside. But then conflicts arise among the imperialist powers centered on grabbing of market. Often this conflict translates into armed conflicts, meaning wars. Both the first and second world wars took place because of that. But soon the external market also dries up and imperialist-capitalist crisis deepens further. So, in order to stave off the growing crisis, the imperialists-capitalists seek to reduce dependence on normal consumption market and instead scout for maximization of profit through artificial stimulation of economy by way of increasing military consumption. That means, that the government itself turns up in the market as the buyer of military hardware with the money from the government budget funded by the people's money. This is called militarization of economy. The more acute the crisis, the more militarized is the economy. Next comes the question of releasing the stockpiles of arms so bought or produced, in order to make fresh space for market of arms and keep militarization running. So, they trigger off war here and there, creating a market to sell arms to various warring countries or themselves use those arms in course of hostilities with other countries. That is why all imperialist powers foment war tension and hostilities worldwide. So long imperialism would stay, chances of outbreak of war would be there. The law of inevitability of wars in the era of imperialism is a law of political economy which arises from the special economic conditions of the era. The increased war threats and war mongering of the US imperialists and their fellow-

travellers are to be understood in the light of this genesis of imperialist war.

Secondly, so long the socialist camp, its shortcomings notwithstanding, was in existence, it worked as a bulwark against imperialist war mongering. But with sad dismantling of the socialist camp due to revisionist conspiracy backed by world imperialism, the imperialist sharks, particularly the US imperialists, became unbridled and turned unbridled neo-colonial exploitation and attacks into outright wars of aggression be it through direct occupation or proxy wars. After turning one country after another into hotbeds of imperialist machination, loot and plunder, the US imperialists and their associates turned towards the oil and gas rich Middle East which was set into flames of war under a range of false pretexts entailing colossal loss of innocent lives and properties. Over 3.5 lakh civilians died when the US invaded Iraq. Number of civilian deaths have been reported to be around 2 lakhs (Check figure please) in Afghanistan, Libya, Yemen, Sudan and Palestine. In Syria, over 2 lakh people have already been killed and more than 30 lakh Syrians displaced outside the country. Amnesty International has stated in no unambiguous term that the US-sponsored 'rebels' "have committed serious violations of international humanitarian law, including abductions, torture and summary killings through the indiscriminate use of weapons such as mortars, improvised explosive devices and suicide car bombs in attacks on residential areas under government control." But the US imperialists are unfazed, and hell bent to bring the entire Middle East under their boot in avid pursuit of their hegemonic design.

US imperialists, Hands off Syria

The situation indeed is explosive. The cruelty and inhumanity of the US imperialists for fixing their tight grip on pelf have been boundless. The US along with its fellow travelers in Europe and associates like Zionist Israel, Saudi Arabia and their cohorts have turned the entire Middle-East into a

killing field. Afghanistan, Palestine, Iraq, Libya, Yemen, Syria—who knows who is the next to witness imperialist fury and carnage of unprecedented dimension; how many innocent citizens including women and children would be mercilessly killed, how many would be maimed, how much of property would be destroyed. If allowed to go undeterred, these blood-thirsty vultures would be more unbridled in future holding the entire world people to ransom. It is the people who bear the brunt of the capitalist crisis and imperialist wars. The governments spend public money from the exchequers for manufacturing lethal weapons which then are used against people. While the imperialist-capitalist rulers and their war-merchants multiply their wealth, the innocent hapless people pay the price by losing life and property. So, people must rise up. The toiling millions of different imperialist-capitalist countries need to spearhead in right earnest revolutionary working struggle against their respective bourgeois rule by developing correct revolutionary party and leadership. As against unholy nexus and alliance of the oppressive imperialist-capitalist powers, there should be cemented unity and fraternity among the toiling people and rise of people's power. Alongside, in absence of the mighty Socialist Bloc that once could restrain the imperialist brigands from doing whatever they wanted, the bulwark of resistance must be created by exerting pressure of worldwide organized militant anti-imperialist movement. United, sustained and well-coordinated anti-imperialist, anti-war militant peace movements with the communists at the core ought to be developed in every nook and corner of the world with a view to creating a powerful pressure upon the war-monger US imperialists and their associates to immediately withdraw from Syria and for that matter, every occupied as well as war-torn regions. That struggle will not only encourage the struggle of Syrian people against US intervention, together it will also enhance their cause. Let the toiling people of the world unite and unanimously raise the slogan—US imperialists! Hands off Syria.

Comrade Provash Ghosh's speech

Deep boundless love for the oppressed millions is the essence of revolutionary politics

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we do not achieve that, there would be recurrent surge of sporadic movements, 'Occupy Wall Street' and 'Arab Spring' type of movements would come and go, spate of strikes would sweep Europe. But, capitalism-imperialism would stay and crises would multiply.

Abandonment of path of struggle by CPI (M), CPI paved way for surge of communal BJP

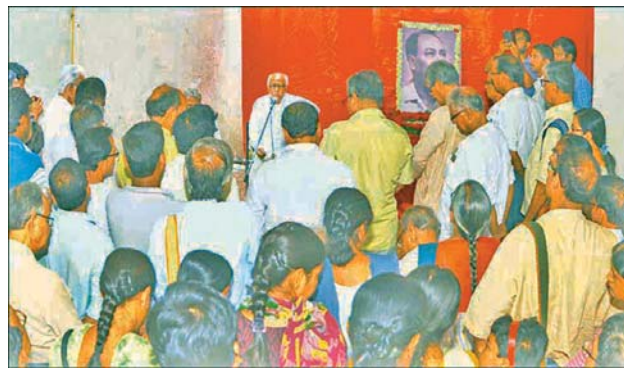
In our country also, agitations, movements are surging forth sporadically giving vent to the accumulated grievances of the suffering people. It is true that our Party is growing. But we still lack the strength by which we could transform these sporadic movements into powerful organized sustained mass struggles. It is true that the present BJP rule has assumed a naked fascistic form. At the same time it is not correct that the BJP is the first to bring fascism in our country. Pioneer in this regard has been the National Congress. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh said this long back. Today, fascism has been a general feature of the rule in all capitalist countries, advanced or backward. What is fascism, what are its economic features, political features, socio-cultural aspects—all these were explained by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh to the toiling masses of the world. It is the Congress which during the freedom movement created the ground for this menacing rise of the RSS-BJP. In serving the class interest of the bourgeoisie, the Congress had not only opposed the revolutionist ideology of Subhaschandra, Bhagat Singh-Kshudiram in the political field, it also opposed the line of struggle against spiritualism-obscurantism spearheaded by Vidyasagar-Saratchandra-Bhagat Singh. Since the freedom movement the National Congress had compromised with religion and spiritualism. We have seen the poisonous effect of this compromise in the form of ugly outburst of communal riot followed by partition of the country. It is because of this compromising attitude of the National Congress that spiritualist thoughts, religious hatred and caste discrimination could find in this soil a fertile ground to grow and thrive. On the other hand, the so-called communist party meaning undivided

CPI which did not grow as a Marxist party did never fight against spiritualism, religious blindness and communalism. It grew and increased its strength only by usurping the glory of the international communist movement and the credibility of the struggle of Subhaschandra-Bhagat Singh-Surya Sen. Neither they did cultivate Marxism nor higher proletarian culture. It has no history or tradition of struggle against spiritualism and communalism. Otherwise, the BJP could never make a dent into West Bengal, once a citadel of leftism. How could those who were once the leaders and workers of the CPI (M) now join the BJP if there was an iota of leftism in them? In fact, to the CPI, CPI (M) leftism was only a slogan to voice but not an ideology and culture to be

RSS-Jana Sangh (now BJP) to come to the centre-stage of Indian politics. You ought to remember this. I want to remind you another aspect. On the eve of the parliamentary election of 1977, Jan Sangh and other rightist forces combined to form the Janata Party. The CPI (M) supported the Janata Party for reaping electoral benefit. While Morarji Desai became the Prime Minister, Jyoti Basu assumed the chair of Chief minister in West Bengal. They held each other's hand. Vajpayee and Advani, then the front-ranking leaders of Jan Sangh, were inducted in the ministry of Morarji Desai government which the CPI (M) called a 'friendly' government. This is the history. I want to recall further that when V P Singh government was formed in 1989 following a split in the then

Now, the CPI (M) is uniting with the Congress in the name of opposing the BJP. It is sheer opportunism. Is the Congress secular? Never has it been secular. The very meaning of secularism is that there would be no place for spiritualism in the realm of philosophy. The material world would be the sole reality. Vidyasagar, Saratchandra, Bhagat Singh were the exponents of true secularism. Secularism means that religion would have no role to play in the arena of politics, economy, social relations and culture. Religion would only remain as a matter of personal belief. Subhaschandra also advocated the same thing. The Congress had never practised secular politics. On several occasions, the Congress engineered communal riots. The latest was the anti-Sikh riot of Delhi in 1984. What is the Congress doing today for securing vote? It is competing with the BJP by offering prayers in the temples, mosques and churches. It is said that the Congress is peddling 'soft Hindutva'. This very Congress is being branded as 'secular' by the CPI (M). Some of the regionalist-casteist-chauvinist parties like the SP, BSP, RJD, DMK, etc., who have no connection with secularism but have only their eye on the seat of power are being christened as 'secular democratic forces'. But, there was a great opportunity today for promoting an alternative leftist line. Now, internal antagonism and conflicts within the monopoly houses and corporate sector are intensified. One group is backing the BJP while the other the Congress. The contradiction between the national capital and regional capital is glaringly manifest in the sphere of politics. So, when the ruling class and its servitor parties are engulfed in serious contradictions and conflicts among them, the correct leftist line would have been to intensify class and mass struggles by appropriately using the internal contradictions within the enemy camp. But the CPI (M) has given up that path. Instead, solely guided by electoral politics it is uniting with the Congress and all other regionalist-casteist-chauvinist parties in the name of fighting the BJP. This is no leftism but sheer pursuit of opportunist bourgeois parliamentarism. In such a situation, our Party is boldly holding aloft the banner of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought and true leftism. An

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Comrade Provash Ghosh, addressing at the Party Central Office on 24 April

cultivated or practised. Else, the BJP could have never come to such a position. Not only that. When did the BJP raise its strength in the country? As against the Syndicate Congress of Morarji Desai, the CPI (M) branded Indira Congress as progressive in 1967-69. Those who are now aged and saw that period in West Bengal are aware of this history. Later, when a massive movement at the call and initiative of Jayprakash Narayan surged forth throughout the Hindi speaking belt against the misrule of the Congress, then our Party under the leadership of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh urged the left parties to join the movement to provide leadership. CPI was then having an alliance with Indira Congress. The CPI (M) was maintaining friendly relations with Indira Gandhi. So, both of them refused to join that movement. As a result, usurping the entire credit of that movement, RSS-Jan Sangh increased their strength. But for that, it would have never been possible for

ruling Congress, it was supported by both the BJP and the CPI (M). The CPI (M) and the BJP held a joint meeting at Kolkata Maidan which was addressed by Jyoti Basu and Atal Behari Vajpayee. So, the contribution of the CPI (M) is no less in enabling the BJP to gain strength and to increase its social acceptance. The 34-yearlong rule of the CPI (M)-led front in West Bengal has caused immense harm to the leftist tradition of West Bengal and turned the people against leftism. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had warned long back that the way the CPI (M) was causing serious harm to leftism would pave the way for Jan Sangh (now BJP) to raise its head. Exactly that has happened. The terror let loose by the ruling TMC today is also a replica of what the CPI (M) did while in power. So, the public has been saying that once it was the CPI (M), now it is the TMC. Rather, a comparison is being made as to who would score over whom in spreading terror and indulging in wrongdoing and injustice.

Comrade Provash Ghosh's speech

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought is the highest understanding of Marxism-Leninism today

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important responsibility has been bestowed on us in both national and international spheres.

Essential to fight menace of individualism

In this connection, I would like to say a few more words for our comrades. All our comrades are highly respectful to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. I know that our comrades would go on recalling his teachings till their last breath. They are all pledge-bound to serve the interest of the Party. But there are questions which need to be pondered over. Many of our leaders and workers are yet to give up their personal properties. Again, though quite a number of leaders and cadres have been able to give up private properties, they have not been able to free themselves from private-property mental complex. It indeed is a matter of hard struggle. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was the first to point out this in the Marxist movement that in order to acquire proletarian culture, one must be freed from individualism and private-property mental complex. He showed that individualism which came in the wake of advent of secular humanism in the days of rising capitalism was progressive in the then context. But today, in the era of extreme decadence of capitalism, the same very individualism has given birth to worst form of selfishness, self-centredness and menacingly contributing towards fast degeneration of ethical-moral standard. We are all living in such a polluted environment where individualism works in us and pollutes us. In politics, we, in the main, understand the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and cultivate them. But, most of our leaders and workers are not aware and alert of the fact that bourgeois individualism continues to subtly influence our habits and conduct, our daily life, our inter-personal relations in every moment.

Grasp of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought— Imperative to acquire higher communist character

We all think and contemplate. Each of us think that this is right, this is wrong; this is to be done, this is not to be done; this is not good; that is not to my likes; this person is like this, that person is like that and so

forth. But is this process of thinking in keeping with Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought? How many of us are engaged in the struggle for acquiring the thought process of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh? The conventional thoughts which we inherited from the society in our childhood were all born out of bourgeois outlook and bourgeois process of thinking. These are all ingrained in our blood, are latently operative in us. A ceaseless struggle is needed to free ourselves from the grip of bourgeois thoughts, habits and conduct. For that, we need to grasp the philosophy of Marxism-Leninism or Dialectical Materialism. This dynamic world is changing at every moment. What are the laws governing such changes? What are the internal contradictions? What are the external contradictions? Which are the respective principal contradictions in the internal and external domains? Which one is a quantitative change? Which one is a qualitative change? Which is undergoing negation to create a new entity? All these laws which are governing the nature are equally operative in the society, in a family, inside a person, inside one comrade, inside a leader. So, while examining or analysing any phenomenon, evaluating or assessing any person or comrade, this Marxist approach needs to be adopted. The analysis or appraisal should be done dispassionately, being free from any ill-feeling, personal reaction, subjective reading or pre-conceived notions. Most of our leaders and workers have not been able to acquire this ability till date. In order to acquire this ability, one has to simultaneously conduct theoretical and practical struggle and by acquiring higher culture has to dialectically integrate the lessons of both the struggles. Otherwise, dialectical relation would not develop within the Party. In place of dialectical relationship, there would only be some discussions, some activities, some exchange of opinions and debates. But the dialectical relationship would not grow in the Party. Dialectical relationship develops only through due dialectical process of attaining higher ideological-cultural standard by conducting ceaseless all-embracing struggle. And if that dialectical relationship does not grow, democratic centralism would not be operative in a proper way. In

that event, there will be either blind allegiance or blind opposition to the leadership. The leadership would turn bureaucratic. These tendencies would be at work at various levels. Tendency to acquire name and fame, egoistic mentality, exhibitionism, jealousy, hatred, bitterness—all these vices would be manifest in various forms. There ought to be a relentless struggle against all these anti-revolutionary trends and tendencies. None of us would be able to elevate ourselves to the standard of a good communist unless we acquire the proletarian outlook needed to guide our approach towards love relationship, marital life and children. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had taught us that once bourgeois humanism was progressive. Based on that, noble characters emerged during the period of renaissance and bourgeois democratic revolution. The renaissance personalities and the leaders of freedom movement of our country also reflected that high humanist standard. But today, we, who aspire to be communists, have not begun our journey even from that high humanist standard. That is why, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had repeatedly said to us “study the life and struggle of the great men, learn from them”, “Read Saratchandra’s works and learn from the characters he depicted in his works.” From these, first acquire the humanist character and values, the essence of which is to subordinate personal interest to the interest of the Party and revolution. The next higher stage is that the interest of revolution is my interest; the interest of the party is my interest. At that level, there would be nothing left as personal interest i.e. one is identified with the revolution and party interest. In order to attain this standard, we shall have to first attain the highest standard of bourgeois humanism. This struggle is of utmost importance. Only emotion towards the Party and Comrade Shibdas Ghosh would not save us. In course of protecting our body from the vagaries of nature, we are to struggle against environment at every moment. Each moment, so many body cells get destroyed while new cells grow. Similarly, the traits of old character are to be destroyed and elements of a new higher character have to grow within us. The contradiction between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat,

between a revolutionary character and a non-revolutionary character are continuously operating within us in every sphere. If we do not conduct the struggle for attaining higher and higher revolutionary character consciously and relentlessly, we shall not be able to prevent our degeneration and become worthy student of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, no matter howsoever high a post of responsibility we might occupy in the Party.

Lastly, I would say that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was initiated into the revolutionary movement out of profound love and affection for the oppressed millions. If there is no deep affection for the toiling masses, the work of going to the masses becomes a mere routine one. First there ought to be love for the oppressed people, the downtrodden and have-nots. It will drive me to the task of establishing mass contacts. This is the need. Every leader and cadre of the Party irrespective of where they work and whatever be their assigned responsibilities must develop themselves as exemplary communist characters. Within the Party, every leader should be an ideal before the cadres. Teach others by your own conduct. The leaders should educate the cadres with their own characters, by way of their lives, not merely by delivering lectures. In one’s locality, one should be endearing to all by dint of one’s sense of responsibility, love and affection for others, decent conduct and unassuming nature, firm stand against injustice and ever readiness to help others in their need and difficulties. This is how our comrades should develop mass contacts. In this way they should become beloved members of every family of their localities. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh wanted whether the leadership assigns any job or not, each Party worker should try to build up organization through his or her own creative initiative. Let them develop clubs, libraries and cultural organizations in various localities and through those carry to the masses higher thoughts, acquaint them with the lives of great men and help them acquire higher human qualities and values. And if there is any injustice, any wrong committed against anyone, our comrades must immediately protest. Even if one is alone, one should protest

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courageously. This is communist character. When we organize any protest agitation, it is not just a routine programme. Our repugnance of and protest against the injustice or crime, against the culprits are expressed in such protest agitations, at the same time is manifested our empathy with and deep fellow-feeling for the oppressed and repressed. Otherwise, it becomes a ritualistic programme. Our Party is growing. It would continue to grow further. But mere number would not serve the purpose. What is needed is quality, character. Let the leaders assign responsibility to the workers, particularly the young comrades. Help the young and new comrades to develop. The conduct of the leaders should not create any bureaucratic impediment. The workers must feel ease of mind in placing their views before the leaders and even criticize the leaders with an open mind. The leaders

should think that if there is hesitation or inability on the part of any comrade to open their minds to them, it means the leaders do not command respect. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had embodied such leadership in him and created such a free environment within the Party. We must also do that.

SUCI(C) would develop class and mass struggles with all might

In the country, we shall try to develop united movement with other left parties whenever, wherever and to whatever extent they come forward for that. But we know that they have abandoned the path of struggle. If they come in movement, they would do so purely from electoral exigency. Apart from vote, they do not think of anything else. Just like other bourgeois parties, they also have become totally election-oriented. So, we need to develop organization among all

sections of the toiling people—workers-peasants-students-youth-women. In course of development of the movements as well as through various social and cultural activities coupled with conduction of intensive ideological struggle and debates-discussions, we shall have to fight religious blindness and communalism. Lenin had said that an honest priest is more dangerous than a dishonest priest. Why did he say so? Because, preaching of religion by an honest priest causes more harm since people are misled by his honesty. But if the priest is dishonest, he would not be able to create that much confusion among the people. Today the RSS-BJP have become dishonest, corrupt and power-greedy. They are abetting to all sorts of injustice and impropriety. They would not be much successful in confusing the people wearing the cloak of religious honesty. On the other hand, like the way the BJP won elections by capitalizing anti-

Congress feelings, the Congress in alliance with others might dislodge the BJP from power in the next election. But the way the RSS-BJP are destroying thinking faculty, rationality and scientific bent of mind and inflaming the country by spreading communal-caste hatred and religious bigotry, it would have a far-reaching pernicious effect. Only we as genuine proletarian revolutionary party can thwart this danger if we firmly stand up on the basis of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought, develop the class and mass struggles, build up the mass fronts and thus correctly discharge our responsibility. With the hope that our comrades would prove themselves equal to the task, I came to say these few words on this occasion.

Long live Revolution!
Long Live SUCI(Communist)
Red salute to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat!

Observance of 71st Party Foundation Day in different states



Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee, member, Central Committee addressing in Tripura



Audience at the meeting in New Delhi



Comrade K Radhakrishna, member, Central Committee addressing in Chennai



Comrade Satyawan, member, Central Committee addressing at Haryana and a part of the gathering below



Resurgence of united powerful leftist movement on secular principles — urgent need of the time — Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya at the CPI (M) Party Congress

[Following is the text of the short speech which was delivered by Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya, Member, Polit Bureau, SUCI(C), on being invited at the inaugural session of the 22nd Congress of CPI (M) held in Hyderabad on 18 April 2018.]

Dear comrades,

On behalf of the Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist) I am here to extend to you our warm greetings on the great occasion of your 22nd Party Congress. It is being held at a time when the entire country is reeling under severe economic crisis. Almost all industrial activity has come to a grinding halt and complete stagnation is prevailing. Toiling people who comprise 95% of our population find it extremely difficult just to remain alive. The poor and small peasants who constitute the bulk of our population being unable to bear the brunt of the situation are choosing deaths, committing suicide in ever increasing number. Needless to say that this unbearable situation is the offshoot of the rule and exploitation by the capitalist class.

Apart from groaning under the yoke of capitalist oppression, the toiling people find further threat posed to their life and existence after the RSS-BJP assumed governmental power at the centre and in the various states. Not only the entire atmosphere of the country is vitiated with worst form of communalism, communal flare ups, killings and destruction in all parts of the country are being engineered by them in a very systematic manner with the backing of the state power. What is deadlier is the worst religious fanaticism deliberately fostered by the RSS- BJP who are also pushing the country towards fascism. Fascism is the worst enemy of mankind.

Under the situation when toiling people are completely helpless, it has become incumbent on the leftist forces to unite to give birth to a political core to spearhead and lead a historic people’s movement to forestall the onward growth of this rabid communal force by forging greater unity with other democratic and secular forces keeping in mind that all anti- BJP forces are not at all secular.

True secularism had emerged in history through people’s movement against feudalism, fighting the grip of religion over the activities of the state

which in course resulted in pursuing state activity rising above religion and freeing social relations from the grip of religion. In course of that, state activities were pursued during the days of advent of capitalism rising above religion. In course of time secularism and scientific democratic outlook came to be understood as one and same. At the highest level of development of this concept, people were enabled to be free from religious blindness and obscurantist bigoted thoughts.

Considering the overall situations in the country particularly the menacing growth of the RSS-BJP, we, therefore, strongly feel that urgent need is resurgence of a powerful leftist movement throughout the country—as it had prevailed before the Emergency of 1975 — by conducting relentless people’s movement centring round the burning demands of people’s life and bringing within its ambit all sections of toiling people irrespective of caste, creed, language and religion. It is true that in carrying forward the task of militant and democratic movements, appropriate and conducive steps will have to be initiated within legislatures as well but without forgetting that the struggle outside legislature, extra parliamentary movement is prior and of decisive importance. Here I conclude. Once again, I convey our comradely greetings to you all.



Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya addressing in the CPI(M) Party Congress



Observance of Party Foundation Day in Kolkata on 24 April evening and Patna, Bihar [below]



Observance of Party Foundation Day in Bhopal Madhya Pradesh [top] and in Cuttack, Odisha [two photos at the bottom]

Red Salute Comrade G S Padmakumar

Comrade G.S. Padmakumar joined our party in 1978 at his age of 17. He started activity in Trivandrum District. Afterwards he was entrusted with the responsibility of organizing party in Ernakulam District. With his enormous ability and higher cultural standard he worked hard day and night to organize our party there. Creating a good number of cadres, he could succeed in building a strong party organization in the district. In 1988, he became a member of the state committee. Along with Ernakulam District, he was deputed to look after Trichur District organization, then Palakkad District and Malappuram District. In all these Districts, he could succeed in building of party organization. He was Qilon District Secretary and state secretariat member at the time of his departure.



Through an unrelenting struggle, he acquired a commendable understanding in Marx-ism - Leninism and Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thoughts. Actually, he was one of the very few comrades from Trivandrum District who could imbue the concept of professional revolutionary as enunciated in India by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh the great leader of the proletariat and he gave up an ordinary way of life and began a life of a communist revolutionary trying to submit everything personal to the interest of working class and its party the SUCI(C). Thus, his life itself became exemplary becoming inspiring for a lot of other comrades to take up the same way of life. He tuned his personal life and all the questions which he confronted there in a struggling spirit placing the interest of the party to the fore. Once he had decided to submit himself to the revolutionary cause he never turned back; thus he was successful in leading a contented revolutionary life till his last breath. His submission to party was unquestionable. He was very loyal to party in every aspects. He followed communist code of conduct strictly and he made others to do the same in earnest manner.

He conducted many talks, classes and study circles for hundreds of comrades of Kerala. In many state level study camps of party, he was one of the main speakers. His reading habit can be taken as good example for all comrades. His wide reading starting from Literature, History, Philosophy to Science made him an extraordinary scholar in these fields. Luminaries of Kerala in these fields, those who happened to hear his talks, recognized and respected him as a good teacher. Party state committee entrusted him to write and translate many books for the party. He wrote and helped others to write many books on Science, Scientists, and History.

He was the president of Kerala chapter of Breakthrough Science Society. Under his direct leadership Cultural front BANNER worked effectively. He was the editor of BANNER, a quarterly published cultural magazine in Malayalam. With the guidance from party State Committee, a team of comrades under the leadership of Comrade GS Padmakumar prepared a specific study of Kerala's History. The study had created a very good response from the intellectuals as well as from the common people.

In the demise of Comrade Padmakumar Kerala party has lost a wholesome organizer and leader very untimely and we will have to work hard to overcome this irreparable loss.

Condolence message of Comrade Provash Ghosh

To
Comrade C K Lukose,
Member, Central Committee and Kerala State Secretary,
SUCI (Communist)

Dear Comrade,

The sudden death news of Comrade Padmakumar, member Kerala State Secretariat, SUCI(Communist) is a severe shock to me.

I fail to find right words to express my deep pain and shock.

Comrade Padma Kumar by dint of his firm commitment to the revolutionary cause, deep conviction in Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought, unflinching loyalty to the Party, leading organizing capability, soothing behaviour and boundless love and affection for the comrades acquired a unique position in the Kerala Party. He drew my attention as a very promising organizer and emerging leader of the Party. His premature and sudden death is a great loss to not only Kerala Party but All India Party as a whole. Comrades have to strive hard to fill the vacuum created by his death.

I believe comrades, remembering the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, great Marxist thinker, will turn their grief into strength with firm revolutionary determination.

I, on behalf of the Central Committee of our Party, deeply condole his demise.

With Revolutionary greetings,

Comradely yours,

Provash Ghosh
(PROVASH GHOSH)
General Secretary
SUCI(Communist)

28 April 2018



Comrade CK Lukose offering red salute to Comrade Padmakumar



Comrade Provash Ghosh inaugurating a meeting hall on the 1st floor of the Martyr Abdul Odud Memorial Bhawan, the Party office at Baruipara in Nadia district in West Bengal on 17 April last. Comrade Abdul Odud was a very promising leading organizer of the Party who was brutally murdered on 29 May, 1998, by criminals of the CPI (M). In the mass meeting after the inauguration, Comrade Provash Ghosh while dwelling on various exemplary aspects of Comrade Odud, said that "Comrade Odud was the product of a specific revolutionary struggle".

Comrade Satyawan at the Party Congress of the CPI (ML) Liberation

Invited to the 10th Party Congress of the CPI (ML) Liberation held at Mansa in Punjab, Comrade Satyawan, Member Central Committee of SUCI (Communist) and the Haryana State Secretary, delivered a brief address on 24 March 2018, is given below.

Comrades,

On behalf of the Central Committee of the SUCI(C), I convey revolutionary greetings to you all on the occasion of this open session of the 10th party congress of the CPI (ML) Liberation.. Comrades, your Party Congress has been organized at a time when both our country as well as the whole world is in the grip of severe crisis. The doctrine of capitalist globalization which all the imperialist powers including India once implemented claiming that it would resolve all crises has now been found to be a total flop. You also know that India in order to contain the newly emerged imperialist powers like Russia and China is forming increasingly closer alliances with the imperialist US, Japan and Australia. Inside the country also, the ruling Indian capitalism, with a view to consolidating the oppressive capitalist system, is ruthlessly exploiting the workers, peasants and the toiling millions. Not just subjecting them to the worst form of oppression-repression, even there is concerted attempt to disrupt the unity and solidarity among different communities of working people, by pitting one section of the working people against the other, precipitating disaffection and hatred among them. These all smack of fascism.

The world situation is such that wherever there is capitalism in power, it is taking to fascism often maintaining the facade of parliamentary democracy. In India, you can see how the economy has gone into the tight grip of a few monopolist houses. Administration is in the hands of a highly powerful bureaucracy. Even attempts are being made to bring judiciary under control. And the gravest of all these attacks is coming in the field of culture. Science and history are being totally shattered and distorted. This onslaught of fascism is being apparent in every capitalist country. Lenin and Stalin, the great leaders of the proletariat had warned us of this long back. We need to realize their teachings. Today, the bourgeoisie, the capitalist class has no faith in people's rule, secularism too has become irrelevant to them. More and more they are relying upon fascism. Congress initiated this process in India. And the same thing is being done today by the BJP in a more naked way. Comrades we must thwart this advent of fascism. But that task cannot be accomplished through any electoral alliance or electoral battle. From history, you must have known that fascism is a counter-revolutionary upsurge. It can be thwarted only with the help of a revolutionary upheaval of people, through a powerful revolutionary movement. Movements are going on in the country here and there. But those need to be guided in a proper direction in an organized way. None other than the united left parties and forces can carry out this task. So, it is imperative that a powerful wave of leftist movements be generated across the country. Such a wave of leftism will ensure and protect people's unity, will protect and preserve the rights of workers, peasants and all other sections of exploited oppressed people on which incessant attacks are coming down. Comrades, we are carrying the Red Flag. We dream of emancipation, a dream to give shape to which Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh and so many revolutionaries of the freedom struggle laid down their lives, a dream to bring which to reality scores of our comrades, too, laid down their lives in democratic struggles after independence. Comrades to give shape to this dream of the martyrs of the yesteryears, there is no other way than the path of united struggle. So, we should move ahead for left unity. I have firm belief that this 10th Party Congress of the CPI (ML) Liberation would move in that direction to join hands. My wishes for all success of this Congress. Red Salute to you all! Long Live Revolution!

Comrade Sankar Saha at the CPI Party Congress

Invited to the inaugural session of the 23rd Party Congress of CPI held at Kollam in Kerala on 26 April 2018, Comrade Sankar Saha, Member, Central Committee, SUCI (C), delivered the following address:

On behalf of the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist), I convey my warm fraternal greetings to you all on the occasion of the 23rd Party Congress of your party.

This Congress of your party is being held at a time when working people across the capitalist-imperialist world are confronted with unprecedented, all-pervading and acute crises not merely in economic and political spheres

SUCI(C) expresses profound grief at the passing away of Justice Rajinder Sachar

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI (C), issued the following statement on 21 April, 2018, on the sad demise of Justice Rajinder Sachar :

With the demise of Justice Rajinder Sachar, the country has lost a crusader for protection of democratic rights and secular values. He is known for his eye-opening report (Justice Sachar Committee Report) on the social, economic and educational status of Muslims in India according to which the Indian Muslims are far more backward than even the scheduled castes and the scheduled tribes which, as per the report, needs to be addressed urgently. He fought boldly against the dark rule of emergency and opposed suppression of democratic rights and movements. Justice Sachar was a strong critic of the process of privatization and commercialization of education, water and electricity and was in the forefront in helping the movement against the crimes against women and children.

The absence of Justice Sachar will be felt more in the present scenario when the fascist forces in our country are destroying democratic, secular, scientific outlook, values and dividing the people on the basis of religion, caste, creed, colour and ethnicity.

but also in the realm of culture, ethics and morality. Crimes against women and children have not only acquired ghastly character but are now being used as a political tool by those in power. Life of the working people has become utterly miserable and extremely suffocating. The exploited masses are bursting forth in spontaneous protest movements across the globe including USA, the headquarter of world imperialism-capitalism. The belligerent imperialist powers particularly US imperialists are engineering one war after another in various countries to expand their domination over the global market, the latest being the attack on Syria.

In a changed world situation consequent upon sad dismantling of the socialist camp, the ruling Indian bourgeoisie which has consolidated its position with accelerated pace is now aspiring to have a bigger share of the global market and the erstwhile Congress government paved the way by including the country in the WTO.

As a result of ruthless capitalist oppression, unbridled hike in prices of all essential commodities including petro-products, increasing destitution and starvation deaths, distress sale of agricultural products by poor peasants, growing incidents of suicides by farmers and alarming growth in unemployment and job-insecurity have left people in complete disarray. It is vividly clear that in the economic sphere there is no difference whatsoever between the present BJP-led government and the previous Congress-led government. Both serve the interest of the Indian monopolists to help them maximize their profits by fleecing millions of working people with impunity.

The attack on education, health services and the onslaughts on the scientific thinking and belief of the people are matters of grave concern. The BJP, the political outfit of arch Hindu communal RSS, is encouraging and inciting revival of obscurantist spiritual thoughts and fomenting communalism—casteism, to break the unity of the toiling masses. While the Congress in the past had committed the same crime under the garb of secularism to enhance its vote bank, the BJP with its fascist ideology of 'Hindutva' is doing the same thing and pursuing heinous anti-people line more aggressively, nakedly, rabidly and fanatically in the interest of the Indian monopolists and corporate houses.

The need of the hour is to develop countrywide united, democratic, secular mass and class struggles to resist the increasing onslaughts of the ruling class and their subservient governments. And for this, it is historically incumbent upon the Left parties to take initiative to form such a platform of struggle based on the principle of 'Unity-Struggle-Unity'.

The lessons of Marxism- Leninism and the experiences of last 70 years of our independence have amply shown that while the governments change, there is no change in the policies designed by the ruling class from behind the screen and the character of the exploitative bourgeois state. It is, therefore, the bounden duty of the united Left movement to give priority to extra-parliamentary movements and, in the process, free the people from the illusion of bourgeois parliamentarism. The ultimate mission of the Left movement should be to establish an exploitation free society as envisaged in the noble ideology of Marxism-Leninism.

I wish your Congress a grand success and conclude.

Long Live Left Unity! Long Live Marxism- Leninism! Long Live Proletarian Internationalism!



Kanpur District Unit of Anganwadi Karyakatri And Sahayika Welfare Association (AKSWA) affiliated with AIUTUC held its Conference at Premlan (Kalyanpur), UP, on 22 April 2018 to chalk out programme of movement against both the BJP led state and central governments for not fulfilling the demand to increase of their minimum wage and other demands. Comrade Lata Sharma, State President, AKSWA, presided over. Others who addressed were Comrades Rajbali, President, AIUTUC, Uttar Pradesh, Dharmdev and Lajras of state AIUTUC. A powerful District Committee with Comrade Hiravati as President and Manju Sharma as Secretary was elected unanimously.



Part of Protest against Kathua and Unnao rape-murder incidents [from top] Bhiwani (Haryana), Chennai and Anantapur(AP)

BJP government’s disastrous plan in education must be foiled — SUCI(C)

Protesting central government’s disastrous plan in education, Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI (Communist), has said in a press statement on 30 April 2018 :

We strongly condemn the statement of Shri Prakash Javadekar, the Union Minister of Human Resource Development that his government aims at the revival of the current education system on the basis of the new education policy, which is likely to incorporate the suggestions from the RSS chief Sri Mohan Bhagwat. He also hints at inclusion of Vedic education in the policy and introduction of ‘Bharat Bodh’ in class 11 and 12 that will contain lessons on ancient India. The Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has immediately lent his support to the statement. It is known to all that the BJP, the Sangh Pariwar and their cohorts have been trying for long to introduce unscientific, unhistorical courses and syllabi in all stages of education in the name of Bharatiyatva, Hindutva, etc., which are against the spirit of secular and scientific education that the stalwarts of our immediate past that is of the Renaissance era like Rammohan, Vidyasagar, Phule, Rabindranath and others fought for. If the design of Sri Javadekar becomes successful, our country would slide down to the medieval age and culture. We protest against this heinous fascistic design and call upon educationists, teachers, students and all education-loving people to build up strong movement to foil the conspiracy of the BJP- RSS combine.

SUCI(C) protests record rise in petrol-diesel prices and demands immediate withdrawal of all taxes and cess on fuel

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary of SUCI (Communist), issued the following statement on 21 April 2018 on the record rise of fuel prices :

The petrol-diesel prices in India have been raised to record high. To cite the rise in international crude prices as the cause is nothing but a plea because here in India huge doses of taxes and cess by both the central and state governments are imposed on petrol-diesel to fill up the govt. exchequer. It is well known that this rise in fuel prices will naturally in a cascading effect push up the prices of the daily necessities which would put the common people to more hardships.

We, therefore, demand that the government immediately withdraw the taxes and cess from petrol-diesel and reduce the prices in the market.

Due to shortage of space, news of observance of 70th Party Foundation Anniversary could not be covered in this issue. The coverage will be in the next issue.

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