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## Rafale Deal Controversy

# Once more exposes to which abysmal depth government-level corruption has gone

After testing out a number of global options, the Indian Air Force back in 2012 intended to replace the ageing Russian fighter jet planes, put the 2-engine Rafale aircraft, built by France's Dassault, and the Eurofighter Typhoon on its final list. The then Congress-led UPA government issued a tender for 126 fighter jets and, because of a lower bid offer, planned to buy 18 off-the-shelf Rafale jets in fly-away condition from Dassault Aviation of France, with the remaining 108 jets to be built in India by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), a Public Sector company. But the said plan was abandoned after the BJP government came to power. In 2015, on a visit to France, Modi announced a completely new deal, in which India would be getting 36 Rafale jets from France. In September 2016, the Indian and French governments signed an inter-governmental agreement which is now known as the "Rafale deal". This deal stipulated that India would buy 36 off-the-shelf Dassault Rafale twin-

engine fighters for a price estimated to be Rs. 59,000 crore or 7.8 billion Euros. But, as per an offset clause in the deal, Dassault would have to invest 50 per cent of the total order cost i.e. Rs 30, 000 crores in local contracts in India. Offset clauses are conditions under which the suppliers are obliged to spend a portion of their contract amount in a certain way in the buyer's country. In this case, Dassault had to ensure that 50% of the Rs 59,000 crore or about Rs 30,000 crore would be invested in the Indian defence system like military aeronautics-related research programmes and local production of Rafale components.

### Points of controversy over the deal

Two aspects of the deal have first raised eye-brows, then precipitated murmur and finally created a commotion. First one is that the BJP government has been paying much higher price for the acquisition of the jets (Price of 126 jets as

decided during the previous UPA government in 2012 is now being paid for buying only 36 jets i.e. over 300% increase in price). Secondly, soon after the agreement was completed, it came to be known that state-owned HAL which has a 60 year long experience of manufacturing aircrafts, including fighter jets, has been removed. Instead, the bulk of that Rs 30,000 crore that has to be invested in the Indian defence system as per the deal would be channelled through Dassault Reliance Aerospace, a 49:51 joint venture established between Dassault and industrial tycoon Anil Ambani's Reliance Aerostructure which has no past experience and expertise of manufacturing aerospace and defence equipment. Moreover, at the time of inking the Dassault deal with Anil Ambani, nearly all of the companies run by him were in serious debt. Disinvestment of his telecom ventures in favour of his elder brother Mukesh Ambani, involved transfer of assets

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# Develop communist movement and build up real communist party throughout the world basing upon Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought

## Call of Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya at the Memorial Meeting in Guwahati

[This is the English translation of the speech delivered by Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya, member, Polit Bureau, SUCI(C) in Assamese at the mass meeting organized by the Assam State Committee on 11 August 2018 in Guwahati as part of observance of 42nd Memorial Day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat.]

This meeting is being held to pay due respect to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat, one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of the era and our leader, teacher and guide on his 42nd Memorial Day. The very meaning and purpose of paying due respect to him is to correctly recall and understand his invaluable teachings, to analyse the national and international situations based on his thoughts and thereby decide the course of our revolutionary task. The very significance of observing his Memorial Day lies in this.

### Comrade Shibdas Ghosh found political independence coming, but end of exploitation on people remained a far cry

Emergence of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh happened during the last phase of our freedom movement. At that time, the task of fulfilling a historic responsibility had fallen on him. From that point of view, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was a product of a historical necessity. A powerful freedom movement had surged through the length and breadth of the country against the oppressive rule and exploitation of

British imperialism for fifty long years starting from the beginning of the twentieth century. In the concluding period of the movement, it became evident that a situation had been created to gain political independence through a compromise between the Indian national bourgeoisie and the British imperialist rulers. At that time, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh realized that the country was going to be politically independent, but the very objective, the inner kernel of the freedom movement was going to remain unaccomplished. What I want to tell you is that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh could realize it even during his days of incarceration. Just a few days before attainment of political freedom, the freedom

fighters serving jail term as political prisoners were released. After coming out of the jail, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh began a struggle for highlighting this truth before the people. He initiated this struggle on his own. After that, the country became politically independent. The British imperialists were no more in the state power. But it was found that the very urge and aspiration of the people to be freed from all sorts of exploitation which grew centring on the freedom movement remained unfulfilled. As against the British imperialist rule, the rule of the Indian national bourgeoisie was established. At that time, a very pertinent question repeatedly stirred the minds of the front-ranking freedom

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# Rampant corruption deeply pervades crucial defence sector

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worth Rs 35,000 crore including a 125-acre land at Navi Mumbai. The Anil Ambani group's infrastructure divestment plan in favour of the Adani group, another giant monopoly house, amounted to Rs 18,800 crore. His ultra-mega Reliance Power collapsed even before it was able to commence production. The Anil Ambani group is reported to be probably the country's biggest debt-heavy enterprise — much bigger than the combined exposure of fugitive Vijay Mallya, Nirav Modi and Mehul Choksi. Roughly, the Anil Ambani group is stated to have been carrying a total debt burden of Rs 1,00,000 crore. So, even from a pure commercial viewpoint of any profit-making enterprise, such a decision would obviously be nonviable.

How could then Dassault select such a heavily debt-burdened non-experienced Indian firm for such a maiden joint venture in defence? There is every reason to smell a rat in the whole episode that insinuates towards some kind of insistence as well as diplomatic pressure on the part of the Indian government. Further, through this joint venture Dassault Aviation is slated to inject about over 100 million euro, the largest Defence FDI in a single location in India. How would Anil Ambani fund his part in this project? Questions and doubts are galore. Reports have suggested that Reliance, in some manner, will end up receiving as much as Rs 21,000 crore of the total Rs 30,000 crore offset expenditure. But that is not all. With location of the proposed joint venture in an SEZ, a host of other benefits are awarded like non-payment of taxes, availability of water and electricity at nominal expenses, no routine custom shipment inspection, no licensing for production and above all no obligation to abide by the labour laws. With all these accumulated benefits, some quarters claim the sum to be as high as Rs 45,000 crore. When the toiling masses are back-broken by increasing burden of tax including the latest rising excise duty and cess on petrol-diesel, the top monopoly houses which are merrily defaulting bank loans, misusing funds raised from public for financing industrial projects (an astronomical sum of \$190 million or about Rs 1,330 crores was raised from the stock market through the IPO route for the proposed Reliance

Power which never took off) are not only being bailed out through various waivers, concessions and grant of fresh loans often by flouting norms and principles but are also craftily helped even to enter into fishy foreign collaboration and that too in defence sector. This is a glaring example of 'military-industrial complex', an unholy alliance between a bourgeois country's military, the defence industry, the government and the industrial houses, which rules the country and represents vested interest which influences public policy and spending from public expenditure mainly for frantic rearmament and militarization of industry.

### Surfeit of untenable and contradictory arguments to suppress truth

However, there has not been any dearth of counterfeit arguments on the part of the BJP government in its desperate cover-up exercise. First of all, it contended in last November that the price negotiated by the BJP government was much lower than the price negotiated by the erstwhile Congress (UPA) government and the exact price would be revealed later. But in March, the union defence minister informed the Rajya Sabha that as per Article 10 of the inter-governmental agreement, revelation of price and other classified information is prohibited. It was a queer logic since classified information like technical capabilities of the aircrafts could well be deemed as confidential from the point of national security, but there is nothing that prevents the government from disclosing the commercial aspects of the contract to Parliament. In fact, a document released by two former NDA ministers cited a statement issued by Anil Ambani's Reliance Group which mentioned the new price working out to be Rs 1,660 crore per plane. Secondly, then Joint Secretary & Acquisition Manager (Air) in the Ministry of Defence who had been part of the Contract Negotiations Committee (CNC) is reported to have raised questions about the deal's benchmark price and put his objections on record. One of the key objections raised by him was reportedly over the benchmark price for the French aircraft in the new 36-Rafale deal

which had been pegged higher than the benchmark price for the shelved 126-Rafale proposal. His objections delayed the Cabinet note approving the deal and its signing which only happened after his objections were "overruled" by another senior MoD official, Director General (Acquisition). The note, as part of the Rafale deal file, is stated to be currently with the office of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) who is studying the deal and is likely to submit its report by the winter session of Parliament in December. The CAG report, as per media report, is likely to refer to the note and will also mention how these objections were over-ruled. The BJP government is tight-lipped about this note. Next argument of the BJP government has been that it was the exclusive preserve of Dassault to choose its joint venture partner. This has been questioned by the critics who point to the offset clause guideline that requires government approval for choosing any offset partner. Thirdly, the union defence minister claimed that "no offset contracts have been signed". But the joint-venture between Reliance and Dassault has been consistently stating in the press releases that it will be carrying out the French company's offset obligations. In fact, the foundation stone for Dassault Reliance Aviation Limited's manufacturing facility at the Dhirubhai Ambani Aerospace Park located in the Mihan SEZ adjoining Nagpur International Airport was laid in October last with Union BJP Minister Nitin Gadkari, Maharashtra BJP Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and French Defence Minister Florence Parly in attendance. The government further sought to defend the deal by saying that HAL was not fit for the deal because it had no experience of manufacturing warplanes. But, T Suvarna Raju, who was heading HAL till 31 August 2018 openly questioned the claim. He even asked why the Union government was not putting out the files in public which would unravel the truth. When HAL could build a 25-tonne Sukhoi-30, a fourth-generation fighter jet that formed the mainstay of the air force, from raw material stage, then how could anyone doubt HAL's ability, he added. On 18 September last, union defence minister said HAL was

"dropped" from the deal when the UPA was in power. But the fact is that the government to government agreement between India and France was signed in April 2015 when the BJP was in power. Another evasive strategy of the BJP government has been to plead that the government had no role in the decision of Dassault to choose its Indian partner for the joint venture. But Mr.Hollande, the former French President who was in power when the deal was finalized openly declared that the Indian government had proposed Anil Ambani's name as the offset partner for Dassault leaving the French government with no choice. The French government further reiterated that it is "in no manner" involved in choosing French companies' industrial partners for projects in India. It is also reported in the media that the deal had materialized during a closed door meeting in France between Prime Minister Modi and the French President Hollande in 2015. During that visit of the Prime Minister to France, neither the defence minister nor the foreign minister accompanied him. Only Anil Ambani had been with him. Caught napping, the defence minister is reported to have asked two French journalists to leave when she was addressing an off-the-record briefing at the BJP headquarters in Delhi on the Rafale issue on 24 September last. Visibly shaken, the BJP leaders and ministers are now beating about the bush, seeking to deflect attention to other non-related issues and trying to dodge the main question by being involved in a slugfest with its principal parliamentary opposition party, the Congress.

### Mock fight between the Congress and the BJP

It is well-known to all that there were a slew of shady deals, mega scams and financial scandals during the Congress rule as well. Both the BJP and the Congress are trusted representatives of the ruling monopolists and vie with each other only for power. As the capitalist system in its decadent moribund stage is utterly corrupt, out and out anti-people and reactionary to the core, neither the Congress nor the BJP or any other party subservient to and defender of bourgeois class

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## Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya's speech

# Comrade Shibdas Ghosh emerged as a product of historical necessity, 'an outcome of struggle outside and inside the party', to accomplish unfinished tasks of freedom struggle

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fighters and a few more thinking persons—how was it that the very urge for emancipation from all kinds of oppression, penury and misery of the countrymen remained unfulfilled despite such a magnificent irresistible freedom struggle which extended in India from the oceans to the Himalayas, from Assam to Baluchistan and was emblemized with so many glorious instances of martyrdom, so many sacrifices and so much of bloodshed by millions of the students-youth-workers-peasants? No one at that time could provide correct answer to this question. It was only Comrade Shibdas Ghosh who placed before the people the correct analysis of this tragedy. He was the first to show that there were two opposing trends running concurrently within the freedom movement. One was the compromising trend under the leadership of the national bourgeoisie. In order to have unfettered right to oppress and exploit the toiling people in place of the British imperialists and consolidate the oppressive capitalist rule more and more in the country, the Indian national bourgeoisie provided leadership to the compromising trend keeping the Congress in the forefront. The other one was the uncompromising trend. The torchbearers of this latter trend expected that on attainment of freedom, the wretchedness and destitution of toiling millions caused by the oppression of the British imperialists would come to an end. The gap between the rich and the poor would be wiped out. The millions of workers-peasants-students-youth-women-middle class took part in the freedom movement with the urge of being freed from all kinds of exploitation—economic-political-social-cultural. Because of their active participation, the anti-imperialist freedom movement became so irresistible. Mainly because of the severe blow inflicted on them by this uncompromising trend of freedom struggle, the British imperialists were forced to leave India. The admission of this truth is enshrined in history. Even the British imperialist rulers had to admit that later. This I had referred on different occasions. Though both the two opposing trends—the compromising and the

uncompromising—prevailed within the freedom movement, the British imperialists entered into an understanding with the Congress, the political outfit of the Indian national bourgeoisie, in a conspiratorial manner, handed over the power to it and then left the country. In this situation, what the common people could get and what they could not and why, was pointed out by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in course of his brilliant penetrating analysis. He showed there were two objectives of the freedom movement. One was to abolish the oppressive British rule while the other was to put an end to all kinds of exploitation through attainment of freedom. So, though the objective of attaining political independence was achieved, the main question of eradicating all kinds of oppressions and repressions remained unaccomplished. As a result, India had entered into a new stage of history. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was the first to show that in order to achieve the unfulfilled objective of establishing an exploitation-free society, the ruling Indian bourgeoisie would have to be overthrown from state power by accomplishing socialist revolution. At that time, there were many big well-known political leaders, having name, fame and stature. But none of them could grasp this historic truth and hence could not provide such a scientific analysis. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh further said emphatically that this very struggle for overthrowing the bourgeoisie from power would be the movement for accomplishing anti-capitalist socialist revolution. And what was needed for providing leadership to this revolutionary movement was a correct revolutionary party of the proletariat. And in the prevailing era, a party of that kind could be founded only on the basis of highest understanding of Marxism-Leninism. The revolutionary party so developed would have to be built up and conducted under the leadership of this party. In the process and at the logical culmination of these struggles, the capitalist class would have to be overthrown from power through revolution. This task cannot be

achieved through election. SUCI(C) was created out of this historic necessity.

### **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh undertook relentless socialist movement to develop genuine communist party on the Leninist model**

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in course of his analysis that the party which grew with the name Communist Party of India (undivided CPI) was only for the name sake but was not a correct communist party. He said this at a time when due to some historical reasons that party had some influence over the masses mainly because this party, because of its name, was enjoying the credibility of the international communist movement. In such a situation, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh resolutely declared that CPI did never grow as a correct communist party. It was not that he said so in a casual manner without any logic or substance. He brought to the fore each and every reason behind such a conclusion quite flawlessly with mathematical precision. What is worth to take note of is that none at that time could refute the reasons and analyses he placed before all. Even the leaders of the CPI about whom Comrade Shibdas Ghosh provided this analysis could not rebut any of his logics. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh also called upon the CPI leadership to enter into a polemical discussion on this question. He said that let there be an open debate and discussion—you place your points and I would mine. But the CPI leadership did not respond to his call. It could be noticed that the CPI leaders could not stand before the immaculate analysis and logic provided by him. So, they avoided the path of daring any open debate and polemical discussion. We have seen that despite temporary reversals and failures as well as successes in course of his journey, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was firmly committed to the struggle for establishing the truth. In course of this struggle, he within few years founded the SUCI(C) as a genuine communist party on the soil. At the same time, in the process of



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developing the SUCI(C) as the correct revolutionary party of the proletariat based on Leninist model, he developed and enriched the Marxist concept of developing a communist party in the decadent moribund stage of capitalism. Undoubtedly, this has been an important and valuable contribution of his to the treasure-house of Marxism-Leninism. Why CPI was not a correct communist party, what is the correct methodology of creating a genuine communist party, why it is not possible to form a communist party or a revolutionary party of the proletariat merely by convening a conference, having some mutual discussions for 2 to 3 days and then constituting a committee which are the practices noticed in case of setting up of the bourgeois parties—all these were elaborately explained by him. Though a detailed discussion over these issues might have clarified the questions further, there is no scope for that within the limited time available today. But I would like to emphatically state one point. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh firmly showed that there are some scientific pre-conditions which need to be fulfilled for forming a revolutionary party. Everyone willing to build up a revolutionary party would have to fulfil these pre-conditions. From this objective, all of those who would come forward to build up the correct communist party ought to go to the workers, peasants and other sections of the toiling masses, stay with them and relentlessly develop mass movements based on their legitimate

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# Comrade Shibdas Ghosh the first to show for an exploitation-free independent India, the national bourgeoisie must be overthrown from state power through socialist revolution

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demands. In course of developing these movements, they need to gain trust and confidence of the oppressed people, become their near and dear ones and make them aware of as well as realize the character of the new struggle. Again, in course of conducting democratic mass movements, as the next step class struggles would have to be developed. These are the ABC of forming a revolutionary party. Tried and tested in course of and at various stages of developing these class and mass struggles, a few struggling comrades would be able to transform themselves as professional revolutionaries to whom revolution is life and life is revolution, those who would be engaged in the struggle for attaining higher communist character covering all aspects of life including sex. In course of this all-embracing comprehensive struggle, the leaders and cadres of a genuine communist party would be identified. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had further said that when the ideal of bourgeois humanism is exhausted in this dying phase of capitalism, all those intending to develop as communists must conduct a relentless struggle for having their individual interest identified with the social interest. The arduous struggle for totally renouncing private property and rising above private property mental complex and in the process merge individual interest with the interest of the proletarian class, revolution and party. Alongside conduction of this prime struggle encompassing every walk of life and every minute detail of life for developing a correct revolutionary party and thereby a powerful socialist movement, correct revolutionary theory ought to be inculcated based on concrete analysis of the concrete situation of the soil. Since every thought is a class thought in a class-divided society, all those joining this struggle must strive for freeing themselves from all bourgeois thoughts and ideas. In this way, they all would have to be imbued with the revolutionary working class thought. Because of this reason, the methodology of setting up a bourgeois party and the process of forming a communist party cannot be the same. Hence, it would be imperative to develop the correct methodology of a genuine

communist party through this all-embracing struggle and based on that the struggle for forming the revolutionary party would have to be conducted. Determinedly he said that in this process, uniformity of thinking, one process of thinking, one process of movement, singleness of purpose, oneness in approach and identity of outlook would have to be established within the party. One has to grasp the teachings of Marx-Engels-Lenin-Stalin-Mao Zedong in regard to formation of a revolutionary party. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh repeatedly reminded the imperativeness of formulating the correct methodology.

There is a lot to discuss and throw light upon how in multiple ways, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had concretized Marxism-Leninism in the Indian soil, which is, though, not possible to take up here in this meeting because of want of time. Rather I wish to point at another aspect. To start with, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, like other freedom fighters, was a courageous soldier for independence, full of vigour. Towards the beginning of his student life, just like other courageous freedom fighters, he had been associated with the Anushilan Samity, a revolutionary organization upholding the uncompromising trend of the independence struggle. But subsequently, through his understanding of truth and his unique heroic struggle for establishing truth he made a huge impact upon people within a short time. It must be noted here that though he had started alone, in a few days' time he was no longer alone. Through his struggle on correct ideology, he reared up hundreds of activists one by one, who were coming up to take pledge to accomplish revolution on the strength of that correct ideology. In course of this struggle, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh starting as an extremely courageous, yet ordinary freedom fighter, did not remain ordinary, he was transformed into an extraordinary character. This could happen not from any formal behaviour or practices, or gestures and postures, nor through patronization of media. It was possible only through understanding of truth and through conducting relentless struggle based on that understanding. Right from the start of a day to the moment before he

would go to bed, he used to have dialogues with revolutionary leaders, cadres and supporters, to rear them up as dedicated activists for revolution. It is impossible to find words to express to what height Comrade Ghosh had reached through this arduous and painstaking struggle. During the handful years of his life, he emerged as a giant Marxist. The wisdom and erudition that used to spurt out in his discussions inspired people to do away with the mind-set of living the life of a commoner and take up the revolutionary life-struggle as the only goal of life. Not only those who had come in contact with him, even the people who, indirectly, came and still come in touch with his thoughts, read his publications, books and writings, they too are finding new ways of life and are imbued with new vigour every day every moment. It is this course along which Comrade Shibdas Ghosh has emerged as one of the fore-ranking Marxist authority to people. We designate the great personalities like Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin, Mao Zedong as Marxist authorities with a view to elucidating their historic standing. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, too, has risen to that stature. And it is such a great character, who founded our Party. Those among us, who in our younger days had the opportunity to meet him, to listen to his charming and alluring discussions and to come into dialogues with him, still bear the indelible memory of those moments. When we used to stand before him overwhelmed with emotion and reverence having realised his tremendous, really extra-ordinary power of realization and bringing about changes in social life, he could easily understand our emotion. Once during such a moment Comrade Shibdas Ghosh put forth a unique understanding of truth. He said: Do not forget what you find in me, is an outcome of struggle both outside and inside the Party. I myself would urge you to get at how profound understanding of truth he expressed through these words.

### **Comrade Shibdas Ghosh envisioned SUCI (Communist) as a political party of a totally different kind and character**

In this memorial meeting today I would also remind you once more

that we have been assigned with the historic responsibility of reviving the revolutionary struggle in the entire country of ours as well as the entire world. It has become immediate and imperative to apply the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in our life and to develop revolutionary organization and incessant mass struggle on the strength of his thoughts. All the bourgeois parties, taken together, are bringing down upon people such oppression every day which can hardly be expressed in words. These political parties are cheating and befooling people each and every day with false pledges at the beckoning of the ruling capitalist class only to keep capitalism alive. Capitalism has exhausted all the ways and means for people to live upon, has economically devastated them. With no ways in sight to live upon people are committing suicide. Wiping out all principles, values, ethics and sense of humanity, capitalism is dehumanizing people. But why? Nothing can happen without a cause. Great Marx forewarned in 1848 itself that capitalism had not just been economically exploiting people by usurping the surplus value, it was turning every human relation into a monetary relation. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, during this extremely moribund era of capitalism, has repeatedly shown how filthy capitalism has become in the present prevailing condition. Along with it he has called upon people time and often, to resist it in the correct way. He has explained the immense significance of conducting revolutionary struggle on the edifice of higher ethics-morality and values.

In this context, I would mention another important point. Students of political science know that on seeing the degeneration of bourgeois politics, a section of bourgeois pundits once said that politics is the last resort of the scoundrels. And this they said long back, not now. At that time capitalism had not assumed the appalling shape of today. Even at that time, the bourgeois pundits had to make this comment on seeing its dirty side. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, however, maintained a different view in this regard. On the anvil of Marxist approach he said that this was not correct. The class character of the politics that is being referred to is the bourgeois politics,

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# Concluding that CPI had never been a communist party, Comrade Ghosh undertook vigorous struggle with vision of founding a genuine communist party of a totally different kind and character

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a worst kind of politics, which is bereft of any ideology, culture and which has the only goal of earning profit through exploitation by resorting to any means. And that is why the bourgeois politics goes for destroying sense of morality and ethics, sense of humanity, human compassion and all other human traits so that people do not step out to overthrow capitalism from power. Upholding the teachings of great Lenin, Comrade Ghosh emphasized that politics and economics are two sides of the same coin. You cannot find out the character of society, putting aside its politics. Politics is intimately associated with the economic law centring round which the society is evolving and running. So economics on one side and politics on the other, these two are controlling all human activities. Someone can keep himself aloof from direct politics because he finds it dirty. But none can stay away from the influence of the economic-political order that controls and drives the society. Politics is controlling the life of everybody this way or that. Bourgeois politics has emerged to protect and preserve the exploitative economic system of capitalism. When somebody says, politics is the last resort of scoundrels, it is this dirty face of bourgeois politics that he sees before him. But Comrade Shibdas Ghosh unambiguously asserted that no, politics is not at all like that. Politics of exploiters and politics of exploited are not only not the same, those are totally opposing each other. To add further he said: politics calls for noble feelings of heart. Nobler still is the feeling that spurs on to revolutionary politics. The revolutionary politics of the working class based on Marxism-Leninism is extremely noble. So practice of noble politics must be carried on through all-out efforts, to thwart and give defeat to the filthy bourgeois politics that is being exposed through activities of different political parties, the bourgeois politics which is continually breeding killers. It was the struggle for establishing this noble politics which Comrade Shibdas Ghosh carried on all through his life. A few days before he died he uttered another touching remarks with fullest emotion. He said : I had started my struggle with a pledge to

build up a political party of a totally different kind and character. Mark the expression, 'totally different kind and character'. He uttered these words with the great expectation of a high cultural ethical standard of the leaders and cadres of the party. Even in the world communist movement there prevailed different kinds of confusions centring round the question of ethics and morality of communist leaders and cadres. Whenever Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had happened to meet communist leaders of different countries, he used to point out the immense significance of high morality and ethics in the communist movement. Some of those leaders were taken aback and gave vent to their feelings: why should the communists be concerned about maintaining morality and ethics. Such was their mind-set. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh did not hesitate to conclude that such an idea was not at all correct. No ideology, no revolutionary activity can be conceived of without consideration of principle- ethics and moral values. Of course the concept of this morality-ethics is never anything static, fixed and unchangeable. These too change in character. So ethics, morality, principles and culture, etc., need to be developed continuously to higher and higher forms. It is simply inconceivable that there is a communist party, but without any principle or ideology. Comrade Ghosh went on further to say : Had I not found the tune of higher culture in the communist ideology, I would not have treaded this path. I am sure, you are able to realize the great significance of these words of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Thus , to build up a genuine communist movement, communism must be practised infallibly and incessantly keeping in view upholding of higher principle-morality and ethics. The ideology of communism and communist principles and ethics must be considered one and the same. Those who would try to explain the essence of communism to exploited people, must themselves develop their life struggle and cultural-ethical standard from higher to still higher levels. Great Karl Marx said that the working class will have to lead the struggle for emancipation from exploitation of the exploited people of the entire world. That is why they

will have to build up genuine communist parties in countries one after another. This task is to be accomplished under the leadership of the revolutionary working class. Referring to fundamental tenets of Marxism he said that a worker does not necessarily mean a revolutionary. Even within workers, in some respects bourgeois ideas and thoughts may continue to prevail. A revolutionary worker can emerge only by acquiring higher cultural standards through conscious struggle against these bourgeois traits. In this context another opinion of Karl Marx is worth mentioning. He said that before educating others, the educators will have to change themselves. In tune with this, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh laid great emphasis on this aspect. So genuine communists will have to change others only by changing themselves incessantly and this process of changing is not limited to one or two days' efforts, the struggle must continue till death. In this decadent age of capitalism, the capitalists are continuously dishing out filthy bourgeois culture abusing so-called social media, cybernetics, newspapers, journals, radio, television, films, etc., and with the help of that they are trying to shatter the moral backbone of all sections of people of the society. Under such circumstances of these days in order to develop genuine communist character, we will have to give birth to a new higher proletarian culture in the society. To free the working class, the toiling people from the influence of decadent bourgeois culture, only movements on economic demands will not suffice. If the working class carries in them bourgeois mind-set and thinking , they would not be able to lead the social revolution. Unknowingly may be, they will turn into subservient agents of the capitalist class. So, movements of workers, peasants, students, or women, in one word the democratic movements which will develop conducive to the social revolution should not remain confined to mere economic or political demands. Such movements must necessarily be based upon the edifice of higher principle-ideology and ethics-morality. Once Great Lenin had firmly said that : Trade unions are the schools of communism. Now in the utterly decadent age of capitalism, when

there is not an iota of humanism left in the society, this is the invaluable guidance that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh provided in regard to principle, morality, cultural-ethical standards. This is the reason why this unique guidance of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh must be held as the beacon if and when to develop genuine communist movement not only in India, but in the world also. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh has also provided invaluable teaching on what will be the form of struggle for acquiring high cultural standard within the Party. He showed that when under the leadership of the capitalist class bourgeois democracy of the capitalist class was established overthrowing monarchy and feudalism, those revolutions were based upon the ideology of humanism. But bourgeois humanism is exhausted today, it has no effective role in society. So we must further develop the ideas and concepts of principles, ideology, sense of humanity. We will have to give birth to and develop communist principles-morality and cultural standard. It was in this context that Comrade Ghosh said : Where humanism ends communism begins. Following revolutionary teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin, Mao Zedong, Comrade Ghosh, too, said emphatically that cultural revolution precedes technical revolution . But the most serious impediment to this struggle, that has cropped up in the whole world, is bourgeois individualism. Capitalism is breeding worst individualism based upon the thoughts and ideas centring round private property. Individualism ultimately boils down to alienation of individual from society. An individual cannot accomplish, by himself, the task of social transformation. It requires collective effort. So people must unite themselves to create such conditions as were created during the mass upsurges against the bourgeois system in Russia or China under the leadership of Lenin, Stalin or Mao Zedong. Without creating such conditions capitalism cannot be uprooted, nor even be slightly scratched. So the necessity is to forge unity and not alienation or disunity. It means that the private property mental complex which is giving birth to bourgeois individualism, that mental complex must be uprooted. Each individual

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# Comrade Ghosh emphasized , to develop genuine communist character the working class must be freed from the influence of decadent bourgeois culture identifying bourgeois individualism as the most serious impediment

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must create or establish in him- or herself the notion of collective property instead of the notion of individual private property. In regard to the production system, exploited people must be continuously explained and be convinced of the theoretical premise of the necessity of establishing social ownership in place of private ownership of means or instruments of production. To thwart revolution, today capitalism is hatching one conspiracy after another. To this end, capitalism is encouraging individualism in one way or other, promoting the ideas of private property afresh in newer forms. In consequence, one can see how the families are crumbling like packs of cards, how human relations are being destroyed, how even relation between parents and their children are facing rupture. In such a situation, we will have to conduct intense ideological battle against bourgeois individualism with a view to uprooting it totally. Private property and private property mental complex are the main obstacles inside the communist movement today. Modern revisionism which is trying to cripple the world communist movement also has individualism at its core, as its basis. After the demise of Great Stalin , led by Khrushchev this modern revision-ism cropped up in socialist Soviet Union. 'We will develop socialism further', 'we will give it a still higher shape': chanting these catchy phrases the modern revisionists rose to the state power, following which they have been ceaselessly giving birth to bourgeois thoughts- ideas and culture in Russia, China and the socialist countries of East Europe. Lastly in sequel to that, counter revolution was organized in these countries and capitalism was restored.

**To fight modern revisionism with bourgeois individualism at its core, Comrade Ghosh envisaged intense ideological battle to uproot individualism emanating from private property and private property mental complex**

Many of you must be knowing that it was Comrade Shibdas Ghosh who, for the first time, exposed the real face of modern revisionism and its bourgeois essence to the world,

He showed that modern revisionism is nothing but clandestine infiltration of bourgeois thoughts and ideas in socialist system and countries with coating of socialism. But the important question is how could the modern revisionists give effect to their heinous design. Soviet socialism was founded by none other than great leaders like Lenin and Stalin, Soviet Union astounded the world with newer and newer achievements reached every next day, the country through its example vigorously mobilized the working class of the entire world with revolutionary ideology, how could these meet with such a disastrous end? As far back as in 1948, while discussing the then internal problems of the world communist movement, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had said that in the world communist movement mechanical thought process at the cost of dialectical thought process, has crept in as a grave danger. I would like to mention one incident. A few years after the counter revolution in Soviet Union, Nina Andreiva, member of the then Central Committee of the CPSU visited India at our invitation. We exchanged opinions on many issues. In course of those exchanges she said : One of the attributes that pushed us towards this catastrophe is that we had given membership of the party to anybody and everybody. Also we had thought that we have achieved all we were to achieve; there was nothing more to get at. In other words we had become self-content. She was correct in identifying this self-contentment as one of the reasons for their debacle. But there remained the question: How could such self-contentment arise in their party. It could , because whereas it was necessary to raise the ideological standard of leaders and cadres of the Russian Communist Party, it started to relatively slide down instead. A year before he died, great leader of the proletariat Comrade Stalin gave vent to this apprehension in the 19th Congress of the CPSU. Repeatedly Comrade Shibdas Ghosh pointed out to us that the ideological standard cannot remain static at one point. To meet the newer necessities of the society arising with time, we the Marxists-Leninists must raise our ideological standard on the anvil of newer and newer discoveries in the fields of

science and different branches of knowledge. We must give rise to higher concepts and ideas and higher understandings. In the realm of production too, discovering new methods with the help of science and technology we must bring about both quantitative and qualitative improvement of production unrelentingly. This is an endless struggle. Any slackness here would bring disaster in its wake. Taking advantage of this relatively lower standard of communist consciousness, the modern revisionists could confuse people and could foment bourgeois thoughts and ideas from within socialism. As a result in Soviet Union bourgeois thoughts, sense of private property, individualist thinking started driving their roots deep into the mass-mind every day every moment. In 1956, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh did warn the communists of the world , including those of the Soviet Union about this danger of modern revisionism knocking at their door. The process of revisionism was initiated in the 20th Congress of the CPSU after the demise of Stalin. We are quite aware of his grave warning coming soon after the 20th Congress: 20th Congress has opened the floodgate of modern revisionism. Led by Khrushchev taking on communist cloak, there started anti-communist activities in Soviet Union while chanting slogans of communism and socialism. In case of the Chinese revolution also, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh showed that if this modern revisionism is not thwarted conducting intense ideological struggle against it, it would not remain at that point but will slide down into capitalism. This was what exactly happened in China. These are the reasons which calls for recognizing the forewarning by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh about the impending danger of modern revisionism in world communist movement and his invaluable teaching on how to resist it. All these are there as indispensable guideline for revival of world communist movement.

**To form a genuine communist party today, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought as a higher understanding of Marxism-Leninism is indispensable**

So today a genuine communist party can be formed only on the

strength of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thoughts which is a higher understanding of Marxism-Leninism. Lenin, Stalin, Mao could accomplish their revolutions on the basis of Marxism. So we will have to study the teachings of these thinkers regularly . And as an integral part of those studies we will have to carry on the struggle to acquire the wealth of contributions that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh has added to the treasure of Marxist-Leninist knowledge. While elaborating another extremely important pre-condition for acquiring communist character and for engaging oneself in that struggle till death, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh said that revolutionary life cannot be attained without immense, intense and penetrating theoretical knowledge. Such knowledge cannot be acquired by any casual ordinary means. This knowledge advances with each day; one who tries to acquire it must take that into cognizance and refresh the knowledge acquired accordingly. An important Marxist premise entails that theory is to guide practice, and practice is to further enrich theory. So we must go to the masses continuously and apply the theory, while through that it will be tested if my theoretical knowledge has developed correctly. There are many more invaluable teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh which could not be covered in this meeting today. We all must study those thoroughly and act guided by those. This should be our pledge in this memorial meeting of that great thinker.

**Over and above crushing capitalist exploitation all over India, Assam suffers further from alarming rise of chauvinist - separatist- communal forces**

I have been requested to present a discussion on the grave situation in Assam. Today we no longer have the scope for going elaborately into it. The Draft NRC which has been made public has excluded 40 lakh (4 million) genuine Indian citizens from it. You all know that when the preparation of NRC was just in the form of a proposal, right from that stage we expressed our apprehension that a situation of the present kind may develop. Correctly we guessed that in

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# Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was the first to expose the bourgeois essence of modern revisionism

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connivance with the fanatic chauvinist, AASU, AGP and allies and communal forces led by RSS-BJP and with the backing of the Union government and the entire state machinery a vicious fascistic onslaught was going to come down upon linguistic and religious minority community people. With unambiguous firmness we submitted that unless this fascist onslaught is resisted with a correct approach and outlook, the situation in Assam will turn towards more dangerous end. You must be aware that repeatedly we said that the particularities of the Assam situation must be thoroughly understood, but that must be in the backdrop of all India situation. Again and again we stressed that as Assam is a constituent state of India, the Assam situation will have to be tackled keeping in mind the situation over the whole of India. It cannot be considered in an isolated way.

You must have noted that throughout India as a whole there has developed a dangerous situation. Capitalist exploitation and oppression have turned the country virtually into a hell. It should be noted at the same time, that basically the same horrendous shape of capitalist exploitation and oppression is being manifest in all capitalist countries of the world. Capitalism is bogged in deep crisis, not just in India, in all capitalist countries of the world. The imperialist rulers of countries like the USA, UK, France, etc., claim themselves as advanced capitalist countries. Even these countries now face intense economic crisis. Media reports reveal that people of those countries are totally baffled as they cannot find out how to make a living of worth. Nowhere there is any leadership of worth, yet it is found that spontaneous movements are coming up in those countries against capitalist exploitation and oppression. Even in countries like the USA or Great Britain, where 15-20 years back there was nothing of the sort of any movement, today people are coming out on to streets in millions spontaneously in movements against economic and political onslaughts from their ruling capitalist class and their subservient governments. But, for want of proper leadership these struggles are not lasting for long and are not moving much further into a well-organized form., . Marxism has shown that mere spontaneous

outbursts of anger, however powerful it may be, cannot build up any struggle against a powerful system. If there is no revolutionary leadership to guide these movements, the ruling capitalist class can crush these using coercive forces, or else they can make them go astray. This is exactly what is being found in different countries of the world. It is the same in our country too. This is quite natural, because Indian capitalism is a part of the world capitalism itself. Capitalism is a world system today. It embraces different capitalist countries. On one hand they have intense contradictions among themselves on the question of extending control over the market, yet on the other they have a strong unity in regard to crushing revolution. Against this world capitalist system, once there had emerged the world socialist system involving the socialist countries. But that is no longer there, because of the conspiracy of modern revisionism. In any case, the crisis of capitalism that has cropped up in the world capitalist system has been termed as the third general crisis of capitalism, which has affected all the capitalist countries. India, too, is not exempted from it. Whichever political parties rise to power in India, they stand out as subservient to capitalism here. They also serve the interest of the capitalist class. And that only deepens the crisis, intensifies it. There is no industrial production, neither there is any attempt to build up industries with a view to creating employment, instead industries and factories are bringing their shutters down one after another. In the rural hinterland farmers are increasingly becoming landless. Lands of the poor farmers are being concentrated with the rich. Without finding any means of livelihood, millions of hapless people are migrating to cities and towns. There, too, there is no employment. Jobs in offices have virtually vanished. In such a situation without any means to make a livelihood, people are leading a subhuman life or are taking to suicides. Alarming is the spiralling rise in suicides of farmers. Deepening with every passing day, unemployment problem has assumed a horrible shape. Around 80 percent of the people of this country used to live upon agriculture. That road is also blocked now.

This state of Assam has still

more dangerous problems. Since independence there have not been any steps taken to build up industries and factories with a view to creating scope of employment. But there is no stir in any quarter, no movement at all to deal with this problem which is pestering people every day every moment. Unemployed are swelling in number. Without finding any job here, youth of this state are migrating to other states for whatsoever kind of job, even menial, they are offered. Unemployed youth urgently need some livelihood to live upon. The government is meant to unceasingly create job opportunities, it being a principal task of all modern governments. But in this state there is no ambience at all to think upon or discuss on this problem. Undeniably on the question of basic problem, the situation is the same in all states of the country, but even then to whatever extent the problem of people's livelihood and living are brought into debates and discussions at the political level or in media or journals or in assemblies and parliament, Assam presents a totally different picture. Right now there seems to be no issue other than a well-orchestrated campaign of driving away of 'Bangladeshis'. Does it mean that the youth of Assam, peasants and workers of this state do not have any problem in their life? It is never a fact that they do not have any resentment on the issues of life and livelihood. There is resentment and that is quite serious and deep. But the fundamental problem is that despite there being strong resentment and wrath, there is nobody to raise any voice on these. The fanatic chauvinists like AASU, AGP or the communal forces like RSS, BJP and such others are shoving these issues under the carpet on this or that plea. And by that, they are shielding capitalism, which lies as the root cause of all these. So whichever party is in power in Assam, it clings to the power for years together with these fanatic chauvinist thoughts as their arsenal, without bothering to take up any developmental endeavour. This is the situation that the ruling bourgeois class and the media have been able to weave out in Assam. In media such exaggerated accounts of infiltration of Bangladeshis are presented that make people tend to think there are no other burning problems in Assam beyond this. Any thinking mind

would search for the answer: To whose interest is this explosive situation being created? It is not that exorbitant price rise is less intense in this state, rather it is more. Then why is it that there are no worries, no debates- discussions on that? Why people are being swayed with only divisiveness, communalism, separatism, fanatic chauvinism, etc.? This must be understood as a conspiracy to divide people in whatever way it is possible. By no means and at no cost, not only in Assam, but everywhere the capitalist class wants that movements develop on problems of people's life and people's unity is forged in course of those struggles. For this reason the capitalist class only needs that people remain intoxicated with the thoughts of identifying themselves as Hindu or Muslim, Assamese or Bengali or Bihari and such others. That is why the capitalist class patronizes fanning up of divisiveness, separatism, communalism and others. To ensure that there is no countrywide movement on the problems of peasants and workers, no united movement at the all India plane against unemployment problem, the capitalist class is leaving no stone unturned.

### **Exploited people need all-out unity against the exploiter ruling capitalist class**

It was as far back as in 1848 in the *Communist Manifesto* that Karl Marx had highlighted the necessity of all-out unity of the exploited classes against the exploiter class. At that time divisiveness was not there to the extent as it is found today. Yet Marx firmly called upon the working class of the world: Workers of the world, Unite! Whether you are a Negro or a white, an Indian or an American, whether you are white or black, to you these are no differences to matter. In the whole world, where the societies are class-divided, there the real difference amongst people is that on one side there are a few rich, a few exploiters and on the other side overwhelming section of people are poor and exploited. A few exploiters are seated in power by exploiting you all, in the same manner, in the same way. So the identity of man in society is not defined by their race-religion-language- colour etc., the real identity lies here: there is an

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# In the grip of ruthless Indian capitalism, Assam has also its own threatening problems

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exploiter capitalist class and the others are exploited proletariat, the working class. A mere handful of exploiters are exploiting the 90/95 % exploited people of society and thereby becoming the owner of all means of production as well as all wealth. This is the reason why the exploiter class weaves its class design of dividing people, disuniting them. We find this glaringly being manifest in Assam. These extremely dangerous divisive activities were initiated in 1979 through the so-called Assam movement. Since then, in Assam there has been no movement worth its name to have ever developed anywhere on the demands of all sections of people. It is because with the help of its propaganda machinery, the ruling capitalist class is untiringly carrying on endless efforts to create divisive mind-set among people. But despite this extremely difficult situation, there is no alternative but to launch and develop political struggle on the edifice of class outlook, as well as relentless united democratic struggle of all sections of exploited people. It is correct, we must shun utopian outlook. At the same time I would like to tell you firmly that we must take bold courageous steps to build up genuine communist movement in this state with a view to combating the unbearable situation developed here. For that we will have to develop class consciousness among the masses and in course of that only the fanatic chauvinism of the AASU, AGP and their ilk, and communal thoughts and ideas of RSS- BJP will have to be uprooted, divisive thoughts be eliminated. We will have to explain thoroughly and convincingly to people that capitalism is the root cause of people's problems, that only a few rich capitalists are pauperizing the 90-95% of population by exploiting them and that this capitalist exploitation is the same for exploited people of one and all states, whatever be their race-religion-language-caste or creed. As the genuine revolutionary party, SUCI (Communist) will have to carry on this task with all sincerity through every day. It is not correct that people do not listen to, if they are properly explained. Our experience says that if we can explain it properly, people realize the truth. So this process of convincing people will have to be carried

through relentlessly developing it in its course. Along with that democratic mass movements on the burning problems of people's life will have to be launched continuously. United struggle will have to be launched on demands of students, workers, peasants, youth and women. One essential aspect of all these movements will be to make exploited people class conscious. Only by that way can people be freed from the influence of divisive thoughts, narrow sectarian chauvinist and communal thoughts.

### **Painstaking courageous ideological struggle required to isolate the chauvinists and communal forces**

Since long the fanatic chauvinist and communal forces, the media and other propaganda machinery of the capitalist class are carrying on a united campaign that each day thousands of Bangladeshis are infiltrating Assam. That this campaign is an entirely false and baseless, cunning propaganda, it must be thoroughly explained to people to convince them. And even if there is some infiltration now and then at this or that point, that can be prevented if the border is properly secured adopting all sorts of modern security measures. People must also be convinced that this is the only way by which the problem can be solved. Facts and figures reveal that after 1971 there has not been any large scale infiltration of foreigners or Bangladeshis in Assam. It has been disclosed adequately in repeated revisions of voters' list during the rule of AGP. You might have also noticed that through a neatly designed campaign the Assamese-speaking people have been made apprehensive that very soon they will become minority because of large scale influx of foreigners and outsiders. How far this campaign is true and how justified is such propaganda- we will have to explain it with extreme patience to the Assamese speaking people. In the independence struggle that took place in our country for over 50 years, patriotic people of Assam, too, had taken part, they had embraced sacrifice; many of them had even laid their life. Also, in the process of building up of the independent India, Assamese-speaking people have made significant contributions like people of other states. These are all

indelible parts of history. At that time both the Assamese-speaking and non-Assamese speaking people aspired for a new independent India to be born, freed from the British imperialist rule. Today we are all citizens of independent India, which emerged on this land through collective aspiration of its people irrespective of race-religion-language and caste etc. There is one single identity for us and that is, we are all Indians. This is what the independence movement aimed at. In the same way as the people of Punjab or people of West Bengal did not fight for the freedom of just Punjab or West Bengal, people of Assam too did not fight for freedom of only Assam. All of them fought for giving birth to an independent India covering the entire British-ruled country. The way, in the entire stretch of the British-ruled India, the Indian people had fought together united for the cause of an independent India, that was never intended to carry the identity as a Hindu or a Muslim. These are religions, and religion is an issue of faith, it is not an issue in the formation of a modern state. Religion, by no means, can be the basis of setting up a modern independent democratic state. Nowhere in the world has religion played that role in the process of formation of modern states. We, were the Indians: it was to establish this identity that invincible independence struggle developed covering the entire stretch of land from the ocean to the Himalayas. Freeing the country from the imperialist rule meant giving birth to one nation, one state, with living together under one sky. Modern state cannot be conceived without the concept of a single nation. Before independence there was no state called India, it was the British India under the British imperialist rule. It was through developing Indian nationalism in British India that initiated the independence struggle. In that struggle, thousands of people of different states took part getting over their differences on caste-creed-religion-race-language etc., only to win over and establish this identity. In issues concerning a state there cannot be multiple identities at one and the same time. This is the reality, a concrete truth. Swami Vivekananda did engage himself with all his vigour not for establishing the narrow sectarian

identity as Bengali or some such sectarian identity, but to establish one identity 'We are Indians'. And by virtue of that Swami Vivekananda has contributed immensely towards establishing Indian nationalism among the Indian people. After him, fore-ranking leaders like Deshabandhu Chittaranjan Das or Gandhiji emerged as great personalities. Whatever ideological differences they might have had between them, none of them nor any other leader did try to uphold the identity as Bengali or Gujarati or else. The pioneers of independence struggle, the architects who had built it up, those great leaders including widely acclaimed Lal-Bal-Pal, all of them had tried to uphold the Indian identity. If all the inhabitants of India are identified as genuine Indians, then how does the question come that a section of the Indians will make another section a minority, a section of Indians outnumber another section of Indians. Can this question be raised as to how many among the Indians are Bengalis or how many Punjabis, how many are Hindus and how many are Muslims? And is there any historical necessity and relevance of such questions? On the other hand, are we conscious enough about the disastrous effect of this kind of thought which strikes at the root of unity of people and destroy it? We are witnessing that in this multi-religious, multi-lingual country of ours, such narrow sectarian sense of identity as the Bengalis, Oriyas, Biharis, etc., bypassing and virtually suppressing our historically achieved identity as the Indians, is striking at the root of the thought that 'we are the Indians'. Is there any historical necessity of encouraging such conflicting identities? These are merely and mutually conflicting thoughts, which will negate each other. Inevitably, these will lead the country not to unity, nor towards integration, but towards total disunity and unwarranted disintegration. In reality this approach is giving birth to separatism, which in its wake is tending to generate secessionist movement.

A scrutiny of history will show that right from the stage of primitive human social system, man has tried to overcome the differences among themselves and unite. The law of development of human society

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# Toiling people bear a single identity of exploited masses requiring rock-solid unity against the handful of exploiters

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involves moving towards progressively higher social systems, wiping out the differences progressively from the sense of differing identities. Even capitalism once gave birth to the concept of a modern national state bringing an end to monarchy and feudalism and thereby bringing also an end to separatist sectarian mindset, sense of isolation. At that time capitalism was progressive. But when capitalism reached its decadent stage, from the fear-complex of revolution it started encouraging the exactly opposite processes, that is fanning up divisiveness and disunity. Then onwards these traits also started to intensify more and more. At this juncture on the issue of social development, Marxism held: Nationalism being usurped by the capitalist class has turned out to be a reactionary ideology. Therefore, in place of that a still higher concept has emerged, and it is the proletarian internationalism. The ideology of communism was an outcome in course of these processes. It is a scientific universal ideology. Communism is not confined to the limits of any country or any time. That is why, after the revolution in Russia in 1917, we found Lenin pronouncing: Russian revolution is the beginning of world revolution. Then again, after accomplishing the Chinese revolution, Mao Zedong said: It is the continuation of the October revolution. So clearly, the history of development of human civilization is directed towards the process of unification. This is a fundamental premise in Marxism. Karl Marx had called upon the working class of the whole world with the words: Workers of the world, unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains!

But what do we find in Assam today? We find thoughts counter to the historical course. Whereas it was necessary to unite people against capitalist exploitation, there are relentless efforts to disunite people in whatever way possible. On the contrary, economic exploitation of people is becoming more and more intense with every passing day. Naturally the necessity of developing united democratic movement to wrest the demands centring round the burning problems of their life is being felt increasingly. But you must have noted that in Assam the fanatic chauvinist forces like AASU and AGP or the

communal forces like RSS- BJP are trying their best to prevent the process of movement from growing. We must make this truth clear to all sections of people of Assam. We will have to explain it to them that these separatist thoughts cannot bring any good to any section of exploited people. These days people will not be able to stand against capitalist exploitation by practising separatism or divisiveness. These have become the instruments of capitalist exploitation only.

### **Identity of exploited people inalienably linked with their sustained movement against capitalist exploitation: there is no second way**

You know, the struggle for independence that developed in British India on the basis of Indian nationalism, suffered serious setback because of British imperialist machinations and as its consequence the united country got divided on the basis of religion. But what benefit did it bring to the Indian people? Capitalism was established in both the countries thus formed. Formation of Pakistan did not bring any good to exploited Muslim people of that country; in the same way, though not explicitly, making a compromise with the communal thoughts of 'Hindustan and Hindu' did not usher in any end to exploitation of the Indian people, none of the burning problems of their life was solved. Thus, ignoring the need of the hour those who are fanning up separatist or divisive thoughts of communalism, are in every way helping the capitalist class, strengthening their hands. The basic point is then to free people from the influence of separatist –divisive thoughts, they need to be imbued with class consciousness through relentless efforts. One cannot be free from petty thoughts until and unless there is a higher, nobler thought in sight. Another important issue is: Generally, any fanatic thought bears enmity towards others. Fanatic Hindu thoughts imply anti-Muslim mentality and similarly on the opposite side fanatic Muslim thoughts mean mind-set against the Hindus. In the same way fanatic approach reared by the reactionaries, even if catered in the name of being in favour of the Assamese entails a kind of animosity against the Bengalis or others. None should forget that one fanaticism breeds counter fanaticism. We should keep this in mind.

We should also remember that none of the communities in our society, the Assamese, the Bengalis or the Biharis, is above class division. All these communities or races have a handful of rich and the rest vast majority of poor people. This is a reality coming out glaringly with every passing day. We should also note that.

Considering all these important aspects I would like to repeat that this thought of being outnumbered and turning into a minority is really a variant of a very dangerous divisive thought. Such thoughts only breed enmity among communities. And they end in fatal clashes between people of different communities. All of us together have given birth to this independent Indian state earning independence through a prolonged struggle. Thereafter, with the national bourgeoisie, the capitalists having been seated in power, we Indians have been divided into two opposing classes. On one side there is the handful rich and on the other all the rest poor people. For all of us, free access to any place in the country, exchange of experiences we accumulate from material and spiritual production, and the right to live anywhere in the country for these productions: none of these processes are detrimental to any section of people, rather these are extremely necessary for proper development of all communities of the country. In this background, among people living together in any part of the land of this country if those of one community tend to think that this or that community will outnumber them, this itself appears to be a dangerous destructive thought. It will strike at the root of the existence of independent India which has emerged through blood-shedding struggle of millions of freedom fighters, through sacrifice of thousands of martyrs. In consequence there will develop severe enmity in poor people of one community against poor people of another community. This, in its turn, will further strengthen the rule of the capitalist class, it will make exploitation still severer. In other countries of the world, in Europe or in America, people do not think this way. In the USA, people of Pennsylvania state do not think of being outnumbered by people of California. On these issues, the level of their thinking lies quite above such pettiness. Under the circumstances I would like to ask

you to please ponder over: By raising this slogan of protecting one's identity what benefit has come in the life of the Assamese –speaking people, whose life like people of all other communities is getting shattered by ruthless exploitation of the capitalist class. Rather, on the contrary, it has destroyed the possibility of united democratic movement against exploitation. Capitalism is continuously breeding problems, like price rise, unemployment, corruption; all these are steamrolling the life and existence of exploited people. Please ponder over how far justified and legitimate it is to raise the issue of protecting identity without relating it with the burning problems that people are facing every day every moment. More so, because I think you clearly understand that struggle against the burning problems of life arising from the capitalist rule and exploitation can never develop on plank of separatist thoughts. It must be developed on the basis of thoughts standing for unity, on the basis of Marxist thoughts. If we mean to uphold this higher thought, we will have to correctly present and explain all these aspects of protecting existence and identity to the Assamese-speaking people. People of Assam must be made conscious of certain truths, like what disaster this narrow so-called identity feeling has caused to Assam since the days of the Assam movement, how the different brands of separatist or so-called identity feelings have inevitably ended in fragmenting Assam, thus virtually putting the territorial integrity of Assam at stake. You are also aware that since long these fanatic chauvinists are preaching that due to the infiltration of foreigners and unbridled influx of non-Assamese people, the Assamese language itself is at stake. Continuous campaign has caused grave concern among the Assamese-speaking people too. So we must also bring it home to them that language is the vehicle of thought. The language which continually develops itself making it adequate to express higher thoughts, there need not be any unnecessary apprehension as regards its existence. This is quite uncalled for. It should be impressed upon people that how many people speak in the said language is not the cardinal point. Rather the main issue is the

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# Corrupt industrial-military complex ruling the roost

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interest can remain insulated from corruption, malfeasance and misfeasance. But the point is that by raising finger at the misdeeds of the Congress government, a gross irregularity on the part of the BJP government cannot be justified. Whenever logic ceases to act, one is apt to choose the other way. Similarly, the Congress which is now upping its ante against shady arms deals and the reaching out of undue benefits to the top monopoly houses is also doing so not out of any principle or moral standpoint but simply to woo public sentiment to score brownie points at the hustings. The ongoing slugfest between the Congress and BJP over the Rafale deal is nothing but a mock fight for public consumption.

### Rampant corruption is the stamp of reactionary capitalist system

It is pertinent to mention here that with capitalism as a world system becoming obsolete and reactionary, rampant all-pervading corruption has become its hallmark. A spate of unfolding mega scams like Bofors gun, Kargil Coffin procurement, Agusta Westland, Adarsh Housing and now Rafale

prove that the defence sector has become a den of corruption in capitalist India. The government of India has been spending lakhs of crores of rupees on defence by allocating over 12% of union budget for purchase and manufacturing of arms. Previously, manufacturing of arms was under the aegis of the government sector. But consequent on implementation of the ruinous policy of globalization-liberalization-privatization, such a key and crucial sector like defence has been opened to the private operators meaning giant monopoly houses. Going a step further in that direction, the BJP government unveiled a 'Strategic Partnership' policy for defence production aimed at creating and nurturing an ecosystem for private defence manufacturing in India. The government held that the defence industry would be a centrepiece of the much-hyped 'Make in India' slogan. Strategic partnerships with select Indian firms was stated to be essential to significant private sector participation in defence manufacturing. Not only that. The BJP government in 2016 announced, what it termed, a "radical liberalisation" of the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) regime. Under garb of that, a host

of important sectors particularly the defence sector was opened up for even total foreign ownership with easing norm for 100% FDI. The country has already experienced several menacing instances of that without FDI, in which top military officials, ministers and bureaucrats, supposed to be the defenders and governors of the country, were involved. Even fingers were pointed at the ministers for having made individual gains through such deals and purchases. Increased FDI in defence has undoubtedly widened the widespread corruption, bribery and kickbacks in the arena of arms deals. It is an utterly corrupt industrial-military complex which is now ruling the roost in the defence sector. The government is merrily bending, changing or framing laws at will to cater to the money-making and profit-maximization needs of the monopolists. In reciprocation, the monopoly houses are backing the ruling bourgeois parties like the BJP, Congress and others, both financially and politically, to ride to power or remain visible in the corridor of power. It is simply a give-and take arrangement and in course of that the public exchequer funded by way of squeezing even the last drop of blood of the progressively wretched people is

plundered with alacrity. Rafale is a glaring manifestations of that. Great Marx said long back: "The representation of private interests ... abolishes all natural and spiritual distinctions by enthroning in their stead the immoral, irrational and soulless abstraction of a particular material object and a particular consciousness which is slavishly subordinated to this object." (On the Thefts of Wood, in Rheinische Zeitung) How glaringly the prognosis is corroborated today.

### Over-emphasis on defence spending

It is also worth to note that the Indian government has been spending over 3 lakh crores of rupees or about 12.5% of its budget on increasing military muscle in a country abounding in the dead, half-dead, beggars, diseased and suicides? How is that when the pressing need is to provide maximum relief and help to the millions of downtrodden impoverished countrymen bleeding white under ever-increasing burden of fiscal savagery, ongoing monstrous rise in the prices of essential commodities, mounting unemployment, spurt in retrenchment and job loss, drastic cut in wage and such other ruthless

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## Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya's speech

# Exploited people of India including of Assam need to respond to the clarion call of great Marx: Workers of the world, unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains!

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richness of that language, its capability to express and carry higher thoughts. History of development of different languages has repeatedly affirmed this truth. Judged from this angularity it can be said unhesitatingly that the Assamese language is developing freely to keep up with the need of the hour, it promises to develop further. On the issue of language we must reiterate this truth to the Assamese speaking people and must explain it to them that it is the capitalist class and the parties subservient to it who are spreading these blatant lies. With immense patience we should convince people that in the course of history nationalism appeared as a higher sense of unity forged through spontaneous movement of people

rising above the divisions of religion-language-caste-creed etc. And in this decadent age of capitalism rising above nationalism, there has emerged proletarian internationalism and concepts of world communism. In whichever country one may be living, the proper identity would be one and the same : I am a communist, I am a world revolutionary, a soldier for the world revolution.

To end, I wish to add firmly that however complex and difficult the situation may be, this is the only unambiguous and correct path to face and combat the ultra-chauvinist and arch communal RSS-BJP. There is no second way. You must have noted that the RSS- BJP are leaving no stone unturned to make the situation more and more complex. They have already raised

the demand of implementing NRC in West Bengal. With grave concern we note that underlying this pronouncement there is the heinous design of coercively declaring Muslim people as foreigners even when they are genuine Indian citizens. BJP president Amit Shah has said that NRC must be implemented all over India. They say there are 40 millions of Bangladeshi Muslims in India. With these words they are trying to fan up utterly anti-Muslim mind-set and to reap political dividend from it. This is the politics RSS-BJP is practising. The fanatic chauvinists and communal forces are severely confusing people by propagating this kind of heinous thoughts. And through that they are terribly obstructing the anti-capitalist movement in this state. The leaders and cadres of SUCI (

Communist), the genuine communist Party, will have to present these thoughts discussed above properly to the people. We will have to develop ceaseless democratic movements on people's problems, and in course of that, free people from the influence of extremely harmful thoughts of chauvinism and communal forces. And if we mean to accomplish these tasks we must, without fail, assimilate the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in our daily, hourly life and carry on the struggle to acquire the lofty communist character. With this call from the memorial meeting of today, I am ending my address here.

Long Live Revolution  
Long Live SUCI(Communist)

Red Salute to  
Comrade Shibdas Ghosh,  
the great leader of the proletariat

## Rafale Deal Controversy

# Powerful conscious united people's movement alone can work as deterrent

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economic assaults, the government's priority is found to be in diverting bulk resources to the so-called necessity of defence of the country raising fear of war and imminent danger posed to country's security? Can any civilized government worth the name use artificially stimulated war phobia as a scarecrow to deny the people the bare legitimate minimum? In fact, the very precipitation of a war-psychosis is detrimental to maintenance of peace and harmony inside the country. It is the teaching of history that even if a country faces an attack from an external enemy, it is the blazing patriotism of the countrymen which offers the ultimate guarantee to preservation of independence and sovereignty, and not the corrupt mercenary army. What is then the imperativeness to augment military capabilities? This is the moot question. And it is not that difficult to find the answer as well.

### Class compulsion of the ruling bourgeoisie overrides people's concern and interest

Throughout the world, imperialism-capitalism is mired in an unprecedented and insolvable market crisis created by the very laws of capitalism. With rapid fall in the purchasing power of the people because of relentless capitalist exploitation, the market is continuously squeezed at an escalated scale. In such a situation, to somehow ward off the crisis, the ruling monopolists of the imperialist-capitalist countries have been, taking recourse to other means like injecting fund in speculative capital market and tilting more and more towards militarization of economy. This has become their compulsion from their ultimate goal of artificially stimulating the crisis-ridden market and somehow keep the capitalist economy rolling. Ruling Indian bourgeoisie is treading exactly the same path through its servitor governments. FDI in defence is necessarily a part and parcel of the agenda of militarization of economy that one and all capitalist countries are invariably adopting in these days of acute recession and market crisis of the world capitalist economy. Based on this spurt in production of weapons, an international market has been created for sale and purchase of armaments. As per the

report of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), India accounted for 12% of the total global arms import from 2012–17, which is the highest in the world. So, both domestic and foreign monopoly houses are interested not only in deploying capital in arms manufacturing in India but also make money by way of craftily designed arms deals with the bourgeois governments, both past and present, in tow.

One can see how the BJP government which boasts of being the sole title-holder of 'nationalism and patriotism' is making way for the giant imperialist superpowers including the US imperialism and their giant war-merchant MNCs to make decisive inroad into the so crucial and sensitive defence sector and thereby posing a serious threat to the security, if not sovereignty, of the country. With this opening of the entire defence sector to them and along with that all military secrets, array of arsenal and other sensitive military-related information of the country would be at their disposal. Foreign-acquired domestic firms could be used for surveillance, infiltration and sabotage against the Indian people, even the Indian government, if required. This criminal compromise with the question of national security just for procuring or manufacturing state-of-the-art arms with foreign collaboration, at the same time fattening the coffer of the arms-merchant and the corporate bigwigs, the wing-less vultures, is akin to selling the country to the enemies.

Alongside economic compulsion, the ruling Indian bourgeoisie has a political compulsion as well. Every student of political economy knows that the ruling Indian capitalist class has attained imperialist character and is aspiring to emerge as a regional superpower. So, it needs to flaunt its military strength alongside financial muscle. At the same time, it needs befriending the imperialist superpowers starting from the US through cooperation in the field of militarized economy and by dint of that wrest some concessions from them and advantages elsewhere like making forays into foreign markets to invest their finance capital and sell goods, including arms to other

countries. For that purpose, the Indian bourgeois government is regularly participating in joint military drills with the imperialist superpowers. This, in fine, is the economic-political compulsion that has driven the ruling Indian monopolists to desperately develop closeness with imperialist powers like US, UK, France, Germany etc. in particular, by entering into economic accords, nuclear treaties and defence pacts. Great Lenin once observed: "... pre-monopoly capitalism — which reached its zenith actually in the 1870's — was by virtue of its fundamental economic traits, which found most typical expression in England and in America, distinguished by a, relatively-speaking, maximum fondness for peace and freedom. Imperialism, on the other hand, i.e., monopoly capitalism, which finally matured only in the twentieth century, is, by virtue of its fundamental economic traits, distinguished by a minimum fondness for peace and freedom, and by a maximum and universal development of militarism." (Proletarian Revolution and the Renegade Kautsky) How prophetically it is vindicated today when capitalism following the inexorable course of history is now in its death throes and is trying desperately to survive by adopting all unethical, immoral and despotic means and using corruption as the main plank.

### People must rise up to thwart this increasing attack on their life and livelihood

It goes without saying that it is the common toiling people who are the worst sufferers, economically as well as socially, morally and culturally because of this soaring and unbridled corruption at the high level of governance and power that be. So, it is imperative that the people have not just a roving but a probing eye in ferreting out the truth behind their escalating misery and penury as well as menacing rise in institutionalized corruption and the abject betrayal of the parties subservient to bourgeois class interest to the people's cause. With every passing day, the vote-based bourgeois parties particularly the pseudo-Marxists like the CPI (M), CPI are moving away even from the path of whatever little movement

they used to participate in earlier from electoral interest. The beckoning of pelf and power has become so irresistible that let alone extra-parliamentary movement, even there is no initiative to create a roar in the parliament over this large scale financial scams and scandals. Even during the Bofors scandal, there was much hue and cry. But not even a fraction of that is noticed in case of this Rafale scam. All protests or dissents end in issue of benign statements or stage-managed hurling of invectives.

But if people remain mute spectators to such dirty games, consider this spiralling corruption as fait accompli and hence not remediable, situation would worsen further. More crisis-ridden would be capitalism, more squeezed and dragged to the dregs will be the toiling millions while a bunch of crooks, parasites, frauds, scamsters and blood-suckers would thump around with impunity. Surely, that cannot be allowed to happen. True that so long as capitalism would be in existence, there would be more cases like the Bofors and Rafale, may be of much more dimension and magnitude. It is also true that permanent remedy lies in revolutionary overthrow of capitalism by fulfilling necessary conditions and as logical culmination of the due process. But till the time that does not happen, it is not that nothing could be built up by the suffering enraged countrymen as a deterrent. Here comes the question acquiring necessary consciousness and then tread along the correct path illumined by that consciousness. This consciousness once attained would reveal that only what can work as an effective bulwark against this avalanche of corruption and malpractices is powerful assertion of people's power crystallized in the form of united organized movement based on higher proletarian ethics, culture and morality and under correct leadership. It is the ambience of this mass movement, the realm of thought fostered by the spirit of this movement which will constitute an effective check on erupting corruption, scams and scandals. This is what our Party has been repeatedly urging upon. We once again call upon the people to brook no delay in closing their rank and come forward to spearhead that desired movement.

## AIDYO organizes massive protests across the country

In the recent past, the AIDYO has taken up massive programmes in different parts of the country. The most important issue was the ever-increasing horrible problem of unemployment which is robbing the youth of the country of all hopes and prospects of a decent life, giving a lie to the tall talks of the ruling BJP leaders on development-digital India-skill development and so on so forth.

As a part of these programmes, in the state of Uttar Pradesh at Eco Garden in **Lucknow** a demonstration was held on 6 September with all India and state leaders including AIDYO All India Secretary Comrade Protiva Nayek leading it.

A militant protest demonstration was held at **Ranchi**, Jharkhand on 11 September in front of the Assembly House on a host of demands including 'employment for all unemployed, otherwise unemployment allowance to them for a decent living'. State leaders of the organization were present along with Comrade Dipak Kumar, Member, SUCI (C) Jharkhand State Organizing Committee as special guest speaker.

At the initiative of AIDYO **Chandigarh** unit on September 17 a *Dharna* was organized against unemployment. State leaders addressed the gathering and around 15,000 signatures collected from Mohali, Chandigarh and Patiala in support of the demands raised were sent to the Prime Minister.

On 24 September, AIDYO, Rajasthan held a rally against unemployment and other issues issuing from Sanganer Stadium in **Jaipur**, Rajasthan. Along with state leaders AIDYO All India Council member and Secretary Delhi AIDYO Comrade Amarjit Kumar as the main speaker, were present.

A state-level *Dharna* was held by AIDYO, MP at **Raipur**, Madhya Pradesh, against unemployment, Contractual employment, obscenity, communalism and other demands. An impressive rally was organized in **Mumbai** on 28 September by AIDYO, Maharashtra on these issues

## ABVP goons brutally attack AIDS rally in Jamshedpur

When AIDS activists took out a rally in Jamshedpur (Jharkhand) in protest against the fascist attack of

ABVP goons in JNU, Delhi, the criminals belonging to local ABVP pounced upon the rally, mercilessly beat the AIDS leaders causing grievous injuries to many. Some of the injured AIDS leaders were hospitalized. The way AIDS boldly faced the attack earned respect and appreciation from one and all. The leaders of all left parties condemned the attack. When footages of the attack were shown to the media in a press conference, the falsehood spread by the local BJP heavyweights including its MLAs and MPs as well as the ABVP about their non-involvement was thoroughly exposed and the police had to file case against the ABVP ruffians.

## AIMSS observes Martyr's Day on Preetilata at Adityapur, Saraikela- Kharsawan

On September 25, at Janata Row House Adityapur Colony in Saraikela-Kharsawan, at the initiative of AIMSS, a commemorative programme was held to observe 86th Martyr's Day of Preetilata Waddedar - the first martyr among women in the Indian independence struggle. Floral tributes were paid to the martyr and leaders of the organization spoke on her struggle expressing pledge to build up movement on women's cause.

Similar programmes were held in other states as well with due solemnity. News of similar observance in Bangladesh at the initiative of BASAD (Marxist) was also been received.

## Joint student movement in Delhi University against ABVP attack on JNU students

Responding to the call of All India Protest day, a protest demonstration was organized on 25 September, jointly by different leftist student organizations viz. AIDS, AISA, SFI, DSU, KYS, PACHAS and DISHA at the Arts Faculty, North Campus of Delhi University against the violence unleashed by the ABVP goons in JNU following the victory of the leftist students organization in that university. The militant and impressive gathering of leftist students expressed solidarity with the fighting JNU students.

## Make 3rd Party Congress of SUCI (Communist)

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Tatanagar, 12 noon

Main Speaker : Comrade Provash Ghosh,

General Secretary

Speakers :

Comrade Satyawan,

Member, Central Committee

Comrade K Radhakrishna,

Member, Central Committee

## AIUTUC and AIPF attend International Trade Union Congress of Energy Industry Workers

International Trade Union Congress of Energy Industry Workers organized by the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) was held on 11 and 12 September at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. 152 delegates representing 27 Countries covering all the continents attended the Congress. Comrade Shankar Dasgupta, member, All India Secretariat of AIUTUC, affiliated to the WFTU, and Comrade Samar Sinha, General Secretary, All India Powermen's Federation (AIPF) affiliated to AIUTUC represented AIUTU in the Congress.

Comrade Shankar Dasgupta in his address said that as the Energy Sector occupies key status in advancement of human civilization, the crisis-ridden ruling capitalist class of all imperialist countries are in a cut throat race to establish control and dominance over this vital sector. After sad dismantling of the Socialist Camp, the imperialist powers particularly the US imperialists and their allies are slapping draconian economic sanctions and even mounting military assaults including launch of war of aggression on the oil producing countries of West Asia and Africa who refuse to bend before their dictates, so as to capture the oil fields.

Following the path of capitalist globalization, the successive bourgeois governments of India have opened up the Energy sector to the corporate houses including multinationals to ensure their maximum profit in this essential service sector and simultaneously promulgating draconian Acts to snatch hard-earned rights of the workers. In the given situation, the AIUTUC firmly holds that to combat the mounting attack on the working people in all aspects of their lives, building up of united militant resistance movement of the workers and the common people at large across the Globe is the prime need of the hour, Comrade Dasgupta emphasized.

In the concluding resolution, the Congress reiterated its determination for organizing a World day of strikes and demonstrations on the common demands of all concerned workers and for that matter it called upon all its affiliated Trade Unions and Trade Union Internationals (TUI) of different sectors throughout the Globe to build up unity and solidarity of all labour unions to demonstrate the strength of proletarian internationalism against the growing attacks of capitalist-imperialist powers.

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