

Why 24 April — SUCI(C) Foundation Day— assumes immense significance this year

24 April 2021 — the 73rd Foundation day of the SUCI(C), the revolutionary party of the proletariat in India, founded, reared and steered by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, an outstanding Marxist thinker of the era, is just a week away. To the genuine communists of the soil, who, being imbued with the noble ideology of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought, are struggling day in and day out covering all aspects of life to acquire higher and higher revolutionary character to emerge as able organizers of Indian revolution, this day calls for reaffirming their unflinching resolve to attain the objective of freeing this country from the tentacles of brutal capitalist exploitation. With them, toiling people of the country longing to see their motherland as an oppression-free socialist state which guarantees growth and development of every citizen in the real sense of the term in every sphere of life and acts to abolish the increasing gross inequality which is the hallmark of

decrepitude of capitalism today, also take pledge on this day to realize their cherished dream by treading along the correct path.

Global as well as domestic scenario is horrific and terrific

The current global scenario, our country included, is marked by complete bankruptcy of the decadent moribund capitalism tightening the noose of savage exploitation and seeking to dehumanize people with a view to providing an extra lease to its decayed life. Almost everywhere and surely in India, a fascist autocracy is firming up its grip. While the myriads of wretched suffering countrymen are denied even the very right to live, a handful of corporate tycoons are amassing fabulous wealth. This bitter truth has been eloquently testified during the ongoing corona pandemic when a handful of top monopoly houses, with the unstinted help of their pliant governments have been multiplying



their wealth despite the people at large being progressively deprived from the barest necessities for subsistence and are teetering on the brink of ruination. With capitalism becoming obsolete as a system and turning out and out reactionary, all democratic principles, values, norms, codes and practices are being trampled underfoot by the power that be with alacrity. Corruption has permeated into every walk of life particularly in the domains of government-administration and bourgeois power-politics.

Slide of Indian capitalism towards Fascism

Glaringly, there is an inexorable slide of the Indian bourgeois rule towards fascism that is manifest in every aspect of life. More and more economic centralization is being done through various monetary

and fiscal policies like GST, and measures in the name of digital India, etc. Enormous concentration of political power in the hands of the police-administration through promulgation of draconian laws, systematic curtailment of the hard-earned democratic and civil rights, shameless use of a committed judiciary to subvert people's rights etc. are in short the features of administrative fascism. No voice of dissent, no expression of discontent, not even minutest criticism of the action of the government is being tolerated. Alongside there is a planned move to regiment the thought process by way of encouragement to all sorts of outmoded, backward, obscurantist thoughts, systematic fostering and fomenting of communal, casteist, separatist, parochial, fanatic and other divisive mindsets and pandering to fundamentalist ideas. Conspiracies are being hatched to precipitate divides, mutual distrust and hatred among the people and pit

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SUCI(C) decries inhumanity of capitalism nakedly exposed during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI (Communist), issued the following statement on 16 April 2021 :

"We are now in the grip of a second wave of Covid-19, much more severe than the first spell, which has been claiming thousands of lives. But despite the scenario being so horrific, neither the BJP-led Central Government nor any state government are virtually doing anything to meet the situation. Last year when outbreak of this pandemic took away several lakhs of lives and caused enormous economic misery to crores of common people, it was pathetically revealed that the country miserably lacked sufficient numbers of hospitals, hospital beds, ventilators, oxygen cylinders, doctors, nurses, health staff and essential drugs due to criminal negligence of crucial health sector hitherto by the government. Is it not a mockery of seriousness when country is faced with acute shortage of vaccines, the Prime Minister is celebrating 'Tika Utsav' (vaccine festival) just like his last year's prescription of clapping hands, beating metal cans, light earthen lamps and torches and cheering shower of flower petals from military helicopters to drive away corona? Before this second surge, the government had considerable time at its disposal to overcome this deficiency had it have a little concern for the precious lives of the people. Health budget is still miserably low while economic concessions to the monopolists in various forms are multiplying. Military and administrative expenditures are on a continuous rise. On the one hand, thousands of crores of rupees are being spent to build up a new parliament

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one section of the oppressed people against another. Alongside, there is severe attack on morality, culture and values through constant propagation of obscenity in the name of art and literature, instigation to unethical mode of livelihood, aimless desperation and social alienation. Rising individualism, crude buttressing of self-interest and self-aggrandizement, intolerance, repugnance and all such other evils are all products of this cultural fascism.

Bourgeois parties have been instrumental in reducing democracy to a charade

All the bourgeois parties and other opportunist forces subservient to the class interest of the ruling monopolists and vying with each other to curry favour with the class for pelf and power, have joined the bandwagon of crass opportunism, unprincipled alliance, political sludge, mud-slinging, character assassination, petti-foggery, mendacities and deceptive flurries. These defenders and servitors of decadent moribund capitalist system make sure that the people's protest and resentment centring around the burning problems of life remain confined within the vortex of bourgeois vote-politics and they reap the benefits by either riding to power or scrambling for a share in the scattered nuggets by way of such criminal shenanigans. Even election has been stripped of all its essence and now reduced to a farce where money-muscle-media-administrative powers rule the roost and on the whole decide who would be saddled in power at what point of time to obediently serve as the most trusted caretaker of

the ruthlessly oppressive ruling capitalism. And what is more disappointing is that not only the BJP, Congress or other regional bourgeois parties, even the CPI (M), CPI who masquerade as Marxists, are equally prominent in this murky game of rotten vote-politics and soliciting patronage from the ruling class for staying afloat in the corridor of power. One can hardly find any difference between these pseudo-Marxists and the hard-core bourgeois parties in toeing pro-capitalist line and adopting anti-people policies forsaking the interest of the common Indians, except in their vocabularies. They have also been found to be equally adept in crushing legitimate democratic movements when in power. It is for this reason that the bourgeois media and propaganda machinery portray them as "Marxists-Leftists" so that they can kill two birds with one stone— malign communism by painting these sham Marxists as communists and prevent genuine Marxist-Leninist party from surfacing. In such a situation, those of the countrymen on whom requisite political consciousness to identify the root of all maladies, malaises and miseries has not dawned upon are either languishing in lamentation, despondency and fatalistic mindset or cursing one to all for such a sordid state of affairs. More they grope in the dark, more gleeful are the ruling monopolists and their bootlickers as people's ignorance is what they draw their sustenance from.

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had foreseen this deep darkness descending upon the country

In this backdrop, 73rd Foundation Day of the

SUCI(C) on 24 April 2021 has assumed enormous significance. When the country was in ferment during the penultimate stage of Indian freedom struggle, when all patriotic Indians were yearning to break the shackles of foreign imperial rule presuming that once the country would attain independence, all their problems would be over, all oppression and repression would cease to be in vogue, one budding revolutionary genius, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, then in his teens and incarcerated for taking part in the uncompromising revolutionary trend of the freedom movement, could see the unseen. Even in that age, his was not a roving but probing eye. Immensely attracted towards the philosophy of Marxism-Leninism based on science and experimentally verified truth and its kernel of higher proletarian culture, values, ethics and morality, he could realize that because of dominance of the compromising bourgeois leadership over the freedom movement, the fruits of such a glorious freedom movement were going to be usurped by the Indian national bourgeoisie who was slated to gain state power once political independence was attained. It would be akin to backstabbing the freedom struggle and aspirations of the people. With deep pain and anguish, Comrade Ghosh perceived that in the absence of a genuine communist party, the fruits of independence which was to come about through historic sacrifices of countless martyrs were going to be usurped by the Indian capitalist class and the citizens of politically free India would groan under the yoke of a ruthlessly exploitative capitalist rule that would devastate their life. Unless capitalism is overthrown, there would be no emancipation of the toiling people. Capitalist India would be no different in oppressing the people except that the rulers would be Indians and not British. Hence, Indian people would have to accomplish an anti-capitalist socialist revolution to realize their cherished dream. But, Comrade Ghosh was aware of great Lenin's teachings that there are three essential needs for achieving proletarian revolution— a correct revolutionary theory, a correct base political line and a correct revolutionary party. Formulation of a correct revolutionary theory and deducing correct base political line are contingent upon correct grasp of the science of Marxism-Leninism and concrete application of that science in the concrete situation to unravel the objective truth and necessity. And this task can be fulfilled only when a correct revolutionary leadership would emerge in course of creating and developing a correct revolutionary party with sufficient strength as true vanguard of the revolutionary proletariat.

Inhumanity of capitalism exposed during the Covid-19 pandemic

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house as a grandiose palace, decoration of the surrounding areas and other lavish expenditures for Prime Minister and other ministers, while on the other hand, thousands of helpless impoverished people are crying for medical assistance and often dying being deprived of that. Last year Prime Minister using his office collected huge amount of money in the 'PM Cares Fund'. Nobody knows what is the amount of the fund and for whose care the fund is being utilized. All these are enshrouded in mystery.

Do these protagonists of Hindutva have any human feeling? When deadly Corona pandemic is spreading like a wild fire for the second time, Prime Minister, Home Minister, Defence Minister and other BJP ministers as well as the top BJP leaders are busy day and night in election campaign, spending crores of rupees to buy voters and mobilizing large number of people defying health protocols with the sole objective of snatching governmental power by anyhow winning the on-going assembly elections.

Spectacle is equally horrible in all other capitalist-imperialist countries. This is the brutal inhuman face of capitalism which does not bother for people's life but only cares for accrual of maximum profit to the capitalist class. So, it is no

wonder that when lakhs are dying every day due to Covid-19 and out of starvation, corporate tycoons and giant multinationals have been amassing huge profit and multiplying their wealth manifold. Moreover, when the humanity round the world is faced with such an unprecedented health crisis and attendant economic disaster, the rulers of the capitalist-imperialist countries, instead of putting up a united fight against the lethal virus to save the mankind from this disaster by pooling all their resources together, are embroiled in vicious trade war, augmenting military budgets exorbitantly and engineering local and border wars with a view to extending their respective spheres of influence and firming up territorial domination. This once again reveals the monstrously inhuman character of capitalism. To capitalism-imperialism, maximization of profit is everything and lives of common people are of no concern.

Crying need of the hour is that united well-organized struggles of the people be released in right earnest against the imperialist-capitalist rulers of the respective countries to compel them to take prompt and adequate measures to meet this awful situation and eventually accelerate the process of anti-capitalist socialist revolution in all countries including India."

Responding to the historic necessity of building up a genuine communist party

But the budding revolutionary with a correct world outlook, did not fail to notice the absence of a real communist party on the soil to fulfil that historic necessity. Examining their political theory, in word and action, life struggle, etc. on

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SUCI(C) vehemently condemns the brutal killing of 5 people in polling booth at Shitalkuchi (West Bengal) by Central Armed Forces

In a statement issued on the tragic incident of Shitalkuchi of Coochbehar district of West Bengal, on 10 April 2021, Comrade Chandidas Bhattacharya, West Bengal State Secretary of SUCI (Communist) said :

“We vehemently condemn the planned violence perpetuated in the fourth phase of the West Bengal state assembly elections and the death of five people caused by brutal firing by the central armed forces.

We have observed that the politics of West Bengal has been immensely polluted by the way personal slanders and insulting comments triggered along with religious extremist rhetoric incited by the leaders of the ruling as well as the major opposition parties through their provocative speeches from the very first moment of commencement of the election process.

The incidents of violence and death in different parts across the state during the fourth round of elections has proved that despite mobilisation of so huge number of central and paramilitary forces, the Election Commission has failed to hold the polls in a peaceful and democratic manner. Allegations of biasness have already surfaced against the Election Commission.

The Central Armed Forces and above all the Election Commission itself have to answer – how, despite imposition of section 144 around the polling booths, two major rival parties could mobilise their hooligans and frenzied activists there? Why despite the presence so large battalion of central and paramilitary forces, the violence could not be prevented? Why was straightaway firing resorted to without bursting tear gas shells?

Can the Union government escape its responsibility of the incidents that occurred amidst frequent, if not daily visits of the Prime Minister

and the Union Home Minister to the state? We demand an impartial investigation into the incident, fair compensation for those killed and injured, stringent punishment of the guilty police and impartial and restrained conduct of the central forces.

“In a second statement issued on 12 April, Comrade Bhattacharyya strongly deplored the way Dilip Ghosh, the BJP West Bengal state President, could openly justify the tragic killing of four villagers by the bullet of the Central Armed Forces in Shitalkuchi, by commenting that “Naughty boys were killed by bullets in Shitalkuchi. Naughty boys will not stay in Bengal. If law is taken in hand, Shitalkuchi incident will be repeated everywhere.” This kind of hateful repulsive, haughty, inhuman and fascist approach is highly deplorable. In this very expression, the murky face of the BJP has been thoroughly exposed. Just for the sake of capturing power at any cost, the BJP does not care to kill people as life of common citizens is of no value to them. This arrogant utterance of Dilip Ghosh bears eloquent testimony to that, added Comrade Bhattacharyya. Comrade Bhattacharyya urged upon the democratic minded, conscientious people

from all walks of life and irrespective of their allegiance to any party and opinion to raise their voice of disapproval of such comments.

Comrade Bhattacharyya also sent a letter to the Election Commission of India on 13 April 2021 with the following submission :

- 1) It is noted that a ‘provocative speech’ Ms. Mamata Banerjee has been booked and consequently a 24-hour ban on campaign has been imposed upon her.
 - 2) It has been the experience of the people of the state since the issuance of notice of WBLA election there has been an explosion of provocative speeches by the leaders of the big political parties very often tainted with religious sensitivity for petty election interest.
 - 3) There have been even speeches with sublime venom and hatred against religious minorities.
 - 4) In this respect BJP leaders should be more accused than those of any other parties. To cite some examples:
 - a) BJP leader Rahul Sinha said: central forces should have killed eight people instead of four in Shitalkuchi,
 - b) Another BJP leader Sayantan Bose said: central force should target head and chest during firing,
 - c) Dilip Ghosh, state BJP president said: there would be more ‘Shitalkuchis’ to teach the ‘naughty boys’.
 - 5) It is quiet surprising why these speeches have not been considered as provocative to the Commissioners and penalty has not been imposed. For all these reasons the impartiality and to that extent the credibility of the ECI is under question. We request you, therefore, to conduct the elections impartially with zero tolerance to the ruling parties.
- We also request you to take immediate action against the leaders of the BJP.



Protest against Sitalkuchi killing in Coochbehar

People of Paraguay and other Latin American countries protest mishandling of corona pandemic

Paraguay, a small Latin American country has of late drawn world-wide attention because of the way suffering people there are demonstrating in thousands against the most callous, if not inhuman, handling of the steeply rising Covid-19 pandemic by the bourgeois government under Mario Abdo Benitez of the conservative Colorado Party. Of late, Covid infections in Paraguay have hit a record level. The death rate has gone up most alarmingly and the public healthcare system is on the verge of collapse. There have been as many as 1,83, 000 confirmed cases of infection and 3,554 deaths in a country populated by a mere 70 million people. Ill-equipped hospitals are unable to accommodate the rapidly increasing Covid cases. Many people are compelled to opt for private medical facilities that cost them dearly. In extreme cases they have had to sell or mortgage their household assets to meet the expenses. Initial lockdown, imposition of restriction on entry to and exit out of the country and quarantining those having come into contact with the Covid patients have been of no avail. After one year, the restrictions were lifted on the pretext of salvaging the sagging economy. In fact,

the government compromised people’s life to bend before the wish of the ruling capitalist class which wanted tourism, mining and construction industry to reopen so that its profiteering is no more disturbed. Now the situation has come to such a pass that even preventive vaccines are in abysmal short supply. A paltry 4,000 doses of the Russian Sputnik V vaccine and another 20,000 doses of China’s Sinovac donated by Chile is all that has so far been at the disposal of the hospitals there to vaccinate people. In the words of a demonstrator “There are so many deaths and it is all the fault of the thieves who run our corrupt institutions”! With Covid-19 attacking with virulence, Paraguayan people already assailed by rising poverty, soaring inequality, mounting unemployment and all-pervasive corruption at all levels of public procurement have burst into protest. Even doctors, nurses other health workers and institutional heads of health sector have joined in the protests in large number.

Like all other despotic governments, the Paraguayan government has also been using its coercive machinery to brutally crush the legitimate protest. On 5 March last, there was a

massive gathering at the capital city of Asuncion where the police pounced upon the demonstrators with teargas and rubber bullets, regardless of the fact that there were a large number of women and children among the protesters. One demonstrator was killed and several grievously injured. The participation of people was so overwhelming that eventually the police had to relent and show the white flag. Following this President Mario Abdo made an attempt to mend matters by having first his Health Minister followed by two other ministers resign. Lately, when public unrest has taken a desperate turn, Euclides Acevedo, the Foreign Minister of the country was reported to have said that “Paraguay is determined to obtain vaccines from anywhere by any means” and “everyone needs to get vaccinated and for free which is the intention of the government”. But the protesting Paraguayan people were not pacified and wanted nothing more to do with the Abdo Government. Young Paraguayans on protest were reported saying that they “have waited long enough for decent governance”!

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Not only BJP, Congress ; CPI (M), CPI are equally prominent in murky game of rotten vote-politics and soliciting patronage from ruling class

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the touchstone of Marxism-Leninism and delineated Leninist model, he could make out that the party bearing the name Communist Party of India (later split into many factions— CPI (M), present CPI and the various groups of Naxalites) did not grow as correct revolutionary party on the soil fulfilling all necessary conditions, including establishment of democratic centralism based on fusion of ideological centralism and organizational centralism, nor give birth to collective leadership. So the leadership of that party could not acquire the necessary Marxist outlook to concretize Marxism-Leninism in the then concrete situation of India and hence was driven by erroneous line. Realizing the need of Indian revolution marked by the absence of a genuine communist party, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, took upon himself the historic task of building a revolutionary party of the proletariat with which the question of emancipation of the people from all sorts of exploitation and oppression was inseparably linked up. In the course of conducting this struggle for building up a genuine revolutionary party of the proletariat in our country, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, developed, elaborated and enriched Marxism-Leninism and also brought many other aspects of it to a new height including the Leninist concept of Marxist Party.

He categorically stated that he refused to acknowledge CPI as a communist party not because it had made many mistakes but because it did not grow through required conduction of an all-embracing struggle by its leaders to declass themselves and arrive at ideological centralism. He elaborated that “when a party through such an all-out struggle has been able to develop this ideological centralism, then and then only can it be said that the principle of proletarian democracy is operative inside the party. When organizational centralism is built up on the basis of this ideological centralism which makes the principle of proletarian democracy effective, it gives the real structural shape to the principle of democratic centralism inside the party.” But such was not the case with either undivided CPI or its multiple split factions. So, in a class-divided society, if a party does not reflect proletarian class outlook, it is bound to represent bourgeois class outlook and hence is destined to be oriented towards bourgeois thinking in every respect. Such a party built on wrong foundation, can never be transformed into a proletarian revolutionary party.

Laying bare the reactionary face of Congress, trusted representative of ruling bourgeoisie

In course of his penetrating analysis of the Indian condition as well as global situation based on Marxist methodology, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had shown that the post-independence government of India led by Congress, the most trusted party of the Indian national bourgeoisie, under the garb of establishing “socialist pattern

of society” was actually, in the given circumstances, engaged in speediest development and consolidation of Indian capitalism, which, as part and parcel of reactionary global imperialism-capitalism, was equally exploitative and poised to work in detriment to the interest of the common toiling people. All the radical slogans raised by it was intended to shield this sinister objective. When a large section of thinking people were having an illusion that fascism had been defeated following ignominious defeat of Hitler-Mussolini at the hands of Soviet Red Army marshalled by great Stalin, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh pointed out that fascism has not died down. Rather, irrespective of the form of governance, fascism has become a general feature of capitalism in the era of imperialism and proletarian revolution. More the days would roll by, more evident would be this truth.

Penetrating analysis of fascism

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had also highlighted that “Fascism is a historically conditioned form of counter-revolution in which capitalism seeks to stave off revolution by an anticipatory move. It is designed to save the crisis-ridden, chaos-discredited capitalist order from collapse in the face of mounting dissatisfaction of the people against the existing system.” He then provided a penetrating analysis of the distinguishing features of fascism as follows: “economic centralization, maximum concentration of political power in the state, rigid firmness in administration — all this leading to more and more identification of the interest of the monopolists with that of the state—and cultural regimentation. The degree of centralization, concentration, administrative rigidity, regimentation and identification of the two interests is not the same in all the countries. Dependent on the internal conditions in a given country as it is, it naturally varies from country to country. “Since 1949 we have been repeatedly pointing out an important aspect of our party’s analysis on fascism. There are some people who regard the severe repressive nature of administration, any dictatorship as fascism. It should be remembered that dictatorship may be military dictatorship; it may be foisted through a coup as well. Besides, there is torture and repression in every anti-people administrative system, and the imperialists perpetrate torture and repression in the colonial countries. But fascism is more devastating than that. Mere repression cannot do so much harm to a country. But fascism is an all-out counter-revolutionary upsurge. On the one hand, it destroys the process of rational thinking in people, makes them self-centered, makes knowledge, learning and education technology-oriented, that is, it engenders a group of technocrats in the country who have completely abandoned all sorts of human values, who have no sense of responsibility towards people and society, to whom

employment and wage slavery are simply everything, and who are ready to do anything and everything in exchange of money – and in this direction they channelize the cultivation of science and learning. On the other hand, fascism fosters all sorts of spiritualism, age-old superstitions, irrational mindset and blindness. Fascism is a peculiar fusion of spiritualism, obscurantism and irrational bent of mind with the technological aspects of science. “It is the fascists who cultivate blindness. The fascists want it. More the blindness, more the fanaticism — it is to this theory that the fascists subscribe. So they want the entire nation to become like blind fanatics. Their objective is to bring in blindness, create a bogey, raise slogans, bring in deceptive, misleading points to hide the main issues and incite the people. And what is the result? The people are incited by the ceaseless propaganda and they madly rush on. And in their rush they pay no heed to where they are going, whether they will fall in a ditch or not.” When this happens in a country the reasoning faculty itself dies out in the country.” Further: “.....consciously or unconsciously, unknowingly, just as the intellectuals, youth and students in Italy and Germany objectively helped in installation of fascism, forgetting their heritage. They did not usher in fascism knowingly. Confused and duped by Hitler’s fake progressive slogans and his hoax of national socialism, and Mussolini’s deceit of democratic socialism, nationalization and social welfare measures, the intellectuals, students and youth of Germany and Italy objectively strengthened fascism. They sold out their conscience to the money power of the monopolists. In flocks they got enlisted in the troops of Nazi hooligans. They did not have any prick of conscience. Just see, Germany, that once stood out in the whole of Europe as a powerful nation with all-round great heritage in education, culture, cultivation of knowledge and science, industrial advancement and working class movement, is discredited and divided today owing it to Nazism.”

He also explained that “...fascism presents no stereotyped pattern. It has assumed different forms in different countries to suit the local conditions. Somewhere it has adopted the form of individual dictatorship, somewhere the autocratic rule of a military junta and yet in some other countries it has assumed the democratic garb, keeping the parliament still alive but limiting its power by way of economic and political centralization. The appearance of fascism in a ‘democratic’ form through the two-party parliamentary system of government is certainly a post-war social phenomenon, having no historical precedent. Because of its seemingly democratic appearance it is, at the same time, the most deceptive. And in fact, it has been able to deceive many so-called

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Covid 19 pandemic has exposed capitalism and ripped apart all its garbs of democracy and people’s welfare

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Covid 19 pandemic has exposed the entire capitalist world. It has ripped apart all garbs of democracy, welfare for people or inclusiveness. It has shown how fragile capitalist system of different countries has made their public healthcare systems, how subservient to the profit-greedy, inhuman monopolists and their corporate houses, the governments have become. Like anywhere else in the capitalist world, the pandemic has been wreaking havoc in Latin America also. And the despotism of the governments in most of the countries particularly those who are not having a background of consistent anti-imperialist anti-capitalist movements has worsened the predicament of the common oppressed people. As everyone knows, Brazil is continuing to be among the topmost countries recording the greatest number of cases. Already over 3.5 lakh people have died there and around 1.35 crore people have been tested positive. In fact, Brazil has become the epicenter of the pandemic in the entire Latin American region. Jair Bolsonaro, the Brazilian President, had criminally downplayed the threat of the coronavirus arguing that the economic and emotional impacts of shutdowns would harm more Brazilians than the pandemic. He had at times bristled at the checks and balances from other branches of government and has repeatedly criticized the country’s Supreme Court for upholding the power of governors and mayors to establish restrictions on economic and personal activity during the pandemic. Of late, a Brazilian Supreme Court justice has ordered the Senate to investigate the government’s handling of the coronavirus crisis and the full court ruled that churches can be barred from reopening during the pandemic, threatening to further strain tensions between President Bolsonaro and the judiciary. “Brazil, which was once a role model in public health, in immunization campaigns, is today in this highly embarrassing situation,” commented one Supreme Court judge. Thousands began joining anti-government protests in Argentina as confirmed coronavirus infections continued to rise passing 900,000 mark in last December. They continue to oppose to the government’s handling of the pandemic and demand revival of an ailing economy as well as investigation into corruption cases.

“They’re leaving us to die’ alleged the Ecuadorians while pleading for help as the virus blazed a deadly trail in that country as well: dead bodies kept in homes or dumped on roadsides with authorities and hospitals overwhelmed by

Covid-19 in Ecuador. The response to COVID-19 has revealed the fundamental shortcomings of health systems to react through public health measures, including epidemiological surveillance, analysis, and control. Police in Guayaquil, Ecuador – the heart of the country’s coronavirus epidemic – used apparent excessive force to break up a peaceful protest last year by civil society groups, beating and injuring demonstrators. Chile, with national health services dating back as early as 1952 that was claimed to have evolved into a solid national public health system, saw massive protests against its persistent inequalities and barriers to medical attention in October of last year. “This pandemic is taking away our wise men,” an indigenous leader of Peru, another Latin American country, said in a broken voice last August. Peru is among the top 10 countries with the highest number of coronavirus infections. Peru has reported more cases than most European countries, despite the fact that testing for coronavirus cases has been relatively low. Experts say Peru’s healthcare system was underprepared, leading to more deaths, but several other social and economic factors can help explain why Peru is struggling to contain the outbreak. The regional director for Latin America and the Caribbean at World Neighbours, said that during a public health emergency like a pandemic, the Peruvian government should allocate health resources to those who need it most. But some private hospitals are charging exorbitantly for coronavirus care. And the government is unable to afford to subsidize the entire cost of public care when someone needs hospitalization. “The whole health system has collapsed in Peru – the whole public system. And the few beds that are lying empty in private clinics are controlled by the corporations that want a huge amount of money. The government doesn’t have the power to negotiate with the clinics because of the clinic associations”, he added. Healthcare workers took to the street outside the Ministry of Health and at one of the largest hospitals of Lima, Peruvian capital, in last August to protest poor working conditions during the pandemic. Thousands of people in last November staged a massive protest yet against Guatemalan President fuelled by anger over cuts in the 2021 budget that cut

educational and health spending and that too during the pandemic. The protesters said the budget has prioritized big infrastructure projects over spending on health, which, they argued, was badly needed at a time when the country continues to battle the spread of the coronavirus. Despite the lockdown imposed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, on May 18, hundreds of Haitians took to the streets of the capital Port-au-Prince to demand the resignation of US-backed president Jovenel Moïse. They denounced Moïse and his government for the mismanagement of health and economic emergencies caused by the novel coronavirus. Social organizations denounced the police repression and the arrest of grassroots leaders as well as leaders of left-wing organizations.



Miscreants have set camps of fighting peasants on fire at Singhu border. But the fighting peasants are unbending, determined to continue their struggle in demand for repeal of the black Farm Laws. Their sustained struggle is nearing completion of 150 days.

The protests in turn at Ecuador, Chile, Peru, Guatemala, Haiti etc. have been a source of inspiration for the people of Paraguay too. The demand “Down with capitalism” is coming up through their battle. But apparently, not only in Paraguay, but in other countries also, correct revolutionary leadership which can take these surging protests to their logical culmination is found absent. Without such a leadership, these erupting protests against the mishandling of coronavirus pandemic, poor health system, corruption, inequality and all other aberrations and malaises stemming from the obsolete, ruthlessly oppressive, inhuman and totally reactionary capitalist system, cannot be sustained and transformed into desired anti-capitalist revolutionary movement. So the struggling people of Latin America need to develop such leadership in right earnest.



Deputation in Gwalior, MP, on 12 April against appalling healthcare condition of the state when second wave of Covid 19 is threateningly sweeping across

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Only two contending forces are there in politics — one for revolution, the other opposing revolution

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intellectuals, who try to recognise fascism by its form and not by its content or its distinguishing features...The appearance of fascism in a 'democratic' form through the two-party parliamentary system of government is certainly a post-war social phenomenon, having no historical precedent. Because of its seemingly democratic appearance it is, at the same time, the most deceptive."

He even made it clear that "the reactionary class of the country, the bourgeoisie, take advantage of the patriotism of the youth and almost always lead them astray with exhortations like 'patriotism', 'patriotic feeling', 'call of the nation', 'national interest' and 'national unity'. A point to be always borne in this connection is that to love one's country is noble no doubt but to lick the boot of the employer because one loves the country is not laudable. Nor is it noble for us to protect the interest of the capitalist class in the name of national interest while we think ourselves that we deeply love the country, we serve the country. It is an act of extreme enmity and utter betrayal to the country, even if unwittingly, and does, in the ultimate, nothing but the greatest harm to the country. That is why I have been telling that 'our country', 'our nation', whose problems we are discussing is no undivided nation, it is a class divided nation, on one side of which stands the capitalist class, the working class coming on the other. Thus, 'national unity', 'people's unity', 'unity of the youth' — all these can have just two definitions in this context, these can really be used in two senses — either meaning unity of the youth, of the masses, of the people of the country in the interest of the capitalist class or meaning unity of the youth, of the masses, of the exploited people of the country in the interest of the working class, the exploited class. In a class divided society there can be just these two scientific definitions of the expression 'unity of the country'. Every other explanation is but a bourgeois trickery to deceive the people in the name of the country. So, mere exhortations like 'integrity of the country' or 'interest of the country' without mentioning the class character and the class interest will not do. 'We are fighting for the country' — even this understanding will not serve, in fact it cannot serve. You have to understand precisely which class interest it is with, which is interwoven historically 'the interest of the country' in the sense of interest of the majority of the people. And if 'the interest of the country' becomes one with the interest of the exploited class, with the interest of the working class, of peasants and labourers and of the lower middle class, then to serve the country means just to guide the country's movements and youth energy and to correctly organize the youth community in the interest of these and these classes alone. While talking of 'the interest of the country' the

youth, therefore, must have a clear idea, an understanding about whose interest they want to serve, whose banner they wish to carry as representing 'the interest of the country' in this class divided society of India. Is it of the exploiting class or of the exploited class? If we do not clinch this issue but go on chanting vaguely for the country we would repeatedly walk into the trap of the capitalist class, we would fall victim to them and would perhaps be protecting, though unintentionally, their interest merely. This has happened many times even in the past and may still happen in future."

Inevitable degeneration of self-styled Marxists

Later, he showed that "those communist parties within the international communist movement who had already degenerated into revisionist parties and reduced themselves to the position of national communist parties or, in other words, who were communists in name only but social democratic parties in practice did have every possibility of turning into fascist parties, if these parties, while they wave the red banner and move under cover of Marxism, combine blindness and fanaticism with their so-called militant character." "This national communism is really another name for national socialism — it is nothing else." Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was appalled at the way the CPI (M), CPI were "closing the door of polemical discussions and resorting to the practice of using physical force to increase their strength". Comrade Shibdas Ghosh said that by this, they might "get dividend for the time being because of their strength and numerical superiority;(But) Do they know the deadly outcome of this? Though it may sound incredible but the reality is that those who are speaking against fascism, who are talking of communism, of leftism, of struggle and revolution and who are fighting against oppression — they themselves are found to be helping the growth of such an irrational mental make-up through their conduct and activities which, as a consequence, eventually will dig the grave of leftism and lead to the ascent of fascism. Because, when the reasoning faculty dies in the country, then that paves the way for infiltration of reactionary ideas in society. To make man fanatic with the poison of national chauvinism, on the one hand, and, on the other, to foster outdated traditionalism while raising vague slogans of socialism, revolution and progress — if all these three can be combined, then the ground for ascent of fascism is ready in a country. It should be borne in mind that the ruling bourgeois class, after having misled the intelligentsia, succeeds in masterfully combining these three things then only when the mindset for carrying on mutual discussions on the basis of reason and logic really ceases to exist in society. This provides the golden opportunity

for fascism to rise." He further observed that "when the youth who were coming in the fold of their party [CPI (M)] raised slogans, they were found to be indulging in worst type of gesticulation." So he expressed concern that "the ethical and cultural standard reflected by most of their workers through their behaviour towards whoever had tried to criticize them in any way, had been of a very low standard. ...Then what is the difference between the conduct of these so-called revolutionaries and that of the fascists, the blind fanatics who want to develop an irrational and blind mindset in the society?" He even cautioned way back in 1969 that "the fissiparous groups and religious fundamentalists like the Jana Sangh are waiting in the wings. As soon as whatever attraction the people still have towards left movement evaporates, they would come out in the open. The ruling CPI(M) leaders are not conscious of this danger." Going a further step ahead, he even predicted that "The so-called Communist Party of our country, too, would become like this in future. Long back, in 1957, we had observed that this Communist Party — what the party that has split from it is doing and what would become of it ultimately are altogether different matters — if it moves towards the two-party democracy, then a Left-wing social democratic force like the Labour Party in the UK would emerge centring round them or through some other social democratic forces joining hands with them and, in effect, a rightist stream would be created as a reaction to it. This future awaits the party."

On international scenario and problems

Comrade Ghosh's contributions to the ideological fields of international communist movement made him a giant communist leader of unique distinction. It was way back in mid-forties that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh cautioned the countrymen and the international communist movement of this impending catastrophe if the correct base political line enunciated by correct understanding of Marxism-Leninism, the most advanced philosophy and guide to action, is not followed. He was the first to point out that despite "release of unprecedented mass struggles and progressive democratic movements throughout the world for lasting peace, democracy and socialism under the leadership of the USSR and the People's Democratic countries of Europe against world imperialism and the forces of reaction in each and every country,...paradoxically enough, there is still a lack of firm solidarity on the basis of ideology and uniformity of thinking in the united revolutionary front of the people fighting for the above objective. The danger with which it is fraught cannot be averted by ignoring and glossing over it or by remaining blind to it...While acknowledging with just pride and deference the very many achievements and successes and glorious sacrifices of the world communist movement,

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we have not failed, even for a moment, to point out the serious shortcomings in it...These serious shortcomings and defects are largely due to the fact that the present leadership of the world communist camp is, to a very large extent, influenced by mechanical process of thinking."

Stating that a 'floodgate of revisionism' was slated to be opened after the Khrushchevite revisionist leadership went to the helm of affairs in post-Stalin Soviet Union, he pointed out that modern revisionism-reformism was the main danger in the present day international communist movement and showed the correct line of struggle against it. He also warned that the sinister efforts of these revisionist leaders to malign and black out great Stalin, the worthy student and continuer of great Lenin, whose able leadership and firm adherence to Marxism-Leninist principles gave the infant Socialist state a mighty shape, "would mean invitation to all sorts of counter-revolutionary ideas to pass for Marxism-Leninism and the ideological foundation of the communist movement would suffer a setback. In short, it would objectively uncrown Lenin himself...(because he) "safeguarded Marxism-Leninism from distortion and effacement and by generalizing upon the historical experience of the period of general crisis of capitalism and further disintegration of world capitalist market, enriched Marxism-Leninism. In fact, the present understanding of Leninism, as distinct from social-democracy and Trotskyism, is due to Stalin. Stalin's understanding of Leninism is the correct understanding of Marxism-Leninism."

Comrade Ghosh did not stop there even he provided an in-depth analysis of the cause behind debacle of socialism. He said: "...the Russian experience has clearly shown that along with the tremendous growth and development of the economy, military science, technology and widespread development of various aspects of socialist reconstruction in a socialist country, if the cultural make-up of the society as a whole — starting from the philosophical understanding and cultural-ethical standard of the collective to the minutest detail of the individual behaviour, habits and practices — cannot be elevated to keep pace with the need for all-round development of socialist economy, then the gap that will be created is bound to lead to a lowering of standard in the realm of thinking. And if the level of thinking and the cultural standard remain low, then it may give birth to revisionism-reformism at any moment, in a critical hour, under favourable conditions and may lead to counter-revolutionary upsurge, peaceful or violent, and thus endanger socialism by bringing about counter-revolutionary changes in the socio-political setup. If backwardness continues to persist in the fields of epistemology and culture, then the entire party and the working class may, being misled, tread the revisionist-reformist path and bring about restoration of capitalism while waving the banner of socialism and Marxism-Leninism."

Also, "...with the relative stability of the new social system and advancement of the society as well as with the increasing material benefits, individualism of a new variety is growing in the mental make-up of the individuals in the society. This new trend of individualism manifests itself in a socialist system. ...such a trend of individualism is completely alien to revolutionary ideological consciousness, class emotion and dedication of the proletariat." Terming this as 'socialist individualism', he clarified that "Up till now only they were considered to be the real communists who were able to surrender unconditionally the individual interest to social interest, place the cause of revolution and party above all and subordinate individual interest to the cause of revolution and party.... the highest standard of communist moral values was considered to have been reflected in this..." "At this new stage of social development "... the individual's struggle for emancipation has reached a new and complex height and has assumed a new character in the socialist society, ...to resolve this problem, a more intense and arduous struggle is to be conducted for complete identification of the self-interest with the interest of society through unflinching dedication and constant endeavour." ... "But it should be understood that the idea of surrendering personal interest to the party interest or social interest is basically a bourgeois humanist concept. ... The question of surrendering personal interest presupposes separate existence of personal interest. But when personal interest is identified with social interest, it no longer exists as a separate entity"

His contribution in the fight against all sorts of illusions being created by different schools of bourgeois philosophy and its modern trends will act as indispensable and valuable guide not only to the revolutionary movement of our country but to the international communist movement as well. Thus, there was not even a single issue or problem related to the struggle for emancipation of the proletariat in the national and international spheres, which was not illuminated by his profound wisdom. To him, Marxism-Leninism was a complete and comprehensive science, a philosophy of life and although in life in every aspect, he practised it as a guide to action.

All developments in contemporary world confirm his analysis and prognosis

All present developments in every sphere of life—economic-political-social-cultural-moral—, both within and outside the country, fully corroborate his brilliant analyses and prognoses. All capitalist-imperialist countries, including the former socialist countries turned capitalist after counter-revolution are manifesting naked fascistic outlook. Revisionism-reformism has deeply penetrated in the communist movement enfeebling it from within. Most of the erstwhile communist parties in the world have become either revisionists or Trotskyites, many subscribing to the weird theory of peaceful

transition to socialism and ensuring permanent identity in bourgeois vote politics. As a result, economism, opportunism and compromising social democracy in its different trends have made deep inroads in the working class movement in India, wrecking the vital unity of workers in their mass and class struggles against capitalist exploitation and oppression. In India, a fascist autocracy has been firming up its grip more viciously in the regime of the BJP which, besides fast economic centralization and concentration of political power as well as undertaking savage monetary and fiscal policies, is also promoting pseudo-nationalism and sham patriotism, fomenting all kinds of divisive mentalities, obscurantist thoughts, religious backwardness, crass communalism and fundamentalism to retrograde the mental process. The RSS-BJP as most confident political servant of the ruling monopolists are practically unbridled in their pursuit of such a noxious agenda since the left movement in India has been considerably weakened because of the betrayal of the CPI (M) and, CPI. Both of them have virtually reduced themselves to 'national communist parties', abandoned leftist line and are busy carving out a space in the rendezvous of bourgeois vote politics.

SUCI(C) represents genuine leftism

As against all such evils, aberrations and opportunism, social maladies and malaises, SUCI(C) guided by Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought and based on higher proletarian culture, has been holding aloft the noble banner of revolution and proletarian internationalism and highlighting the correct path to attain emancipation from all oppression and repression. When all other parties and forces are getting exposed with every passing day, the SUCI(C), which embodies people's urges and aspirations, is marching ahead valiantly and uncompromisingly, braving all odds and overcoming all obstacles. It is in this context that 24 April assumes so much importance this year. Let us conclude by recalling an invaluable teaching of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh: "Although outwardly there appear to be many opposing forces in politics, and the press projects so many contending forces, but viewing the situation from the context of ultimate struggle, I hold, only two contending forces are there in politics — one for revolution, the other opposing revolution — in whatever nomenclature might it be posed. One is the politics of countering revolution, whether ..by all the many juggleries of so-called leftism, or by proclaimed commitment to democratic socialism, or by raising various right reactionary slogans, and through politics of catchy stunts. And the other is the politics of organizing revolution." If, inspired by the noble ideology Comrade Shibdas Ghosh upheld and was completely identified with, the toiling people rally behind the SUCI (C) and develop struggle on the basis of this ideology, then we shall once again witness the kindling of the spark of vitality among the people which will send chill down the spine of the ruling capitalist class and its lackeys, and the dawn of a new history would be ushered in.

Ramsey Clark, an indefatigable fighter against imperialism and military aggression passes away

Ramsey Clark, former attorney-general of USA, a great humanist and an indefatigable fighter against imperialism and military aggression anywhere, passed away in Manhattan, USA, on 9 April last. He was 93. In his demise, the All India Anti-imperialist Forum has expressed profound grief. In a condolence message issued on 11 April 2021, Comrade Manik Mukherjee, Vice-President, All India Anti-imperialist Forum and General Secretary, International Anti-imperialist Coordinating Committee mourned his passing away as a blow to the international anti-imperialist movement. With deep reverence the All India Anti-Imperialist Forum salutes and pays homage to the fighter for freedom and justice and vows to carry forward his legacy.

As Attorney General of USA, Mr Ramsey Clark, was forceful in his support for civil liberty and civil rights. Later he was active in anti-Vietnam war movement, and protested against US bombing of Hanoi. He realised that USA was the prime progenitor of war and was guilty of unleashing wars of aggression in different corners of the globe. He became vocal in his opposition to whatever acts of

military intervention that the USA perpetrated in any part of the world and supported all who were fighting against US hegemonism. In 1991 he strongly opposed US military intervention in the Middle East and was a trenchant critic of the Gulf War unleashed by George H. W. Bush, as well as the NATO bombing of Yugoslavia in 1999. He condemned George W. Bush's Iraq war of 2003. He defended Saddam Hussain in his trial by the Iraqi Special Tribunal, which he designated as being illegal and a violation of basic human rights. He called the trial a mockery of justice.

He also criticized the trial of Slobodan Milosevic as patently unjust and described Milosevic as a commander who was courageous enough to fight powerful enemies. He founded the International Action Center to support anti-imperialist movements around the world and to oppose all instances of military aggression by any country whatsoever. He launched a massive signature campaign to impeach George W. Bush for war crimes, crimes against peace and humanity and trampling the civil rights of the people of the United States and of other nations which USA invaded.

Mr. Ramsey Clark visited India, in 2007 to attend an International Anti-imperialist Conference which resolved to form the International Anti-imperialist Coordinating Committee with Ramsey Clark as President. While in Calcutta he visited Nandigram where in



Ramsey Clark with a protesting peasant in Nandigram in 2007

March 2007 the police of the CPI(M) led government, in league with party-sponsored armed goons, unleashed mayhem against the villagers who were protesting to protect their land from forced acquisition by the government. The official death toll was fourteen, but in reality hundreds went missing. The houses in the villages were burnt and many women were victims of mass rape. Ramsey Clark witnessed the destruction, while interacting with the affected people and listening to their woes about the torture was deeply moved. He was unequivocal in his condemnation of the CPI(M)-led government's repressive actions, police brutality and state terror. Wherever in the world, there was violation of human rights and aggression against the sovereignty of any country by the imperialists, Ramsey Clark was in the forefront of protest and fight for justice.

The anti-imperialist movement and the movement for protection of human rights has lost a powerful, influential fighter and leader.



Ramsey Clark (4th from left), Manik Mukherjee (3rd from left) and other international delegates in the anti-imperialist rally in Kolkata on 27 November 2007.



Glimpse of 'Open and Distance Learning' highlighted in National Education Policy



Wheel chair could not be afforded. Comrade Kalicharan Ekka, SUCI(C) candidate in Tapan constituency of South Dinajpur district, West Bengal, walked 2 kms on one leg to file nomination.

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