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Mockfight in Parliament

Meticulous avoidance of extra-parliamentary struggle by ruling parties allowing scams, frauds, crimes and corruption to soar

The headlines of the daily newspapers and electronic media, of late, are on tumbling skeletons of mega scams and scandals, one after another, and 'sensational' revelations of involvement of the ministers and high profile leaders of the vote-based political parties, prominently visible in the corridor of power, in all these shady, mala fide, reprehensible activities and criminalities. Latest revelations include tampering with the CBI report on multi-million Coal Block allocation scam by central law minister allegedly to shield the culprits and the charge against a close relative of union railway minister of receiving bribe for arranging a lucrative posting to one railway official. Besides these, there is also row over the draft JPC (Joint Parliamentary Committee) report on the 2G scam giving the

Prime Minister a clean-chit. Then is the unfolding of another scam of the 'cheat' funds having defrauded millions of people of their hard earned money right before the nose of the governments as well as all the regulatory bodies and crime-prevention wings. It has also come to the fore that such dubious fund promoters carried out such a roaring trade in connivance with ministers, political bigwigs and who-is-whos in administration just like the way scamsters of IPL, 2G allocation, Commonwealth games, Adarsh Housing, Telgi stamp, procurement of military hardware and such other episodes could operate with alacrity as well as with impunity. Obviously, wrath and indignation of the suffering countrymen against these soaring crimes and criminalities is mounting and they are desperately

seeking an end to it. But the question is how to stem the rot?

Crimes and criminalities soaring

Of late, as has been noticed by all, the BJP-led opposition group in the parliament has been pretending to be a crusader against these serial crimes and economic offences. Holding the incumbent Congress-led government responsible for the sordid state of affairs, it's has been a strategy to stall proceedings of the both houses of parliament and occasionally boycott the sessions to portray before the people how accentuated an agitation is theirs against the corruptions, misconducts and institutionalized crimes. There is every justification of the demands raised like stringent action by the government against the precipitators of the crimes no matter who they

are and what coveted post or position they hold, immediate appropriate administrative measure to forestall recurrence of such scams and money laundering and even seeking resignation of the Prime Minister for abetting the ghastly acts of malfeasance and misfeasance by his ministerial colleagues and their accomplices in the administration and other power centres. But the fact is that notwithstanding the prolonged stalling of the proceedings of the Houses, not a single issue is resolved nor is there sign of abatement of any of the pressing problems tormenting people's life. Naturally arises the question, why? Time has come for all right-thinking persons to seek correct answer on the anvil of logical analysis of the prevailing state of affairs from a

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TMC government brutally lathi-charges peaceful students-youth-women rally in Kolkata and Siliguri

Students-youth-women of the state came out boldly with their mass civil disobedience organized jointly by AIDS, AIDYO and AIMSS simultaneously in Kolkata and Siliguri on 14 May against abolition of Pass-Fail system and

introduction of sex education in schools, against increasing atrocities on women and against those criminally guilty for the recent Chit Fund scam, including their bigwig political accomplices who have drained out the last farthings of life-

long savings of crores of poor people. The protestors foiled frantic attempts of the TMC government of West Bengal to disrupt their programme though after going through a painful ordeal: the initial permission long since applied for

was withdrawn at the last moment; on the date the routes for the already marching demonstration were abruptly changed; no customary arrangement was made for police vans and buses for those courting

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Ruling class tries to exhaust people's grievances by arresting it within precincts of vote-politics

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scientific bent of mind in the given socio-historic perspective.

Capitalism is the root of all evils

A careful observation would bring to the fore that though the vote-based political parties visible in the rendezvous of power are trading charges against each other (as if by being able to show the rival party guilty of fraud and graft, one could clean up one's own slate), portray oneself as great champion of people's interest the fact is all parties affianced in taking dig at the others are equally involved in these wrongdoings, malpractices and criminalities. Because, corruptions, scams, frauds, money laundering, receiving bribe and such other criminal acts are not exclusive preserve of a few individuals or groups that once the system is cleansed of them, everything would be hunky dory. The root of all evils is the system itself, the historically outmoded stinking capitalist system. Enmeshed in insoluble crisis endemic of the system, capitalism having entered into its decadent and moribund phase, has now turned utter reactionary, corrupt to the backbone and thus is breeding all these crimes. Any administrative set up in this obsolete capitalist system or any political party or individual subserving bourgeois class interest today cannot remain free from corruption or even criminalization. That is why, all vote-based parties or combinations whether in power or the opposition are found to be sunk in the quicksand of rampant corruption, guilty of fraud and graft.

Scrupulous avoidance of developing extra-parliamentary movement

So, the question of getting rid of all these aberrations and criminalities is inseparably linked with the question of overthrowing capitalism — a fact only those ignorant of historical course of social transformation or deliberate in their effort to obfuscate the truth can deny. But, overthrowing capitalism by revolution is a long process and depends on maturity of a few conditions, both subjective and objective. Till that time, only course left before the toiling people to somewhat ameliorate their miseries and sufferings, get some relief from the tightening noose of ruthless capitalist exploitation and its concomitant evils is to build up

sustained organized powerful democratic movement and force the bourgeois governments under pressure of movement to yield to some of their just demands. Pressure of movement would also keep the scammers and fraudsters under some check and compel administration to take some action. It is relevant to mention in this regard that importance of this extra-parliamentary struggle alongside parliamentary struggle is recognized even in the doctrine of bourgeois democracy at the time of its advent by smashing obsolete reactionary feudal-monarchist system. But today, when capitalism is in its death throes and trying to prolong its moribund existence by systematically curtailing the democratic rights of the people and undermining all the democratic institutions, among other things, axe has fallen on the right to dissent and right to protest as well. So, by branding democratic movements and its various recognized forms as 'disruption' of law and order and normalcy, the ruling class and its governments are brutally crushing democratic movements and cunningly arresting people's grievances within the precincts of a truncated subverted parliamentary democracy and thus ensure that the same gets exhausted in alternating between this or that party or combination, all fostered by the ruling class, in considerably manipulated elections.

This is what is manifested in the conduct of the parties subservient to bourgeois class interest and entrusted with the responsibility of protecting the stinking capitalist system, articulating the class design of the rulers and carefully avoiding any step or action that can in any way embarrass the ruling class. Without taking any initiative to build up desired extra-parliamentary struggles on the burning demands of people's life, they all are engaged in staging mock-fights in and around the legislature with a view to disorienting people from the path of outside movement and instead project with the backing of the bourgeois media all their parliamentary gymnastics as championing of people's cause. They feel no obligation to the people, no genuine concern for the increasing plight and penury of the suffering multitudes. To them, people are only voters and hence with a view to nurturing their respective vote banks and playing to

the gallery, they often make some of show of movements solely to usurp people's growing wrath and discontent for electoral gains and keep the masses arrested within the labyrinth of bourgeois vote politics. They do not care or rather dare to wage any genuine people's movement on just demands, as that would earn displeasure from the ruling monopolists, their masters, and would either pose threat to continuation in power or spoil any future prospect of coming to power. Rather, exploiting people's grievances with an eye on cashing upon those in future elections, they raise all hullabalos inside the House, disrupting proceedings and immobilize parliament and thus try to become 'heroes'. Membership of legislature, to them, is no honour of discharging responsibility to the people but a gateway to windfall of fortunes. In the elections, one of these very parties, either singly or in combination, is catapulted to power by the ruling capitalist class by providing money, mafia and media backing to the extent needed. Those in opposition also receive equal patronage of the rulers in securing noticeable representation inside the legislature and wait for their turn in this craftily stage-managed game of alternate power sharing. And in action, they all sail in the same boat. When 'A' is in power, 'B' becomes a crusader. When 'B' gets power by rotation, 'A' hijacks the position of exhibiting fireworks. In the class interest, one of them is to sit in opposition so that if the ruling party is discredited, it could immediately emerge as the alternative for the hot seat of power.

Recent events corroborate the truth

Recent events would bear eloquent testimony to that. BJP today is paralyzing parliament on corruption issue and asking for the resignation of the Congress Prime Minister. The BJP claims that it is forced to disallow functioning of the House because the government is adamant in not acceding to its just demands. On the other hand, the Congress-led government side pretends concern for continued disturbance in the parliament because of the "irresponsible" behaviour of the opposition. Similarly, when BJP-led coalition was in power and charges of scams and corruption levelled against its ministers, Congress, then in opposition, demanding resignation

of the BJP Prime Minister. The history would repeat if BJP or any other bourgeois outfit or combination makes it to the central government tomorrow. In Karnataka, a southern state of the country, when the BJP Chief Minister was found guilty of mining and land deal scandals, Congress, sitting in opposition, heightened pitch for rolling his head. Both ruling TMC and former ruler CPI(M) in West Bengal are passing on each other the onus of aiding the illegal chit funds. But the fact is both the parties are equally responsible for befriending and backing these 'cheat' fund promoters in exchange for favours. Likewise, Mayawati's BSP and Mulayam's SP are locking horns against each other in Uttar Pradesh though both of them are known to be neck-deep in corruption, thriving on mafias and anti-socials and strange bed-fellows in extending support to the Congress government at the centre. Same is with DMK and AIDMK in Tamilnadu. But, while taking potshot at each other from electoral viewpoint, they all are always careful to ensure that never any of their actions give real exposure to the capitalist system, embarrass the ruling class and jeopardize its aggregate class interest. Even in their shadow boxing inside the legislature is equally confirmatory of that. For example, paralyzing proceedings and boycotting the sessions of the last parliament by the BJP-led opposition has not caused any problem for the Congress-led government to have safe passage of two of its most anti-people legislations like the Finance Bill and the Railway Budget. This obviously smacks of a tacit understanding in obeying the class need of the ruling monopolists. Similarly, most of the other legitimate demands of the people including newly evolving demands could not be discussed in the truncated House marred by repeated disruptions. Only the opposition made a show of having done so much for upholding people's demands and thus brighten their poll prospects.

How to view parliamentary struggle

Naturally, the question that comes next is whether parliamentary battle today has lost relevance altogether. As we have mentioned above, mere parliamentary battle in

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Historic 24 April leaves with us lesson for strengthening genuine revolutionary leadership

— Comrade Manik Mukherjee

[Below is the speech, slightly edited, delivered by Comrade Manik Mukherjee, Member, Polit Bureau, SUCI(C) on 28 April at Hyderabad on the occasion of observance of 66th Party Foundation Day : — Ed. Board, *Proletarian Era*]

Comrade President, comrades and friends,

First of all, I should say that 24th April is a historic day not only for us who are connected with SUCI(C); it is a historic day for all the have-nots, the working class, the peasants of this country. It was on this date that our beloved leader, teacher and guide Comrade Shibdas Ghosh founded the genuine communist party on this soil after a prolonged socialist struggle with his 5 or 6 revolutionary compatriots. He did understand on the strength of his realization that though at that time there was a party named Communist Party of India in our country, it was not a communist party at all. It was

leadership too, there were two trends. One was the said leadership of Gandhi, which was compromising in its fight against the British imperialist rulers; the other trend of leadership included the uncompromising revolutionaries of the country. Between these two leaderships holding two aspirations, ultimately the leadership of the Congress headed by Gandhi overcame the other. We became politically independent but could not achieve real freedom.

Comrades, had there been a correct communist party in India at that time, the aspiration of the majority of people, who had fought against the British even laid their

probably not yet acquainted with how Comrade Shibdas Ghosh with his few revolutionary compatriots led a struggle that was unique in character. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh himself told: I did not know whether I would be able to form a Party or not, whether people would support me or not. I might die on the street. But if I am truthful, if my struggle is correct, a day would come when people would take up the flag I wanted to hold high. The Party would advance.

Today we find SUCI (C) is a big party; all over India we have our comrades, committees and we are organizing mass and class struggles. Not only in India, even outside India the name of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh is known today. People there are appreciating his thoughts as I and my other comrades could gather

to maintain so-called peace and harmony and there would be no revolution in their countries. But they were thoroughly mistaken.

Even in America, as you know, there has been a powerful movement, the Occupy Wall Street movement in recent time. Participants of that movement raised slogan: 'We do not want capitalism, we want socialism; we are 99 per cent and they are 1%'. And these fighting people of that country are now inviting our Party to address their meetings. Why? It is because of the appeal of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought with which they have become acquainted. This has been my realization during my numbers of visits to the USA. The situation there is changing. But even then, the problem of genuine revolutionary party, establishment



a social democratic party. And you know, without the leadership of a genuine communist party, the anti-capitalist revolution, which would beget real emancipation of the people, cannot be accomplished.

In India, before independence, we fought against the British imperialists. In that fight, there were two aspirations, two leaderships which were interwoven. One was the aspiration of people; it envisaged that once the British imperialists were driven out of the country, road for all-embracing freedom for people, political, economic, educational, cultural would open up. On the other hand, there was the aspiration of the Indian national bourgeoisie who was also there in the movement and wanted to overthrow the British regime so that it could capture and control the vast Indian market to exploit. This aspiration was reflected in those who dominated in leading the movement for independence, namely the leadership of Gandhi and the Congress party.

At the same time, in the

life, could be upheld. It was a time when if there had been a genuine communist party, it could form one national front under its leadership to lead the struggle. It was a time when we could turn this anti-British imperialist movement into a proletarian revolution, the way the Chinese Communist Party under the leadership of Mao Zedong did. Indian people were unfortunate that there was no genuine communist party in India which could carry out this historic task at that point.

After analyzing all these points, when he was still in the British jail, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh decided that a new party, a genuine communist party had to be founded. He was guided by the great teaching of Comrade Lenin that without a correct communist party, without a correct revolutionary ideology, there can be no revolution. It is essential for a proletarian revolution to succeed.

From then onwards, he started his historic arduous struggle to build up a genuine communist party which our comrades are aware of. But the people of India at large, are

from our personal experiences.

Comrades I am giving emphasis on this particular question, the question of leadership. Without a correct leadership, you cannot have any successful movement, you cannot reach the goal. Look at the situation today in the advanced imperialist countries like America, Germany, Great Britain, France, Italy, Greece. It was believed that accomplishing revolution in these developed countries would be very difficult. It is in the third world countries, that people would come up and complete revolution first and then working class of the rich imperialist countries would rise up with revolutionary struggle. It was held so because, the rulers of the big imperialist countries were amassing huge wealth by ruthlessly exploiting the natural resources and labour power of the whole world, by making people of the other countries bleed white and then offering a little pie of this plunder to the people of their own countries. And they thought with this they would be able to satisfy their people, at least they would be able

of correct revolutionary leadership continues to plague these movements. Countries after countries sunk neck-deep in sovereign debt are becoming bankrupt; people there are helpless. In all these countries, thousands of suffering people are spontaneously marching in protest, seeking remedy. But who will lead them, where is that correct leadership? During a visit to Cairo, Egypt on an invitation from people involved in the massive movement at the Tahrir Square, I told them: 'You are carrying out a glorious fight but if you cannot develop correct revolutionary leadership, this movement will remain half done; that is, you cannot achieve your goal'. Exactly that has happened today. Fundamentalists are now taking advantage of the movement. We have again been requested to make another visit.

So comrades, we must carry to the people this lesson of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh that whenever you are fighting against any onslaught, participating in any movement, you

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should judge which leadership is correct, and who can lead that movement to its logical culmination. Long back, he had drawn attention to and laid utmost importance on the imperativeness of establishing leadership of a genuine communist party on the movement to accomplish revolution and achieve emancipation from the yoke of exploitation. That question reigns supreme today in all the movements round the world. Everywhere there is either a crisis of leadership or the genuine leadership does not have sufficient strength. So, all the movements are turning out to be spontaneous in character, not properly organized or guided. Crisis of the capitalist world is so serious that they are unable to revive their economies any more. Capitalist economy is in dying condition, gasping in its death throes. Everywhere people are raising their voice and they are ready to fight. But they are in search for correct leadership.

Comrades, recently I attended one anti-imperialist symposium at Istanbul in Turkey. There is a revolutionary group, underground party. The government of Turkey does not allow any revolutionary activity or leadership in the country. Last year when I went there, a Muslim lady was conducting the entire proceedings. This time also, I expected her to do the same, but could not find her. When I asked I was told that she had been arrested for giving a speech against the government, and not only that, she had been brutally raped as well. This is the experience of the European countries, the so-called developed countries. In our newspapers, you won't find these news. I told them that in India many of our comrades, many women who had taken part in Nandigram- Singur movements, were raped and thrown into the jail. Their houses were burnt, properties destroyed. Comrade Prabodh Purkait, our ex-MLA, is still in jail on false fabricated charges. In the 1950s, so many participants in the peasant movement were raped. Do you know all these things? Likewise, we do not know what is going on in the so-called civilized countries.

Thus, as Comrade Ghosh pointed out, the objective condition for revolution, not only in our country but throughout the world, is very ripe. But the main problem is in regard to the maturity of the subjective condition, that is, emergence of the real revolutionary party with sufficient strength. If these two can combine, revolution

will not be far away.

Here in India, you know, there is no job. Unemployment problem is acute. Peasants are evicted from their villages and are becoming migrant workers, as in all over the world, just for two square meals a day. Middle class women, lower middle class women, women from peasant community are forced to flesh trade just for feeding their children. On the other hand, a few Indians are multibillionaire. Their names are published in the journals and magazines with much fanfare.

In our country also, the problem of leadership is very much there. People are coming out to fight, but who will lead them? Congress, BJP, Mulayam's party, Laloo's party, CPI, CPI(M)— all are compromising forces and helping the ruling oppressive Indian bourgeoisie. In West Bengal Mamata Banerjee came to power with a slogan that she would fight CPI(M) and uphold the banner of movement. Now you can see what is happening. We told people now and again, that we supported Mamata Banerjee only on a particular point, that is, just to save democratic mass movement from the fascist onslaught perpetrated by the CPI (M) leadership. We never thought Mamata Banerjee was any force of movement. And now they are found to be connected with, very much related with scams and scamsters. Some of their leaders are minting crores of rupees. You have seen all these in the newspapers. These are the forces leading people. So, it is very important for our comrades that they equip themselves with the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and go to the masses, organize them, educate them and imbibe them so that they can come forward, join in movements and choose the correct leadership.

We should tell our young people that we are successors of great personalities of the Indian renaissance, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Kshudiram, Bhagat Singh, Asfaquallah and others. They all sacrificed their life for the freedom of the country and its people. Definitely our youth will respond and come forward again, if we can reach them and explain to them the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Comrades, in Turkey I met three senior lady comrades from Bulgaria, formerly a socialist country. After my speech, they came to me and had some talk. I said: Can you explain why your socialism failed and counter revolution took place? They said: We could not even conceive it; it was unthinkable.

Then I told them that our leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, at the time of 20th Congress of CPSU when Khrushchev came to power, categorically said that Khrushchev was opening the floodgate of revisionism, that is he was shunning Marxism- Leninism, switching over to revisionism. After hearing that they said: Is it? I said: Yes, I can show you the book. They said: You come to our country; we are again trying to build up socialism. It is not an easy struggle. But people are very much aggrieved; they have no bread, no employment, going out to other European countries for job, and many young lady are moving to many places for selling their body. One of the three ladies was virtually weeping: What we lost, we never know. They expressed that they would invite our Party. Many people are inviting us. We are sorry we cannot afford to accept all these invitations for different reasons. Otherwise we could have reached every nook and corner of the world and could propagate the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. His teachings can help them as they are in dearth of real revolutionary thoughts and guideline.

So, we have the mightiest weapon in our hand. That is Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought. We and only we can make Indian revolution successful today. It is surely true for the world communist movement also. It is now accepted by many communist leaders of the world that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was the first, the pioneer in characterizing modern revisionism. He is the thinker from whom we have to learn prognosis of modern revisionism. It is our bounden duty

to fulfill the task of Indian revolution. Also, as internationalists, we should also help the international communist movement and revolutionary struggle of people.

Comrades, we have to struggle very hard. We must question ourselves: Are we ready to fight the way Comrade Ghosh wanted us to? Are we building up ourselves to attain the heightened revolutionary character, to become real revolutionary by striving for merging our personal interest with the interests of class, Party and revolution? That struggle we have released in our personal life inside the Party. That way we will strengthen the revolution. And with that strength, if we go to the people, to the working class, lead them and organize them for the revolution, then today we are hopeful that revolution will not be a far cry. It is very near if correct revolutionary leadership emerges with sufficient strength and gives leadership to people. So, I conclude by emphasizing on the key lessons of 24th April: formation of a genuine revolutionary party, genuine revolutionary leadership without which we cannot lead the mass and class struggles and culminate them to their cherished ends and overthrow capitalism.

With these lessons at hand and tasks ahead, we are committed, we will proceed ahead and we are sure the victory will be ours. Thank you all comrades and everybody present here.

Red Salute

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh!

Red salute to our Party SUCI(C)!

Long live Marxism- Leninism!

Declare Gujarat drought-hit : SUCI (C) demands

SUCI (C) has demanded that Gujarat be declared drought affected and has urged Prime Minister to visit the drought-affected areas of the state. When Narendra Modi showcases Gujarat as a model of development, facts are to the contrary.k

In its memorandum to the PM, SUCI (C) has said that while the Central government has identified 10,000 villages out of 18,000 villages of Gujarat in 17 districts as drought prone, the Gujarat government has declared only 4,000 villages of ten districts as scarcity-hit areas.

Comrade Dwarikanath Rath, Gujarat state secretary of the Party told media that a survey on situation of water was undertaken in various regions of the state, viz., Bhavnagar, Rajkot, Jamnagar cities apart from

several talukas of Rajkot and Jamnagar districts, as well as towns and talukas of Surendranagar district. It revealed that most of the regions are uniformly facing acute drinking water crisis. Water level has gone down significantly where boring is the only source while the number of tankers sent to no source villages is inadequate. Water supply from Narmada canal is insufficient, irregular and indefinite. In some gram panchayats it has even been discontinued or threatened to be discontinued owing to big pending bills amounting up to Rs 12 lakhs. Commercialization of water is rampant causing rise in monthly budget of around Rs 1,000 to Rs 1,500 per family. Relief work has begun nowhere, neither has the state government made any arrangement of drinking water or fodder for cattle.

Society ready for revolution; revolutionary politics is there; needed are numbers of revolutionary characters to go to the masses and organize them

— Comrade Ranjit Dhar

[On the occasion of 66th Party Foundation Day in a meeting at Patna, Bihar, Comrade Ranjit Dhar, Member, Polit Bureau, SUCI (C) delivered an address as the main speaker. The speech was in Hindi. Here we are publishing an English rendering of the speech in edited form. Responsibility of any flaw in editing and translation lies with us— Ed. Board, Proletarian Era]

Indicating the significance of observing 24th April Comrade Ranjit Dhar said at the outset: You all know, today how acute the crisis is. 70% of people of the country live below poverty line, hardly earning a bare Rs. 20 a day. What condition prevails in villages today? Now sharecroppers, agricultural labours and such others unable to arrange two meals a day move away from home to far-away places in search of jobs; they are often compelled to beg or to toil like slave labourers. For them everything is destroyed; family, home, all else. The crops which the farmers produce do not fetch them fair prices, not even the cost price. Land, seeds and other necessary ingredients, even their trade have all gone into the hands of multinational companies. Small traders can no longer maintain their families with markets being in the

change with changes in governments, rather for people problems have intensified and are intensifying. Why?

As there is some reason behind everything in the world, there must be reasons behind these too. Unless we know the real reason behind our problems and take steps to redress them consciously, we will never be able to solve them, we can never change the conditions. Every year on 24th April particularly, we try to raise this issue before people and place before them the way to change the society towards the real path of emancipation of people.

Referring to the anti-British imperialist struggle which brought independence, Comrade Ranjit Dhar said: Even when we fought for our independence, we were not a unified nation. At that time too, the country was divided into two

Congress whose leadership was composed of the representatives of the Indian capitalists. It was through compromise between the British rulers and the leaders of Congress that we attained independence, and with that the Indian capitalists assumed power establishing their rule and exploitation. Indian capitalism still prevails and, being part and parcel of world capitalism, is now enmeshed in the acute economic crisis that is being experienced in all capitalist-imperialist countries, not excluding the most powerful ones like America.

Comrade Ranjit Dhar then elaborated: Every phenomenon is law-governed. With time and changes older laws can no longer cater to the needs of the people and so new laws have to be implemented. By that a new society emerges and relation between man and man, ethics and morality and values – everything changes as well. With independence, Indian capitalists took over the reins, and with that here production follows

introduced, our problems cannot be solved. Advancement of society and people is no longer possible under capitalist system and capitalist laws. Until and unless the proletariat snatches away state power from the hands of the capitalists, we cannot bring about changes in the laws of production as well as in the life of the people. This was the incumbent task of the independence movement and yet it has not been accomplished. This is why Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great proletarian leader, had to establish the SUCI(C). And following the thoughts of that great leader, this should be the realization on the occasion of 24th April which we must carry forward to every nook and corner of the country, to every house, Comrade Ranjit Dhar emphasized.

Pointing to the particular situation of Bihar, Comrade Ranjit Dhar said: It is being said that Nitish Kumar, the state chief minister has ushered in progress in the state. What sort of progress? Has the financial condition of



grip of multinational sharks.

While the poor has become poorer during these 65-66 years after independence, the rich have grown richer. Today Indian monopolists are buying land in Ethiopia in Africa or factories in Europe. Among the ten richest persons, some are from India. In respect of wealth India comes fifth after America, China, Russia and Germany.

This has been going on despite changes in government or in the ministry, be it at the Centre or in states, in Bihar, West Bengal or Tamil Nadu. There has been no

classes namely the proletariat, the working class and the owner class, the capitalists. The interests of the two classes were fundamentally different. The Indian capitalists wanted the British imperialists to go, so that in their place they would rule and loot the people with the help of the state machinery that the imperialist rulers had set up in their own interest for ruling the country, whereas people desired to be free not only from imperialist rule but from all sorts of exploitation. The freedom movement became successful on the sacrifice of the people though it was led by the

capitalist order and capitalist law being based on labour and owner relationship is aimed not at fulfilling social necessity but to maximize the profit of the investor. Now this capitalist order having reached the optimum point can no longer advance any more, rather is set on the path of decay. This is what Lenin indicated when he said that it was the age of imperialism, the highest and decadent stage of capitalism, on one hand, and proletarian revolution, on the other. So, it is incumbent to abolish capitalism and set up socialism. Unless and until socialism is

impooverished peasants and workers and middle class people changed in any way from what it was before Nitish Kumar came to power? Rather Nitish Kumar is sincere enough to his chief object of running the government in the interest of the capitalists. In the name of development, what we see, mainly he is beautifying cities and towns in the interest of the moneyed people. But what has he done till now to save the poor peasants from floods and droughts? Again as you know, as a part of the bid of the capitalist class to introduce two-

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party system in the country, the Congress and BJP in the shape of the coalitions UPA and NDA respectively, come and go alternately at the Centre. Nitish Kumar's party Janata Dal United JD(U) in alliance with BJP is in power in Bihar, i.e., he is with NDA. But he has been shrewd to remark that he would not share the dais with Narendra Modi, the BJP leader. Because, if Nitish Kumar goes along with Modi, he knows very well that he cannot secure the Muslim vote in Bihar. So he plays the politics of deception. These parties or politicians can continue such deception because they control newspapers, TV and people are not organized and generally form their opinion by watching TV and reading newspapers. And such deceiving of people by the capitalists and their subservient parties will go on till the genuine working class party assumes enough strength to overthrow capitalism from power to end their rule.

Continuing, Comrade Ranjit Dhar stressed: On the occasion of 24th April, as I have already said, we thus intend to point it out to people that in India capitalism is the root cause of their problems. It has to be overthrown from power. But who will overthrow it? This task can only be carried out under the leadership of the genuine working class party. Without a revolutionary party there can not be any revolution. Without revolutionary base political line, without revolutionary theory there can be no revolution in any country. In our country, SUCI(C) is that revolutionary party. But the Party has not yet been able to acquire such strength as is required to overthrow the capitalist rule. All the other conditions of revolution are ripe. As and when the revolutionary party assumes that strength, the task will be accomplished.

Elaborating this Comrade Ranjit Dhar said: Party is the weapon, an instrument in the hands of a class to achieve its goals. So it must be built up on some definite principles and methods. The capitalist class builds up its parties to establish its rule and on their basis carries on exploitation and earns profit. The working class, on the other hand, builds up its class party to overthrow the capitalist rule and establish its own rule, to free production from profit-motive and to bring about emancipation of toiling people from exploitation by establishing a society free from exploitation. The two approaches are entirely different. And for that

the principles, processes and methods on which the parties of the two classes are built up respectively, are also fundamentally different. If the working class party is not built upon those struggles, principles and processes of a fundamentally different nature, it does not grow into a working class party, nor can it accomplish revolution. None of the parties, be it CPI, CPI(M), Forward Bloc, RSP or the Naxalites, which go by the banner and slogans of Marxism could build up themselves conducting definite struggles in which a working class party should be built up. It was Comrade Shibdas Ghosh who founded SUCI (C) on the edifice of Marxism-Leninism going through the most arduous definite processes and struggles.

So you will find big left parties like CPI, CPI(M) and others have numbers of members in Parliament, their news coming up in print and other media and they have heavy-weight leaders. But they do not care to launch any movement on burning issues like sky-high price rise and such others. They are now busy in garnering one seat or two here and there in the Assemblies or Parliament forming some kind of alliances with Congress, BJP or some others. At present CPI, CPI(M) are inching closer to Congress, because for them, it is not possible to go closer to the BJP, a marked communal party. Their politics no longer says anything about revolution, they do not even think of revolution any more. They only think if they can earn some share of power, some seats in legislative bodies, some pelf to help them with. All these parties are in this game, none of them is in the field of movement. It is SUCI(C) that is the only party which is not running after power. It does not aim at having some MLAs or MPs. It is a different question, if it wins any MLA or MP seat in course of mass movement. But SUCI(C) is never in the game of having MLA or MP through any kind of brokerage, any trickery or combining with any party in power. SUCI(C) stands firm with mass movement.

Those who have recently joined our Party may not be knowing it, but our old acquaintances know very well through what arduous struggle in how difficult condition Comrade Shibdas Ghosh built up this Party. He had nothing in hand, no address, no place to live in, no food to sustain, none to believe that the Party would make any advance. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh used to say: India needed revolution and without a revolutionary party there

can not be any revolution. None among the parties in India with Marxist banner or slogans was a genuine Marxist party. So a new, genuine revolutionary party was to be founded. History demanded that. People used to tell Comrade Shibdas Ghosh: How could he build up a new party when nobody knew him in such a vast country and with so many big parties existing and operating? In reply Comrade Shibdas Ghosh told them: I face the truth that without proletarian revolution emancipation cannot be achieved and that proletarian revolution cannot be accomplished without a revolutionary working class party; the truth that there is no working class party in the country. So the task is cut out; we will have to build up such a party. If it is the truth, I would go by it; I will tread the path to truth. Even if I cannot do anything, I will at least be able to show people a path. But I cannot leave the road to truth and go along any other path. This was why Comrade Shibdas Ghosh took up the task of founding the new working class party against all odds. Today the Party has spread to all corners across the country. Still, it has not acquired such strength as to be able to overthrow the capitalist rule. The ruling capitalist class, in its turn, can very well smelt its danger. Resentment in people is mounting every day. Now if they get correct leadership, the rulers fear, power will slip out of their hand. That is why they are increasing strength of their police-military, making laws harsher and stronger. Why they are doing these? Obviously to thwart movement, revolution. As a result, people's movement, which alone can create the condition for revolution to bring an end to oppressive capitalist rule is gradually becoming harder to develop.

As a genuine working class party SUCI(C) is a new kind of party engaged in a new kind of struggle. Not only the leaders of a working class party must acquire working class culture, must change their character, but also the workers who desire revolution, must struggle to change themselves first. What is to be changed? Changes must be made on the strength of working class culture in the individualistic mental make-up, individualist culture, self-centric aspirations. What we are lacking in? Firstly, in spite of all efforts we are not being able to acquire such strength as may be required to help us accomplish revolution, to lead people in their revolutionary struggle. Our second shortcoming is that even those who

have joined the Party and have dedicated their life to revolution are still lacking in conducting, in the proper way, the struggle for acquiring the working class culture, collective thinking, collective methodology fighting against bourgeois culture. If we cannot acquire working class culture and cannot keep it alive, we cannot accomplish revolution and even if we can, we will not be able to protect it. In China the working class revolution was accomplished under the leadership of the great leader Mao Zedong. Yet they had a downfall. The reason lies in individualistic bourgeois culture. Revisionism is nothing but bourgeois thoughts, bourgeois culture creeping into working class movement. When bourgeois thought process penetrates into some communist party, it starts to degenerate, revisionism sets in, downfall of the party becomes inevitable. The essence of the party is its proletarian culture. Capitalism rests upon individualist culture and individualism stemming from private ownership and private – property mental complex. Socialism, on the other hand, is based on collective ownership. So it strives for upholding collective interest, collective development, collective culture. If individualist culture persists there, however much we may talk of collective culture, individualist thinking, individualist habits and traits would be fully apparent in our behaviour and activities. The Party will exist with the title and banner of working class party, but it will no longer bear the character of the working class party.

But simply living collectively does not suffice for acquiring collective culture. If even while living collectively one nurtures individual desire and individual wants and if one's main aim becomes to satisfy them, if collective interest, collective development, progress of all do not find any place in one's life and mind, then however much we lead a collective life and talk about collective culture, i.e., working class culture, individualist, bourgeois culture will continue to prevail within ourselves. Those who have come into a working class party from a capitalist society, have come of bourgeois families in which they were born, in which they grew up and lived. These are the families which run with capitalist trends of thinking, capitalist mental set-up, in which the family members bear that individualist culture, personal longings and desires, thoughts of

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personal benefits. Thoughts of collective interest and development are not there in their mind. Today in the capitalist society individualism has penetrated deeply into every family. All the relationships, be it between father and son, between brothers, or between brothers and sisters, even between husband and wife are being determined on a give-and-take basis. Peace and happiness have vanished from every family. Compassion, sympathy, love, affection, all these which once existed in society and in families have all been lost. Today capitalism has brought the society to such a pass where all the relations have been destroyed. Here each individual lives in the shell of his or her own world, is lonely. Nobody cares for others. Nobody cares to see what problem others have, what makes them suffer. If you do not look after yourself none else will care for you. Everybody is thinking in terms of his individual interest, self-interest. Collective outlook has been totally lost. The individualist society is running on utterly individualist thoughts and mental make-up. Our cadres come from such families, such a society; certainly, for revolution they have come; they lead

collective life, yet individualism continues to exist in them. They feel sad if they do not get what they desire. They do not consider about the problems or sufferings of the comrades with whom they are residing; we only think about ourselves. This is why it is important to acquire proletarian culture, culture based on collective outlook, uprooting individualist culture from within ourselves not spontaneously, but through relentless conscious struggle to acquire proletarian culture. It is the need of the hour.

Right from the beginning of his struggle to form this Party, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh used to reside together with the leaders and leading organizers of the Party. He spent his life in the commune with others. He did it, because he knew that if individualist mental make-up brought from the individualist society persists in comrades, is not eradicated, then it will not be possible for us to accomplish revolution and establish socialism on the foundation of collective ownership for collective development and collective benefit. The Party has grown considerably from where it was. The problems and the difficulties and hindrances Comrade Shibdas Ghosh faced

might not be present now. We do not have parties like CPI casting much influence over the masses. When Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had founded the Party, at that time CPI had considerable popularity in and acceptance to the entire country even abroad. People were with it. Today we do not have those impediments. We do not require so much arduous and difficult struggle that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had to wage and carry on for building up the Party. But we have before us another difficult struggle and that is of achieving revolutionary character.

The situation we confront is highly potential and prospective as well as difficult. Capitalism, called paper tiger by the great leader Mao, is submerged into intense crisis from which it cannot recover itself. Apparently it looks mighty and powerful from outside. But inside, within itself it has lost and is losing its strength. One push will be enough to bring about its downfall. But you must have that strength to give that push to capitalism. Wrath and resentment are fast accumulating among the toiling masses. Society is ready for revolution; we also have the revolutionary politics. We will have to steer clear of the impediments that are there inside us.

The kind of party Comrade Shibdas Ghosh wanted to build up, for which he carried on the most arduous struggle, the essence of that is culture. We have to acquire proletarian culture. Every organizer, every supporter of the Party must wage in him- or herself the struggle for acquiring proletarian culture. We must live with the masses, merging people's life, their happiness or sorrow with our life, without having a separate life for ourselves. We must build up their organizations, their struggles on the strength of revolutionary proletarian politics and culture. Before his demise, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had said that revolution is not very far away in India. It is still nearer today. Only that we are less prepared, we do not still have the strength required to accomplish the revolution. Our organizers, cadres lack in proletarian culture, they will have to acquire it fast. If we resolve today to take up that task, Indian revolution will not be very far away. I conclude my speech holding up this teaching of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh before you.

Inquilab Zindabad!
SUCI (Communist) Zindabad!
Red salute
Comrade Shibdas Ghosh!

24 April Observed Round the Country

[In the last issue of *Proletarian Era* (May 1, 2013) we published several reports on observance of 66th Party Foundation Day of SUCI (C) from different parts of India. As committed, we include some more reports in this issue, particularly of observances at the state levels. Ed Board, *P. Era*]

The historic occasion of Party Foundation day was observed across the country with Party leaders and cadres as well as people from different walks of life taking part, often massively, in it. Everywhere the gathering paid their tributes to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the founder General Secretary and leader, teacher and guide of the Party by garlanding or placing floral wreaths at his portrait and by initiating the meeting with the song composed on the great leader of the proletariat. The meetings ended with the rendering of the '*Internationale*', the fighting song of the proletariat the world over.

Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh

In Andhra Pradesh, the state level public meeting on the occasion of the Party Foundation Day was held at Press Club, Basheer Bagh, Hyderabad. Comrade Manik Mukherjee, Member, Polit Bureau, SUCI (C) addressed the gathering as the main speaker and released a Telugu translation of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's invaluable book on

Marxism and Development of Human Society. Comrade K Sudheer, Member, AP State Organizing Committee, Andhra Pradesh presided over the meeting. Comrade K Sridhar, AP State Secretary, also addressed the gathering. Comrade Manik Mukherjee's speech has been covered separately.

Patna, Bihar

The state level 66th Party Foundation Day meeting was organised on 24 April, 2013 at IMA Hall in Patna, Bihar. Comrade Ranjit Dhar, Member, Polit Bureau, SUCI (C) addressed the meeting as the main speaker and Comrade Shiv Shankar, Bihar State Secretary, presided over. Comrade Arun Kumar Singh, member, Bihar State Committee moved two resolutions, one condemning rapidly increasing incidents of rape and atrocities on women and calling for immediate steps to stall these and the other against the measures of Nitish Kumar government in the state to hasten the process of privatization. Both the resolutions were accepted

unanimously. Speech by Comrade Ranjit Dhar is included separately in this issue.

Guwahati, Assam

To observe the 65th anniversary of our Party, the Assam State Committee held a mass meeting in the District Library auditorium at Guwahati. Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya, Member, Polit Bureau, SUCI(C) and renowned mass leader was the main speaker on the occasion. Comrade Bhupendra Nath Kakati, veteran member of the Assam State Committee presided over the meeting. At the outset Comrade Chandralekha Das, the State Secretary explained the significance of holding anniversary of the Party. Speech of Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya is included separately in this issue.

Chennai, Tamil Nadu

The Tamil Nadu State Organising Committee organized a public meeting at M K B Nagar, Chennai, on 27 April 2013. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Rengasamy, Tamil Nadu State Secretary. The main speaker on the occasion Comrade C K Lukose, Member, Central Committee and Secretary, Kerala State Committee,

pointed out that all the known political parties in power like Congress, BJP are immersed in rampant corruption, whereas people live in miserable and unbearable condition from exorbitant rise in price, in electricity tariff, in bus and rail fare. All these stem from the capitalist system of the country, which as part of the world capitalist-imperialist system is enmeshed in terrible crisis.

Comrade Lukose further indicated that armed with the invaluable teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the founder General Secretary of SUCI (C) and one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of the era, SUCI (C) is taking up genuine and legitimate demands of the people and developing democratic movements throughout the country. The Party has grown to work in more than 20 states of this country. He called upon the people to strengthen SUCI (C) to help develop their class and mass struggles making them conducive to the anti-capitalist revolution.

Ranchi, Jharkhand

On the occasion of the Party Foundation Day, Jharkhand State Organizing Committee organized a

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Thoughts of Shibdas Ghosh attracting finer hearts like a magnet : strengthen SUCI (C)

— Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya

[Below is the slightly abridged version of the speech, rendered in Assamese, by Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya, Member, Polit Bureau, SUCI (C) at the mass meeting at Guwahati, Assam on the occasion of 66th Party Foundation Day. News of the meeting is given elsewhere in this issue. Responsibility for any flaw in English rendering and editing lies with us : Ed. Board, *Proletarian Era*]

Explaining the inherent significance of observing the Party Foundation Day, Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya said: On this historically significant day we try to provide people with the correct analysis of the latest national and international situations on the basis of revolutionary outlook and approach so as to drive home the essential tasks arising out of it. Further on this very day, we once again renew our pledge to intensify our struggle to hasten the processes of the anti-capitalist socialist revolution in our country.

In regard to the international situation, Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya elaborated: The world capitalist economy is gripped in severe crisis. The crisis is so wide and intense that it could hardly be taken as anything less terrible than the great depression of

used to make on welfare schemes like education, health, housing, etc., on the ground of austerity measures on face of huge burden of debts. They cannot run their government with their earnings, even they are not being able to pay the salary of their employees and workers on time. As a result they are forced to step into taking more loans. America which was once the source of money-lending to various countries, is now the most debt-stricken country of the world. Europe too presents the same grim picture. Economies of different European countries which were once known as powerful capitalist-imperialist countries of the world, are crumbling apart like a pack of cards. Countries, one after another, are becoming bankrupt.

India is in utterly miserable condition. Abject poverty,

which different financial institutions including banks became bankrupt. And then the governments, subservient to the capitalist class released, and are still releasing, huge amounts of money from public exchequer, that is from people's money, as stimulus to the capitalists in order to make up for their losses and thus protect their interests. It can thus be seen clearly that capitalism is no longer capable of boosting up industrial production or setting up new industries with a view to creating jobs. If this is the condition with an advanced capitalist country like USA, it can be easily imagined what will then be the condition with underdeveloped or developing countries of the world. Can they at all do what the USA is not being able to do?

Agriculture too suffers from the same plight. If industrial production slows down, there remains virtually no demand or urge for agricultural produce or acquiring natural resources. Agriculture provides raw materials for industry. So if there is

Europe or America. Soviet Russia, the first socialist country of the world could totally eradicate unemployment problem. But today after counter revolution brought it back to capitalism, all sorts of vices of capitalism are engulfing people there. Unable to find healthy options to earn livelihood in their own country, thousands of girls are moving out to different European countries to sell their body. Even bogged in total economic destitution, a man can starve to die, but he would never take up any unethical means, if and when he possesses a high standard of knowledge and culture. But where is the cult of such a culture?

Comrade Bhattacharyya then pointed out that the report of the government-assigned Arjun Sen Committee itself reveals how acute the economic crisis is in India. The report states that 77% people of the country do not have the capacity to spend more than 20 rupees a day. On the contrary, price of every essential commodity, from cereals to anything, is soaring every day.



1930s in the history of mankind. America along with all the developed capitalist-imperialist countries like UK, France, Germany, Spain, Italy, which once consolidated their capitalist economy with the plunders from their colonies over the world, all of them are trembling in the clutches of this devastating recession. They do not find any solution to come out of this serious crisis. Industries are closing down, millions of workers are being thrown out of job. While 15 or 20 years back there was no tradition or practice of holding rallies or demonstrations in those countries of America or Europe, today massive protest rallies or demonstrations are becoming rather a daily occurrence. Not only mere protests, people are taking to street-fights or barricade fights with police, even armed security forces. The USA government are curtailing whatever minimum amount of expenses they

unemployment, exorbitant price hike are making people bleed white. 'Jobless growth', a new term has got currency in capitalist economy. What does it mean? Growth means the development of livelihood of common people. If there is no job, how can growth take place? So it is a peculiar self-contradictory term invented by the capitalists. It is the sheer exploitation of capitalists that has brought the purchasing capacity or the real wage or income of common people virtually to zero. They do not have the capacity to buy necessary goods for their life. So the products cannot be sold in the market. As a result, the industrialists are bringing down production. In this situation the capitalists are resorting to speculation and corruption. Many of us will remember the Subprime crisis of America in 2008. That was also the result of such speculation, as an inevitable consequence of

no industry, agriculture will also suffer, stagnate. Under these circumstances, capitalism cannot show people how they are to lead their life. In consequence, in each of the capitalist countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America total insecurity prevails in the life of 90-95% people. Even there is no economic security of people in the so-called industrially developed countries too. Everywhere people are moving to and fro like nomads in search of jobs. Without finding any proper way to lead a decent life, many are being dragged towards unethical means of livelihood. Thieves, robbers, snatchers are simply flourishing in number with every passing day. The ambience has become such as to push people to find means how to cheat others and make some money. Women are being pushed into flesh trade. They have become objects to satiate the lust of the rich in each and every country of

Even rice of a very ordinary grade now costs Rs 25-30 per kg. How will people survive? Unemployment problem has assumed a menacing form. The hard reality is that the overwhelming majority of people have no sustainable job, be they unemployed, semi-employed or virtually jobless. Not a single new industry of worth is coming up. Once steel plants like those at Rourkella, Durgapur or Bokaro or such other industries used to provide jobs to more than 30-40 thousands of workers. Do you find any such today? In public sector enterprises like BHEL or others, more than 40 to 50 thousands of employees were taken in. Leave aside such huge industries, even industries with a meagre strength of 50-100 workers are hardly ever found to be set up. Rather one after another industries are closing down. The rare one or two industries that may happen to sprout

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are basically high-tech ones, which do not require many workers. On the other hand, the capitalists are frantically trying to find ways and means to retrench workers, leaving out a handful few from amongst even a few thousands. Nowadays there is virtually no permanent worker; all are recruited on contract even extending to cases of teachers, professors or doctors. What does it mean? It simply means that one can lose job any moment. And the capitalists have already wrested away rights to organize and to launch movement from such workers. Even in public sectors from the Railways to all others, jobs that were once created are being curtailed; retrenchment, down-sizing, lay-off have become the order of the day.

This severe crisis of capitalist economy of the country is also giving birth to uncertainties and restlessness in the field of politics. Once the main tenet of bourgeois democracy was that election must be free and fair. The party winning majority would form the government. But in India repeatedly minority government is being installed in power. What does it prove? It proves that no political party has stability. The present government too is a minority in parliament, not by 3 or 4 members; it is minority by more than a hundred members. But they are ruling like a dictator. One after another they are coming down upon people with newer and newer attacks. Newer and newer taxes are being imposed; financial benefits for people are being curtailed. They are devastatingly hiking the price of fuel like petrol, diesel etc. and the rail fare. They are handing over public sector industries, service sectors to private owners, the monopolists. The latter, including the multinationals are losing no time to severely cut down the workforce. Those lakhs of jobless workers are being added to the vast army of unemployed.

Under its scheme NREGA, the central government pledges to offer work for merely 100 days out of the 365 in a year. How many people in need do get even that and that too for how many days in fact? The central government is again announcing that it would provide seven kilos of rice per month at Rs. 2 per kg. to ensure food security of people under the so-called National Food Security Bill. Every able-bodied person of the country would like to earn his or her livelihood by offering labour. And the government without

making any arrangement for their employment is dishing out doles like 100 days work, 7 kg rice per month, etc. With this not only it is proposing something on which it is impossible to lead a decent normal honourable life based upon one's own labour; instead it is also forcing people to lead a degraded life like that of a beggar.

On the other side, the political parties subservient to the capitalist class are now disintegrating, then regrouping into new parties. There is no political stability. Why not? The main factor is the economic crisis. The more acute the economic crisis in people's life becomes, the more the political parties have to confront people's resentment. They are plainly involved in blame game with each other in elections. People are refusing to vote for the party or parties in power for another term. In this situation, the capitalist class is conspiring to temporarily sideline the party which faces people's resentment and bring another one to power. These parties will speak against the others and will offer promises to people which turn out to be false in future. Using print media-radio-TV that is all the means of propaganda at their hand, the capitalist class will allure and misguide people to bring one new party in place of the one in power. Assuming power, that party will carry on its rule, will serve the capitalists and fleece people in the same manner as the party in previous government was doing. This way the capitalist class carries on its cunning game of deception, treachery and exploitation. All these vote-oriented parties, namely Congress, BJP, BSP, Samajwadi Party, they are branded bourgeois parties. Even the social democratic parties like CPI(M), CPI are in the same fray. What is the difference in their policies and views on economic questions? There is none; rather they all merge on one point: protecting and serving interests of the capitalist class and throttle the toiling people with exploitation and oppression. Has there been any difference in Tamil Nadu between the rules under Karunanidhi or Jaijalita? Then you must realize how the capitalist class is befooling people, confusing them with the help of a powerful weapon of media. People, in their turn, for want of proper and adequate political consciousness are not being able to recognize the real face of these parties and are taking enemies as friends having been misguided and befooled by their propaganda and are helping them to assume power. This is the bare

skeleton of the prevailing political scenario in India. As economic crisis mounts every day in intensity, crisis in moral-cultural fields also mounts; keeping even pace with that are increasing theft, robbery, snatching, rapes of women and children, corruption and such other vices.

Take for instance, the recent Saradha fraud or scam. It is not singular in its instance. The country has been infested with hundreds of Saradhas which are squeezing the last pennies from people merely by deceiving them and that too in broad daylight, in public. Directly under the umbrella of the government these fraudulent companies like the Saradhas are usurping crores of rupees which are nothing but hard-earned money of people. Right under the nose of governments, even managing them in part or in full, they are dishing out thousand and one temptations to poor people. They are alluring them with the promise, say for example, of converting Rs 20 to a sum of Rs 330 in just 3 months' time. Abject poverty and total ignorance-illiteracy are dragging poor people into this trap. The frauds are minting money this way and are distributing its fair share to the ministers and bureaucrats. They have penetrated virtually every village-town and city. The poorest of poor are their worst and softest victims.

Not only economic fields. Even political, cultural fields are also in total jeopardy. Thrusting back all the burning problems of food, clothings, housing, education, health etc., to the back stage, the menace of rapes has made people sleepless in all the states of the country. Imagine how ghastly the problem has become. A father is raping his one and a half year old child. A five year girl is being gang-raped and then murdered. Every day every hour such horrid incidents are occurring here and there. It is useless to simply accuse this or that particular person or persons for these incidents. The main question is what is the ambience in which these are taking place. There was no rape in primitive human society. Nor there is rape among non-human creatures, animals or birds. Whereas not only in India, over the entire world in different countries such gruesome incidents of rapes are increasingly taking place. What do these indicate? What extent of downfall of morality and degeneration in society could cause such obnoxious incidents to take place repeatedly? At this age of science, can any

supernatural entity or cause be held responsible for these? Certainly not. Each specific concrete incident must have a concrete cause. Science has showed us the way to find those causal relationships. And armed with that science, it will be found that capitalism is not just exploiting people economically, it is wiping out whatever human essence is left out still. Long back in 1848 Karl Marx warned toiling people of this danger. Exactly that is happening; capitalism is destroying everything: from sense of morality, ethics, aesthetics, to pursuance to ideology. It is trying to fan up beastly instincts in man. It is curtailing education, and catering filthy sex education or such aberrations in the name of education. It is converting mankind into worst kind of sex slaves. All these have a single reason. Capitalism wants to ensure that there does not remain a single person in society to fight against capitalism, that there is no scope for any organized movement to develop; that there is not a single character who could help people identify the real main enemy, the capitalism and who could explain to people the revolutionary theory to come out of the impasse.

While elaborately discussing another important aspect of all the capitalist countries including India, Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya pointed out that crisis in the society is not all. There is an anti-thesis as well. With growing oppression, suppression, exploitation of the capitalist class and social injustice, there is crystallization of protesting mind as well. Starting from USA, the suffering people of all European countries are coming down to the streets to build up, as per their understanding, movements seeking remedies. Slogans are raised against billion dollar expenditures in the name of war. In Britain, France, Greece, Germany and other countries, people are bursting into movement against economic uncertainty and abolition of social security and other government welfare schemes. In the Arabian and Middle-East countries as well, people are taking to the streets in demand for change. In the elections of all these countries, the question of economic security is becoming the main issue. Wretched people are restive for correct path of emancipation from the yoke of capitalist exploitation. This worldwide cry for a change which is manifest in the surging movements is the silver lining in the pervading darkness notwithstanding the limitations

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these movements are fraught with it is not that all these movements are developing based on democratic values. The ruling class is cunningly trying to misdirect this accumulated wrath of the people by fomenting various divisive mentalities like communalism-casteism-chaivism-parochialism and engineering ethnic clashes and conflicts. Confused people are getting engaged in fratricidal bloodbath. This is a grave conspiracy of the ruling capitalists.

Citing example of Assam, Comrade Bhattacharyya said: It is true that the prolonged clashes and conflicts centring on the Bodo, Rava and Hindu-Muslim questions, the violence against so called Bangladeshi nationals, the various other movements on such issues are neither on right demands nor along right track. But whether it is a communal-ethnic clash or agitation against so called Bangladeshis, the underlying reason is economic insecurity. Whenever the suffering people, unable to bear with the growing capitalist oppression, are trying to build up movements on the burning demands of life, the vested interest is misdirecting the agitation by pitting one section of the people against the other and embroiling them in clashes of bloodshed. All these go to prove that pressing economic issues and uncertainties are haunting the

people. This is the situation, both in national and international arenas.

While discussing in which path lays the remedy of this suffocating situation, Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya pointed out that capitalism is the root cause of all the crises in economic, political, social, cultural and ethical fields. It is incumbent on the revolutionaries of all countries to identify how the crises are bred by capitalism and then make necessary preparation for its overthrow. The people of all countries are becoming restless because they can no more endure the oppression-repression nor find any way to eke out a living. Some are committing suicide after killing their children, some are hanging themselves to death while others are trying to rise in protest but making wrong targets being unable to identify the correct path. In other words, they are committing mistakes in identifying the class enemy. It is imperative to scientifically determine in which path up and on what ideological base the struggle of the oppressed multitudes is to be built up. It is only Marxism-Leninism, the noblest ideology of the time based on science which can show the path. What is necessary is to build up correct communist party based on Marxism-Leninism in every country, develop conscious class and mass struggles under its leadership and thereby prepare

ground for revolutionary upsurge of the people. Only this way, through revolutionary overthrow of capitalism and establishment of scientific socialism in different countries, there can be an end to this suffocating situation. The people are to be educated of the fact that it is impossible to bring out this qualitative change through election. Every person is aspiring for change but has his or her own understanding about the way it would come about. But they must be provided with correct understanding of the situation and enlightened about the correct path of changing the situation. In other words, the correct realization must dawn upon them. A milieu of proper cultivation of knowledge covering all aspects of life ought to be created and in the process people must imbibe the correct ideology that can illumine the path of truth.

In India, not only the large and small, national and regional bourgeois parties but even pseudo-Marxist petty-bourgeois parties like the CPI (M), CPI are also openly working as alert watchdog of the class interest of the ruling capitalists. As against that, in each and every state of the country, SUCI(C) as the genuine communist party based on Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought is standing on a firm ground to bring about a revolutionary change to the

situation braving all odds and overcoming all difficulties, hurdles and obstacles. And the reality is that every day, conditions favourable for this desired change are created. Every day, in various states, many broad-minded, kind-hearted, meritorious girls and boys, students and youths are feeling magnetic attraction towards Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought and initiated into the Party. Wherever struggles are built up based on Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought, chill is sent down the spine of the parties subserving bourgeois class interest. They all are joining hands to corner and suppress us in all possible ways. More accentuated is capitalist oppression, more prominent is the radiant ardour of impending revolution through SUCI(C) led and guided by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought. More momentum the movement gathers inside the country, more would be its impact on the international arena.

Comrade Bhattacharyya concluded by urging each and every one to realize this need, come forward and apply all their creative power to strengthen SUCI(C) on this soil.

Speech of Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C) delivered in Kolkata on 24th April last will be covered in the next issue.

24 April Observed Round the Country

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mass meeting on 28 April at the Central Mill Hall, Ranchi which proved too inadequate for the gathering. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Rabin Samajpati, Jharkhand State Secretary and was addressed by Comrade Satyawan, Member, Central Committee and Secretary, Haryana State Committee. In his enthralling speech Comrade Satyawan called upon the Party activists to become worthy disciples of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and perform the task bestowed upon them by history to overthrow this petrified capitalist society and establish a socialist one. In course of fulfilling this task, he stressed further, they must realize the need for building up movement on the burning issues of people's life by forming people's committees. Several other speakers also spoke on the occasion.

Jaipur, Rajasthan

SUCI(C) Party Foundation Day was observed at Gokul Bhai Smriti

Bhawan at Jaipur on 25th April. Comrade Girijeshwar Singh presided over the meeting and Comrade Satyawan addressed it as the main speaker.

Budladha, Punjab

Foundation Day of our Party, was solemnly observed on 28th April at FCI hall, Budladha (Punjab). Comrade Aminder Pal Singh, In-charge, Punjab State Unit of SUCI(C) presided over the meeting. Comrade Arun Kumar Singh, Senior member, Bihar State Committee, was the main speaker. He explained how the capitalism world over suffers from deep economic crisis and is shifting the burden on common people, who are already leading miserable life. Across the world, the masses are on streets raising the protest, which has shaken the ruling classes. Here is the role of true communist parties to give shape to these protests toward revolutionary struggle. Comrade Arun Singh exposed the character of pseudo-communist parties in India like CPI,

CPI(M) and others. He further highlighted the need of strengthening the true communist party, SUCI(C) to lead the anti-capitalist socialist revolution.

Durg, Chattisgarh

The 66th Party Foundation Day was observed at Durg, Chattisgarh by the Chattisgarh State Organizing Committee on 28 April. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Biswajit Harode and was conducted by Comrade Atmaram Sahoo. Comrade Dhurjati Das, Odisha State Secretary, addressed the meeting as the main speaker. In his speech Comrade Das elaborated that in the society in total disarray ever-mounting problems of unemployment, price rise, education, health, atrocities on women and others have their roots in the decadent capitalist system of the country. He called upon people to come forward in conscious, organized, united mass movement against the system on the edifice of scientific ideology and higher

culture. Comrade Mahendra Sahoo also spoke on the occasion.

Alipore Central Jail, Kolkata

The 65th Anniversary programme was held with due honour at the Alipore Central Jail on 24th April at the initiative of our comrades who, in course of taking part in mass and class struggles were framed in fake charges and made to serve life-term. Comrade Yusuf Gayen presided over the meeting. After his brief address the main speaker Comrade Probodh Purkait, the veteran mass-leader and former MLS of West Bengal spoke at some length pointing out, *inter alia*, that unlike other parties that are after votes, SUCI(C) is devoted to develop class and mass struggles in 20 states of the country involving students, youth, women, workers and peasants. Comrade Purkait ended his speech calling upon all to strengthen SUCI(C). Among others addressing the gathering were Comrades Pronob Chatterjee, Rajaram Raymondal, Prafulla Mandal, Janardan Pal and others.

Mockfight in Parliament

Parliamentary struggle must be co-ordinated with extra-parliamentary struggle

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this or that form cannot beget the desired relief or reprieve if there is no surge of powerful organized democratic mass movement outside the parliament involving all sections of the toiling people on the burning issues of life and legitimate demands. Voice of this extra-parliamentary movement must reverberate inside the House so much so as to send chill down the spine of the government. In other words, parliamentary struggle must be duly coordinated with extra-parliamentary struggle which has the primacy and hence more decisive role to assert people's power and force the government to yield to the just demands. It is also to be understood that earlier whatever little scope for debate and discussion on the people's problems and demands on the floor of the House was there is now considerably eroded. In fact, the ruling bourgeois class haunted by the fear of anti-capitalist revolution is loath to grant even that much of space for criticism or logical discourse. So, gradually the legislature is made redundant and virtually turned into an appendage of the ruling monopolists. With the help of the pliant political parties both in power and opposition, the class, among other things, is systematically curtailing the number of sessions and frequently disrupting even the truncated sessions so that there is no meaningful debates and discussions on vital issues and the government does not have to face any uncomfortable question. At the slightest of provocation, the

government side tries to adjourn the session or announce premature termination of sessions through the speaker. So, people have no other weapon but development of intense extra-parliamentary struggles to elicit their demands or secure minimal relief. And the mainstream parties afloat in the scene, courtesy powerful media backing, are skirting this all important path.

It is, therefore, incumbent on the genuine representatives of the people at the present stage to use alongside developing powerful extra-parliamentary struggles the floor of legislature to expose the anti-people policies of the government and the sinister ploys of the class to strangle the toiling masses. In doing so, it might be necessary to adopt all the available means like staging walk-out, raising slogans during the sessions or even boycotting the session. But when and how far would these means be resorted to would depend on the intensity of the extra-parliamentary movement. On the contrary, the bourgeois parties like the Congress, the BJP as well as the pseudo-Marxist social-democrats like the CPI (M), CPI are frequently resorting to almost all the means of paralyzing the parliament sometimes even on ticklish or trivial issues without making any effort for strengthening extra-parliamentary movements. So, all din and bustle inside the parliament, all 'heroics' in media glare and fuelled commotion over prolonged stalemate in the House are virtually ending in a farcical muteness in so far as giving

a healing touch to the problems is concerned. As a result, the powerful forms of conducting parliamentary struggle are becoming blunt. In absence of necessary political consciousness that develops in course of participation in sustained organized democratic movement, people also fall prey to the well-orchestrated bourgeois propaganda that such methods of registering protest or voicing opposition are inimical to people's interest and hence ought to be prohibited. Thus, a public sanction is cunningly elicited by the class in favour of curtailment of the very right to protest by way of banning the accepted forms of conducting democratic battles as has been the case with bandhs, strikes and hartal in the arena of extra-parliamentary movements because of continuous misuse by the social-democrats and others. In fact, there is already some question in public mind about the efficacy of such forms of parliamentary battle. The bourgeois class with the help of its pliant media would foment this sentiment to one day impose ban on all such means. It is pertinent to mention that one of the slogans of the extra-parliamentary movement is 'march to assembly or parliament' over legitimate demands including the newly evolved ones. If there is continued boycott of legislature, how would those demands be communicated to the House and reverberated inside the House? The power-greedy political parties as puppets of the ruling class are, by indiscriminate resorting to such means inside the legislature

coupled with total averseness to build up powerful extra-parliamentary battle are thus allowing the class to be successful in its ulterior mission to rob people of their legitimate rights and render the institution of parliament maimed and disabled. This is where the danger lies.

Task of the people

It is high time that the oppressed people understand this heinous conspiracy of the ruling class and its lackeys and stooges. Veering around this or that bourgeois petty-bourgeois party or combination in the elections and changing the baton of government by rotation would only beget deception and deprivation in gushes, mischievous tricks and trickeries in increasing dozes, rampant subversion of all rules, norms and codes with alacrity and production of scamsters, fraudsters and criminals in multiplication to make life further suffocating. Till the time capitalism is not overthrown, common people would have to launch fierce struggles on both fronts, extra-parliamentary and parliamentary. On the one hand, prolonged powerful extra-parliamentary movements based on higher culture and morality and under correct revolutionary leadership are needed to be developed in right earnest while on the other, these deprived parties and forces who, as agents of the ruling bourgeoisie, are playing ducks and drakes with people's life, are to be thoroughly exposed and totally isolated.

Brutal lathi-charge on students-youth-women rally



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arrest indicating that the government and its police had the design of dispersing the rally by force and finally confirming apprehensions the police came down brutally upon the few thousand strong peaceful rally injuring tens of demonstrators including three severely injured to be admitted to hospitals. Police brutality even enraged the onlookers

around. Also at Siliguri in North Bengal, there was similar brute lathi-charge by police. What is most reprehensible is following the footsteps of its predecessor CPI(M) government, the TMC government has also slapped false murder charge on seven comrades taken into custody.

AIDSO gave call for a state-wide protest day on 15 May and a

students' strike on 16 May on demands already raised and against the condemnable police lathi-charge. Remarkable was the voice of the chief minister reflecting the high-handed Hitlerite tone reflected also by the previous CPI(M)-led government of the state when she tried to warn people that in future the government and the police would decide what kind of

movement they would allow. The SUCI (C) State Secretary Comrade Soumen Basu condemned in a statement the police atrocities and the arrogant high-handed threat by the CM of the state.

The photographs above will reveal to the country and the world to see for themselves how ferociously the police treated peaceful demonstrators.

Marx Birth Anniversary Observed

Under the aegis of SUCI (Communist) Muzaffarpur District Committee of Bihar state, a meeting was organized at SUCI (C) District Office Hall on the occasion of Karl Marx birth anniversary on 5th May. Addressing the meeting Comrade Ranjit Dhar, Member, Polit Bureau, SUCI (Communist), in course of discussing the essence of Marxism showed said that the history of human civilization is the history of class struggle. It was Marx who first, based on science, enunciated the philosophy of Dialectical Materialism and applied the same in tracing the course of evolution of society which is

Historical Materialism. Marx showed that following inexorable course of history, society would by way of overthrowing capitalism and successfully completing the subsequent intermediate stage of scientific socialism, reach communism where there will be no exploitation of man by man. Terming the philosophy of Dialectical Materialism as the greatest philosophy of this era, Comrade Dhar urged the gathering to assimilate the essence of the same, apply it in their lives and play due role in the real development of human civilization.



Comrade Ranjit Dhar discussing at Marx Birth Anniversary

Donate liberally to the fund for Reconstruction of Party's Central Office

It has become imperatively necessary to build a new building in place of the old building housing the central office of the SUCI(C) relentlessly developing movements on the burning demands of people's life.

Many reminiscences, emotions and attachment of the leaders and workers of the Party, many memories of historical movements are associated with the present Party office building at 48, Lenin Sarani, Kolkata. So, the leaders-workers-supporters-sympathizers of the Party from all the states of the country desired that the central office of the Party continues to be at that old place only. That is why, when there came an opportunity to purchase the building, it was possible to buy that property with the donations mainly collected from the Party leaders-workers-supporters-sympathizers. We convey revolutionary greetings to them for that.

But the old building is now in a dilapidated condition. There is also acute shortage of space to conduct the multifarious works of the Party which is growing fast. In the circumstances, all the leaders-workers-supporters-sympathizers expressed desire to have a new building in place of the present ramshackle construction. So, the Central Committee has taken a decision to construct a new building. But, whatever funds were hitherto raised from the leaders-workers-supporters-sympathizers has been spent on buying the old building. We need more funds for construction of the new building. So is our appeal not only to the workers-supporters-sympathizers of the Party but to the people at large for generously donating to the Fund for construction of the new building.

We strongly believe that the people would come forward and generously contribute to this Fund for new building construction the way that they had in all previous occasions to make all the programmes of the Party complete success.

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IACC strongly condemns Israel's latest act of brigandage

The International Anti-imperialist Coordinating Committee (IACC) strongly condemns Israel's latest act of brigandage. Absolutely without any provocation Israel's warplanes launched missile attacks, twice during the last 48 hours, in the outskirts of Damascus. Israel justified its action by telling that it targeted the Iranian missiles which were being shipped to the Hizbullah in Lebanon, but the Syrian Government has reported massive civilian casualty and destruction of scientific research establishments. This proxy attack on behalf of the USA may well mark the opening moves of an all-out imperialist military aggression. It is clearly targeted against the Bashar al Assad led Syrian Government which the USA and other NATO powers are so keen to overthrow. Israel has in addition its own agenda of expansion and annexation of Syrian territories. This blatant aggression is just another example of imperialist interference in the internal affairs of a sovereign state. From the very beginning of the present phase of conflict in Syria the imperialist powers have been instigating and militarily aiding the anti-Government forces in Syria and have been carrying out intensive propaganda campaign against the Bashar al Assad Government, the objective being to replace the existing Government by a puppet regime. The imperialist actions are escalating the conflict in Syria and are posing a great danger to world peace.

The IACC condemns the imperialist conspiracy of destabilizing the present Government in Syria and calls upon all freedom-loving people of the world to raise the slogan that the Syrian people alone have the sovereign right to settle their own affairs without any interference from foreign powers.

SUCI(C) MP and MLA on Chit Fund Catastrophe

As a part of the movement launched by our Party, SUCI(C), demanding immediate steps by the government to take necessary steps against the fraudulent Saradha Chit Fund owners affecting crores of lower and poor strata people of primarily West Bengal and also a few adjoining states (like Odisha, Tripura, Assam etc.) SUCI(C) MP Comrade Tarun Mandal and West Bengal MLA Comrade Tarun Naskar also made use of their respective forums and termed the fraud a man-made national disaster to be treated on a war-footing.

Comrade Tarun Mandal personally handed over a letter to the Finance Minister with copies to the Prime Minister, the Union Home Minister and the speaker of the Lok Sabha. He pointed out that if the central government could allot over 5 lakh crores as *stimulus package* to corporate sectors and industrialists even in the current budget, it should make a joint effort with the affected state governments to raise the amount of 20,000 crores to compensate the poor and middle-class investors. He has also written a letter to all the central ministers and the Lok Sabha speaker on the issue.

In the West Bengal Assembly

after the 'The West Bengal Protection of Interest of Deposit in Financial Establishment Bill' has been placed on April 30, Comrade Tarun Naskar also demanded that related RBI Act be amended so that companies operating chit-fund business are compelled to deposit 50% of their capital at the outset to protect the interest of the affected investors. He added that for the sake of transparency, the names of leaders of different parties mentioned as being involved in the dealings including bigwigs belonging both the former and the existing governments, should be made public.

Both Comrades Tarun Mandal and Tarun Naskar suggested that a portion of the necessary fund may be raised from the salaries of Ministers, MPs and MLAs, bureaucrats not exempting the President and the Governors to help out the investors. They insisted that the illegal chit fund business of companies like Saradha should be immediately stopped, the culprits apprehended and be given exemplary punishment without delay as also the assets and properties amassed by such companies be revealed and seized for the investors to be paid.

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