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Shaken at rising support to Stalin and Mao

Bourgeoisie jump upon a new style of vilification campaign

Relentlessly they have been trying their utmost to go full throttle, arraying their entire arsenal, employing their well-calibrated propaganda machine. But in vain. Compelled and frantic, they now change their strategy. Yet results are far from what they wish to be. Rather, things are moving the other way. It could not be otherwise. No one can hold back truth under wrap for long, no matter howsoever crafty or cunning one may be. The imperialist-capitalist camp and their lackeys of different hues including the revisionists and renegades earlier tried to vilify the great revolutionary leaders like Stalin and Mao by painting them as autocrats,

brutes and butchers. To achieve that, they virtually ran a workshop to concoct stories, distort history, misrepresent facts, twist reality and fabricate talltales suited to character assassination. But, to their chagrin they find that proving all their efforts abortive, people are feeling more and more attracted to these great personalities of human history, holding them in high esteem and coming forward not only to just eulogize but embrace the lofty ideology of Marxism-Leninism they stood for to seek emancipation from the yoke of gruelling capitalist exploitation. This is increasingly evident in Russia and China where people experienced the superiority

and excellence of scientific socialism that these two great leaders reared and steered but are now tormented by the oppressive rule of capitalism following counter-revolution brought about by their revisionist leaders and capitalist-roaders in collusion with the imperialist-capitalist powers.

Stalin back on his pedestal

Though the capitalist rulers and their political managers like president Putin have been working overtime to show how people are happy rejecting socialism and the legacy of great Lenin and Stalin, it is often leaked to the external world how the oppressed people of Russia

are raising their voice against the Gorbachev-Yeltsin-Putin regime and openly marching on the streets with photos of Lenin and Stalin. No amount of media censorship is able to shield this reality. Some of the recent evidences are worth mentioning. "They never miss a chance in the West to rewrite history and diminish our country's role in the victory over fascism, so that's even more reason not to forget Stalin now," said Lyubov Slizka, a parliamentary vice-speaker a few days back. While commemorating the 70th anniversary of the historic 200-day Battle of Stalingrad that turned the

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Defying all vilification campaigns of the ruling bourgeoisie, recently people repose their love and faith on Stalin in Russia (Left) and Mao in China

“Intensify the socio-cultural movement against growing crimes on women” — Krishna Chakraborty

(Speech delivered by Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, Member, Polit Bureau, SUCI(C) at the massive protest meeting against growing crimes on women, held near Jantar Mantar, New Delhi, on the occasion of March of Parliament on 30.12.2013)

Mr. President Justice Suresh Hosbet, leaders of the AIMSS, AIDYO and AIDS0, comrades and friends,

It needs no mention that the movement you started a year back which has spread throughout the country and is acquiring higher stages, is a historical event. But you have to understand that no

movement can reach its logical culmination if it does not find out the real cause of the problem it is trying to solve. Not only that, even after knowing the underlying causes, if the movement is not based on a higher culture, if its leaders and cadres are not equipped with higher cultural, ethical and moral values, the movement is bound to fail. The recent upheavals that engulfed the

whole of Europe—starting from Greece to Spain, France, Portugal, to Middle East and finally to America, even after scoring certain successes, could not usher in an era of complete change for which the movements had enough potentiality. We have also witnessed the gigantic movement in Egypt, which is still going on and involving millions of its people, has not been able to bring in a total change in that society. What are the reasons? Lenin who by successfully accomplishing the first proletarian revolution demonstrated to the whole world that it is the

workers who can change the world but for that he also taught that without a revolutionary theory and a revolutionary party, it is not possible to accomplish a revolution. We should take lessons from all these great movements. However big, great or powerful they may be, they cannot succeed unless they have a great objective before them and are based on higher cultural, moral and ethical edifice. Important questions for the people involved in the movements are not that of the attacks on women alone, there are

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Corruption is bred by moribund reactionary capitalism

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attacks on children too. Daily about 17 to 18 children go missing in the capital city of Delhi alone. In the entire country you can imagine the number of women being kidnapped and sold in the flesh market. How many such instances are reported daily in the print or electronic media? Corruption is rampant, people are restless. In every sphere of life – economic, political, social-problems are fast multiplying and leading to a state of crisis. Leave alone the question of their solution; they are becoming more complex and deep-rooted. What are the reasons?

One of the biggest causes, we find, is that drug and liquor addiction is increasing not only in Delhi but all over the country. In the print as well as electronic media obscene advertisements, sex and violence are ladled every now and then. Apart from all these reasons, let alone the question of apprehending and proceeding against the criminals, the police in many cases protect them through various means. Above all, whereas the primary task of any responsible government, whether at the Centre or in the states, is to ensure protection to its citizens, more particularly to women and children, their anti-people attitude and slackness of the legal system assures criminals that no action will be taken against them or if at all taken, there would remain loopholes to ensure their acquittal. You cannot single out a government which stands out against all this or takes a pro-people attitude. It is a reality that all the governments through their anti-people policies have only worsened the situation. The Congress party perpetrated the anti-Sikh riots in Delhi in 1984. Many women, old aged people and children were massacred. They were even killed by burning them alive. Have the culprits been punished adequately? No. You all know what Narinder Modi's government did in Gujarat during 2002. The same Mr. Modi is now being projected as the future PM of India. He heaved a sigh of relief that he has been let off by the courts. This bourgeois court has let him off, but people know, the whole country knows what had happened in Gujarat during that period. Thousands of Muslims were massacred. Bellies of pregnant women were reportedly cut open and foetuses held aloft on tridents (Trishuls). Can this be an argument that he did not do it himself? He was the chief minister and all this happened under his very nose. That

old aged people, women and children were butchered yet you could not save a single person. What a great administrator you are! What answer will you provide? You will have to provide an answer to the people who witnessed all this happening. You say on becoming PM you will provide good governance. How can you when you could not save a single life when the situation so demanded. You shut your eyes when thousands were massacred under your rule. The court might have let you off but the people will not.

However, we talk of many reasons for growing crimes on women, liquor, drug-addiction, sex, violence and, above all, the criminal and callous attitude of the governments. Our children grow in this atmosphere. They come under the influence of this atmosphere and fall victim to the vices. Instead of checking and stopping all this, our governments patronize them. Just like what happened at Vijay Chowk and India Gate in Delhi after Damini was attacked. In the extreme cold of December, 2012, the government used water cannon, tear gas and lathi-charge on the protesting women, students and youths. The government termed such protests as undemocratic and criminal and used force to muzzle them. What message did it give to the perpetrators of the crime? That if you commit a crime, instead of apprehending and punishing you, the government will crush anyone who dares to raise his voice against the crime. Can a responsible and civilized government act like this? We say all this is happening because of drug and liquor addiction. But who promotes sale of liquor? It is these governments. Why obscenity through advertisements? Because, the governments allow it. A question arises as to why the governments are doing so? In one word we can say because ours is a capitalist society and all this is being done in the interest of the capitalist class. Fearing the working class revolution today the capitalist class is hell bent on degrading the cultural standard of the people so that they cannot stand up against the class oppression and exploitation of the capitalist class. The present day bourgeois governments are doing so but a question arises that in the initial days of rising capitalism i.e., during the French Revolution, Industrial Revolution and the American War of Independence which we call as Bourgeois revolution, capitalist governments did not behave in the manner they are behaving at

present. The bourgeois leaders were not so degraded as we find them today. On the contrary, the capitalist system then produced great revolutionaries like Rousseau, Voltaire and great scientists like Copernicus, Galileo and Newton, opened flood-gates for the progress of knowledge and science. This also was the time when capitalism produced great writers and geniuses like Charles Dickens, Victor Hugo, Milton, Tennyson and artists and sculptors like Michaelangelo, Rafael, Rodin and others. The period recorded progress in every sphere of life. Why the bourgeois states are totally different today? We find degeneration in every sphere of life today in all the capitalist countries. Today the same bourgeoisie is fanning up degraded culture and obscenity. It is trying to break the moral backbone of the society particularly that of the young generation-- the students and youth. We should seriously find out the reasons for this. The answer provided should seriously be understood by you, the leaders of this movement. Marx showed that in material world, human history, in the realm of ideas or life anything that comes into being plays initially a progressive role or even has a revolutionary character. When a new civilization comes into being after destroying the old decadent civilization, its role remains progressive up to a stage, as was the case with the bourgeois society. But Marx also showed that whatever comes into being, develops and at one stage gets exhausted where onwards starts its regression. After that it has to go out of being and this is applicable to all the phenomena including life. Once one is born, one has to develop, grow old and die one day. This equally applies to the social systems. A social set up with its birth is progressive and develops over a period of time, it grows and after reaching its nodal point of development starts decaying. Marx however showed another important aspect which we must seriously grasp. The way quantitative change leads to qualitative change automatically in nature; it does not happen so in the case of the society. Although here also the basic law is same but one more factor plays an important role in the process of change. That role is played by the human consciousness. Without human consciousness the society does not change on its own. Capitalism came into being a few centuries back. Lenin showed that at the beginning of the 20th century capitalism reached the stage of

imperialism and became moribund. He showed that imperialism is the highest stage of the development of capitalism which meant that beyond this stage there is no scope of its further growth; rather from this stage itself its process of decay has started. A social system which has not reached this stage, which has not become moribund, cannot be overthrown despite many struggles and sacrifices. Since capitalism as a system had globally become reactionary giving way to a new revolutionary socialist society in 1917, Lenin proved that really capitalism had become reactionary and moribund. When? More than hundred years back from now. This shows that if we are not able to give birth to a new society, the present capitalist society will get more degenerated and degenerate the people further. The present capitalist governments cannot function in the same way as the bourgeois governments of the initial days or youthful days of capitalism. During that period these governments opened the flood-gates of progress for the society. Industry and art flourished by ushering the era of industrial revolution. For that uninterrupted development of sciences became a necessity. For the new civilization the foundation for a new set of moral and ethical values, a new culture and outlook towards life was laid. However, after reaching the imperialist stage, the process of degeneration and decay set in. The earlier moral and ethical values became redundant and incompatible with the needs of the society and could not take the society forward.

Today some people from the Congress party are also holding a meeting just nearby. Their slogans are 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' 'Vande Matram'. These slogans inspired the people during independence struggle to stand up against injustice and oppression of colonial rulers. These slogans helped people to develop struggling character to face lathis, bullets and police torture and even to sacrifice their lives. The ideal that inspired the people to sacrifice their lives and face extreme torture had the potential to lay the foundation of new culture, a new society. Today when capitalism after independence is well entrenched in power and is the source of exploitation, oppression and injustice, these slogans and ideals cannot produce Kshudirams. Neither can they create Netajis, Chandra Shekhar Azads or Bhagat Singhs. It is these bourgeois ideals which in today's

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Decadence cannot be fought by subserving Capitalism

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social context have produced the corrupt Congress leaders. BJP is also sailing in the same boat. Mr. Kejriwal who has formed the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), talks of eradicating corruption. That is good but can he do so? The ideal he follows is nothing other than the ideals of bourgeois individualism. He can be an honest man but can corruption be fought with honesty alone? Why does corruption thrive? Why do crimes and injustice continue unabated? How can you find a solution to the increasing onslaughts on women and children? How can you stop all these? We say you cannot. The reason is because the capitalist system as such has become decadent and its moral and ethical ideals have also become decadent and incapable of creating great characters. Those who serve the capitalist system can never fight corruption effectively. Well you can arrest one or two corrupt persons and even punish them but daily and hourly people fall prey to it in thousands. Even a railway ticket checker falls prey to it. Your mother falls ill and you need to travel urgently having no reservation for the journey. Your helplessness is exploited by him; he demands money. Is it not corruption? Corruption has engulfed every sphere of life and all the departments of the government even to the field of education. How can you fight it. You can send A. Raja to jail but to fight corruption is not so easy. Till this state of affairs prevails you will have many Yeddurapps and A. Rajas. Whether it is corruption or attacks on women or crimes against children, our society is witnessing manifold increase in these crimes. The reason is that capitalism-the social system we live in has become moribund and reactionary. It is a dying civilization in which anything great, noble or lofty is dying. Here human values are dying.

These being the reasons for such a horrible situation, only those who are equipped with the ideals for establishing a new society — the socialist society- and are engaged in the relentless struggle against the present capitalist system can effectively fight corruption. People get astonished at the sense of discipline, moral and ethical values displayed by not only our Party comrades but even the members of our mass organizations-AIDSO, AIDYO and AIMSS- and ask for the source for their discipline, sense of social responsibility. We say all this is flowing from the noble

ideology of Marxism-Leninism- Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought which reflects entirely a new culture, a new set of values. This we must deeply understand and struggle to acquire. So the fight ultimately is against capitalism. If the anti-capitalist movement gathers momentum, you will have to stand up against the state power and even sacrifice your life. Only then a new civilization can be built up. Fight against oppression and injustice builds character and instills the passion to sacrifice- sacrifice everything for the cause. You are the people who are following this path. You see, thousands and thousands of people protested against the attack on Nirbhaya Damini, but where are they now? No doubt that created history. You can observe 16 December or the 29 December, the day of her death. But where is the movement? It is nowhere to be seen. Why? Because, people have no idea about the source of such crimes and the system that generates them. This idea you have to take to masses. Those who are in the midst of the movement must themselves be clear about this. This is not merely a political movement. It is actually a socio-cultural-politico-legal movement. It is also a movement to pressurize the government to change the laws in accordance with the social needs. The person who is responsible for committing maximum brutality on Damini got away with a mere 3 years reformatory punishment because he is under aged by three months. These laws need to be changed so that such type of people can be duly punished.

The bourgeois individualism which once freed the individual from the feudal bondage has, in the present reactionary stage of capitalism, made individuals more self-centered and extremely selfish. This polluted individualism prompts individuals to resort to corrupt practices and adopt unethical means whenever they get a chance to do so. It is turning the individuals against the society and making them sub-humans. It is the capitalist system, the breeding ground of this individualism which we will have to fight till the end. Only then can we stop the present cultural degeneration. It is only Marxism, concretized in the given Indian conditions by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh which can show this path of struggle. You are conducting this struggle while holding aloft the banner of Marxism-Leninism- Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought. Through this struggle alone we can

wage a relentless struggle against old habits, customs, decadent culture and lay the foundations for a new civilization based on new moral-ethical and cultural values. This is the struggle for adopting the new social thinking- the socialist thought- which is the

basic struggle. Along with this basic struggle you have to fight against drug and alcohol addiction, obscene advertisements, introduction of sex education in schools, the attitude and behavior of police and all the anti-people policies of the government. The struggle against all these will ultimately transform the present thinking of the society and elevate it to a higher level. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had shown that since our independence movement, which essentially was a bourgeois democratic revolution, took place in an era when internationally capitalism had become reactionary, the Indian bourgeois could not unleash an uncompromising struggle against feudal thought and culture; rather it compromised with it. As a result of this, the approach towards women in the present society remained patriarchal and more so feudal where woman is considered to be as a commodity, an object of enjoyment. Feudal culture coupled with the decadent bourgeois culture has given rise to peculiar admixture of both the cultures. You have to fight it. It is difficult but a great struggle because what you are doing will create a favourable condition for the total transformation of the society. Your struggle will pave way for laying the foundation of a new civilization. The students and youths in particular will get equipped with the new culture. This is the greatest work you are doing today. Wage this struggle engulfing all spheres of your life. You alone can do it because only you are equipped with this ideology which covers all the spheres of life. Others will definitely help you; that is why try to involve each and every one in this struggle. However difficult it may be you have to lead it.

Yesterday a historic All India Convention against growing crimes on women was held at Mavalankar Hall, Delhi. It was unprecedented not only because of the numbers but qualitatively also it was an unparalleled convention. Justice Rajinder Sachar, a well-known personality, former Chief Justice of Delhi High Court and Chairman of



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various commissions including the one to study the social, economic and educational condition of the Muslim community of India, in his speech stated that although he had come to Mavalankar Hall many a times but two programmes have left a deep imprint on him-the first was the centenary celebrations of the Gadar Movement and the other that you organized yesterday against atrocities on women. The convention was inaugurated by the former Justice of the Supreme Court, Justice BN Srikrishna, also known for his famous 'Srikrishna Commission on Bombay Riots' which placed him amongst the fore-ranking democratic minded personalities of this country. In addition Justice Suresh Hosbet, former Justice of the Bombay High Court, whom you heard just now, also attended and spoke in the convention. In spite of such a gathering what we saw was the total black out of the programme by the print as well as the electronic media. On the contrary, insignificant programmes here and there in Delhi were given unduly high coverage. What does it show? Did they not have the information about the programme? For days together your press team had been visiting the offices of newspapers and TV channels and inviting them to the programmes. You also held a press conference at the Press Club in Delhi. But no news at all except in one or two Hindi papers. You must, therefore, understand comrades that you are fighting in the most adverse conditions. Every progressive and revolutionary movement had to surge forward while fighting adverse conditions. The reactionary forces who are afraid of you, will try their best to stall your onward march and do whatever they can to suppress your movement. Shall you get unnerved by this and step backwards? No, you will have to march forward totally undeterred. You must understand that no one will campaign for you. You will have to do it yourself. You have done it even before this Delhi programme-

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Documented evidence lays bare the utter falsehood bourgeois slander is premised upon

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tide of World War II by inflicting crushing defeat on fascist Germany, the Putin government was compelled under public pressure to restore the name Stalingrad to the city renamed as Volgograd to erase the memory of the great leader. Defying government orders, hundreds of admirers displayed portraits of great Stalin in minibuses to pay tribute to him. About 920 Stalingrad Red Army war veterans who still live in the region highly praised Stalin for his firm wartime leadership and demanded of Putin to rechristen the city as Stalingrad. "It was awful but I never doubted we would win. We were all patriots," said Dallatyan, who was responsible for communications. "I am full of pride. I never thought of it as just our victory but as the victory of the Soviet people." There are other compelling reasons for Putin government to put Stalin back on to his pedestal. In 1989, at the peak of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's efforts to accomplish counter-revolution and raise the pitch of anti-Stalin tirade, only 12 percent of Russians polled described Stalin as one of the most prominent historical figures. But in the Carnegie poll held last year, 42 percent of Russian respondents did so. The Carnegie poll found that 68 percent of Georgians agreed that "Stalin was a wise leader who brought the Soviet Union to might and prosperity." "Stalin has given a new impulse to the development of mankind," said 58-year old history teacher Aliko Lursmanashvili who heads the Gori branch of Georgia's Stalin Society. Reacting to that Maria Lipman, an author of the Carnegie report, gracefully points out that despite being buried in Moscow, "Stalin is not dead."

Camouflaged anti-Stalin propaganda by Putin and Co

Clearly this rising trend of venerating Stalin, the great disciple of Lenin and an outstanding Marxist authority, is sending shivers down the spine of the Russian capitalist rulers as also the ruling bourgeoisie of the other countries which were constituents of erstwhile Soviet Union. Haunted by the growing fear of anti-capitalist socialist revolution, they are now spreading an impression that Putin is benefitted by this surge of pro-Stalin mind among people because Stalin's image is useful in his efforts to tighten control. Alongside also goes on the propaganda that during Stalin's time,

"Four million arrested on political charges, some 800,000 executed by shooting, another several million collateral casualties, some 2 million peasants sent to the Gulag, several million Chechen, Ingush and Crimean Tatar people relocated from their homelands..." etc. Needless to say that baselessness of these charges has been established long back. These stories and figures cooked up in the stable of the reactionaries multiplied over time after Khrushchev — the father of modern revisionism who initiated the process of dismantling socialism in Soviet Union through counter-revolution — framed such charges against Stalin with a view to denigrating him. Of late, in a book titled *Khrushchev Lied*, author Grover Furr has presented a series of research findings which negate every charge of Khrushchev. "Not one specific statement of revelation that Khrushchev made about Stalin turned out to be true", observed Furr while stating that he had heavily relied on primary source material retrieved from the declassified archives of the Soviet era and a few secondary sources and given the source material used for his study on his website. Earlier also, Maria Sousa and others showed with authentic facts how persons like Robert Conquest, a diehard anti-communist and former British spy nurtured in the imperialist-capitalist camp and Alexander Solzhenitsyn who was accused of conducting counter-revolutionary activities in Soviet Union and known for his pro-Nazi tilt were commissioned to pen stories and manufacture statistics to undermine Stalin and socialism.

Plight and penury of people in capitalist Russia

What is worth taking note of is the fact that Soviet Union under Stalin registered spectacular development in every sphere overcoming all conspiracies and subversive activities of the imperialists-capitalists and their planted agents within just two decades of establishment of socialism. But now when the Stalin-baiters and civilized democrats like Putin and company are saddled in power, the condition of Russia is borne out by a slew of facts. In the world, Russia is occupying 67th position in the quality of life for the people, 62nd in the level of technological development, 70th in the usage of modern information and communication technologies, 72nd in ratings of how much is spent on

people, per person and 134th place in life expectancy for men. On the other hand, it is ranked first in the number of people with mental disease, suicides amongst children and teenagers, children abandoned by parents, of abortions and women's deaths in labour, divorces and children born out of wedlock, deaths caused by heart and vascular diseases, and supply of slaves into the international blackmarket and in the usage of alcohol drinks. It is a close second in rank in total number of billionaires, number of suicides per capita of population, number of prisoners per 1000 population and spread of fake medicines. It is third in spread of child pornography while prostitution and women trafficking are assuming menacing proportion. Russia is one of the topmost countries with high prostitution rates attributed to appalling economic problems, bad cultural norms and collapsing family norms, high rate of divorce and severity of patriarchal domination, spurt in alcoholism and sex-perversion aided by an utterly corrupt government. Just two months back, it came to light that no fewer than 200 Nigerian girls are trafficked every month to Russia for prostitution. In present Russia, beggars of all stripes flood the streets of many cities. Panhandling is a roaring business. Inflation continues to soar. In the last two years, country's rate of price increase doubled, in horrifying fashion. It is commented that darker days are ahead for Putin's Russia. As per latest data, Russian industrial output is contracting at a fast pace held back by stagnant corporate investments and weakening consumer demand due to increasing fall in purchasing power of people. Reports are pouring out about cold, hunger and job losses igniting dissent in Russian towns.

Glimpse of Stalin's Russia

Compare these data of modern day Russia with a few vital statistics of Stalin period. Volume of industrial output as per cent of 1929 rose by 201.6 in 1933 i.e. in a span of just four years whereas the corresponding figures for imperialist superpowers like USA, Britain and Germany stood at 64.9, 86.1 and 66.8 respectively. If one goes by the volume of industrial output with 1913 as base, USSR jumped by 391.9% in 1933 compared to 110.2%, 85.2% and 75.4% registered by USA, Britain and Germany respectively. An in-depth analysis would show that while the industry in the

powerful imperialist countries was on a 25% decline on average, USSR under Stalin following principles of socialist economy more than doubled its industrial output. Equally spectacular was the achievement in the agricultural front. There was marked rise in the material and cultural standard of the working people as was borne out by the confirmation from all visitors to that country including stalwarts like Rabindranath, journalists like Anna Louis Strong. It was also borne out by the effusive praise of Soviet socialism by luminaries like Romaine Rolland, Bernard Shaw, Einstein, Chaplin and host of such others. Prices fell regularly, bread and transport were almost free, unemployment became an unknown word, wages went on increasing, working hours were reduced to 7-hour a day in all surface industries, the so called anti-thesis between town and country disappeared fast, the parasitic middlemen were eliminated, beggary and prostitution were abolished, spread of scientific and secular education to all was vividly manifest. This is how socialist Russia under Stalin contrasts from capitalist Russia. It is for people to judge whether Stalin's period was of 'gloom, disquiet and disorder' and Putin's Russia is a spectacle of 'thriving progress and development' as propagated by the Stalin-baiters and anti-communist slander-mongers. From their experience, the people of Russia as well as the citizens of the constituent countries of erstwhile Soviet Union are now realizing what they have lost with fall of socialism. So, there is a renewed urge for socialism and open admiration, respect and esteem for Lenin and Stalin. Finding that forced suppression of this rising appreciation and adulation of Stalin might backfire, the Russian rulers are now adopting a cunning tactics of not opposing Stalin in public but show him in bad light by adding dimension to the degree of fabrication and falsehood about him. According to them, "notwithstanding all crimes and wrongdoings, Stalin had done some good which cannot be ignored." In other words, an impression is sought to be inculcated in people's mind that Stalin's negatives far overshadow his few positives. This is the latest bourgeois ploy to malign and pillory Stalin. It is pertinent to recall that based on correct Marxist methodology of analysis, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the Founder General secretary of

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Unnerved by growing possibility of a renewed surge of world communist movement, the capitalists-imperialists are weaving newer ploys to denigrate Marxist authorities

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SUCI(C) and one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of the era could understand way back in the 1960s that the very attempt of the Khrushchevite revisionist leadership to undermine Stalin's authority and disowning his interpretations of Leninism as distinct from social-democracy and Trotskyism was tantamount to inviting all sorts of counter-revolutionary ideas and "would objectively uncrown Lenin himself." History corroborates that invaluable warning.

Mao Zedong's acceptability as great leader could not be erased

Similar is the predicament of the ruling bourgeoisie of capitalist China where people are openly giving vent to their reverence for great Mao Zedong and emphasizing on following his ideal and thoughts to overcome the growing problems of life. Thousands of admirers of Mao Zedong flocked to his home town to bow before his graven image — before his 120th birth anniversary last month. "He is a great leader who sacrificed his interests so we could be liberated," said retired teacher Fu Mengnan, after prostrating herself on the ground in front of a giant bronze statue of the leader. "I have an image of Chairman Mao at home, and bow in front of it every morning and evening," she added. "In our hearts, Chairman Mao is worth even more than gold," said Li Tianxing, a 22-year-old hotel worker who travelled from a neighbouring province to catch a glimpse of the statue. Asked in a survey, "Do you agree that Mao Zedong's achievements outweigh his mistakes?" 78.3 per cent of respondents in the Global Times survey said they agreed, 6.8 per cent strongly agreed and only 11.7 per cent disagreed. Nearly 90 per cent of those surveyed said that Mao's "greatest merit" was "founding an independent nation through revolution". The Party under President Xi Jinping finds itself caught in the middle, economist Mao Yushi told the newspaper *The Hindu* in an interview. "Today," he said, "the party is facing many contradictions. Mao Zedong's path and the CPC's path are different. Mao Zedong believed in the need to establish an equal society. Now we have an unequal society. Mao believed in Communism. Today, the party follows Capitalism. So there is a contradiction."(Source:—AFP)

Veiled hate-campaign of Chinese capitalist-roaders against Mao

Faced with this situation, the Chinese rulers too are adopting the technique of their Russian counterpart. Claiming to be inheriting the legacy of Mao Zedong, China's President Xi Jinping called for "a correct historical view" adding simultaneously that "Mao Zedong's mistakes in his later years have their subjective factors and personal responsibility, and complicated social and historical reasons both at home and abroad also played their part. They should be viewed and analyzed comprehensively, historically and dialectically". This is the trick. On the one hand, degenerated capitalist-roader leaders of China completely discarded Mao Zedong Thought to embrace capitalism after completing counter-revolution ten year back; today they are pretending to be following Mao's ideas, such as "mass line" campaigns to bring the party closer to the masses, and to "seriously treat illnesses which harm the nature and purity of the Party and rip out any malignant tumours on the healthy bodies of the CPC." On the other hand, they are out to defame Mao more vigorously by giving immense publicity to a bunch of reactionary historians and scholars who are stated to be accusing present Chinese government of "covering Mao's crimes" and shielding past history to the young generation by suppressing the fact that "more than 30 million people perished in the famine that followed Mao's disastrous "Great Leap Forward" campaign starting in 1958. Tens of millions were also persecuted during the decade-long Cultural Revolution (1966-76), as Mao's Red Guards rampaged across China as he consolidated his power and eliminated his rivals." The objective is to confuse the people particularly the youth who did not have a glimpse of either Mao or socialist China and to present to them a completely distorted view of history in the name of having a "transparent debate about Mao's failings" and "point out and correct his errors."

The 'fable' of starvation deaths in Mao's China

Let us compare a few facts of socialist China under Mao's revolutionary leadership with those of the present capitalist China

having self-seeking corrupt lackeys of the oppressive bourgeoisie saddled in governmental power. Close resemblance to the similar comparison made above in respect to Russia would be strikingly evident. We only concentrate on the two references of 30 millions perishing in 'Great Leap Famine' and persecution of people during the Cultural Revolution. 'The Great Leap Forward' initiated under the leadership of Mao Zedong, was aimed at further accelerating the second five year plan — a process whereby the foundation of a modern industrially advanced country was to be completed at the end of the third five year plan. But in 1960 extensive drought, flood, storms, frost, pests and plant diseases reportedly destroyed or affected 150,000,000 acres of crops or more than half of China's cultivated area. So there was the challenge to face that. It is pertinent to mention that pre-revolution utterly backward semi-feudal semi-colonial China used to be gripped by harrowing famines almost at regular intervals when hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of people died out of starvation and hunger. But the reality was completely different in socialist China. Edgar Snow, the famous American journalist widely acclaimed for his objective reports, wrote in his book titled *The Other Side of the River*: "Throughout 1959-62 many Western press editorials and headlines continued to refer to 'mass starvation' in China and continued to cite no supporting facts. ...While I was in China, *Look*, kept sending me queries about 'the famine' and I diligently searched, without success, for starving people or beggars to photograph. (Nor did anyone else succeed.) I realize that belief in mass starvation in China is now so widespread as a result of cold-war press indoctrination that statements by actual eyewitnesses may be dismissed as wholly irrelevant..." "In these assertions I am supported by fresh information from Western observers in China even more recently than I, including Gilbert Etienne, the Swiss economist and assistant professor at the Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, whose impressions appeared in *Le Monde*, Clare McDermott, currently Peking correspondent for *Reuters*, and a member of the Swiss Federal Assembly, Dr. Armand Forel, who informed me on his return from

China in June, 1962, that he was "allowed to roam the streets freely, saw nothing to indicate starvation, no begging, (and) one case of rickets." The years 1960-61 were critical, but by 1962 the food supply began to approach normal. In September, Mr. McDermott reported that off-ration restaurants were again open in the cities and seemed well supplied." "On July 31, 1962, Richard Starnes reported in the New York World Telegram, immediately following a trip to Hong Kong and Southeast Asia: "There is not one shred of evidence known to the West that famine threatens Communist China ..." "...What is new is that millions of people are not starving, as they did throughout chronic famine in the twenties, thirties and forties. What is new is that an equitable rationing system has been enforced for the first time. What is nearly unbelievable is that a government exists in China which (whatever else history may charge against it) actually kept enough foreign currency out of the pockets of officials to be able to pay hard cash for millions of tons of grain imported after the harvest failures of 1960 — rather than beg from the United States, as normal people do." Similarly Felix Greene, another renowned Britain-born journalist who later shifted to USA, categorically mentioned in his book named *A Curtain of Ignorance* that "... starvation—death by hunger — ceased in China" after 1949 (i.e. after revolution). "Food shortages, and severe ones, there have been, but no starvation. This is a fact fully documented by Western observers, is acknowledged by the Western embassies in China, and is known, of course to the highest official intelligence in our country." Greene categorically stated that "famine reports" by the Western press "were grossly exaggerated." "I travelled through areas in China...but I saw no sign of serious malnutrition". Greene quoted a letter written by one resident of Shanghai to her British friend where the writer made it clear "...that China during 1960 experienced the severest and most widespread natural calamity of the past century is a fact...To say that China is experiencing famine is grossly untrue." The historians and scholars of capitalist China who are eager to acquaint the present generation with the true history

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Vilification of Stalin and Mao

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might do well to present these facts and observations before them rather than trying to discover “crimes” of Mao.

Lies about Cultural Revolution

Similar is the case of Cultural Revolution. As true disciple of Marx-Engels-Lenin-Stalin, Mao took lessons from how the Khrushchevite clique after usurping power shelved the decision adopted by the 19th Congress of the CPSU under the leadership of Stalin for releasing an intense and all-out ideological struggle, involving the entire party, from the lowest to the highest level, to uplift the standard and wipe out the bourgeois tendencies and influence of bourgeois ideology that breed evils like bureaucracy, opportunism etc. So, Mao called for a countrywide movement of criticism and self-criticism involving not only the party but the entire people on all important polemical issues. This event was not directed toward just removal of certain person or persons, but was a great social experiment with the aim of bringing about revolution in the realm of culture and ideology—to root out the deeply entrenched capitalist motives which had been persisting in society as forces of habit. It was a gigantic experiment to change the world outlook which Comrade Shibdas Ghosh hailed as “magnificent”. Mao himself clarified that the “...struggles against the capitalist roaders in the Party is the principal task, but...the object is to solve the problem of world outlook and eradicate revisionism... if world outlook is not reformed, then although 2,000 capitalist roaders are removed in the current great Cultural Revolution, 4,000 others may appear the next time.”

How profound was his grasp of ideology and how farsighted he was as a giant communist leader is evident today. After his demise, the revisionist capitalist roaders holed up inside the party, disowned his authority and teachings, betrayed revolution, reversed the achievements of the revolution and the cause of the oppressed people and established capitalism in China. And the people are dearly paying the price. Rising prices are making life more difficult for working people in capitalist China. It is dragging down their living standards. “I used to stew meat soup every day, but now we can only afford to have soup twice a week,” said Huang, an old lady

living in Shenzhen in south China. News of slavery, torture, human trafficking and children imprisoned in conditions “worse than dog kennels” have been exploding in China. Under socialism, centralized planning included the allocation of subsidies for social services like education and health care. But today, as more and more things in capitalist China have become privatized, such much-needed, affordable vital services have disappeared. And the situation is especially dire in the countryside, where most of the people of China live. The rural health system has become a mixture of hospitals and clinics that are often privately run and almost always too expensive for people to afford. A farmer might have to spend two months income to get treatment for a cold. A woman who wants to give birth in a hospital has to come up with two years of hard-earned cash. Barefoot doctors were one of the “socialist new things” created during the Cultural Revolution. These young revolutionaries were sent out to the countryside where there had been little or no health care. They were picked to receive medical training not because of their grades or their family’s wealth, but because of their dedication to serving the people. After five years of the Cultural Revolution there were about 1.8 million barefoot doctors, along with another 2.4 million public health workers and midwives. Today there are no more barefoot doctors in China. Many of the clinics that were set up under socialism are now privately owned, running on a “for profit” basis. Today beggars approach visitors discreetly on the Bund, Shanghai’s embanked riverfront, whose grand buildings once housed the banks, trading houses and diplomatic missions of China’s foreign overlords. As per reports received a few years back, more than 150 million of Chinese people survive on a dollar a day; some 200 million have left the countryside to look for work in the world’s most polluted cities, and the life they lead there is mean and desolate. Four million took part in 87,000 different protests mainly against illegal land seizures a few years back. Migrants from distant villages, the women typified the tens of millions who flock to China’s coast to work in factories that are mainly foreign-owned. They work for 12 hours a day or more for a pittance, a slavery that would have

simply been inconceivable in socialist China-. These workers are denied all legal rights. Already thousands of worker protests, wildcat strikes and other disputes are reported each year over everything from unpaid pensions to corruption to intolerable hazards. Seeing all these in capitalist China today, one is reminded of what Joan Robinson, the British bourgeois economist of repute, mentioned in her report after a visit to socialist China. Commenting on the spirit of Cultural Revolution, she said, “...The enormous pressure to commercialize every aspect of life in our society is substituted in China by an even stronger pressure the other way, and ‘human nature’ seems to fit in just as well, indeed better, since the Chinese seem to be much less neurotic than us.” Will the present Chinese leadership dare to opt for all these factual reality when they talk of “viewing, analyzing comprehensively, historically and dialectically” the mistakes of Mao?

People must foil this conspiracy

This is how the modern rulers of Russia and China are clearing the “baggage of socialism”, providing “deliverance” to the people from the “bane” of Marxism-Leninism and showering the “bliss” of capitalism and market economy on them. They have nothing to fall back upon except deception, distortion, suppression and rank falsehood. The whole gamut of the modern revisionists, lined up from Khrushchev to Gorbachev, Liu Shao Chi to Deng Xiao Ping, has followed the same trend. The canard they spread against Marxist stalwarts like Stalin and Mao was aimed at halting the march of socialism, reversing the trend of social progress and surreptitiously act as trusted agents of the imperialists-capitalists to bring back the exploitative regime. The baton has now passed on to

the diehard capitalist-roaders like Putin or Xi Jinping. But the power of truth is immense. More accentuated is the crisis of dying capitalism, the vendor of ruinous globalization, more ruthless is the oppression and repression on the people. More are the people exploited, more is the outburst of grievance and outrage against capitalism. “Occupy Wall Street” movement and other mass agitations surging forth round the globe bear testimony to that. And the possibility of such mass agitations being led by correct revolutionary leadership along correct Marxist-Leninist path is also increasing in tandem. If people imbibe the truth and invincibility of Marxism-Leninism, great Marxist authorities like Lenin-Stalin-Mao would automatically find a place of profound honour and respect in the innermost recess of their heart. So the people of Russia and China are now being increasingly vocal to carry forward the glorious legacy of Stalin and Mao. Visibly rattled and unnerved by that, the ruling bourgeoisie of those two countries and their trusted political representatives have now revised the nature of their orchestrated hate-campaign, slander and shameful falsehood in a camouflaged manner so that in the resulting smokescreen, people are confused and confounded about the true essence of the greatness of the Marxist authorities and shy away from holding them in high esteem. But the exploitative bourgeoisie and its servitors do not know that this sinister move of theirs would prove to be a boomerang as truth cannot be suppressed for long. This needs to be clear to the toiling people of Russia and China, and for that matter, the entire world. The real communists are to take on the task of unveiling the truth and guide the oppressed people along the right track to imbibe the truth and foil the sinister bourgeois conspiracy.

Peasants’ Protest in Haryana

At the joint initiative of SUCI(C) and AIKKMS a protest march was held at Rewari city in Haryana on 13 January to demand reduction in power



tariff, repeal of Property Cess-Toll Tax and stoppage of forced eviction. Among the speakers at the meeting were Comrades Rajendra Sinha, Secretary, Rewari District SUCI(C) and Ram Kumar, AIKKMS District Secretary.

WHAT A DELUGE OF DEVELOPMENT IN MODI'S GUJARAT !

With every passing day, pitch is raised in all mainstream media about Narendra Modi's suitability as the next prime minister of the country because of his trackrecord of flooding the state of Gujarat with variegated opulence of development. But the problem is that published facts, official reports, government statistics and the reality speak just to the contrary. Some high rise buildings, network of roads or mall culture in Western Ahmedabad, or some big and famous MNCs in capital city Gandhinagar surely are not the parameters of vibrancy. Here are some such evidences:—

Unemployment and plight of the workers

The number of jobless people in Swarnim Gujarat state has risen by 97,095 in the last two years. On an average the number of unemployed people has been rising by over 4,000 per month.

Casual workers earn daily wage that are less than the national average in both urban and rural areas. A rural salaried worker gets Rs.254 per day as against the national average of Rs.299.

The entire state is a 'Special Economic Zone' where the industrialists enjoy enormous tax reliefs, free land, free water, free electricity and privilege of hiring and firing workers at their sweet will. It is also assured that no workers' movements would be allowed to sprout in the state. CAG has come down heavily on the Gujarat government and state PSUs for causing a loss of nearly Rs. 580 crore to the exchequer by bestowing 'undue' favours on large corporate entities.

Public Debt

Public debt of Gujarat Government has crossed Rs 1,24,580 crore meaning that there is a debt burden of Rs. 24,704 on each resident of the state.

Human Development

According to 'India State Hunger Index 2008', Gujarat is shockingly ranked 13th among 17 big states. With respect to three important social variables, viz. life expectation at birth (LEB), mean years of schooling (MYS) and school life expectancy (SLE), Gujarat is far behind some other states.

Growing poverty

The number of poor families in villages has increased by 39.06% in last 12 years. In April 2000, there were 23.29 lakh Below Poverty Line (BPL) families in the villages. The number rose to 30.49 lakh as on June 26, 2012, as per the "dynamic list" which the state rural development commissioner's office constantly updates.

Hunger and malnutrition

Every third child in the state is underweight. In other words, 33% of the children are malnourished in Gujarat, for hunger and malnutrition are almost synonymous. Ahmedabad district, the commercial hub, has over 85,000 malnourished or extremely malnourished children, the highest in the State. Gujarat is one of the 5 hungriest states.

Landgrab and eviction of farmers

Two massive projects will envelope Hansalpur village in Mehsana district.

Standing on the land near Hansalpur village, bewildered-looking Sartanbhai Bharwad Hajabhai said, "My ancestors cultivated this land. It is fertile and very good for grazing. Why have they declared it wasteland? Look how green it is. If they take it away from us, we will lose our entire livelihood and I do not know what else to do. We will not get any compensation because we do not own the land. We have, however, been paying rent, so we should be involved in the relocation plans. We Maldaris are landless people, which means no one gives us any importance." Thousands of unsuspecting villagers who will soon be displaced because of these projects knew that Maruti Suzuki's automobile plant had been given vast tracts of land in the Becharaji area near Hansalpur village, but it was Sagar Rabari of the Jameen Adhikar Andolan who, stumbling on it by accident while surfing the Internet, brought to their notice that the project was much bigger : the Mandal-Becharaji Special Investment Region (MBSIR). Spread over more than 50,884 hectares, the MBSIR will affect 44 villages and close to 7,600 families in Mehsana district.

Suicide cases

In the last ten years, 37,248 people have committed suicide in the "vibrant" Gujarat of Modi. Out of this, 21,783 were males and 15,423 females to prove that both are equally distressed. Of these 7,062 were farmers 80 per cent of whom were below 40 years of age. A staggering 13,655 suicides were reported in Gujarat in the last three years — an average of 12 every single day.

Corruption and crime at the top

A senior minister in the Narendra Modi government, Water Resources and Agriculture minister Babu Bokharia, was sentenced to three years imprisonment by a court in Porbandar in the Rs 54-crore illegal limestone mining case of 2006. But he continues to be the minister. Minister of State Purshottam Solanki has been accused of corruption in the award of contracts for fishing in 58 reservoirs, when he was State Fisheries Minister in the previous Modi government, without going through the tendering process. Mayaben Kodnani facing charges of presiding over the gruesome massacres of women and children and large-scale rape in her constituency Naroda Patiya during the 2002 carnage, has been made the women and child development minister. 32 BJP MLAs face criminal cases

Crime on women

Rape incidents have increased by 7.7%. Other crimes against women have also seen a rise. Cruelty by husbands and in-laws has increased by 10%, and assault on women has increased by 8.8%. Overall, in 2012, the state reported 9561 cases

At a forum by Apna Adda called "Rape and Me," female students from various universities in Ahmedabad said they no longer feel comfortable going out alone or with only girls at night. One said she had faced so much sexual harassment in Gujarat that she is now advising girls to take self-defence classes. Parents at this forum—many of whom were born and raised in Ahmedabad—said Gujarat was not always like this and that it is getting progressively worse.

In a span of twelve years, more than 50,000 cases of violence against women have been reported from 12 districts of Gujarat. With 640 dowry deaths and 1,443 rape cases, the chart is topped by a staggering 14,998 cases of cruelty by husband and in-laws. 7894 women committed suicide and 3,006 women were abducted during this period in these districts.

Civic amenities

One in every five rural households has none of the three basic facilities — drinking water, electricity and sanitation — while only about 18% have access to all three. As many as 52 lakh households in the state have no toilet. Over 64 lakh households do not have any drainage facility and 49 lakh people are forced to defecate in the open. A recent survey found that there are 126 spots where manual scavenging is practised under the aegis of the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation in violation of the 1993 Act that provides punishment for those employing manual scavengers.

Plight and insecurity of persecuted minorities and secular people

Gujarati Muslims are often afraid to say what they really think about Gujarat or Narendra Modi. In Gujarat, Modi has become a "god" for so many—given all the Muslims face in Gujarat, why should a Muslim face further isolation by criticizing Modi or life in Gujarat?

Siddiqabad, a colony of about 200 homes built for survivors of the Gulbarga Housing Society and Naroda Patiya massacre (which took place on 28 February 2002 during the 2002 pogrom. 97 Muslims were killed by a mob of approximately 5,000 people, allegedly initiated by the BJP and Bajrang Dal. This is stated to be "the largest single case of mass murder" during the 2002 pogrom), tucked behind the main road in Juhapura was meant to be temporary housing for riot victims. But it has been ten years and residents have grown weary of promises that they will get regular electricity, a gutter line, or access to a school nearby.

Narol (Bombay Hotel), a row of homes occupied by survivors of the Naroda Patiya massacre is next to a massive trash dump and the builder, a Muslim, told that no one else wanted to sell land to him after the 2002 riots. Each year during the monsoon, water runs from the trash dump into people's homes. As a result, children in Narol have grown up with deformities. "Yes we see dead bodies here all the time," a resident young boy of about 12 years informed an interviewer.

Nida Yamin, an IIM research associate from Delhi, was recently denied housing because she is a Muslim. She left Ahmedabad after just a few months. "This place," she lamented, "is not for us."

Jila, a 24 year old Ahmedabadi, who was displaced in the 1992 and the 2002 riots, still hopes to live in a Gujarat where people don't always look at her as a Muslim first.

Kiran Uncle, a tireless advocate for secularism who has fought both Hindu and Muslim communalism has been ostracized from his family for speaking out so vociferously for Muslims after the 2002 riots.

Hemanshu Uncle, a restaurant owner in Ahmedabad, tells that every day someone comes to his restaurant and criticizes him for serving non-vegetarian food and being a bad Brahmin. He says he has grown tired of the "holier than thou attitude of Gujaratis." This is not the Gujarat, he tells, that he experienced in his childhood. It was more tolerant then.

TWENTY MORE YEARS TO SALVATION !

Dismissing "three myths" that block progress for the poor — poor countries are doomed to stay poor, foreign aid is a big waste and saving lives leads to over-population", Bill Gates, the richest individual in the world, has sounded optimism that there will be no poor countries in this world by 2035. "The belief that the world is getting worse, that we can't solve extreme poverty and disease, isn't just mistaken. It is harmful," Gates wrote, "by almost any measure, the world is better than it has ever been. In two decades it will be better still."

We are delighted! We are elated! Because, as per a report by worldwide development organization Oxfam, titled 'Working For the Few', published ahead of the recently concluded World Economic Forum meet in Davos, Switzerland, last month, a tiny elite comprising the richest 85 individuals hold wealth equivalent to that owned by the bottom half of the world's population. Wealthy elites, says the report, have coopted political power to rig the rules of the economic game, undermining democracy and since the late 1970s, tax rates for the richest have fallen in 29 of the 30 countries meaning that in many places the rich not only get more money but also pay less tax on it. As per the report, in the last 25 years wealth has become even more concentrated in the hands of fewer people so much so that 1% of the world's families own almost half (46%) of the world's wealth. The report alleged that the richest individuals and companies in the world hide trillions of dollars away from the tax man in a web of tax havens around the world. It is estimated that \$21 trillion is held unrecorded and off-shore, it said. The report further added that in India, the number of billionaires increased tenfold in the past decade, aided by a highly regressive tax structure and the wealthy exploiting their government connections, while spending on the poorest remains remarkably low. Moreover, seven out of ten people live in countries where economic inequality has increased in the last 30 years. Gates is right on every count!! How can there be any poor country if likes of him continue usurping all wealth riding on 'democracy', 'liberal economic model' and unadulterated penchant for 'inclusive growth and prosperity' that the destitute and impoverished have been relishing everyday with every drop of squeezed blood! (Source:—Economic Times 21-01-14)

One in five women raped in US, says White House report

Nearly 22 million women — about one in five— have been raped in their lifetime in the US, with nearly half of the victims subjected to sexual assault before the age of 18, according to a report by the White House. Though women of all the races have been targeted, however, women belonging to some races are more vulnerable than the others, the report added. The report also said that about 33.5% of multiracial women have been raped, as have 27% of American-Indian and Alaska's native women, compared to the 15% of Hispanic, 22% of Black, and 19% of White women. Most of the victims know their assailants and a vast majority (which is nearly 98%) of the perpetrators are male, according to the report released on Wednesday. Nearly 22 million American women and 1.6 million men have been raped in their lifetime, it said. The imperialist rulers of USA must rejoice at this because they are exporting this 'civilized' culture to the 'uncivilized' countries even at gunpoint. (Source:—Times of India, 24-01-14)

AIDYO organizes Assembly march of students-youth in Lucknow

On January 16, in Lucknow, UP, an impressive march of students and youths to the Assembly was organized by AIDYO in demand of withdrawal of Semester System in the ITIs. Comrade Harkishore Sinha presided over the gathering and those who addressed included Comrades Ravishankar Mourya and Pramode Shukla. They all pointed out that because of government's



decision to abolish examination system upto intermediate level, there is marked decline in the standard of education. On the other hand, there is severe dearth of teachers and insufficient arrangements for practical classes. Though the syllabus remains incomplete, there are series of tests to conform to.

Comrade Krishna Chakraborty in Delhi

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in different towns and cities involving thousands of men and women, students and youths on 16th December in different states. The Delhi convention was the culmination of that long drawn phase of state wise programmes. The struggle is widening and this is the way to make it all encompassing. There is nothing to fear. People are seething with anger and hatred towards the system. They want to change the society but do not know the path. Be with them, lead them, show them the path — the path of the anti-capitalist socialist revolution which only you know and practice. If you firmly believe in it, no one can detract you from your path when the exploited and suppressed people get conscious and organized, no power on earth can suppress them. The military might of the American imperialist could not suppress the poor and ill-equipped revolutionaries of Vietnam. The mightiest imperialist power was forced to retreat in the face of the resolute and intense attacks of the Vietnamese revolutionaries. The same thing happened in Korea. The small island

nation of Cuba with six million people freed itself and accomplished its revolution under the very nose of USA. Wherefrom did they acquire this power, the power to defeat the most powerful imperialist state of the world? It is the Marxist ideology and culture that made them invincible. That is why the capitalists-imperialists are so mortally afraid of Marxism. Marx died in 1883 but they are still now afraid of his philosophy and its culture. And you are the flag bearers of that philosophy and culture.

Comrades, the situation is very serious. May be we need more in-depth discussions on the issue. Although the reasons apparently are alcohol, drugs, obscenity in print and electronic media, cultural degeneration etc. but behind all that is the rule of capital, the rule of the bourgeois. The bourgeoisie is afraid of revolutionary thought which guides us. Equip yourself with this thought, organize the masses, march forward and, I am sure, none can halt your onward march. Victory is surely yours. With this I end my speech.

Inquilab Zindabad.

Generously Donate to the Fund for Reconstruction of Central Party Office

Construction of the new central office building is going on, on the site of the previous office of the SUCI(C), the party voicing protest against all kinds of injustice and relentlessly engaged in developing legitimate democratic movements on the burning demands of people's life. The old office building virtually reached a dilapidated stage making it difficult for carrying out the vastly increased multifarious day to day activities. Even the space posed a big constraint. In view of this, the leaders, activists and supporters-sympathizers of the Party cutting across the states sincerely wanted that new building be constructed by demolishing the old ramshackle structure. Accordingly, the Central Committee of the Party took the decision to build a new Party office in place of the old one.

The initial expenditure towards buying the old building premises and completing the primary work of erecting a new building was met mainly from the contributions made by the leaders-cadres-supporters-sympathizers. More funds are required for completing the pending work. So, we fervently appeal to the people at large for generously contributing to this Building Fund. Our workers would reach out to you at your homes or on the streets with this appeal.

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

With greetings

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