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Comrade Ranjit Dhar, veteran member, Polit Bureau, SUCI(C), offering red salute to Great Lenin on his Memorial Day on 21 January at the Party's Central Office in Kolkata

## From behind the façade of democracy Footfalls of fascization to the rescue of capitalists, being echoed in acts and voices of RSS-BJP

While the handful of multi-millionaires rejoice an ominous gloom is being cast upon the multi-millions of common people: stealthily, but surely. While the sacred rule-book of the bourgeois democracy professes “of the people, by the people and for the people”, and while the sprawling imperialist world lauds India as among the largest of democracies to invade its huge market, the wide-eyed citizens of India, at least those who still bear the heart and head of human beings over and above the trunk, look around aghast to see how fathomless disparity is trying to eclipse equality, to what extent deprivation can throw common people into the dungeon of sub-human existence, what menacing proportions can intolerance and irrationality assume to shatter people's life into disarray and disunity.

### Crucial UP Election

## Situation demands people come out of shackles of casteist-communal vote politics and strengthen genuine left democratic forces for spearheading powerful democratic movements

Alongwith four other states, assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh (UP), the most populous state of India, is scheduled to be held in mid-February. Those conversant with the electoral politics of India are aware of the crucial role of the state in this regard. First of all, UP even after being truncated following carving out of Uttarakhand as a separate state returns maximum number of MPs to the Indian parliament (80 out of 545). So, it often becomes a deciding factor in ministry formation at the Centre. Total number of assembly seats in UP is also as high as 403. Secondly, the party or combination which runs government in UP does wield substantial influence and power at all India level including government formation at the Centre. So, the media analysts and commentators have already started calling 2017 UP state elections as harbinger for the general elections of 2019. Therefore,

all the contesting mainstream bourgeois parties like the BJP and the Congress as well as the regional aspirants like incumbent Samajwadi Party (SP) and its *bête noir* Bahujan Samajwadi Party (BSP) of Mayawati are all set out to formulate their respective poll strategies to checkmate each other in their run for power. The monopoly-controlled media and so called experts in election forecast too are busy working out electoral arithmetic based as usual on casteist-communal equations, possible combinations and past percentages of votes polled to ascertain who has a turn of fortune this time. But, suffering common people pressed under the grinding wheel of ruthless capitalist exploitation and their causes feature nowhere in the discussions on election. That is the spectacle of capitalist India where parliamentary

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### RSS emerged with anti-national communal bent

Needless to say, one single sunset could not bring in such a menacing gloom. It required years together through which people were dragged into more and more miseries and plight in every aspect of life. And over and above these, there were the activities of a deadly force of RSS, which with its doctrine of arch communal Hindutva had come into being when the entire country was fighting against the British imperialists for national independence. Based on the divisive idea of Savarkar, whom the RSS calls the *Veer*; that “Hindus alone had the right to be nationals of the country” and that “the Hindus and the Muslims ... two antagonistic nations ... living side by side in India”, the RSS mentor M S Golwalkar clearly defined their stand. He explicitly called “Anti-Britishism ... equated with patriotism and nationalism” was “reactionary”, and said “The foreign races in Hindustan ... must entertain no idea but those of the glorification of ... the Hindu nation and must lose their separate existence .... or may stay in the country, wholly subordinated to the Hindu Nation, claiming nothing, ... not even citizen's rights.” He was not far from the Nazi supremo Hitler when he said “To keep up with the purity of the race and its culture, Germany shocked the world by her

purging the country .... Race pride at its highest ... a good lesson for use in Hindustan to learn and profit by”.

Wedded to such an anti-national, fascistic, communal doctrine, the RSS- Hindu Mahasabha and their other ancillaries did not take part in the national independence movement including the historic Quit India movement in 1942 that rocked the country and shook the British rule itself. Rather RSS fomented communal riots now and then and was banned after independence. Shortly after the ban was lifted by the then Congress government under Nehru, the RSS started campaigns against cow-slaughter, the Urdu language, etc., organizing anti-Muslim riots in regular course. While relentlessly giving shape to their vilifying activities and views, such a deadly fanatic, inhuman rabid communal force of RSS silently waited in the wings, . Through their political outfits, earlier the Jan Sangh and later the BJP, they tried all means to buoy up in the national politics. Finally, thanks to the peddling of so called soft Hindutva of the then Congress government, and totally spineless vote-based compromising social-democratic politics of the self-styled Marxists like the CPI-CPI(M), the BJP made it to reach power, first lining up in the medium of coalition politics with Atal Bihari

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### Footfall of fascization

# Anti-national, communal force of RSS was left with an open field in the country to exploit

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Vajpayee heading the NDA government from 1998 to 2004 and then after 10 years of politics in the opposition space with the Modi-driven single-party majority in 2014.

## **Country made open to the RSS-BJP**

With this event, the rise of BJP to power, the vast land that had been traditionally known for its multi-religious, multi-ethnic, multi-lingual character and had, notwithstanding a host of limitations, come to be known as a democratic secular country, was thrown open to the RSS. Their agenda was no longer needed to be kept hidden. They had the power of the Union government as also some state governments, in essence the entire state apparatus, to protect and promote them and their agenda. They started to vigorously work on that agenda with the method that went as: Marginalize and alienate the target — normally the minority community — with threat and intimidation ranging ultimately to violence to any extent, including killing. However, after a point of time no active violence would be required. Perceived violence itself would aggravate marginalization and alienation, leading ultimately to complete submission or even exodus of a targeted community from an area or region.

With the first BJP-led government at the Centre, the agenda was given shape to in Gujarat with Narendra Modi, the present Prime Minister as the then Chief Minister of the state. There in 2002 a ghastly anti-Muslim Gujarat pogrom was carried out with meticulous planning and overt and covert support of the entire administration and governments of both Gujarat as well as at the Centre. Some of the high ranking police officers, even ministers of the then Gujarat government who could not approve of this carnage had revealed this later. Only after the targeted minority community was uprooted, ruthlessly murdered, made totally horror-stricken and immobilized, that the then Union BJP government and its helmsman, Vajpayee, meekly rebuked the state government reminding them of *Rajdharna*, that is, the rules of governance, seemingly to play to the gallery.

Finally at this abject crisis-hour of Indian capitalism, now with imperialist expansionist aspirations, the ruling monopolists finding their trusted Congress party thoroughly

discredited because of prolonged misrule and sinking neck-deep in corruption, leaned towards the BJP, another trusted political face of theirs. A powerful section of the Indian monopolists and corporate entities, including imperialist lobbies took note of Modi's potential and keenness to articulate and serve their class interest. They also took cognizance of Modi's ability to hoodwink people with sweet-coated words and false promises, as well as to polarize people on deadly communal lines as per the venomous line of RSS thereby perpetuating permanent divide of the toiling masses. Carefully and cunningly they used their pliant media and publicity agencies to build up a haloed image of Modi as 'strong administrator' capable of acting as true 'development man' and a 'visionary nation builder'. Needless to say, the objective had been to buttress their heinous class agenda without hindrance, bluff the poor and have-nots with pitched propaganda of "achhe din" and at the same time disrupt their unity by relentlessly fomenting communal sentiment. Alongside was chalked out plan to allure the upcoming middle class who could be gradually converted into accepting the Hindutva-oriented social hegemony theme. To this end, his initial modest background as a tea vendor was hyped to befool the poor accept him as their man, while rigorous grooming and allegiance as an ardent and aggressive RSS activist fitted perfectly to the plan. Thereafter was started a two-pronged effort in the interest of prolonging the crisis-ridden capitalist rule by more and more exploitation of the people. On the one side, the RSS, rather the Sangh Parivar started preaching their ideas of resolute pursuit of Hindutva politics through various means to assert an all-encompassing Hindutva hegemony over the country's political and social space vitiating it with worst communal ambience. On the other side, Modi was projected as a development man to carry out measures in favour of the masses, which ultimately and really stood in the total interest of the ruling monopolists and the ruthlessly exploitative capitalist system.

## **RSS heyday meant destruction of democracy, secularism, rationality and fraternity**

That it was their hey-day was soon very clear. Immediately before Modi's rise to power, there was

craftily designed and engineered gruelling communal riot in Muzaffarnagar in UP to terrorize the victim minority community and inject nasty communal venom into the majority community. It ravaged the victims, and made the BJP victorious. The check-dam had gone. So, there were incidents one after another, issues invented or manufactured to find out newer and newer means of minority bashing.

From this or that point of the country came the news of brute assaults even lynching of *dalits* as well as Muslims openly, on false allegations of beef eating or cow-slaughtering. Burqa-clad RSS men were also caught red-handed for throwing beef at the temples to ignite communal flare-up. On a freshly coined cry, 'love jihad', the Hindutvawadi outfits have been charging the minority community for helping Hindu girls to elope with Muslim boys. There have been unbridled, yet irrational, even fabricated blame on the Muslims for population explosion in the country and adding to the misery of the people. BJP MPs like Sakshi Maharaj is on record to have unleashed such anti-Muslim malicious campaign in an open meeting. Unfounded rumours are spread about protection given to alleged terrorists by Muslims living in a particular area. Perceived attacks on temples and other religious places or stories about alleged seizure of property from the Hindus by minority people are propagated regularly and under that pretext, properties of the Muslims or the Christians are vandalized. Ban has been clamped on the entry of non-Hindu individuals and organizations in certain villages. Even *dalits* notwithstanding being believers in Hinduism are ostracized cruelly in villages. Well-orchestrated hue and cry are raised, regardless of verifying those with facts, about forced conversion from Hindu to other religions. And then making that a plea, canvassing for *shuddhikaran* (purification ritual of expiation) of minorities, or sometimes called *ghar wapasi* (homecoming, return to the fold) are carried out, with or without issuing threats or doling out freebies. In schools, Hindu rituals are being made compulsory. In colleges, it is campaigned that Hindu students are not getting any employment because of the Muslims. University students, somewhere *dalits*, elsewhere leftists are harassed for holding

critical views on the governments, by not only the BJP student wing but even the authorities, local RSS-BJP leaders as well as Union ministers. Provoking Rohit Vemula, a *dalit* student of Hyderabad University, to commit suicide because of persecution, harassment and discrimination, is a glaring example. Incident of 'mysterious disappearance' of a Muslim student of JNU is another example. One after another, free radical thinkers and social activists are singled out and murdered. Very recently, following the ideological premise set by their mentors like Savarkar or Golwalkar, the present RSS chief Mohan Bhagawat, without any modicum of restraint or decency, called for empowerment of Hindus all over the country towards achieving the goal of Hindu Rashtra. Unfortunately he suppressed the truth that the doctrine he is preaching is based on nothing but hatred and enmity towards the Muslims. In the education field, over and above rampant privatization and commercialization and a shameless discriminatory policy of snatching the right to education for students from poorer families, the RSS-BJP combine is nakedly curbing autonomy of educational and cultural institutions, distorting history and instilling communal ideas and thoughts in textbooks and curricula at the terrible cost of scientific secular and democratic education. Thus vigorous efforts are being made to set the country reeling with irrationality, intolerance and stinking communalism. Rational secular outlook, communal harmony, democratic norms and rights, freedom of expression, to whatever extent these were achieved through prolonged struggles have been and are being curbed more and more. People with a modicum of rational thinking have stood aghast. Common man were totally bewildered. After all, this was a land where people on a massive scale had come out in protest of injustice, discrimination and deprivation. Then what went wrong with the apparently powerful political forces that professed leftism and led people into huge often militant movements? It took some time, and may be that process is not yet concluded, for people to realize that those so-called big lefts were nothing but social democratic forces, which used to make use of people's mounting resentment, stirred up agitations, put them into

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## UP Election

# Based on narrow sectarian casteist-communal politics and support of the ruling capitalists, power rotated so far among Congress, BJP, SP and BSP

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democracy has virtually been brought down to a farce and legislatures have turned into abode of a bunch of self-seekers, power-mongers, money launderers, muscle flexers, corrupts and criminals basking under the protection of the ruling capitalist class and catapulted to prominence by the bourgeois media.

### Backdrop of UP election

UP, as everyone knows, has been a hunting ground of casteist-communal politics for long. During its prolonged rule spanning over three decades at a stretch and then intermittently on four occasions, the Congress had nurtured this very sectarian politics to stay ahead of others in power game. But after the first reverse that the Congress faced at the Centre in 1977, other forces mainly the Lohiaite socialists began gaining strength flaunting anti-Congress stand but having the same casteist base as their main plank. Subsequently, with the rise of arch communal RSS-BJP at the centre-stage of Indian vote politics following the blunder made by the then Congress Prime Minister by opening the lock of Babri Masjid and demolition of this historic monument by the Hindutva fanatics, UP came under the grip of nasty communal politics dominated by the RSS-BJP-Sangh Parivar. Since then, all the major players of UP vote politics had concentrated on creating their respective vote banks by inciting casteist-communal sentiments and polarization based on that. While the BJP banked on communal polarization and sought to have total control over Hindu votes by spitting anti-Muslim venom and creating frenzy over setting up a Ram mandir at the site of demolished Babri masjid, the Congress peddled soft Hindutva to deny the BJP reaping total benefit of split of the voters along communal line. Noticing the fear the minority Muslim community was reeling under because of raising of ugly head by Hindu communal forces and trail of communal riots engineered by them, the erstwhile Lohiaite socialists like Mulayam and others tried to woo the persecuted minorities pretending themselves to be their saviours simultaneously playing on casteist sentiment among Yadavs and other groups of people to consolidate their power base in

the state politics. A section within them like Kansiram-Mayawati who by dint of being born in backward *dalit* families cleverly flaunted their *dalit* credential to project themselves as pro-*dalit* and carve out a *dalit* vote bank in their favour to become visible in the race for power. Of late, to cut out a part from the vote pie of the SP and BSP in their favour, the BJP is trying to woo the people falling under Other Backward Classes (OBC) category. Even within OBC, they have now identified another sub-sect Most Backward Caste (MBC) to curry favour with. Similarly, within the *dalits* also, the sweeper group, Poles, Bhils, etc., are now categorized as *mahadalits* by the vote managers of SP, BSP so that by creating such divisions within division, the fragmented groups could be separately handled for electoral gains inciting casteist feeling. The incumbent SP government is also alleged to have planted a good number of privileged lot or 'creamy layer' among the backward community within police-administration through manoeuvred appointment so that they could highlight these appointees as proof of progress of the disadvantaged populace in SP rule so much so as to occupy coveted administrative posts. Thus, the SP leaders have been hoodwinking the respective backward communities in a bid to projecting themselves as their messiah. At the same time, they expect that these planted elements within administration would also come handy in vote purchase along casteist mooring. Thus, the whole attempt is to divide people as much as possible along this casteist-communal line to reap electoral dividend. Needless to say that a good section of ruling monopolists interested to have a say in not only the state politics but at all India level have been backing these regional outfits with money, muscle, media and administrative power.

Based on such permutations and combinations premised on narrow sectarian casteist-communal politics and support of the ruling class to the aforesaid bourgeois outfits, governmental power in UP rotated among the BJP, SP and BSP in turn after 1989 from when the Congress went out of favour. As is natural in bourgeois power politics, all these parties have made it a convention to

give a bucketful of pre-poll promises for riding to power only to renege on them after assuming power. There is also conventional dangling of reservation carrot to befool the relatively backward populace while scope of employment is narrowing with every passing day. This wanton ditching of common people has been going on since independence and with passage of time has become more pronounced particularly in and around election time. The casteist-communal sentiments have entrenched so deeply among the common toiling people because of relentless espousal of such divisive thoughts by the power-monger politicians that no other issue comes to surface during voting. Merrily all the power-seekers cast their lot based on such divides and sectarian leanings. So, round the year, whole and sole concern of the bourgeois vote-based parties and leaders is to create or protect their respective vote banks playing upon such sectarian feelings no matter how deep the toiling people irrespective of caste, creed or religion plunge in distress, poverty and misery. Alongside, to keep the rural poor and have-nots under submission, all the bourgeois parties have been using the panchayats to wield power. Every villager in UP knows that the panchayats are ruled by a group of *bahubalis* (powerful touts having battery of armed goons and criminals at their disposal) and omnipotent village headmen whose *fatwas* (decrees) are virtually inviolable. If anyone dares to do so or shows courage to protest against injustice, one invites doom for oneself. Besides hefty monetary fine, confiscation of land, seizure of produced crops or social ostracism, such protest often cost one's life. The utterly corrupt police-administration in most of the cases is an indulgent onlooker or accomplice to such crimes because it is hand in gloves with the village headmen or touts basking under this or that bourgeois party and virtually functions as their official protectors. The government in the state has changed so many times. But this unholy nexus of ruling party leaders-powerful village touts-crooked panchayat functionaries-corrupt police-administration has not changed, rather has become stronger. Because, all ruling parties as well as those ambitious for power

have been nurturing this nexus since it controls rural votes.

There is also another aspect of this abominable anti-people power politics. And for meeting exigencies of enjoying power, there have been alignments and realignments of these casteist-communal forces as well. At that time, even the outward espousals of this or that casteist-communal moorings is kept in back-burner and opportunistic patchworks invoked. One has seen how earlier the BSP hitherto castigating 'Manuwadi Brahminical' politics of the BJP suddenly in a *volte face* joined hands with the BJP for sharing power. To justify such a somersault, the BSP leadership talked of a new social engineering of *dalits* and *Manuwadis*. Similarly, one can see frequent change of camp among the aspirant bourgeois bigwigs and heavyweights—from the Congress to the BJP and vice versa, SP to BSP and vice versa, Congress to SP and vice versa. Sometimes disgruntled elements and splinter groups also form separate parties to increase their bargaining power and then are found to return to either the parent party or any other opposition party. Kalyan Singh, former BJP Chief Minister of UP once left BJP to announce his separate outfit but then came back to the BJP. Present state Congress chief was earlier with SP. Highly discredited N D Tiwary, another former Congress Chief Minister of the state has recently switched to the BJP. Rita Bahuguna is another example. And more often than not, the turncoats are given tickets causing resentment within the concerned party and consequently the aggrieved elements cross floors to try luck somewhere else. Obviously, there is no ideology, no scruple, no commitment. The only objective is to anyhow grab power and then merrily abuse power to build up wealth and buttress self-aggrandizement. Also common is '*parivar-tantra*' feature—that is giving nominations to the nearest kith and kin of the powerful leaders—so that both wealth and power remain concentrated within the family. This is the murky face of bourgeois vote politics that is ruling the roost in UP.

### Current scenario

The current scenario is no different. The SP hitherto embroiled in power tussle between father

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## UP Election

# As usual, voters are duped with sops, hollow promises and casteist-communal appeal

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Mulayam and son Akhilesh, finally managed to arrive at a patch-up. The Congress much discredited after prolonged rule in the state and outbreak of one after another mega scams and virtually reduced to a non-entity in the state for decades is trying to regain some space by tying up with the SP. Mayawati's BSP which after ruling the state for two terms and that too once in alliance with the BJP is looking to reap some benefits by riding on anti-incumbency factor and encashing on factional squabbles in the SP. Also by discarding their earlier social engineering of *dalits* and *Manuwadis*, is now playing on dalit-Muslim sentiment and has fielded a good number of candidates based on their Muslim identity to poach on the SP's traditional vote bank nurtured with casteist-religious outlook.

The BJP in its desperate bid to capture power is sprucing up a 'larger-than-life' image of Prime Minister Modi. Though the BJP is refraining from going all out to propagate Hindutva fearing that it might not yield them the desired result, the saffron-clad BJP satraps including MLAs and MPs known for their rabid Hindu communal colour are covertly fomenting Hindu communal sentiment to create polarization along religious lines. Though the BJP has kept out some of the known communal leaders, riot-mongers, Muslim-baiters and dalit-bashers from the published list of main campaigners to pretend that they are not playing communal card, they have at the same time included some notorious arch communal faces to incite communal passion, as and when required. They are also raising the old Ram Mandir issue. In their manifesto, they have clearly stated that they would explore all possibilities for construction of Ram Mandir. Alongside, they have also brought in focus their other communal hullabalos like ban of triple talaq, not from the perspective of ending atrocities on women but to foment anti-Islam sentiment, as well as the issue of so called exodus of Hindus from Kairana, a place in UP, seemingly for inciting communal passion. Outwardly, of course, the BJP leaders are crying hoarse of fighting black money and corruption through demonetization. It appears that demonetization has a divided impact on the voters. On the one hand, a section of the middle class being carried away by a surfeit of

incessant false propaganda is still under illusion that the corrupt system would be cleansed through demonetization drive. On the other hand, a large number of poor, backward *dalits* and marginalized sections of toiling masses who have been facing tremendous hardship, hassles and harassment because of the note ban are seething in anger. Moreover, the impoverished Muslim masses are frightened and visibly intimidated after a series of communal riots including the large scale Muzaffarnagar riot all of which are now revealed to have been handiworks of RSS-BJP-Saffron Brigade to consolidate communal Hindu vote. It is also alleged that the ruling SP government instead of stopping the Muzaffarnagar bloodbath by timely intervention had deliberately allowed it to continue for some days so that the plight and fear of the affected people mostly minority Muslims is exacerbated and then the ruling SP and its leaders could through some steps like accommodating them in make shift camps, providing them some food to survive and hauling up some of the small fries among the instigators and so forth to pretend 'action' and pose themselves to be the rescuer of the riot-afflicted destitute and secure their wholehearted support in the election. What a nasty way of playing with people's misery and persecution for deriving narrow electoral mileage! The brutal murder of a middle-aged Muslim citizen of Dadri village under false pretext by RSS goons has made the minorities further scared. Even both the *dalits* and toiling Muslims are feeling extremely insecure and threatened because of several attacks on them in the name of cow protection by the Hindutva zealots. As a reaction to the anti-Muslim hate campaign orchestrated by the RSS-BJP, the fundamentalist forces within the Muslim community who are mostly aligned with this or that bourgeois party are also becoming vocal and trying to spread counter-communalism among the common Muslims. In fine, the RSS-BJP and their government are bringing down two-pronged attack on the suffering people. Under the garb of some sweet-coated words and smokescreen of deceptive gestures—postures including dangling the carrot of development, they are buttressing a heinous communal agenda and openly bringing down bestial attack on the minorities

particularly the Muslims. The SP is clandestinely allowing this noxious ploy to work since it also finds in this communal divide a prospect for its intended electoral gain by posturing as if its heart breaks for the untold misery of the persecuted Muslim people. Other vote-based parties are also not saying anything material about this orchestrated game of bluffing people.

Thus, the very social mosaic is tainted with blood, suspicion, mistrust, fear while the atmosphere is surcharged with communal-fundamentalist rumblings and the forces of reaction are holding oppressed people into ransom. In such riled up water, both SP and BSP are working their stratagem based on this accumulated grievance of the backward dalits and the minorities alongside nurturing casteist sentiment. The SP of course is projecting current Chief Minister Akhilesh as the face of the youth and development. But the fact is besides other wrongdoings, Akhilesh had pumped in unlimited corruption in the governance. It came out in the media that in appointing teachers, government employees and even heads of some bodies, corrupt means and nepotism were the determinants. On the other hand, the BJP-RSS are exploring all possibilities to overturn SP-Congress combine. Alongside working on creating communal polarization to corner Hindu votes, they are also trying to arrest the possible swing of dalit-minority votes towards SP-Congress or BSP by vending customary pre-poll promise. As they during their campaign during last parliamentary election fooled the people by talking of stuffing everyone's bank account with Rs 15 lakhs after recovering the black money stashed in Swiss Bank, they are now talking of crediting the *Jan Dhan* accounts with sizeable amount of money out of the black money claimed to have been unearthed through demonetisation. Some other sops are also promised. Even not being sure as to whether such lure would ultimately work or not, they are now shrewdly replacing the slogan of 'aachhe din' (good days) with 'garibi hotao' (remove poverty) which Indira Gandhi once raised with full throttle to defraud people. The SP has also announced a number of freebies to garner votes. So, the nasty bourgeois electoral politics is as usual dominating the scenario keeping people dark about the real

cause of their ongoing misery and penury.

## How people are being duped

What is disquieting as well as despicable is the fact that no one—neither the mainstream bourgeois petty-bourgeois parties nor the analysts-commentators of bourgeois media are raising any of the people's issues that ought to feature in the fray for electing people's representatives. All the mainstream bourgeois parties while playing casteist-communal politics at ground level have one refrain in common, *vikas* or 'development' obviously to hoodwink the people. But what is meant by *vikas*? Is *vikas* denoted by some sparkling highways, sprawling flyovers, posh buildings, long bridges and promise of freebies like free cycle to high school girl students, pressure cooker to poor women, free ghee and milk powder to poor students, nutritious diet to pregnant women, etc.? Or *vikas* in the true sense of the term means giving relief to the people from the vagaries of life plagued by harrowing price rise, mounting unemployment, increasing job loss, rapidly falling income, non-availability of quality education and rudimentary healthcare, dearth of minimal hygiene and sanitation facilities particularly at rural areas and urban slums as well as socio-cultural maladies like artificially created casteist-communal-regional-ethnic divides, mutual hatred and blot in the fraternity among various sections of toiling millions, and menaces like crime on women, fratricidal feuds and bloodbaths, honour killing, cow protection, forced religious conversion in the name of *ghar wapsi* and so forth? Ask this question to all the ruling bourgeois parties battling for power in UP and every one of them would either evade the answer or adopt diversionary tactics. Similar is the case with the analytics-commentators on their pay-roll who make people believe that as if there is nothing else other than caste-religion-sectarian -communal consolidation and polarization which are to be considered while casting vote. People have no say in the matter. They are only used as pawns, as stepping stones by these power-mad muscle-flexing corrupt bourgeois politicians in their ascendancy to power or staying afloat in the corridor of power. Common people badly need to

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With a communal background, Modi projected as a man for 'development'

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endless rallies, but all ending finally in battles over ballots. Their all fire-brands were quenched with the lust for power and pelf from the very parliamentary system, that had been dragging people into dark dungeons. And the more they ran for making a space for themselves in the parliamentary democracy at this hour of insurmountable crisis of capitalism, the more they became subservient to the system and the rulers. And the immediate outcome was their steadily pulling themselves out of the path of people's movement against the rulers, the monopolists, and their system of capitalism. There was no dearth of arguments : repression, people's apathy and so on. But the stark reality was that they had left the arena of mass movement with a view to not embarrassing or disturbing their masters. And so this vast country lay open for the arch reactionaries to rush onto it and play their own game. The RSS-BJP was thus blessed with the inaction and docility of the so-called big lefts.

Modi and his two years of rule

But for people it could not be the end. Ruthless capitalist exploitation

was fleecing them to the skin. So resentment and wrath went on mounting, now and then trying to burst out. Over and above this, there was the fear and mistrust arising from the background of the sickening ambience of irrationality, intolerance and communalism, created by the prowling menace of the Hindutvawadi agenda of the RSS-BJP. So the Modi rule adopted clever strategy to hoodwink people. The very vocal Prime Minister either first keeps mum at the spurt of a communal incident or lets the wound go deep. Only then he and his band of party leaders plead for tolerance, while some others continued the trend. Along with that, they started harping on the tunes of development, riding on which Narendra Modi, the darling of monopolists, had risen to power. But the two years of BJP rule led by Modi were enough to show what lay beneath.

In every aspect this narration of development was based on untrue, fraudulent materials, facts and figures dished out cleverly in a theatrical tone or assumed assertion that were soon to give in. Modi had promised achhe din, good days, for people. How good those were,

people could know it from the gifts Modi had handed over to them during his two years of rule. His minister on minority affairs claimed a decline in the number of incidents of communal unrest during Modi rule. But the Union government's own data in answer to a question in Parliament (24 February 2016) showed otherwise. It revealed a rise in communal disturbances ( by about 17 % in 2015 from 644 in 2014) , as well as in number of those killed and injured in communal clashes (respectively by about 2% from 95 in 2014 and by 18% from 1921 in 2014 during the same period). The red carpet welcome for Modi to Delhi was given through the incidence of more than 50 big or small communal riots, including the Muzaffarnagar riots in September 2013, where Jat Hindus and Muslims had lived in harmony for decades. Then on the economic side: There was rise in train fare and freight leading to all out rise in price of all commodities. The government withdrew price control of even essential drugs, sliced down the health budget, and declared medical facilities as commodities pushing people to distress and helping drug-corporate houses mint

money. It clamped all-pervading service tax on people for receiving the services they had already paid for. It added Swatchchh Bharat tax to keep the country clean. But it reduced tax for investors from 30 to 25%. What a fine choice of the needy! In the industrial field, amending or introducing new acts, it manipulated the Labour Act to extend unfettered right to fire to the owners of nearly 90% establishments (with less than 300 workers) and the Factory Act to throw 71 % workers out of its purview and protection. It did away with obtaining farmers consent for land acquisition, and limited compensation to owners only, not other dependents like sharecroppers or agro-labours. It added more salt to the wounds of rural poor, as it tried to limit the 100 days employment project, already limping pathetically from the UPA government rule. Eviction from land, rural unemployment and concomitant plight became unlimited. The government liberalized Acts for acquisition of forest lands without approval of Gramsabha of the tribals endangering people of nearly

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Bhiwani (Haryana)



## Footfall of fascization

# Modi's 'development' creates heavens for monopolists while fleecing people to skin

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21.05% area of the country. But it did not hesitate to allow industrialists to keep the land allotted to them unused for any length of time. No recruitment and no creation of new posts at lower levels in government institutions added further to the unemployment scene.

Crusaders against corruption, Modi claims himself and his RSS-BJP combine to be! Alas! Just a few days back, a veteran RSS-BJP functionary planted as a pliant governor for two crucial north-east states of Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh, could not find any other option to resigning unceremoniously on allegations of sexual harassment and inappropriate conduct seriously compromising the dignity of Raj Bhaban. Modi, himself, cared least about Rs 7.5 lakh crore of bank loan, principally with big corporate houses and monopolists remaining locked as Non-Performing Assets with banks, though he boastfully claims to be unearthing black money and corruption. Rather he and his government liberalized FDI under government approval route for a score of sectors that include wholesale trade of small and medium industries' products and single or retail trade, manufacturing industry, private banking, even defence etc.

The results were and are as expected. India is now ranked seventh in the list of top 10 wealthiest countries in the world. India's richest 10 per cent are getting steadily richer since 2000, and now hold nearly three-quarters of total wealth and India's 1 per cent – its super-rich – have been getting richer even faster. In glaring contrast India has the highest number of people in the world trapped in modern slavery, with 18.35 million victims of forced labour, ranging from prostitution and begging, 77% Indians languish below poverty line not earning even Rs 20 a day. Again, this causes in perfect sequel to what had been going on since independence. Only, with crisis of the system further deepened, fraudulence and corruption have taken deeper root and to conceal them from people's sight and mind, ruthlessness and arrogance have only mounted to crush any protest.

### **Footfall of fascization at the doorstep**

The scenario may be summarized as such.

In a field virtually without any real opposition, the obnoxious

communal politics of the RSS-BJP combine being given effect to are overwhelming the mass-mind with hatred, enmity, irrationality, superstitions and obscurantism. On the other hand, using the media in full throttle masses are being hoodwinked with the alluring slogan of development taking place in the country, by a man for whom a larger than life image is being tried to be projected. But as said, this is a development for monopolists and their corporate houses with the masses being ceaselessly pushed to the brink of annihilation. The capitalist economy is becoming consolidated with total concentration of economic power in the hands of a few monopolists. The BJP government at the Centre leading the band of its counterparts of different shades in different states and all acting as subservient faithful political managers of their masters, that is the ruling monopolists, are arrogating to themselves, on behalf of the latter concentrated political power to crush any opposition. In summation, the footfall of fascization approaches our doorstep.

But the society has its own laws and processes. The more the despot rulers become arrogant, and become still more power-crazy for fear of protecting and preserving it, the more cunning and deceitful they become in self-defense. The Modi government, too, could not but follow this historical course. In two year's time its posture of devotion to the sacred temple of democracy in Parliament has dried up. Losing foothold at each step, it is becoming frantic to take another still more controversial one. When surgical strike against a perceived enemy proved fruitless, it needed something else. When people were questioning about his pledge against corruption, his salvaging black money from foreign banks, or about 65% of his own party's income from unknown sources, when all on the spur of the moment his party leaders were reported to have gotten busy with buying lands or sending money to safe destinations beyond the country, Modi, the helmsman, took to the small screen with his dramatic proclamation of demonetization. A demon was unleashed on the country. Entire small-middle business of the country was thrown asunder. No money, no buyer, no business, no payment of dues or even salaries, no work, no job. People queued in

front of banks for the pittance for their household expenses. Totally perplexed and out of nervous exhaustion at least 100 of them died. Modi praised people's patience. During all this period the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Reserve Bank of India led by its chief, hand-picked to stand for the government, assured people of quick relief and then to extend their test of patience, made 54 changes in rules in the first 42 days since pronouncement; almost equal to number of days that have passed since. Barring a few small fry among which notably came some BJP leaders with bundles of currency notes, not a single major black money or foreign account holder was named to have been nabbed. Rather the capitalist system which generates black money and corruption spontaneously and incessantly, immediately found out means to release stacks of fake notes of the newly introduced currency. Smelling rot with the failed move, Modi, again theatrically enough, jumped from corruption to cashless, digital, on-line transaction and so on. Cashless poor advised to go for cashless transaction, for each of which one would have to pay a fee to the corporate obliging him or her with the service. In a country, where electricity has not reached everywhere, where even the core-banking-system in metropolis repeatedly and any time suffers from disruption with 'server down', where cyber crime is unchecked and mounting, where even all the police stations do not have telephones, people must wait not for long to see what becomes of the digital-dream. Who cares? Now the PM-FM combination and the RSS-BJP combine are preparing for the GST, another surgical strike that would drag people into still greater agony with price of everything becoming limitless with however, beaming corporate houses and monopolists reaping their harvest in full. Even a section of the media, that had once played in full volume for Modi, along with a host of established economists and columnists are asking pointed questions as to the intent and efficacy of this move of the Modi government. They seem even to be raising voice that the arrogance which had once earned him the distinction of 'strong man' from his mentors and masters, is now proving to mark a power-crazy

egocentrist alienated from the needs and demands of reality, leave aside the question of serving people on any count. The unwarranted footstep follows here too.

### **What is parliamentary democracy doing other than acting as a façade for fascism?**

Narendra Modi makes use of the parliamentary democracy. He never fails to remind the world that India is the largest democracy and runs one of the biggest legislative houses, the Parliament. He enthusiastically takes part in elections and does not hesitate to play any cards as and when the situation demands; if his party wins, he boasts of people's support, though the latter cannot fathom the extent of rigging with the help of money-media-mafia-administration that worked behind his win. At the same time it is coming out in reports, that Narendra Modi gives vent to *Man ki baat* on small screen, but does not get into discussion, more so with adversaries, on any policy issue; he decides and does it himself. He did not hold any press meet during these days of his rule and did not take part in any debate in the Parliament. What do these signify? Is not the Parliament then being used as a façade to hoodwink people, posed as a cover to give effect to the design towards fascization? Once bourgeois parliamentary system worked on the principle that not a single penny be spent, a single decision taken without the sanction of parliament. It was held as sovereign. And now? All important decisions on policies, Acts and measures are adopted through ordinances, instead of doing it through the established parliamentary ways? Why is it that the Modi-raj is being termed ordinance-raj (going at par with the same type of ordinance raj under Indira Gandhi) in which an ordinance is proclaimed almost every month (8 ordinances in a span of 225 days) and on all kinds of issues from coal auction, allowing FDI in insurance, or on land acquisition to allow PIOs avail lifetime Indian visa. Then what are the Houses maintained for at the cost of a huge sum of people's money? One can guess the answer from Modi and RSS-BJP combine: Why, go and ask the opposition, they are putting the sessions on hold, disrupting them to gain political mileage.

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### Footfall of fascization

# People's movement must expose the rabid communal politics of RSS-BJP combine, develop sustained organized movement on burning issues of life and livelihood

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And such is the shape, the sacred bourgeois parliamentary democracy has assumed here in this country (it is basically not much different in other capitalist countries too). The ruling party or parties use the sessions to win consensus on this or that anti-people measure (for instance GST) through all sorts of over-board or underhand deals with opposition parties; or unable to garner support or apprehensive of strong opposition they avoid taking the detour of parliamentary processes and simply take to the route of ordinance, which, as said, has become almost a regularity of once a month. The opposition parties, not excluding the self-styled big lefts of the country, CPI-CPI(M), do not fall far behind. After all, they belong to the same flock of subservient agents of the ruling class, they all vie for power and pelf from the system. So all these parliamentary parties take the floor in the parliament not for any meaningful debate or discussion on issues related to people's problems, on voices of people being raised in

extra-parliamentary movements on streets. Rather they take up issues to beat about the bush that often go to the extent of mutual bickering; they stir up hue and cry on the floor, stall the sessions and, as the case may be, pose as champion of democracy by staging walk-out. The net result boils down to nothing substantial, pushing the ruling party to take to promulgation of another ordinance. The economy totters; the society shivers from the pain of gang-rape at any and every corner of the country, from trafficking of women and children in lots, unbelievable, frantic migratory labourers meaning the hapless unemployed youth run helter skelter around the country; the MPs merrily enjoying the parliamentary democracy, periodically cry hoarse for rise in their allowances. Lenin once called the Parliament a pigsty; one may wonder in India if pigs would have ritualistically raised their voice for increasing their food!

Of course there are changes. The Congress has gone. The BJP has made its way. So! A careful

look would not fail to note that these days even the elections are following what may be the mimicry of Modi's digital India. The pattern is programmed. In the pre-election campaign the major parties which represent and serve the interests of the ruling monopolists are given wide coverage in the media. Even their mutual bickering are posed as debates, though those have least concern with people's problems or their life and livelihood. People are made to believe that only these parties can help them. The Election Commission solemnly declares to make the election free and fair. There are opinion polls in the media, distribution of freebies and so many things alike or not. Ultimately the D-day of polling arrives. Soon one realizes that the hardware is ready; software may or may not remain the same; but the programme is complete. Only it remains for the counting date to come, when the final print out, as programmed by the master with the help of its machineries of money, media, mafia and administration comes out as planned. The most trusted representative of the masters at any prevailing moment has won.

amass people's support behind their design, to pattern the mass mind in their favour. Here a two-edged weapon is working to serve these interests of the ruling class, the monopolists. On one side the RSS-BJP combine, rather the entire Sangh Parivar with all its wings and ancillaries are ceaselessly spreading out and impregnating the mass mind with venomous communal politics, that aims at patterning the mass mind with blind faith, irrational obscurantist ideas and thoughts, all sorts of fanaticism, creating an uncritical, apolitical mind. On the other end, the government headed by Modi is hoodwinking people with alluring, entirely fraudulent slogans of development frantically trying to build a larger than life image of the prime minister Modi and then alluring and mesmerizing them with that image, lead unquestioning masses on to the gallows the fascist rulers are cunningly trying to erect for them.

Hence it is incumbent for all democratic minded people to step out and help the masses realize the cunning design. The situation demands sustained organized people's movement against the reigning capitalist system and every issue it generates to affect people's life and livelihood, including their right to express, protest and live a decent life. Such a movement cannot be carried out without a leadership which is not mesmerized with the dazzle of parliamentary democracy, but looks ahead to free people from all exploitation and oppression, at the stroke of revolution. People need to realize that today it is the SUCI (Communist) that alone stands with such a mission. At the same time it is equally incumbent to correctly realize the venom behind the RSS-BJP combine's heinous communal politics. Every aspect of it need be thoroughly exposed, for otherwise it would endanger not just life, but humanity. Here again it is the SUCI (Communist) which is constantly striving to expose the RSS-BJP danger. People of India thus face a tough time with two goals to reach at, recognizing the danger as also who stands really in their good stead.

## All India Anti-imperialist Forum hails the world-wide anti-Trump Protests

The All India Anti-imperialist Forum (AIAIF) hails the massive protests against the inauguration of racist, anti-immigrant, sexist, misogynist and anti-democratic Donald Trump as President of the United States of America. Millions of people from all walks of life, students, workers, poor people, migrants, civil rights activists and vast number of women came out on the streets in an unprecedented act of protest. Donald Trump threatened that he would build a wall along the Mexico-US border, would deport millions of immigrants, would keep a registry of Muslims, would sanction torture of prisoners and even would not hesitate to use nuclear weapons. His words often sound like the ranting of a deranged person. The protesting people have legitimate grounds to reject his extreme right wing agenda and his proposed policies. Election of a person like Donald Trump is a reflection of the deep crisis of the capitalist system, and being unable to come out of the crisis, capitalism is trying to win the support of the people through ultra-right chauvinistic demagoguery and by diverting their attention from the real issues. Neither the Democratic Party nor the Republican Party can offer any solution to the problems in the life of the people and both parties had followed in the past and would follow in future similar pro-capitalist and anti-people domestic and international policies. The All India Anti-imperialist Forum hopes that these protests would be first step in ushering in the realization in the American people that the root cause of their problems is the capitalist system, and the real solution would come through sustained movements for overthrowing this system. We hope that the present mass protests would advance step by step under the correct leadership for protection and extension of democratic rights and values that would pave the way for anti-capitalist socialist revolution and bring about true emancipation of the American people.

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## Country needs people's movement on correct line plus thorough exposure of RSS-BJP

So, we need a summary once more to conclude. On the surface the parliamentary democracy is run by whom the ruling class have chosen as their trusted political managers, groomed them to make acceptable to people and placed them in charge of governance. The sacred system, however, yields nothing substantial for the impoverished, bewildered, frustrated people. Rather day by day, they lose their livelihood, rights and even simple security to live. From behind this façade of parliamentary democracy, the entire economic and political power is concentrated with the ruling class, the monopolists. This is how stealthily it is creeping towards administrative fascization. It needs to be emphasized in this connection that fascism is not always military dictatorship. Even with façade of democracy, fascists

### Correction :

In the caption of the photo of joint movement against demonetization in Allahabad published in P Era dated 15-01-17, please read Comrade K, Singh, member, Allahabad SUCI (C) unit.



## Countrywide observance of 120th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose



### UP Election

# Tested and tried soldiers of left-democratic movement must be elected in as many numbers as possible

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understand this heinous motive of the vote merchants. Beneath the sweet-tongue lies the deep-rooted conspiracy to squeeze them more and more under the ruthless economic-political-social-cultural oppression of the rule of capital.

#### Task imperative

In order to free the suffering people from the clutches of this rotten bourgeois vote politics, what is imperative is to immediately organize them on a broader platform of democratic mass movement on the burning problems of their life. This movement can really gather momentum and become powerful only if it is premised on higher culture and conscious people's politics along correct alternative leftist line. If such a movement can surge forth in right earnest imbuing people to rise above all divisiveness and struggle for a common cause, the sinister bourgeois power politics can be brought face to face with a formidable challenge. Also the cultural ambience of such a people's movement can foster the process of fast removal of all artificially created and cunningly nurtured divides among people and foil all bourgeois conspiracy of pitting one section of the toiling people against another. If any election comes up in course of continuing such movement, tested and tried soldiers of left-democratic movement must be elected in as

many numbers as possible to the legislature so that voice of movement can be reverberated inside the House and parliamentary battle can be integrated with extra-parliamentary struggle. Alongside, there ought to be a serious ideological struggle right from the grass-roots level against the menaces of casteism-communalism-fundamentalism-religious backwardness-obscurantism-bigotry so as to isolate the protagonists of such anti-people thoughts from the toiling masses.

SUCI(C) guided by the noble ideology of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought have all along been trying to unite all the left parties at national level to launch this desired people's movement. It is only in course of intensifying such movement that necessary political consciousness would dawn upon the toiling masses and they would be able to understand the various facets and aspects of exploitative capitalism. This consciousness would goad them on to build up class and mass struggles with increasing vigour, determination and organizational skill paving way for eventual revolutionary overthrow of capitalism following fulfilment of necessary conditions, both subjective and objective. But right at this moment, release of the desired powerful mass movement along genuine leftist line is of utmost importance and electoral battle, if

any, has to be conducted as part of this developing mass movement. In other words, liberating people from the stranglehold of sinister bourgeois vote politics and orienting them towards struggling leftism is the prime need now.

But, most disquieting is the fact that the CPI (M), CPI and their allies paid no serious heed to this repeated call of the SUCI(C). Rather, theirs has been an attempt to explore every possibility to enter into opportunistic electoral alliance with either national or regional bourgeois outfits so that they could manage to win one or two seats. They are so much sunk in quagmire of this parliamentarianism or parliamentary interest that all other questions including the utmost necessity of throwing an alternative left line in Indian politics, not by mere words but based on organizing genuine people's struggles have been

relegated to the back.

However, in UP this time, people's desire and pressure for a left alternative has been so strong that they have consented to fight the election unitedly mainly to thwart the arch communal attack of RSS-BJP. The six left parties have come into an agreement to contest 80 seats unitedly. However, after election, a question mark would remain in regard to building up united left-democratic movements on the burning problems of life. SUCI(C) has fielded candidates in 8 seats with its distinct political line of intensifying class and mass struggles and exposing ruling capitalism as the root of all evils. We fervently appeal to the immensely oppressed and gruellingly suffering people of UP to make the eight SUCI(C) candidates victorious and return the left candidates in all the constituencies they are fighting from.

### Make SUCI(C) Candidates Victorious in UP Assembly Elections

Constituency	District	Name
Moradabad City	Moradabad	Comrade Harkishore Singh
Lambhua	Sultanpur	Comrade Jay Prakash Maurya
Kalyanpur	Kanpur	Comrade Dharmdev
Patti	Pratapgarh	Comrade Ram Samujh Maurya
Raniganj	Pratapgarh	Comrade Parasnath Vishvakarma
Belthara Road	Ballia	Comrade Shailendra Rao
Badalapur	Jaunpur	Comrade Jaynarayan Maurya
Malhani	Jaunpur	Comrade Praveen Kumar Shukla

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