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Observance of 67th Party Foundation Day on 24 April at Central Office, Kolkata



Offering revolutionary tribute to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat, during observance of 67th Party foundation Day on 24 April at the premises of the new central office building under construction in Kolkata are Comrade Provas Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C). Also present were Comrades Manik Mukherjee, Ranjit Dhar and Asit Bhattacharyya, all Polit Bureau members and Comrades Soumen Basu and Sankar Saha, Central Committee members and other state leaders and workers.

Long Live Historic May Day!

Workers of the world take pledge afresh on this Day to further their unity, resolve, conviction and struggle with a view to winning and defending their rights as also to stepping up the struggle for emancipation of mankind from exploitation. It may then be worthwhile on this occasion to recall how this Day came to stand out in bold relief in the annals of workers' movement in face of uphill obstacles and adversaries of the capitalist system.

History

In 1886 a countrywide general strike rocked the USA for days; it was a strike in which a very wide spectrum of working people, the industrial workers, artisans, merchants and immigrant workers were involved. They demanded eight-hour working day in place of the existing system of gruelling 12 to 16 hours of work a day or even more. The strike had been remarkably successful; the workers were beaming with success. The owners, the capitalists and their political manager, the government, on the other hand, were seeing ominous signs. They unleashed their coercive battery of the police and the armed goons working hand in glove. The strikers and their union leaders were brutally attacked. In Chicago, a number of squatting workers were killed and several injured by the police on 3 May 1886. Yet the workers were undaunted. Rather on 4 May, they assembled in a huge gathering at the Hay Market Square of the city to register their indignation and protest. The police fired indiscriminately upon the peaceful assembly of workers killing and injuring several hundreds. Eight trade union leaders of Chicago and scores of others were arrested. But again, their brutality went in vain. The fighting workers were not to be cowed down before the brute force.

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Miasma of bourgeois degeneration venomously poisoning election atmosphere

We are in the last phase of the electioneering for constitution of the 16th Lok Sabha. During these days, people of the country have had a measure of the cultural standard reflected by the various political parties in course of undertaking campaign for their respective party candidates. While the people expected the political parties soliciting their votes to address the burning issues of life, shun gimmickry and prattles of false promises and fight the polls based on ideology, the mainstream bourgeois parties, the regional bourgeois outfits and even the pseudo-Marxists have made them not only utterly disappointed but even feel disgusted because of the abysmal low they have stooped to in their campaign trail. No vital issue has been touched, no sincere concern for people's interest betrayed. Domination has been of a

parade in triviality, monotonous, dreary and tiresome speeches, outbursts against the opponents using all kinds of astringency, pungency and pepper and above all, personal attacks, character assassination and mud slinging. It appears that the only motto has been to anyhow show the opponents in bad light and by default claim supremacy of the self. And in doing so, they have cared a fig if the barest of decency and civility, let alone the basic principles of bourgeois parliamentary democracy is trampled with alacrity.

Election campaign is stripped of its essence

Fundamental principles of bourgeois democracy as enunciated by its founding fathers stipulate that during election, each and every contestant would have the right to communicate political stand as well

as ideological viewpoint to the electorates, reach out to the voters with concrete plans and programmes of action and enter into healthy debates and discussions over various issues having definite bearing on people's life. This was what constituted the inner kernel of elections as envisaged by the enunciators of parliamentary democracy. Such widespread campaign by various political parties and forces, clashes and contradictions of ideas were meant to generate people's interest in the elections. The electorates in turn were expected to engage themselves in examining various trends of thought, ideological standpoints and exchange opinion among themselves to understand the truth. In the process, political consciousness of the masses were supposed to grow and develop, political maturity ascend yet higher

rungs. In other words, the enshrined principle was to give widest scope to the electorate to be acquainted with all political opinions and divergent views so that they could take an informed decision before exercising their franchise according to conscience. Any asymmetry in information was, therefore, tantamount to counterpoising the very intent of this principle.

But, is there any semblance of that in the electioneering of the bourgeois and social-democratic parties vying with each other to grab power and receiving widest possible media coverage? No serious political issues or questions concerning hard-pressed people's life, are confronted and combated by any major party, be it the Congress, the BJP, the SP, BSP, DMK, AIADMK, TMC, NCP, JD(U) BJD or even the 'official' lefts like the CPI(M), CPI. Rather, there

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In a mockery of trial that followed and which was described subsequently as 'one of the most injudicious trials in the record of American juridical history', all the arrested eight leaders were declared guilty, not necessarily for any involvement in the incident, but more for their political beliefs. Four of them were executed in public on November 11, 1887, three others served with life sentence and one found dead in his cell, committing suicide, as per police record!

Impact

The bourgeois democracy of the capitalists showed whom it served! The bourgeois judiciary boasting of justice and rule of law ripped open its own real face! Yet the waves of protest and condemnation that were sparked off all over the world, compelled the government to ultimately accept the justified demand of the workers. Over and above these, a historic episode in the workers' movement was unveiled. The pools of workers' blood, the blood stained attire of the martyr-workers gave birth to the Red Flag, to become the icon of the resolve, the courage and the justful audacity of working people. It transgressed the limits of the Hay Market, the city of Chicago, the country of the USA and the year of 1886.

The Red Flag flies high till to date in all lands of the world, however may have the reactionaries, the tyrants, the hypocrite parliamentarians tried to bring it down. And this historic incident stood out in bold relief in the working class movement. But the incident was no god-sent event, rather it was far from being an isolated or sudden one. The root was unmistakably to be found in the historic struggle the two great Proletarian leaders Karl Marx and Frederick Engels waged, when in 1848 they wrote the *Communist Manifesto* and laid down the ideological foundation for and guide to action towards accomplishing the glorious goal of Communism. At the same time, on that foundation developed the working class movement that the two great leaders organized in different countries under the banner of the International Working Men's Association to force the capitalists-owners reduce the daily working hours from 12 or 16 to 8 hours a day.

In 1886, Marx was no more there, but the message and guideline he and Engels had held

before the workers, were resounding throughout the world. Those were enough to step up workers' movement in more and more organized shape. The seed has grown into a canopy of trees. The year saw nearly 1,600 strikes, involving about 600,000 workers. The said countrywide strike in the USA leading ultimately to the Hay Market assembly came in sequel. The butchery of the Chicago police in reaction, the mockery of trial proved how unnerved the ruling class was at this rise of workers' movements.

Recognition

In years to follow the martyrs of the Hay Market incident were remembered with May Day observance through workers' meetings and demonstrations. In three years time, in 1889 under the leadership of the great leader Engels, the Second International declared to observe the May Day as the "Workers' Day" to register fraternity and solidarity of the workers over the world fighting for their rights. Engels also declared that on this Day the workers must take pledge further "to win political power in order to expropriate capital and convert the means of production into public property." In the *Preface to the fourth German edition of the Communist Manifesto, May 1, 1890* he wrote "the proletariat of Europe and America is holding a review of its forces; it is mobilized for the first time as One army, under One flag, for One immediate aim: the standard eight-hour working day, to be established by legal enactment.... If only Marx were with me to see it with his own eyes!"

In 1893 in the Zurich Congress he further pronounced: "The demonstration on May First for the eight-hour day must serve at the same time as a demonstration of determined will of the working class to destroy class distinctions through social change and thus enter on the road, the only road leading to peace for all peoples, to international peace." (*History of May Day*)

The road was however, not going to be straight or smooth. With Engel's death in 1895, opportunist, that is reformist, economist, trends within the working class movement grew stronger. They succeeded in turning the Day into one of rest and recreation. It was Lenin, another great proletarian leader who had to reiterate the significance of the May Day once more to bring it to

its glory. He said : Let the celebration of May Day with thousands of new fighters to our cause and swell our forces in the great struggle for the freedom of all the people, for the liberation of all who toil, from the yoke of capital!" (*May Day: Collected Works : Vol.7*) The first socialist state, the USSR stepped ahead to fulfill this mission. The May Day again assumed its glorious distinction as the red letter day of international solidarity of workers in their struggle against fascism, against capitalism-imperialism as, in the 1920s, the then Soviet Russia inaugurated the May Day observance through parades. The surge of international communist movement under the leadership of the great leaders Stalin and Mao Zedong, development of the mighty socialist camp after the second world war and inspired at those waves of national liberation struggles in colonies and semi-colonies across the globe were accompanied by the invigorated toiling people observing the May Day in its proper glory and spirit.

Revisionism and globalization : attacks of imperialism

And then came the worst debacle in the international communist movement with the advent and spread of modern revisionism. It ended with the dismantling of socialist camp with capitalist counter-revolution overrunning Soviet Russia and East European countries and thereafter China.

Led by the US imperialist brigand, the imperialists launched fresh and intense attack, naked military aggressions on smaller and weaker countries one after another and virulent economic-social-cultural attack over the globe in the garb of globalization-liberalization- privatization. It marked frantic attempts of the capitalist-imperialist system to tide over their insurmountable crisis they were being dragged into, every day every moment.

To the workers and the vast masses of toiling people, these only meant, and still mean, all-out attack on their life and livelihood. Intense market crisis and industrial recessions recurring one after another and increasing all the way have foiled all tall claims centring round globalization, all assurances and remedial measures of the capitalists – imperialists. Rather to the toiling people this was, and still is, reflected in rampant closure, lock-out, lay-off, downsizing of

working strength, abolition of permanent jobs giving way to contractual ones, all these taking place not only in private enterprises, but even in state-run industries and institutions. Before their eyes smaller corporates merge into larger ones or the latter acquire the former, even corporate giants merge into one another or one acquires another in part or in full. In keeping with the prescripts of globalization such merger or acquisition may take place across national limits. The following examples will bear out certain important aspects of such merger-acquisition-downsizing. In 2008 India-based Tata Motors Ltd. acquired two iconic British brands - Jaguar and Land Rover (JLR) from the US-based Ford Motors for US\$ 2.3 billion (IJAR, V.2.N.3, 2012) ; very recently India's largest software services firm, Tata Consultancy Services decided to merge its two units in Japan with ITF Corporation of Mitsubishi, or the Finnish handset major Nokia expects a US \$ 7.2 billion deal with the Microsoft for sale of its mobile devices and services in India to complete soon.(Both from the Statesman, Kolkata, 22 and 20 April respectively). Such mergers and acquisition are aimed at controlling cost and in its name, downsizing of workforce, thereby enhancing capital strength and maximizing profit keeping an eye to acquire a global footprint and enter the high-end global market. Thus the said Nokia entangled in tax dispute in India for being a defaulter, has offered VRS to its 6600 employees at Chennai plant of which 700 have already opted for it. Over the years, based on the booming telecommunications and IT industry, late 1990s saw an unprecedented influx in mergers. With the huge industrial recession that followed in the next decade mergers decreased in number and companies took to rampant downsizing.

Imperialist attack is all-out

Hence globalization and all these accompanying merger-acquisition- downsizing, (or for that matter, the recently added triumvirate of reengineering-restructuring- right sizing which intend to create nothing but confusion among workers really conveying meaningless jargons) on whatever pretext those are taken, are adopted only in the bid of corporates to stave off the crisis, the brunt of which is passed on to

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Elevate May Day onto its glory fighting against capitalism-imperialism and social democracy- revisionism

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the workers and employees. One of the most tormenting effects are fast rising unemployment and more particularly underemployment and/or informal employment. Statistical information does not tell us the entire truth about these sections of working people including underemployed or unemployed workers or academics, child workers, so-called sex workers and so on. Such sections may reportedly go to 92% of unemployed as it was the case with India in 1999. But their counts are often concealed. Side by side with this menace of unemployment there are wage-freeze, rocketing price-hike, miserable fall in standard and security of life and livelihood, curtailment of social welfare measures on the plea of crisis and fund crunch and in the name of austerity measures affecting working people in one capitalist country after another.

Added to these, unity-conviction- strength of the working people are shattered so that they may not stand up against this deception, exploitation and oppression however acute they may be, and thus may make smooth road for continued capitalist- imperialist exploitation and rule. Hard-earned trade union and democratic rights of workers and the common toiling people are being snatched away. All existing Labour Laws that stood in defense of the workers are being done away with. Through continuous tirade against Marxism- Leninism and slanderous hate-campaign against communists with the help of highly developed technology including electronics and internet, aided and abetted by pernicious treacherous modern revisionism and social democracy, the capitalist-imperialists have continuously been trying and may have been momentarily able to create confusion and frustration leading to disarray in whatever vestiges of international communist movement still remained.

People's movements rise over the world

But the inexorable laws of social contradictions and development do never cease to operate. Under pressure of mounting exploitation, deprivation and insecurity in the moribund capitalist-imperialist world order, ripping apart the veil of

globalization-liberalization, working people of the world are again rising. Only in the very recent past, waves of workers' movements swept over Europe starting from Greece to different parts of the continent of Europe; millions of working class and other exploited people burst forth in revolts in the Arabian countries; even in the USA common toiling people staged the massive and famous Occupy Wall Street movement for several months together. Though immediate causes for these movements differ from one country to another, the basic cause of these movements everywhere is one and the same - ruthless capitalist exploitation and the oppressive rule of the respective bourgeoisie. It is true that much of those movements did not meet their cherished ends. But that only confirms the invaluable teaching of Marxism- Leninism that however big and militant the struggles may be, movements will finally recede unless they are guided by the revolutionary line and revolutionary party of the proletariat.

May Day reduced to day of rest and recreation

This is corroborated further in a different way. Even in face of such virulent attack of the capitalists-imperialists upon life and livelihood of people, certainly including the working class and even after such massive people's movements developing in different countries of the world including the most advanced and powerful imperialist countries, observance of the historic event of May Day is again losing its glory and spirit. In the struggle of the working class, in the annals of the international communist movement the blood-soaked May Day marked a height of workers' fighting spirit, courage and determination. It was an event characterized by workers' martyrdom; by the rise of the Red Flag, the icon of struggle. It not only marked a sort of culmination of the struggle initiated by the great leaders Marx and Engels; it also earned the due recognition of the international communist leadership under the leadership of Engels. Moreover, to save it from the pernicious influence of opportunists in the international communist movement, the great leaders like Lenin and Stalin placed the Day on its proper respectable pedestal. Yet, today, even when the

workers face tremendous attack on their life and livelihood, the May Day is observed more as a day for rest and recreation. The celebration in remembrance of martyrs is reduced to a lifeless directionless spending of a holiday.

Observe May Day befittingly

The history of the working class movement demands it firmly that this must be stopped. The May Day must be observed befittingly in its proper perspective and glory. It must be realized that such observance can only be done on the edifice of correct understanding of the revolutionary ideology of Marxism- Leninism. The workers need to recognize that today's trade union movement cannot be successfully conducted without this revolutionary direction freeing itself from the pernicious influence of economism-reformism-legalism that social democratic forces have brought into the trade union movement. Comrade Stalin very correctly pointed out that to defeat capitalism we will have to defeat all shades of social democracy ideologically, politically and organisationally. And after Stalin, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the founder General Secretary of SUCI(C) and the former President of the All India United Trade Union Centre showed that today just like social democracy modern revisionism is causing immense harm to the working class movement; without thoroughly defeating modern revisionism of all shades working class movement cannot be given a revolutionary direction. At the same time, the working class can not also shirk their responsibility of helping build up powerful anti-imperialist militant peace movement, by joining hands with other anti-imperialist forces. Only such movements can foil murderous attack that the war-monger brigandage of capitalist-imperialists are bringing down upon people of the world.

Here we may also bring the invaluable words of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great Proletarian leader of the post-Lenin days. Fervently appealing to the workers he said : "Yes, you have your daily necessities ... you have your day-to-day demands and struggles to conduct over them. But should it push politics out of trade union movement ? Why should you have apathy towards the fundamental political outlook?

... If you cannot shake off this attitude, you are doomed to remain wage slaves. ... Have you even thought for once what answer you owe to your posterity ? *You are the workers, creators of this civilization. This civilization is in the throes of deliverance, it begs of you its deliverance. Not only your own emancipation, on you depends deliverance and emancipation of the entire mankind.* This is your responsibility - the responsibility of the worker."

It is redeeming that in the trade union movements the workers seem to be realizing this truth, this uphill task they face today. Thus in the 16th World Trade Union Congress at the call of the World Federation of Trade Unions, held in Athens in April 2011 adopted the Athens Pact, a unanimous declaration. It clearly states that the unprecedented "current 'war' conducted against the working class by the capital is not only economic and does not aim only at the greater and deeper exploitation of the work force. It is a generalized war, ideological, political, cultural, social and environmental one". Hence, the Declaration concluded that the working class must wage a systematic, coordinated, sustained united struggle against capitalism-imperialism in all fronts - ideological, political and socio-cultural fighting against social democracy, reformism, revisionism.

As a part of the all-out imperialist attack, workers are made to believe that the debacle of the socialist camp is the end of history. But human history has not been written by nor is to be monitored at the beckoning of the death merchant imperialists. Inexorable laws of society and history operate independent of man's will, however powerful that man may be. Thus moribund capitalism is bound to yield place to socialism one day. When that coveted moment will arrive, will depend on the revolutionary consciousness, organization and preparedness of the working class. Till then, the immemorial events like the May Day are to be observed on the correct revolutionary understanding and spirit.

Workers of the world unite for their rights and freedom !

**Long Live historic May Day
in its right perspective
and glory !!**

Bourgeois degeneration

Mud-slinging and distasteful personal attacks dominating the election scenario

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is the rat race for power and the pelf. Triumph in electoral politics at any cost endorses formation of or attempts at forming any kind of opportunist unprincipled combination and alliances. The BJP sounded TDP. The latter who was being tapped by the CPI (M) for its so called Third Front initially showed interest. Then, following rift over seat adjustment, it backed out. Then again the BJP leadership swung into conciliatory action and after conceding more number of seats and changing a few of its candidates as per TDP's demand, somehow managed to save the tie-up. AIADMK was being placated by the CPI (M) for an alliance and is even reported to have been endorsed AIADMK supremo's aspiration for prime ministership in case there is a post-poll hotchpotch at the Centre. But, the alliance did not mature as AIADMK rejected the demand of seats by the CPI (M), CPI and snapped ties with them. AIADMK is also reported to be sending feelers to the BJP leadership for a post-poll pact. The Congress went to the extent of dividing Andhra Pradesh for winning a few more seats in alliance with the Telangana Rashtriya Samity (TRS). But, after announcement of separate Telangana, the TRS ditched the Congress and announced fighting the election alone leaving the Congress to suck thumbs. Similarly, once a foe becomes the closest ally the next day, RSP, a constituent of the CPI (M)-led front in Kerala switched over to the Congress following dispute over a seat. CPI did not mince matters to enter into a tie-up with the Congress in Andhra Pradesh and sought to justify this deviation from its declared stance as a 'special case'. Instances of hailing the once denounced communalists—fundamentalists warmly in the so-called secular party are also not in short supply. Former Union minister and senior BJP leader Ashok Pradhan joined the Samajwadi Party (SP), claiming that there is a "trade" of Lok Sabha tickets in BJP and "the BJP leaders' only contention is to grab power". Three times BJP MLA from Dumariyaganj Prem Prakash Tiwari alias Jippy Tiwari also switched to the SP. Denied an MP seat, Maratha Virender Verma, BJP leader, joins BSP and immediately gets nomination to fight from Karan seat. Criminality in politics, or more pointedly, criminals sitting in the legislatures is no secret. Rather it exposes the real face of India's raucous democracy. Out of 543

members of the 15th Lok Sabha, as many as 162 (30%) members had been having criminal cases against them. 14% had serious cases against them. Out of the 4032 members of the state assemblies, 1258 (31%) have criminal cases against them. Diehard criminals are made captains of the electioneering brigade. Mafia-dons that once acted as hirelings of bourgeois political parties are found to have been promoted to the status of party-bosses. Shamelessly, the political leaders of the bourgeois petty-bourgeois parties have been holding brief for the criminals accused of murder, rape, arson, hooliganism and reckless nepotism and money laundering. There is no scruple, no principle, no ethics, not even slightest feeling of accountability to the people at large. And what is noteworthy, all these parties and forces illumine the centrestage of electioneering and bourgeois media leave no stone unturned to bring them to the forefront by giving continuous publicity, creating hype in their favour and dishing out make-believe opinion polls to manipulate people's verdict. The spectacle of ongoing parliament elections bears enough testimony to all these.

Vote-bank politics fomenting casteist-communal divides

Next is about the nasty vote bank politics merrily pursued by the bourgeois petty-bourgeois outfits. Let us first take the case of two main bourgeois parties, the Congress and the BJP. Both have been ruling parties. Both have ruled at the Centre and are running many of the state governments. From experience, people have seen that in so far as basic policies, programmes and approaches are concerned, there is no difference between the two. Both are wedded to the task of avid pursuit of the out and out anti-people devastating policies of capitalist globalization ripping people into shreds. During the rule of either of them, the gap between the rich and the poor has only widened menacingly and all prosperity accrued to the big industrial houses and corporate sector. Notwithstanding all lip service to people's interest and playing to the gallery by giving a list of all 'developmental' works they have done, both these parties have proved by action that they in reality are committed to subserve the ruling monopolists and are out to cross the stygian ferry of election with the blessings and backing of the ruling

class. That is why, people have experienced that all their pre-poll promises turn out to be hoax after the elections and life in the regimes of both these parties continues to be a tale of limitless deception, ditching, deprivation, discrimination, devastation and desolation.

In this election also, the contest between the two for grabbing power at the Centre is premised on hoodwinking the people with a surfeit of fake promises and assuring the ruling monopolists of unblemished service. Bankrupt of any policy-principles, both these parties are busy working casteist-communal arithmetic to outwit each other. As per their mooring, the BJP and Sangh Parivar are openly fomenting Hindu communal sentiment. Narendra Modi, the BJP's prime ministerial candidate has of late commented in an election meeting in West Bengal that "after May 16, these Bangladeshis better be prepared with their bags packed". His reference obviously has been towards the religious minorities as in the same meeting he said, "We have a responsibility toward Hindus who are harassed and suffer in other countries. Where will they go? India is the only place for them. We will have to accommodate them here". The BJP's manifesto also mentions that India is a natural home for persecuted Hindus. "The election in Uttar Pradesh, especially in western Uttar Pradesh, is an election for honour, for seeking revenge for the insult, and for teaching a lesson to those who committed injustice," told Amit Shah, Modi's trusted lieutenant, in a gathering of Jats in Shamli, one of the worst-affected areas of recently broken out Muzaffarnagar riots. Giriraj Singh, a former minister and a BJP candidate in Bihar, had said those opposing Modi had no place in India and should go to Pakistan. Praveen Togadia, president of the Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP), a constituent of Sangh Parivar, has gone to the extent of opining that Muslims should not be allowed to buy property in Hindu areas. He even had asked his supporters to forcibly vacate a house purchased by a Muslim in a Hindu-majority area of Bhavnagar in Gujarat. On the other hand, the Congress, apprehensive of a defeat because of mounting discontent against its decade long misrule, has, of late, launched an aggressive minority outreach, stating in its sub-manifesto that it would be "finding a way forward" on quotas for backward Muslims and scheduled caste status to all *dalit* minorities.

While growing unemployment, job loss, downsizing, abolition of vacancies and moratorium on recruitment are ruling the roost in capitalist India, there is an attempt to woo the backward sections dangling carrot of quota and reservation in service and thus precipitate a divide among the toiling millions. It is not people's mandate but accretion of votes on casteist-communal and other divisive lines which the bourgeois parties count most. So, they create vote banks on the casteist-communal line, nurture them fomenting the divisive thoughts and try to appropriate out of it to ride to power. If one follows media reports, one would find the whole calculation of election results is based on which way the Muslim votes would swing, whom the Yadav community will back, whom the Lingyat community will rally behind, whom the backward *dalit* masses will accept as the messiah, who will manage to corner Brahmin votes and so forth. All the poll managers and strategy masters of the Congress and BJP, and for that matter all aspirant regional bourgeois parties, are wholeheartedly engaged in working out that electoral calculus. Incidentally, when asked why the BJP leaders in Bihar were raising the issue of caste of Narendra Modi when the party claimed to be against casteism, Nitin Gadkari former BJP president said, "Casteism is in the DNA of Bihar; that is why more talk of casteism takes place in the state." What a crafty defending of casteist overtones in campaigning! The pseudo-Marxists like the CPI (M), CPI, are also partners to this devious dice game of bourgeois electioneering. It is obvious that their sole concern is to anyhow win the election and be in the corridor of power. Naturally, they have not even an iota of concern for the escalated plight and misery of the toiling masses irrespective of caste, religion or ethnicity. Membership of legislature, to these power-greedy vote-seeking parties and their leaders, is no honour of discharging responsibility to the people but a gateway to windfall of fortunes. This is the hideous underbelly of much trumpeted election in the country.

Vituperative personal attack and provocative, derogative speeches—main plank of campaign

The rot is manifest in the campaigning also. Besides parroting usual phrases of deceptions, the thrust is on taking personal dig at

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Comrade Manik Mukherjee attends International Anti-Imperialist Conference in Turkey

(Between 13 and 21 April, 2014 Comrade Manik Mukherjee, Member, Polit Bureau, SUCI(C), and General Secretary, IACC, attended an international symposium on "Imperialism Aggression and Terrorism" in Istanbul, Turkey. The text of his address there is published below.)

A very common tactic that the imperialist rulers have been following for a long time is to brand the uncompromising militant fighters for the cause of freedom of the oppressed people and of the subjugated countries as terrorists. The Indian people experienced this during their struggle for independence from the British rule. The freedom fighters belonging to the revolutionary trend in our independence struggle were branded as terrorists and hanged on the gallows, while the compromising leadership was tolerated and even bolstered by the imperialist rulers. The same happened in other countries. Nelson Mandela, an international symbol for freedom, who was incarcerated for 27 years in prison was till very recently on the 'Terrorist Watch List' of USA. Jomo Kenyatta in Kenya, Archbishop Makarios in Cyprus, Robert Mugabe in Zimbabwe, valiant fighters against imperialism for their country's independence were branded as terrorists. Wherever and whenever the people fighting for freedom from exploitation and oppression take up arms against the armed to the teeth rulers, exploiters and oppressors, they are hounded as terrorists, while the showering of deadly bombs on innocent civilians by the imperialists are hailed as war of liberation. In the period of the Cold War it was the standard imperialist propaganda that the Secret Service machinery of Soviet Russia was responsible for international "terrorism". But how hollow the propaganda was is clearly brought about by the violent actions that are almost routinely happening today in different corners of the globe, and are intensifying, long after the disintegration of Soviet Russia and counter-revolutionary overthrow of socialism there. We have to realize that common people take up arms against the oppressors as a last resort when all other peaceful democratic methods fail to achieve the objectives. Mandela wrote in his autobiography, "...the hard facts were that 50 years of non-violence had brought (my) people nothing but more repressive legislation, and fewer rights".

History has shown that when innocent people suffer from abuse, torture and violation of rights, when they are deprived of their livelihoods but find that the persons wielding power are turning a deaf ear to their

legitimate grievances, their hopelessness and frustration find expression in violent outbursts. Unequal distribution of wealth, exploitation of the proletariat by the capitalists with active patronage of the state, imperialist exploitation of the poorer countries, oppression of minority communities and minority nationalities in capitalist states all add fuel to this. Vested elements draw support from the desperation,



Seated on the right is Comrade Manik Mukherjee, Member, Polit bureau, SUCI(C), and General Secretary, International Anti-imperialist Coordinating Committee (IACC) at the symposium on "Imperialism, Aggression and Terrorism" in Istanbul, Turkey on 14 April.

anger and resentment of the people to pursue their own agenda. We are not discussing here the motivation of individuals who precipitate the violent actions, but are referring to the socio-political conditions that are the root causes. People take up arms because their oppressors are not only equipped with arms but also use them mercilessly to crush the legitimate movements of the people. History has shown that wherever the people's liberation struggles have become victorious, the victory has come only through armed revolution. I also want to stress here that actions stemming from despair are not to be confused with organized armed struggle of the people on a firm ideological base and with a clear objective to bring about economic and socio-political changes.

The situation in the Middle East is a glaring example of this. The situation of conflict and environment of violence started nearly seventy years back when imperialist conspiracy led to the foundation of the state of Israel uprooting the native Palestinian people. From its very inception the Israeli state resorted to violence and terrorism to dispossess millions of Arab people and aggressively annexed lands and occupied territories. A whole population was relegated to refugee

camp and condemned to live there for years in abject poverty. A whole generation grew up deprived of all basic amenities of education and health and shorn of human dignity. Israel and the imperialist powers paid no heed to the sufferings of the Palestinian people. On the contrary, with the overt and covert backing of the imperialist powers, particularly of USA, Israel has time and again refused to come to an honourable solution to the problem. Israel has not only driven millions of Palestinians from their homeland, it has bombed civilians, killing people

daring to oppose the US has to bear the brunt of economic sanction, armed intervention and naked aggression. This is what is happening now in Cuba and in Venezuela.

In Africa Sudan tried to follow an independent policy of development of its economic resources not guided by the imperialist dictates. It did not grant USA access to its oil resources, nor did it support the US-led war against Iraq and its subsequent occupation. This invoked the wrath of USA which conspired with its imperialist brethren to get the International Criminal Court indict Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir for war crimes and crimes against humanity. Not only that, they instigated sectarian conflicts among the Sudanese people leading to secession of South Sudan. Slobodan Milosevic stood up against the imperialist maneuvers in Yugoslavia and their nefarious plans for destabilization and fragmentation of the country. The imperialist propaganda demonized him and got the UN's International Criminal Tribunal For Former Yugoslavia to charge him with crimes against humanity.

without considerations – children, women, the elderly, razed buildings with bulldozers, making people homeless. Therefore, the anger of the people frequently bursts out in violence. One can easily gauge the anger and courage of the Palestinians when young children confront advancing Israeli tanks with nothing but stones. Any armed militant opposition to the aggressors is dubbed by Israel and its imperialist allies as terrorism. When Hamas won a resounding electoral victory in Palestine the imperialists did not hide their consternation; they refused to accept the victory and Israel started its attacks against Hamas and other militant Palestinians.

The same pattern is seen everywhere in Latin America, Africa and in all centres of violence. In many Latin American countries corrupt authoritarian regimes were in league with imperialist USA and were propped up by it. The countries are fleeced by the multinational corporations, while the people are forced to live in abject poverty. And where any effective or militant opposition grows aiming for socialist reorganization of society and removing foreign business interests, the label of terrorism is promptly branded on them and the full force of imperialist might is unleashed to crush them. Any state

Former US President George Bush took a high moral stance against terrorism and launched the 'global war on terror' to devastate Iraq and Afghanistan. The same policy is followed and further widened by President Barak Obama in stepping up the propaganda of terrorism against the Governments of Syria and Iran. But it is USA which has a long history of supporting and propping up terrorist organizations in different countries to further its own agenda. The US support of Kosovo Liberation Army in Yugoslavia, Jundallah or the Iranian People's Resistance Movement and Mujahedeen-e-Khaleq or MEK in Iran, the Mujahedin in Afghanistan, Tashnak in Armenia is well known. Many are trained in the USA and are given financial and arms support to carry out terrorist attacks in the countries which are opposed to the United States. In Afghanistan the CIA trained tens of thousands of terrorists in sabotage, bomb making and urban guerilla warfare. There are reports that even Osama bin Laden during his Afghan "crusade" was lavishly funded by the Americans. In the name of supporting democracy they are providing arms to the rebels in Syria and actively instigating civil war to destabilize the country.

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Comrade Manik Mukherjee's speech

Imperialism raises the bogey of terrorism to thwart and suppress any opposition

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The US Government has even funded for more than 50 years a terrorist training camp in Georgia in USA called Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (earlier called School of America). Among its alumni are many of Latin America's most notorious torturers, mass murderers, dictators and state terrorists. They have been responsible for the worst atrocities in Guatemala, in El Salvador, in Panama, in Chile, in Colombia and in many other countries. The US policy of supporting terrorists for subversive acts against what it perceives as its enemies has created Frankensteins who later turned their guns against USA. This is the story of Osama bin Laden.

Everybody knows about countless examples of how USA has supported and sustained with money and military hardware unpopular, oppressive, authoritarian, illegitimate, harsh regimes, and blocked democratic initiatives. For many years they propped up criminal dictators like Manuel Noriega of Panama and Pinochet in Chile. The US-supported governments of Guatemala, El Salvador, Chile, Argentina, Colombia were guilty of unimaginable, unspeakable acts of cruelty, assassination and ethnic cleansing. They hunted down, tortured, terrorized, and murdered peasants, workers, students, teachers, priests, and nuns. They were all backed by USA and given funds, military aids, expertise on terrorism, and diplomatic backing.

USA has supplied Israel with arms, warplanes, tanks with which it wages war against the Palestinian people and militarily occupies lands. It turns a blind eye to Israel's nuclear capability but went to war against Iraq falsely alleging that it has weapons of mass destruction and is now threatening Iran, even though Iran has strongly affirmed that its nuclear programme is for peaceful purposes only. In our neighbouring Pakistan USA aligned with military dictator Musharaff who suppressed individual rights and freedom and pampered the most extreme fundamentalist elements in the society. All over the world US support for the perpetrators of repression incite anger, loathing and hatred against USA and violent attacks against USA get the passive support of the people of these countries. But this has not deterred the US rulers and any rational

discussion on the causes of why people of so many countries hate the policies of USA is suppressed by treating it as support for terrorism. USA has failed to realize that violence always begets violence.

We all know about the US atrocities in Vietnam and the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, when the Japanese were almost ready to surrender. Are these in any way different from terrorist violence? Since 1959 CIA and Pentagon planned and implemented numerous terrorist operations against Cuba and assassination attempts against Fidel Castro, and these are still going on. Particularly after the disintegration of the socialist camp the activities of the terrorist groups based in USA and Central America have intensified. Many of the criminals guilty of terrorist actions in Cuba and Venezuela are finding sanctuary in USA and are seeking and getting political asylum there. On the other hand several Cuban citizens are held up in US jails on trumped-up charges.

In the 1980s Nicaragua was subjected to violent assault by USA and the CIA-sponsored right wing guerilla group Contra. Tens of thousands of people were killed. The country was devastated. The International Court of Justice indicted USA for "unlawful use of force" and ordered it to pay substantial reparations. The Security Council and the General Assembly of the UN condemned the actions, but USA contemptuously dismissed them. In 1985 the Regan administration set off a terrorist bombing in Beirut targeting a Muslim cleric, but instead killing and wounding hundreds of innocent civilians. In 1998 it launched a missile attack on a pharmaceutical plant within Sudan on the charge, later proved to be false, that it was manufacturing chemical weapons. This destruction annihilated the facility that used to produce 60% of the available medicines in Sudan. Its crippling sanctions against Iraq after its first invasion caused the death of millions of civilians including children. Its second invasion and subsequent military occupation has completely devastated the country, destroyed its socio-political structures and plunged it in apparently uncontrollable fratricidal strife. Almost every day violent actions by one group or another are killing scores of innocent civilians. The imperialists not only destroyed

Afghanistan through bombing and military occupation, USA demanded that Pakistan cut off all food aid to Afghanistan and starve the civilian population. USA's overt and covert actions of aggression and armed intervention have led Noam Chomsky to call USA "the leading terrorist state". Arno Mayer, Emeritus Professor of History at Princeton University, has stated that "since 1947 America has been the chief and pioneering perpetrator of 'preemptive' state terror".

In the ongoing armed conflict in Syria the imperialist powers have openly sided with the rebel forces militarily fighting the Government and they are brazenly demanding that the Syrian President Basir El Assad must go. Their actions have exacerbated the civil war-like situation in Syria bringing death and destruction and untold misery for the people. The latest theatre for the imperialists' nefarious actions is Ukraine, where they propped up and instigated the dissident forces to destabilize the Government and oust President Yanukovich, and helped to install a puppet regime.

Abuse of the prisoners at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq and tales of torture at Guantanamo prison in Cuba have unmasked the fascistic character of the US state. Over the years USA has bombed innocent people in Libya, Sudan, Afghanistan, Iraq, Serbia, Central America and the list goes on and on. If wanton killing of innocent people is not terrorism, what is?

Today in the name of globalization the imperialist powers and their henchmen are subjecting the people of different countries to the severest form of exploitation. Loss of livelihood, unemployment, uprooting from land, destruction of the traditional ways of living are on the increase. As the oppressed people are organizing to protest against the exploitative system the capitalist rulers are using the might of the state machinery to crush the legitimate movements. In all capitalist states state terrorism has become the order of the day. This state terrorism is taking different forms. Sometimes the government terrorizes its own population to repress them and silence dissent. Methods like rigged trials of opponents, punishing family or friends of suspected enemies of the regime, and extra-legal use of police or military force against the population are becoming increasingly common in the capitalist states.

Sometimes government personnel or "death squads" carry out operations using terror tactics against individuals viewed as dangerous to the state. Keeping such activities "unofficial" permits the state's "deniability" and blocks legal or judicial redress for the victims. The other form of state terrorism is state sponsoring of terrorism where the governments provide money, weapons, training, and other forms of support to non-state terrorist organizations. USA the champion of this type of activity.

Another ploy of the imperialist powers is to curtail the rights and liberties of its citizens in the name of fighting terrorism. President Bush declared, "Freedom has been attacked, but freedom will not be defeated." But it is freedom that has been most endangered in USA since 9/11, with secretive summons, secretive arrests, secretive detentions, and secretive trials. Many of the policies adopted in USA after 9/11, including trials before military tribunals, secret detentions, and the subcontracting of interrogation to countries where torture is routine – are exposing the fascistic nature of US administration. We have to realize that in this era of monopoly capital and imperialism all capitalist states, with their centralized economy, centralized administration and power of the military-industrial complex, have to a greater or less extent attained fascistic character. They are curbing democratic rights and ruthlessly suppressing the class and mass struggle of the people. Modern fascism does not always come in the form of dictatorship with absolute powers. Fascism is brought in keeping the façade of parliamentary democracy. The hallmarks of fascism are centralised power of the state, total centralized economy with merger of industrial capital and finance capital, and a cultural environment fostering blindness, fanaticism, national chauvinism. My country, India, is no exception. India is not only a capitalist state, it has attained imperialist character and the fascistic traits of the state are becoming increasingly apparent. The ruling class is curtailing civil rights, suppressing democratic movements, nakedly acting to serve the interest of the national and multinational corporate houses, and is fanning up casteism, communalism and national jingoism.

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Make SUCI(C) candidates victorious in the coming Parliamentary elections

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Kamal Dutta: Krishnanagar



The principal of a high school Kamal Dutta is a member of Nadia District Committee of our Party. He joined students' movements and later became the district secretary of AIDS. He played an important role in developing movements on different problems of education and teachers including the abolition of English and pass-fail system. He is the Nadia district secretary of the Scholarship Examination Conduction Committee. He took initiative to form Guardian's Forum at the primary section of Krishnanagar Collegiate School, Krishnanagar Passengers' (bus) Association and is an important member of regular Railway Passengers' Association as also of Krishnanagar Station Advisory Committee and has taken important role in movements against bus-fare hike and against drinking and gambling in Krishnanagar.

Paresh Haldar: Ranaghat (SC)



Belonging to a peasant family, Comrade Paresh Haldar is a tried soldier of mass movements and member of Nadia district Committee, KKMS. Ever since 1980, he has been organizing peasants in movements against hike in price of jute as also bus-fare hike and on demands of education of the poorer people. He has played a significant role in organizing motor-van drivers on demand of license.

Swapan Mandal : Bongaon



Swapan Mandal is a Party whole-timer and member of the North 24 Parganas district committee. He got associated with the AIDS in 1984 while a student and actively participated in the historic language movement. In the AIDS he was elected the District Secretary in 1994 and a member of the West Bengal State Secretariat in 2004. He has also borne the responsibility of the N. 24 Parganas District Secretary of the Primary Education Development Board. Presently he has been assigned the charge of developing the Party organization in Bagda area, where he has performed important role in organizing the motor-van workers and peasants.

Pradip Chowdhury: Barrackpur

Pradip Chowdhury is a member of North 24 Parganas District Committee of Party as well as of AIUTUC and Secretary of Shyamnagar Local Committee. Joining the party actively in the '70s, he has been relentlessly developing movements to promote healthy culture including sports, songs and dramas etc. Just as he took prominent role

in the historic language and education movement, bus-fare, and price-hike resistance movement so



also his has been a significant role in working for people affected by flood and other calamities, in municipal problems, for construction of roads etc. He has also organized passengers to form Federation of Sealdah Main-Line Passengers' Association, and for redressal of problems of workers and labourers including motor-van drivers, jute workers, construction workers etc.

Paresh Chandra Ghosh : Barasat

Paresh Chandra Ghosh came in touch with Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thoughts towards the end of 1976 and was associated with the AIDS since then. He took important and active role in the language movement as well as the Save Education movement. As a headmaster, he has been in the forefront in developing and leading the Secondary Teachers and Employees Association (STEA) in the N. 24 Parganas district. He has also been significantly active in movements against atrocities on women.



Ajoy Bayen: Basirhat

Formerly Secretary of Basirhat Local Committee and now Secretariat member of North 24 Parganas District Committee of SUCI(C) Ajoy Bayen came in touch with the politics of SUCI(C) through the historic language and education movement in the 80's and strove on to play an important role as a student leader and an organizer of the Party in Basirhat Subdivision. Ajoy Bayen took a leading part at the central, state and local level movements involving peasants and sharecroppers, weavers, loom workers and brick kiln workers, against arsenic poisoning, bus-fare and price hike or in demands of job cards, bridge construction on Ichhamati and many more etc.



Dr Tarun Mandal: Joynagar(SC)

As the sitting MP from the SUCI(C) Dr Tarun Mandal has amply demonstrated how one can raise the voice of struggling people even inside the Parliament, can work for their problems of life and livelihood both inside and outside the Parliament, if and when he is imbued with correct revolutionary thoughts and lofty culture.



Dr Tarun Mandal is the singular MP to spend his salary and perks for needy students and free medical camp, to persuade the reluctant Parliament to observe silence in memory of the

martyr Kshudiram, to reach remote corners of his constituency to help cyclone or flood victims irrespective of their political colour, to distribute his LAD fund equally in all the 7 assembly constituencies of the LS seat; to hold 'discussion meets' with people of his constituency to know of their views and problems. He knew in his childhood what poverty meant; and since when he was drawn close to the revolutionary thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh he never looked back, forsook his career to make himself a revolutionary fighter. He stood at the front row in every movement of people, rising boldly and courageously against atrocities on women, against eviction of peasants, against price rise or unemployment, against any communal tension and instigation, against fascist attacks on democratic rights of working people and such others. And all along his oratory, his penetrative analysis, compassion for the oppressed and exploited made him dear to everyone. He resides deep inside the heart of his electorate.

Purnachandra Naiya: Mathurapur(SC)

Son of a struggling peasant family of Domkol village of Raidighi, Purnachandra Naiya had, since long, played an important role in the battle of the poor landless peasants against the exploitation and oppression of the *joteders*, land-owners, and rich peasants across the vast Sunderbans in the fifties. He also took part in different movements e.g. against abolition of English and pass-fail system and against price hike and bus-fare hike in the district. Along with these, he has also been playing a significant role in developing Legal Service Centre formed to provide legal aid to the poor people and helpless women victims of atrocities in particular. As part of this move he has built up organizations at Judges' Court and Sessions Court in Diamond Harbour and Kakdwip subdivisions and is the District Secretary of the organization.



Ajoy Ghosh: Diamond Harbour

Ajoy Ghosh, a law-graduate took up his struggle right from his student life, to evolve as a leader of people's movements led by the SUCI(C) in a vast area centring round Satgatchia-Raipur in South 24 Parganas. His was a commendable role in relief work in the 1978 flood or in local movements against corruption, including that practised by the PDS dealers, as well as against other anti-people policies of the then CPI(M)-led government including abolition of English and pass-fail system, in his helping different sections of workers including unorganized ones, Anganwari workers or, workers and employees under The Institution of Engineers to form their unions or in his assisting shop owners and peasants against eviction. Following the Party line, Ajoy Ghosh



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always tried to form people's committees to help them develop their instruments of struggles.

Dr Asok Kumar Samanta : Jadavpur

Hailing from a lower middle class family and reared in a remote village of Medinipur district aglow with the memories of valiant freedom fighters Dr Asok Kumar Samanta got acquainted with the revolutionary thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh by the time he graduated from National Medical College of Kolkata and accepted the ideology of the Party SUCI (C) in life. Since then he took a leading role in organizing medical students under the revolutionary banner of AIDS0, in the historic movement of Junior doctors in 1983-86, and along with a few of his doctor friends, in forming the 'Medical Service Centre' to offer medical treatment to poor with a missionary zeal and lofty medical ethics. Presently, the Director of the Calcutta Heart Clinic and Hospital Society Dr Samanta carries on his struggle to offer relief, along with his team of fellow doctors, to victims of any natural calamity or atrocities inflicted by any high-handed ruler as in Nandigram or Singur, to join the civil society protest on different issues including human rights movement, to take part in the historic language movement against the CPI(M) led government's policies, to lead movements against the PPP model in government health system and conduct numerous medical camps for poor and needy. In addition, he placed voice against BRHC/BRMS courses before the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare in July 2011, represented MSC at an international conference at the Netherlands in May 2011.



round the tragic death of Rijwan-ur-Rahman and Amin-ul-Islam during the CPI(M)-led Front and Trinamul governments respectively. In course of these, Rabbani, forsaking his career, leads a life-struggle to develop as a revolutionary cadre for people's struggle for emancipation imbued with Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thoughts.

Bibek Roy (Bibekananda) : Tamluk

Born in a poor family Bibek Roy started his Party work with historic education movement and then performed important role in bus-fare resistance movement, against electricity charge hike, ferry-fare hike of Sreerampur and on various other demands of workers and peasants. He ably assisted distinguished mass leader of Maina late Comrade Nakul Jana in Maina Basin Scheme in an attempt to save flood-prone Maina. His dedication and ability earned him the distinction of holding the responsibility of Maina Local Committee of SUCI(C).



Manas Pradhan : Kanthi

Starting Party work as a student of City College in Calcutta in 1990, Manas Pradhan has since then moved onwards to become a whole-time worker and the District Secretary of East-Midnapur AIDS0. Overcoming personal or familial problems, he continued to take important part in developing different movements in the district including that against the Haripur Nuclear Power Plant. In 2012, he was delegated the responsibility of Local Secretary of Kanthi of SUCI(C).



Anjan Jana : Ghatal

Hailing from a poor family of Keshpur, Anjan Jana took up Party work, while still a student, being inspired with the revolutionary thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. He played an important role in the historic language and education movement though facing serious pecuniary problems. For Party work he even forsook a school teacher's job. With the responsibility of Party work at Ghatal, he had a commendable role in making the authority implement the Master Plan for resisting recurring flood in the locality, against bus-fare hike, against drug-trafficking etc.



Zubair Rabbani : Kolkata Dakhsin

A tested fighter in people's movements since 1980s, Zubair Rabbani, took leading role in the historic language movement against abolition of English and pass-fail system by the CPI(M) led front government, or the countrywide movement under the banner of All India Save Education Committee against disastrous New Education Policy of the Congress-led union government. He was one of the leading organizers of the movements of Hindi-speaking and Urdu-medium students of the state as also of the massive movement centring



Independent candidate withdrew in support of SUCI (C) in Karnataka

Shri Vikas B Soppana - an independent candidate contesting from No. 11 Dharwad Loksabha constituency supported by Prajaranga (a progressive organization) withdrew his candidature in support of SUCI(C) candidate Gangadhar Badiger. Addressing a press conference, Shri Vikas B Soppanna said: "I withdraw my candidature in support of SUCI(C) candidate Shri Gangadhar Badiger because our platform has believed in building people's movements. Since SUCI(C) is building people's movements for decades and the need of the hour is for all pro-people fighters to come together and defeat all the casteist and communal national parties, I wholeheartedly support Gangadhar Badiger. I call upon all my followers and supporters as well as the people at large to vote for him without falling prey to the false assurances of other national or regional parties and work for him in the remaining duration of the campaign".

SUCI(C) election campaign



Vadodara, Gujarat



Canning, West Bengal



Andhra Pradesh



Medinipur, West Bengal



Theni, Chennai



Jaunpur, U P



Krishnanagar, West Bengal

Bourgeois degeneration

Parliamentary politics has become abode of self-seekers, rank opportunists scamsters, fraudsters and criminals

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each other. Campaign is reduced to slanging matches between the bourgeois parties who are often found to show signs of being retarded. The Congress is directing all attacks against Narendra Modi, the BJP's prime ministerial candidate touching upon issues like his "undisclosed marriage" and the alleged stalking of a girl by him. The Congress chief minister of Assam has even gone to the extent of ridiculing Modi by demanding Bharat Ratna for his estranged wife, calling her "a symbol of sacrifice and pain". The BJP leaders, on the other hand, is targeting Sonia Gandhi, the Congress president, pointing finger at her foreign origin. Modi retaliates by saying that RSVP model comprising Rahul, Sonia, Vadra and Priyanka is looting India. It is also leaked in the media that a Congress functionary told Priyanka Gandhi that an opposition candidate fighting against Rahul Gandhi would be shot because he is talking against Rahul. West Bengal, for instance, has been witnessing a height of such derogatory personal attacks and provocative speeches. The state chief minister is virtually calling opposition by name in public meetings, not hesitating to use slangs even. Without naming the BJP candidate of Birbhum constituency, she even raked up his personal life and hinted at the "family condition". "Ask them, how is the family sustained? I don't like to say things in detail - hints are enough. Does his wife support him", she quipped in a public meeting. One of her trusted lieutenants openly exhorted the TMC workers to burn down the houses of the opposition and charge bombs on the police if the latter comes to the rescue. He also openly threatened to cut off the hands of the opposition workers. A TMC minister called the opposition "quadruped dogs". Another MLA of the ruling TMC claimed in a public rally that it would not take him even a minute to behead a local opposition leader. The CPI (M) leaders are also not lagging behind. The deputy leader of the West Bengal assembly who once was reprimanded for making indecent remarks against the chief minister did not desist from continuing that. "If the chief minister marries, will she use green vermilion?" he asked in a public meeting. The same CPI (M) leader had earlier called the ruling party workers as "lambs" in another meeting. Bengali film star and TMC Lok Sabha candidate Dev

made a revelation of the pervert thoughts he nurtures by remarking that "joining election fray is like getting raped." Unfolding his misogynic mindset, the BJP general secretary Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi has stated that "women cannot be the voice of India and that they are unnecessarily blaming politicians".

These are some of the examples as to what extent these leaders can lower themselves and how mudslinging and personal attacks have been dominating the election scenario. It is also pertinent to mention that some of the bourgeois leaders are even threatening the voters of serious consequences if the vote is not cast in their favour. Addressing an election rally in Bulandshahr, UP, Mulayam Singh Yadav, the Samajwadi Party chief, had said, "As far as shiksha mitras (ad hoc government teachers) are concerned, we have done it (made them permanent)...we have done it, now give your vote. If you do not vote, we'll withdraw it." Maharashtra deputy CM and NCP leader Ajit Pawar is reported to have threatened to deprive a village of water if it didn't vote for his cousin Supriya Sule, the daughter of NCP chief Sharad Pawar. Of late, a Bengali film actress contesting on TMC ticket said in her speech that "places where there are fewer votes for us, there will be less development. We will do development in those places where people support us. Where there are more people for us, their villages will have more development." Examples, indeed galore.

In fact, the indecent postures and behaviours of the power-mongers, verbal duels punctuated with highly objectionable language, if not filthy utterances, casting aspersions against each other crossing all limits of rudimentary civilized demeanour are projected by the media as electoral debates and clash of political standpoints. Thus, people are made to form their opinions based on these debased mock fights while the burning issues of their life are simply consigned to the abyss of oblivion.

Using filmy glamour for vote

Another feature of this election is the tricky way of pocketing votes by vending the glamour of the Bollywood and regional film stars. Many of these actors and actresses have been given nomination not because they have any sincere desire to venture in politics but because of their crowd pulling

capacity. A good number of stars of blockbusters, pot-boilers and even films selling overdose of sex-violence are also romped in during campaign so that common people are dragged into the craze of having a glimpse of these film artists. Some of these superstars and megastars are regaling the audience with popular filmy dialogues, making filmy gestures-postures on the stage and even presenting item numbers on the dais to rock the crowd. This has been made the star attraction of election campaigning. Show biz has replaced serious political discourses and discussions. Rostrum of political meetings is virtually turned into ramps of fashion parade. Having nothing to offer, the bourgeois political parties are now exciting people on different chords to secure votes.

Why this degeneration?

All these have once again brought to the fore the abysmal low depth Indian parliamentary democracy has stooped to where the democratic conscience of the Indian people is being trampled underfoot with alacrity. The parliament once hailed as sovereign by the exponents of bourgeois democracy and bearing footfalls of esteemed freedom fighters and revered nationalist leaders has now been turned into an abode of privilege-seekers, scamsters, fraudsters, power-mongers and peddlers of degraded culture and morality. Naturally, the saner section of the people is upset with this fast deteriorating standard of bourgeois parliamentary democracy and its servitors and defenders.

But, why is this degeneration? That ought to be the question stirring the thinking mind. It is not that a handful of mischief-mongers and greedy elements driven by their lust for power and lucre are only polluting the scenario and once the system is cleansed of these elements, parliamentary democracy would be back to its glory. Had the task been so simple, redressal would not have been a far cry. The problem is far deep-rooted and inseparably linked with the obtaining socio-political system. Unless we plumb that depth in right earnest and be guided by scientific rational approach, the truth would not unfold before us. So is the imperativeness to search for truth and be acquainted with the correct remedial course as ordained by history.

As we have discussed in many of our earlier articles, the lofty ideals

of bourgeois parliamentary democracy were invoked at the time the bourgeoisie was a rising force in the course of social evolution. Bourgeois democracy emerged as the political superstructure of capitalism. Capitalism being the economic base of the bourgeois rule and since this base in the laissez faire atmosphere was following the liberal principle at large; the bourgeois democracy also during the days of its advent was upholding the lofty liberal ideal. One of the main facets of this bourgeois democracy had been the multi-party parliamentary democracy. People hitherto subjugated under autocratic feudal rule were granted political freedom to choose their elected representatives through exercise of voting rights and constitute the governance of their choice. So was coined the slogan "by the people, for the people, of the people". Various parties, groups and individuals began taking part in the elections and a relative administrative neutrality was ensured to have in the results due reflection of true opinion of the people. The electorates also had opportunity to know the viewpoints of the contesting parties and decide their option. Since a party or combination of parties obtaining majority of votes was entitled to form government, those sitting in the opposition as elected representatives were also granted due scope and political freedom to place their views in and outside the legislatures, criticize and oppose the flaws and faults of the government. In the initial years of flourishing bourgeois democracy, this character of parliamentary democracy was discernible. Elections to Parliament were by and large free and fair. Corruption and degradation did not pervade the electoral process. But that was not sustained too long. With emergence of monopoly, aberrations of capitalist system in which exploitation of man by man took a new, and in fact more ruthless form, began to surface and extended to bourgeois democracy as well. As the days rolled by, capitalism beset with acute market crisis endemic of the system became decadent. The bourgeois democracy also in its trail was plunged into degeneration.

Bourgeois democracy in India has grown in this era of decadent capitalism. So right from day one, it was a deformed child. The Indian Constitution from its very inception, it is said, gave rights to the people by one hand and snatched them away

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Political bankruptcy is leading to cultural and behavioural bankruptcy

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by the other. Still then, in the initial years after independence this bourgeois democracy in India especially its parliamentary system had in relative sense operated with some compliance with the laid down rules. Its electoral process was not plagued with all unfairness and corruption, as it is now. But within a short period, Indian capitalism as inalienable part of decadent moribund world capitalism plunged into insoluble market crisis. The more crisis-ridden it became, the more ruthless was its exploitation creating burning problems in every sphere of people's life – from economy to culture. In course of time, decay of the political system and electoral process became more pronounced. Voting was reduced to a farcical exercise with the results being rigged in favour of the powerful bourgeois parties and their allies by way of, as stated earlier, total domination of money-muscle-media power, abolition of relative neutrality of the police-administration as well as appellate bodies, overt indulgence of the authorities to blatant subversion of established norms and practices by the parties enjoying backing of the ruling class. Perforate with crisis and morbidity, capitalism has nothing more to offer to the common toiling people; even its political system, the parliamentary democracy, stinks of rot and decadence, of corruption and total lack of morality and ethics. And obviously, the parties and forces wedded to the task of serving the ruling bourgeoisie for pelf and power are bearing the stink of rotten capitalism, both in their character and conduct. Exponents of bourgeois democracy then envisioned that the political parties would discharge crucial role in enhancing the political consciousness of the people as well as securing and protecting various rights and entitlements of the citizens of the republic. In that sense, they would function as watchdogs of democracy and have accountability only to the people. But now in decadent moribund democracy, the same very parties are under the scanner for all kinds of shady acts, opportunism, *volte face*, floor crossing and reducing elections virtually to a farce. This is why, the electoral process and the political parties of the capitalist system are degenerating in every respect. Delinked from this correct appraisal of the obtaining socio-political system, one cannot trace the root of this deterioration and decomposition.

Planned attack on thoughts and culture

During the days of freedom movement, the national bourgeoisie was in the midst of a struggle. So, among the bourgeois, petty bourgeois belonging to both compromising and uncompromising trends, there was a standard of culture and character notwithstanding the fact that a section of the petty-bourgeoisie only represented the revolutionary current. So, the national leaders were revered and respected by people. Even those belonging to the compromising trend also commanded respect because they were honest, made sacrifices and were committed. This was so because there was a struggle against the foreign imperialist rule. Struggle gave them character. But once the same bourgeoisie assumed power following political independence, the scenario changed. The ruling Indian capitalism gave birth to monopoly capital and corporate sector, started developing imperialist features. Its whole and sole motive is to earn maximum profit for which it does not bother to flout all norms, disobey all rules it itself once formulated and go to any extent to press the people under the grinding wheel of ruthless oppression. And it is well known that those who control economy also control politics, and for that every sphere of the society including the mental sphere and culture. The ruling monopolists haunted by the fear-complex of anti-capitalist revolution, are out to raze down all finer senses, tender feelings, values, ethics and morality and destroy rational thinking process and logical base of opinion formation as well as decision making. So on the one hand, there is unbridled promotion of obscenity, vulgarism, drugs, liquor, provocation of base instincts, prurient attitude and sex perversion to incite people particularly the youth to plunge into a bizarre loathsome joy, 'insane' pleasure and queer fantasy alienated from life. A kind of thinking is sought to be made to set in that one is 'ordained to live one's own life in any manner one wants' without being bothered about 'any restriction, confinement or so-called fellow feeling'. On the other hand, there is an attempt to retrograde the mental process by encouraging obscurantism, religious fads and backwardness, superstitions, spiritualism and such other outmoded thoughts. Both are aimed at dissuading suffering people from unraveling the truth behind their misery and destitution, identifying

capitalism as the cause of their predicament and deprivation and embracing the path of accelerating overthrow of exploitative capitalist order by revolution. So, all the bourgeois and petty bourgeois parties subserving bourgeois class interest are carriers of this degenerated thoughts and culture and reflecting that in their day to day conduct, behaviour, utterances, working style and political moves and motives. That is why, the election scenario is so polluted, abounds in distasteful, reprehensible demeanours, both in words and deed.

Antithesis to capitalism holds the key to desired change

Now, the question is where is the end of this overflowing fads and aberrations and how that is to come by. What needs to be clear at the outset is that since the very capitalist system, rotten and outdated, is the root of all evils, those who are inseparably linked to the system, protecting and defending it, benefiting out of it, cannot remove the increasingly accumulating filth and dirt. Only those who are engaged in the struggle along the right track for uprooting this moribund decadent stinking capitalist system can be the torchbearers of the much aspired change. The servitors of the system would continue their con game of varied nature to keep people arrested within the system, make them presume this tormented life to be *fait accompli*, immutable and thereby force them to give up the search for emancipation. The devil is not starved of subterfuges to dupe and confuse people, blur their views and make them whirl in the vortex of drudgery. More the truth remains obscured before the people, more is the gain of the agents and lackeys of the ruling capitalism as they thrive on the ignorance of the people. And it is obvious that as offshoots of this outmoded corrupt defiled capitalist order, they are infected with and carriers of all the aberrations, distortions and degeneration bred by the system. On the other hand, those who have taken up cudgels against the system in right earnest represent the antithesis, uphold, both ideologically and culturally, 'what ought to be'. While everything looks so murky, society and polity is found to be abode of dirt and rot, the long cherished higher ethics and culture, righteousness and propriety are upheld by the surrogates of the antithesis. More strengthened is the antithesis, more accelerated is the process of destruction of the

exploitative, oppressive, deceptive, discriminatory capitalist system.

One can see this anti-thesis in operation even in the electioneering. While all the political parties are fighting election for riding to power or remain afloat in the rendezvous of power, stooping to any low to achieve their ends, sinking into any depth of defrauding and cultural degradation, the alternate current, the antithesis is represented by the SUCI(C), the revolutionary Party of the proletariat, the Party founded, reared and steered by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great Marxist thinker, leader and teacher. In his language, "Although outwardly there appear to be many opposing forces in politics, and the press projects so many contending forces, but viewing the situation from the context of ultimate struggle, I hold, only two contending forces are there in politics — one for revolution, the other opposing revolution — in whatever nomenclature might it be posed. One is the politics of countering revolution, whether by ...all the many juggleries of so-called leftism, or by proclaimed commitment to democratic socialism, or by raising various right reactionary slogans, and through politics of catchy stunts. And the other is the politics of organizing revolution". (SW Vol. III, p. 532) So, when all the parties are contesting elections raising slogan of government formation, showering false promises, duping with catchphrase of fake development, entering into opportunistic alliances, slinging mud at each other, using abusive and filthy language and hawking the razzle-dazzle of filmy glamour, SUCI(C) is in the fray with its distinct revolutionary political line of advancing and strengthening the line of democratic mass movement based on higher proletarian ethics and culture conducive to anti-capitalist socialist revolution. When others are scrambling for seat and power, the central focal point of the SUCI(C) is to educate the people as to how to fight the election on the basis of a mass revolutionary line and why it is necessary to send tried and tested soldiers of mass movement in maximum number to the legislature so that people's voice, people's demands are resonated there. This is the battle of two distinct lines, of reaction and of progress. Now, it is upto the people to decide whether they would continue to be deceived by reaction or rally behind progress to bring about the much yearned change.

Press Clipping

A fearless Bengali gentleman in the tiger's den

Vododara: the city of the Gaekowads bears many marks of history. If one walks along any of its roads, one would come across a royal tombstone. A pitch darkness separates the walled old part and the dazzling new part of the city. The old city has a dirty look, consists of dilapidated houses starved of drinking water, infested with mosquitoes in the dusk. There are heaps of garbage piled here and there. Ricketty thin children are seen playing in front of the houses.

In such an area, Tapan Dasgupta is undertaking campaign from 8.30 am to 1 pm. This Bengali candidate of SUCI(C) has thrown a challenge to Narendra Modi at the heart of Gujarat. Even the experienced journalists of the city are saluting him and admitting that "He is the only local candidate of Vadodara". Neither the razzle-dazzle of BJP's advertisements nor the election strategies of the Congress can be compared with the campaign trail of Tapanbabu, aged around 50. His resources consist of 50 odd Party volunteers, one tempo and indomitable mental power. Based on such ammunitions, the ex-student of Purulia Ramakrishna Mission is putting up a determined fight.

Tapanbabu's family is a resident of Gujarat for many years. His father, Santimoy Dasgupta, was a lathe machine operator. After losing mother at the age of eight, he came to Kolkata with his father. He passed Secondary Examination from Purulia Ramakrishna Mission and then Higher Secondary from Dinabandhu Andrews College. Though he was in Kolkata during the time the city was in ferment of left movement, he was initiated into left movement in Gujarat only. While in the vortex of a movement during distribution of relief in Bhuj area after the severe earthquake there, he sustained head injury at the baton charge by Modi's police.

'Tapan' stays with a few other Party workers in a shabby room of a building of Gujarat Housing Board. Here he met Bharati Parmar, a Gujarati girl. They were married in 1998. Both Tapan and Bharati are Party wholetimers staying at the Party Centre. Her parents are out whole day; so Abha, their daughter in the fifth standard, is growing at the care of the neighbours.

When I reached Tapanbabu's residence at Akota opposite Gotri Police station, I first met Bharati. She was returning in a tempo with four other party workers after campaigning in the scorching sun. Tapanbabu was nearby. He took me to their 'office' located at a portion at the ground floor of the building, converted into a room with a wall cover and a tin rooftop. There are some old cupboards and chairs. In a similar adjacent room, there was sign of household with some cooking and other utensils, pots and pans, bed and bags. In the office were seated Dwarikanath Rath, Party's state secretary and Meenakshiben Joshi, another state committee member. Though Dwarikanath is from Odisha, he speaks Bengali fluently. He said, "Tapan had fought elections earlier also. But since he is in direct contest against Modi this time, he is in the discussion." With a shy smile, grey-haired Tapanbabu said, "I am not thinking of the result of the election. Last time, I received five thousand votes. There is accumulated grievance and despair among the people. We are trying to bring that to the fore."

Entering the den of a tiger, a typical Bengali has thrown a challenge. Courageously standing against Modi, he is raising questions about the very essence of Modi's development model. After discussion, Tapanbabu and his family members escorted their guest upto the main road. His old shoe was full of dust, mark of toil was evident in his body. The dress of little Abha was dirty. Yet their eyes are very bright. Since they have anchored their dream at a height, there is no pallor of leading a poverty-stricken life.

(Translated from a write-up by Sarmistha Roy in *Ei Somoy*, Bengali Daily of the Times of India group, dated 29-04-14)

24 APRIL OBSERVED AT GHATSILA STUDY CENTRE

67th Party Foundation Day was observed at the Study Centre of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought, Ghatsila in a befitting manner. Red flag was hoisted by Comrade Malay Bose, in-charge of the Study Centre. Then a meeting was held presided over by Comrade Bimal Das, Jharkhand State Committee member. Addressing as main speaker, Comrade Sumit Roy, Jharkhand State Committee member, discussed how was the SUCI(C) founded by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in course of a historic arduous struggle, the obtaining national-international situations and our task.

AIMSS strongly condemns clinical trials involving Indian women

AIMSS in a statement issued on 23 April, 2014 expressed deep shock over the reported death of 254 Indian women who were part of a clinical study of Cervical Cancer, conducted jointly by the US National Cancer Institute and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for a period of 15 years from 1998. As per the report, trials were conducted among Indian women belonging to the lowest socio-economic strata in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu, to study the effectiveness of screening in Cervical Cancer. The control group was left without screening and eventually 254 women in this group died of Cervical Cancer. There is no information whether any intervention was done at the earliest detection of Cancer. Of late, India is being promoted as a hub of clinical and drug trials for the benefit of profit making drug companies. Government has admitted that 3,458 deaths and 14,320 serious adverse events have been documented among volunteers in clinical trials in India, between 2005 and 2012. It is not unknown that many trials are conducted unethically, without proper consent, with the lure of money and flouting regulations leading to severe adverse reactions and deaths. Many women of our country particularly the poor and uneducated who have no medical knowledge, are victims of such trials. Therefore, AIMSS demanded that a high power committee be instituted to conduct a probe into the entire incident and those found guilty be severely punished. It also demanded of the Government to immediately award adequate compensation to the families of these victims.

Massive Road March in Bangladesh in demand of rightful distribution of Teesta Water

At the initiative of the Central Convention Preparatory Committee of BASAD (Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal), a protest meeting was held on April 4, in front of the National Press Club in Dhaka in demand of rightful distribution of Teesta water between India and Bangladesh and for withdrawal of the enhanced charge of electricity. It was followed by a massive Road March through the city of Dhaka covering areas as Gulistan, Paltan, Baetul, Mokarram

and others. The meeting was addressed by members of the Central Convention Preparatory Committee of BASAD including Comrades Ujjwal Ray, Saifujaman Sakan and Kalyan Dutta. The meeting unanimously demanded of the Bangladesh Government to take effective and immediate steps for the rightful distribution of water of the Teesta river and other similar rivers and for finding solutions of existing other problems concerning these rivers.

Imperialism is the perpetrator of terrorism, it begets terrorism

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Any opposition is ruthlessly crushed. Atrocities and killing by police and security forces, illegal detention of political workers, imprisonment without trial have become the order of the day.

Imperialism is the perpetrator of terrorism, it begets terrorism. So terrorism is the product of imperialism. All peace loving people who want a terrorism free world must take the pledge to free the world from the scourge of imperialism and its agenda of world domination. In the name of globalization the imperialist powers led by USA are looting the world to fill their coffers. They are appropriating the resources of the weaker nations and are earning maximum profit exploiting the cheap labour there. They are dictating the economic policies and want to control their politics. Wherever there are centres of resistance, as in Cuba, Venezuela, North Korea or Iran, they are threatening with

economic sanctions, blockades, military intervention or even direct invasion and occupation. We call upon all democratic freedom loving people of the world to come to the aid of these beleaguered countries and mobilize international support in their favour. Imperialism can be defeated only by organizing anti-imperialist struggles in different countries, conducive to the struggle for emancipation of people from oppression of man by man. If we build up this struggle and globally coordinate them to give a decisive defeat to imperialism, we shall be able to banish terrorism. IACC has been formed with this objective and we urge that we must unitedly fight against the imperialist aggressors to free the world from the clutches of this monster. Only through this we could usher in a terrorism free world where all the people will be able to live with peace and dignity.

Down with imperialism!
Long live the solidarity of the
struggling people!

Veteran Central Committee Member Comrade Yakub Pailan critically ill

Comrade Yakub Pailan, Member of Central Committee and Control Commission, SUCI (C) and District Secretary of South 24 Parganas District of West Bengal, aged 86 yrs, is suffering from multiple diseases for a long time. He was admitted to Dakshinanchal Swasthyasadan, Jaynagar from 23/04/2014 to 27/04/2014 and was then transferred to Calcutta Heart Clinic & Hospital where he is now under treatment.

Comrade Pailan's is a known case of Parkinson's disease, Ischemic heart disease - status post CABG, Poorly controlled Type 2 Diabetes, Old Ischemic Cerebral Stroke, Chronic Arterial fibrillation, Chronic Kidney Disease and other serious ailments.

He is still suffering from a bad Chest Infection (Klebsiella – multiple beta lactamase producers). Due to advanced Parkinson's disease his ability to cough out accumulated secretions in the lung has decreased significantly. Now he also has frequent irregularities in heart rate and rhythm. He is being seen by a team of doctors, namely Dr Debasis Ghosh, Senior Consultant Cardiologist, Dr Goutam Sarkar, Consultant Cardiologist, Dr Saibal Ghosh, In-charge of CCU and Consultant Chest Physician, Dr Goutam Guha, Consultant Neurologist, Dr A. K. Kundu, Consultant, Physical medicine and rehabilitation, Dr Subhankar Chatterjee, Associate In-charge of CCU, Dr Biplab Chandra, Jr. Consultant, Internal Medicine, Dr Nilratan Naiya, Jr. Consultant, Cardiology

Comrade Yakub Pailan is being treated with antibiotics, supportive medication and regular physiotherapy. His condition remains critical and he is being continuously monitored by an expert team of doctors and nurses in the critical care unit.

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Comrade Krishna Chakraborty's Press Conference at Vadodhara

VADODARA: Addressing a press conference in Vadodhara on 22 April in support of SUCI(C) candidate Comrade Tapan Dasgupta fighting against Narendra Modi, Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, Member, Polit Bureau, SUCI(C), said that the country is faced with yet another general election when people face a crisis in every aspect of life, whether it is economic, social, cultural or political, making their lives unbearable. In addition to this, all pervading corruption as well as growing crime against women and children have made it even more suffocating for the people. He dismissed the claims of development by both the Congress and the BJP as hoax as both these parties are committed to subserve

the class interest of the ruling monopolists and wedded to pursue the ruinous policies of globalization-liberalization-privatization wreaking havoc in people's life. "This question of development has confused the masses, particularly the educated youth. They think that Modi or Gandhi will develop the country and they will get jobs. The so called development has made rich the richer and poor the poorer. Let the Congress, the BJP or Narendra Modi and Rahul Gandhi tell whether they will continue with or discontinue these devastating policies if they come to power," he added. He said that people's problems are not resolved by changing the government, but get only further intensified and deepened as pro-capitalist policies continue to be followed.

He slammed the pseudo-Marxist parties saying that the CPI and the CPI(M) were trying to find their allies in the regional and casteist parties for their petty electoral interests. Comrade Chakraborty also criticized the Aam Aadmi Party. He appealed for voting Comrade Dasgupta, the genuine left candidate contesting with a distinct alternative political line of strengthening democratic movement. This press meet of Comrade Chakraborty has been circulated by UNI and uploaded on You Tube.



Comrade Krishna Chakraborty
addressing

SUCI(C) condemns highly communal speeches and statements by BJP-Sangh Parivar leaders, demands strong action against them

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), issued the following statement on 24-04-2014:

SUCI(C) strongly condemns the most rabid communal statements made recently by the leaders of the BJP and the Sangh Parivar with a view to fanning up hatred and communal passions sole object of which is to consolidate Hindu votes and create worst form of polarization between Hindu and Muslim voters. The statements or speeches starting from those of BJP leaders Amit Shah, Giriraj Singh, M. A. Nakvi, to the VHP leader Pravin Togadia abundantly prove that the BJP, VHP and other Sangh Parivar outfits are spreading communal hatred in a most calculated and concerted way for reaping electoral benefits in the ongoing parliamentary elections. These highly communal speeches are posing great threat to the democratic atmosphere of the country and secular values. This hate campaign is not only grossly violating the moral code of conduct of election but also the conditionalities for registration of a political party.

We strongly demand of the election commission to take immediate and appropriate steps against the BJP and other members of the Sangh Parivar.

We also appeal to the people to understand that the real motive of the BJP and Sangh Parivar is to divert the attention of the people from the real issues like appalling poverty, hunger, corruption, price-rise, unemployment, privatization of water, electricity, education and health services and, above all, the policies of globalization, privatization and opening up of the Indian economy which have been consistently pursued by both the UPA and the NDA governments during their respective rule at the Centre. We at the same time appeal to the people to remain firmly united and foil this nefarious game of the BJP and other members of the Sangh Parivar.

SUCI(C) strongly opposes Congress chief minister's proposal to ban smaller parties from contesting election

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), issued the following statement on 28-04-2014:

We strongly oppose the statement of Maharashtra chief minister Prithviraj Chavan that regional parties and parties with limited political bases should be banned from contesting Parliament election, so that the mainstream parties would return with larger number of seats in Parliament. When people's wrath and dissent against the downright anti-people pro-capitalist oppressive rule of the Congress is accumulating fast and as a result of which the party is facing electoral defeats and is apprehensive of reverses in the ongoing parliament elections, such a proposal which glaringly violates the very basic right to elect and be elected is being mooted with a view to concentrating political power in the hands of a few parties subservient to bourgeois class interest and thus create conditions for growth of fascism in the country.

We call upon the people to remain alert and foil any such move on the part of the hated and discredited parties of the ruling monopolists to curtail political freedom and freedom of choice of electing representatives to the legislature.

In the
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