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Vyapam and other scams

BJP's claim of corruption free country tumbles with a hard splash

The unfolding of Vyapam scam in BJP-ruled state of Madhya Pradesh presents a stunning scenario. It has revealed just how rampant institutionalized corruption is being protected by horrific crime masterminded by a powerful nexus of the ruling parties, ministers, bureaucrats and mafias. This exposes the hideous underbelly of the brazenly reactionary capitalist system that is not only devastating people's life economically, politically and culturally. It has now assumed the character of an assassin with its servitors playing the role of contract killers. It also has laid bare the real face of the BJP. The party with the help of the bourgeois media and the backing of the ruling monopolists, propped up a false image of being committed to root out corruption.

And the baring has taken place hardly within a year of the BJP-led Modi government riding to power at the centre, tutored and invigorated by the RSS. Slogans of *achhe din* (good days) or *swatch bharat* (clean India) are dying out from loud calls to worn out murmurs tending to fade out further in the 'short' run. Rather they are being replaced by the stench of corruption and crime, by apparent nonchalant posture of the RSS-BJP leaders or an eerie silence on the part of the Prime Minister. And this changed scenario has come out very fast within a few months, stunning every single person with a modicum of decency and sanity at the very magnitude of ghastly and filthy crime and corruption, shattering the BJP's pre-election favourite theme-tune of offering the country a

corruption-free *good governance* if and when voted to power in place of the scam-ridden Congress government.

Corruption is now mark of every capitalist-imperialist state

Before going into further depths of the Vyapam and other scams the BJP is now embroiled in, it would be relevant to take cognizance of the fact that corruption and crime have become commonplace concept in capitalist societies as permanent entries in social vocabularies, not confined to any national barrier, nor to any particular walk of life or field of social activities. The entire capitalist world is virtually suffocating from the fuming fire of corruption and crime; the human society from top to bottom is turning

blue from the poison of the two. When capitalism started its journey as a progressive force in human civilization, even then there were corruption and crime. But the society had put leashes upon those. Right from the start it hinged on profit making; but the self-restraint was put on defining profit as reasonable; there were competitions, but that was *laissez faire*. As the system became moribund, as it turned parasitic, with monopolists gobbling up others, powerful imperialists began sucking colonies clutching at their neck, profit making turned into maximum profit hunt — anyhow, by any means, brushing aside any and every norms, values and ethics. Obviously in the capitalist society living upon discrimination born out of

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Recent developments in Greece

Testimony of deepening capitalist crisis, arm twisting by imperialist powers and social-democratic betrayal

Greece became the epicenter of Europe's sovereign debt crisis after Wall Street imploded with sub-prime crisis in 2008. And now it has hit the headlines once again following its admission of being unable to honour commitments to pay the interest even on the loans advanced to it by the 'troika' of the European Union, European Central Bank and International Monetary Fund to rescue the country from the sovereign debt crisis it was plunged in six years back. So, the panic button is pressed once again and the managers of global capitalist economy gasping under deepening market crisis created by the very laws of its operation are virtually clueless on how to wriggle out of this monstrous problem. An apprehension was expressed by some quarters that Greece might

quit Eurozone and refuse to yield to the pressure of European Union and Eurozone dominated by Germany and France to concede a slew of tougher anti-people austerity and reform programmes in return for a third bailout by way of fresh grant of loans because of the belligerence of the ruling Syriza and its leader Alexis Tsipras who won the elections promising not to succumb to any such pressure any more. Even the suffering Greek people were also under that expectation from Tsipras. Another quarter of bourgeois economists-columnists believed that EU and Eurozone would fail to bully Tsipras to submission and hence allow Greece to exit Eurozone. But, nothing of that kind happened. After nearly 17 hours of talk, Tsipras turned 180 degrees, capitulated to the EU and Eurozone satraps and

accepted harshest of terms dictated by them in lieu for a third bailout of repaying dues of existing loan with a fresh package of loans of 86 billion euros. Tsipras even yielded to allow close monitoring of the newly dictated economic reforms like streamlining of pension system, liberalizing labour market, increasing tax, privatization of government assets like electricity network and so forth by the Eurozone authorities and IMF. The prescribed reforms, according to even Nobel-winning economist Paul Krugman, are "beyond harsh into pure vindictiveness, complete destruction of national sovereignty and no hope of relief". Obvious question is why did this happen? What prompted Tsipras to back out from his election promises and surrender so timidly to the fiats of EU and Eurozone? To

seek an answer, the context and an objective economic-political analysis of the same need to be understood.

Brief recap of the Sovereign Debt crisis

At the outset, let us have a brief recap of what happened in October 2009. That time around, the spokespersons of world imperialism-capitalism headed by US imperialism were claiming that following announcement of enormous bailout package to the banks and financial institutions which became bankrupt because of sub-prime default and resultant crash in the prices of their portfolios of securitized loans with mortgaged house properties as the underlying assets, world economy was turning around. But the hollowness of that claim was

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exploitation and oppression, the victory march of corruption and crime started from the centres which weighed heavily with capital, the 'omnipotent' source of power and its accessories in the state machinery, the military-bureaucracy-executive and even judiciary. The system thus bred the two vices. Every moment, everywhere, in every sphere of life the two vices begin generating in newer and newer forms from those centres of power and trickery or rather rush down the hierarchy into the very marrow of the society. Obviously people at the other end of discrimination, the have-nots, the powerless became the real victims, they are bled white, they are suffocated, they struggled for life and living in a decent, honest, cooperative, society. To their dismay that was not going to be. One after another, the capitalist countries contracted the viral growth in varying degrees; even the classical bourgeois states of the world those of traditional Europe or elsewhere which tried to hold on to values, norms and ethics for long, succumbed to the deadly virus.

If it were a drama, it was enacted now and then in this or that country in newer and newer forms. When the curtains were raised people were aghast with the latest deadly form of the virus of corruption and crime. India under the new union government of the BJP led by the evergreen Narendra Modi had the fortune of witnessing the latest act of this relentless drama which eventually takes a shape, in a scale and severity unprecedented in the world.

Vyapam scam surpasses all others

Unquestionably, in so far as the gravity and dimension and the danger portended are concerned, Vyapam scam has surpassed all the scams and scandals that have been brought to light in the recent period. Being termed as one of the most notorious scams since independence, Vyapam scam involves all recruitments along with the professional examinations or eligibility tests for government jobs including police, bank officials, teachers as well as entrance examinations for medical and engineering colleges. In MP, these are being carried out since 1970 through examinations under the MP

Professional Examination Board (MPPEB, Vyavsayik Pareeksha Mandal or Vyapam in vernacular). From 2009 onwards it came to light that these competitive examinations and appointments in various government services and professions including medical profession were and are being rigged in exchange of huge amount of money to favour candidates recommended by or close to ministers including BJP chief minister of the state, ruling party leaders of the state or elsewhere, RSS- BJP big-wigs, bureaucrats across the board, as well as the office of the Governor. And what goes on in this rigging? Impersonation for examinees, issuing fake admit card, fake marks sheet, pushing in a different name in the appointment letter for one, printing of additional blank answer scripts to provide the examinees with who had paid the money, to help them fill those up at home etc. etc.. In other words, whatever little scope of government jobs and obtaining professional degrees is there, that is manipulated to tamper with the results in exchange for huge money. Though originally it was told that the amount believed to have been exchanged as bribes in this scandal was around Rs 2000 crore, it is now revealed that the figure is as high as Rs 36,000 crore. True the amount is nothing compared to the 2G or Coalgate scams. But, those cases of large scale malfeasance, money-laundering and nepotism were not associated with a series of abnormal deaths of people who, it is presumed, could have unmasked the racket and its kingpins behind the crime. That makes Vyapam an unprecedented and horrendous organized crime in this country.

In case of the Vyapam, the irregularities were going on from 2000. But it was only in 2009, that suspicion of its being an organized crime crystallized in people's mind after cases of impersonation and exchange of money in pre-medical tests (PMT) came to light. Sensing people's mood, the BJP government set up an investigation committee in 2009. The committee, it is reported, met for the first time after thirteen months of its formation and gave a report to the government only in 2011. Following that, more than 1000 people, obviously minnows, were arrested. But, the racket was not busted. Under pressure of mounting people's resentment, the BJP government led by Shivraj

Singh Chouhan formed a Special Task Force (STF) to look into the matter. The Special Task Force came across some evidence even against the Governor Ram Naresh Yadav, his son Shailesh Yadav being an accused in the same scam, later found dead in his residence in March 2015. Even big-wig RSS leaders like Sudharshan or Uma Bharti (also a union minister) seemed to be related to the scam. Diary of Nitin Mahendra, an accused showed the CM himself has recommended the names of many ineligible candidates; the Vyapam hard disc submitted in Delhi High Court shows 48 recommendation from the CM; at least 300 calls were made from CM residence; ministers, government officers were arrested, but the CM remained unscathed though it is unlikely that he was not aware of anything. Numerous recipients of SMS from Sadhna Singh, wife of the chief minister of the state were arrested, but the sender was left out. A personal secretary of one minister admitted to have taken a bribe of Rs 85 lakh (8.5million) from key persons of the scam.

Vyapam now means a procession of unnatural death: minister dismisses it as natural

All these indicate unambiguously that a scam of Vyapam's nature and magnitude can not take place without the connivance of highest echelons in the political-administrative-bureaucratic hierarchy. But these appear as tips of the ice-berg, when one comes to know about the horrible feature that earned this scam its notoriety, and elevated it from the status of even a high-ranking scam to a well-orchestrated ghastly crime perpetrated by a powerful nexus of persons in the corridors of power with the help of strong band of mafia and professional killers.

During these few years of investigation, there have been at least 48 unnatural deaths of accused persons, witnesses, government approvers, probing officials- professors- deans or investigating journalists, media persons and whistleblowers. All these deaths took place in suspicious circumstances. Strikingly, during the last few days when there were many voices coming up against the scam and many leaders of the ruling RSS-BJP combine

were fumbling with contradictory statements, there were at least 3 deaths from 4 July last. Akshya Singh, a TV journalist who had gone to interview the family of one deceased victim by name Namrata died after taking some drink; one dean of a medical college who only two days back had submitted a list of 200 names of those who have paid bribes for admission was found dead at a Delhi hotel. Incidentally another dean of the same college also met unnatural death exactly one year back. One woman trainee sub-inspector was found dead in a water body. Lastly, the chairman of MP High Court Bar Association who was due to attend the hearing of a PIL on rigging in one private medical college on Wednesday, fell ill just a day before at his office suspectedly due to administering of some poison. Significant is the death of Namrata, the lady medical student referred to above who got admission after one of her friends took the examination as an impersonator for her. Her body was found by the railway track. The SIT, who won accolade from the BJP CM for good work, along with the police, had termed her death first as a murder based on the post-mortem report. Then, in a *volte face*, they called it a suicide. But the doctors who had carried out the post-mortem have recently reported to the media that the post-mortem report made public at that time in support of suicide theory was of a different girl and not Namrata's; her body had definite marks and bruises of strangulation and scuffling. This clearly indicates something fishy. It is a mockery of probe being conducted by the SIT. Clearly the whole game was planned to suppress or mangle facts and make investigation a farce. The attitude was evident from the criminally audacious remarks of the state home minister and former chief minister Babulal Gaur: "Death is natural occurrence. One who has been born will die!" The same deplorable attitude was displayed by none other than a person like the Union BJP Home Minister who tried to dodge questions dismissing the Vyapam as a 'non-issue' and by the BJP bigwigs starting from BJP Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh to BJP leaders at the state or even national levels as they made frantic bids to play down the severity and gravity of such a horrifying crime. On the

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Scams in series or not characterize BJP, Congress and or all other parliamentary parties

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contrary, the series of unnatural deaths in mysterious circumstances of persons who are in some way or other linked with the scam, raise grave questions: Who stand benefitted from these deaths? Do not these abnormal deaths insinuate towards a sinister attempt to silence the persons who might have unravelled some facts about this multi-layered scams' that are discomfiting' for those at the helm of the scam-net? Do not these smack of a deep-rooted conspiracy involving powerful well-connected individuals aided by bands of ruthless killers and the mafias skilled enough in orchestrating silent assassinations?

Pressure from the right-thinking democratic minded people coming down heavily upon the MP chief minister, himself under suspicion, had to succumb to the demand for a CBI probe. But, in a last ditch attempt to manipulate things, he cleverly put the ball in the court of the Bhopal High Court with a request to order the CBI enquiry. But, ultimately the matter was referred to the Supreme Court which has now ordered a CBI enquiry into the matter including the suspicious deaths that have taken place so far. But, it is pertinent to mention here that unless there is constant pressure of people's movement, the CBI enquiry might also turn out to be abortive as many of those who wield power in this utterly corrupt system are suspected to be involved in the case.

Champion of corruption-free cleanliness, BJP now leads series of scams in hardly a year

As mentioned earlier, the BJP that posed itself as a clean corruption-free party, tried to win over people with its pre-election slogan of offering the country corruption-free governance. In hardly one year, it has proved the claim a hoax. Dirty linens of one corruption scam after another are tumbling out of the closet. Leaders of the RSS-BJP, the ruling combination, are trying to suppress the scams and the usually eloquent rhetoric-savvy PM Narendra Modi is maintaining an eerie and deafening silence. At this crucial hour he is preferring to fly away to 'conquer' the world. These provide enough indication of their attitude towards corruption and confirms their sinister attempt to shield the culprits.

Thus in the recent months the country has witnessed a series of scams involving the RSS- BJP unfolding at a 'bullet' speed. To start with, the Union Minister of External Affairs Smt. Sushma Swaraj was exposed for having abused her official position to intercede with the UK government and arrange in a highly illegal manner the travel documents in favour of one Lalit Modi, a branded scamster, accused of huge money laundering and a fugitive from the Enforcement Directorate. Soon afterwards it became known that the BJP's Rajasthan Chief Minister Ms Vasundhara Raje had also backed Modi's immigration application as a witness. It also came to be known that there were shady financial deals of mutual interest between Modi- Raje and her family. Amidst the doldrums about Swaraj and Raje, there was further shocker to the BJP and their Union HRD Minister Smriti Irani, when a Delhi Court took cognizance of a complaint that had purportedly given different details about her educational qualifications in the different affidavits she had filed before the Election Commission in 2004, 2011 and 2014. Then came out the Munde-Tawde cases from Maharashtra. Both Ms Pankaja Munde, BJP minister for women and child development, and Vinod Tawde, the BJP state education minister were alleged to be involved in illegally and irregularly clearing purchase worth of hundreds of crores of rupees. A new episode was added to the Chouhan-Swaraj-Raje- Munde- Tawde series when BJP chief minister Raman Singh of the neighbouring Chhattisgarh state of MP, his wife and sister-in-law were alleged to be involved in a Rs 36,000-crore scam in a scheme for supplying rice through the public distribution system.

BJP or Congress or else: whoever serves capitalism savours corruption and crime too

In sum and substance, the speed at which the BJP has got itself entangled in so many and such vicious crimes in hardly a year's time in power, makes one only wonder where they will end up. However, the most pertinent point is: All major parliamentary parties, not just some leaders of the Congress or the BJP or the DMK or any such party, are corrupt, as it was revealed during the last UPA regime and is

being revealed right now under the BJP rule. Even the social democrats with leftist jargon fall victim, at best stop at paying lip-service against corruption-crime to save face. Nor these scams and corruption are restricted to any person, any domain of life and administration or any state. It simply corroborates the premise we have discussed above on the corruption becoming the hallmark of obsolete reactionary capitalist system. Corruption and crime has now become all pervasive and deeply penetrating, as they are bred by the capitalist system, the decaying capitalist society itself. To prolong its moribund existence, capitalism is shattering all norms, principles, conventions, civilized conduct, and trampling every canon of ethics and morality. Unceasingly it gives birth to newer and newer means, methods and instances of all the maladies and vices like fraudulence, corruption, arrogance, defiance of norms and values, even laws. Capitalism today has become synonymous with corruption and criminality. And these start right from the top echelon of the political-industrial-bureaucratic-executive-criminal nexus which thrives on, sustains and serves the capitalist system. And the attitude becomes clear when Nandkumar Singh, Madhya Pradesh BJP chief announces: "We have no regrets over the Vyapam scam." Such arrogance, nonchalance and carefree stance at these levels help scams and corruption percolate and permeate downwards to any level of the society. By chance or by coincidence or clash of interests scams come out to the surface; for some days society remains turbulent; after a while everything dies down, may be on a deal. If and when it becomes totally shameless or unbearable there may be a scapegoat, preferably from lower rungs, but the high-ups remain unscathed. If and when palpable corruption and crime occurs at the lower levels, the society seems to be all vibrant with slogans and pledges to weed those out and hold the perpetrators to task. But there again the end is indeterminate, depending on so many factors: whether any punishment would create some precedence, some uneasiness that may cause difficulty to people of higher echelon or not etc. At the end the decadent capitalist society carries on to breed corruption every moment in every sphere, to generate Chouhan, Modi, Swaraj, Raje, Raju,

and so on. Vyapam has brought in a new phenomenon to this presently usual play of corruption; that is, money laundering, nepotism, corrupt practices protected by an organized crime of killing.

Congress cry hoarse against corruption, the country has their deeds still in memory

Now overwhelmed with the joy of finding the BJP on the turf, the Congress leaders are rejoicing. The sudden turn of events handed them over a sharp leverage against the BJP, their arch-contender at the hands of which they have got good drubbing in the last elections. But do they have any propriety to howl? Can one forget how only a few years back the same Congress party, with its same leaders and its government (really the Congress-led UPA government) was totally submerged in the quagmire of corruption that was exposed in one scam after another. At that time the BJP was crying hoarse against corruption and crimes of the Congress. Now the Congress is taking their turn. Does for any of the two parties, or for that matter any parliamentary party, their fight against corruption has any element of sincerity and honesty? Or, are these mere gimmicks to ride back to power? The BJP raised slogan against corruption and pledged for corruption-free India to win the election. The current spate of events shows that was nothing but an electoral bluff. Now the Congress leaders feign to fight against corruption and demand resignation of Chouhan, Swaraj and Raje. But at one stage they have kept their minds open. It is reported that they are raising this demand as a part of an underhand deal. As per the deal, in exchange of the resignation of these BJP ministers, they would extend their support to the Goods and Services Tax Bill, a support that the BJP longs utmost for. So it is a give and take game. The interest of the Congress is that it would then regain some lost ground in the vote politics while the BJP would be able to push through the GST bill fulfilling the wish of the ruling class. Finally all of them are benefitted except the common people. Such deals are nothing new or unusual between two trusted representatives of the ruling Indian monopolists. A similar deal was made covertly during the Congress-led Manmohan Singh government. The BJP assured the

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Greece Bailout

Once more revealed is the cobweb of crisis the imperialist-capitalist world is enmeshed with

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exposed within no time after sovereign debt crisis broke out in Europe with Greece topping the list of debt defaulters. Sovereign debt means the loans a country raises taken from the market worldwide to finance its budget deficits. The crisis arose because countries like Greece, Portugal, Ireland and Spain declared that they had no money to service the huge debt they have raised. In US, the subprime crisis broke out when individual borrowers expectedly defaulted in repayment and the cascading effect extended upto the large banks and financial institutions who besides financing the loans were engaged in rampant speculation with the loan baskets euphemized as 'securitized loan'. In case of Greece, it is the capitalist state that is found insolvent to pay back the huge loan it availed of to boost its economy and thrive on doctored projections of growth.

Greece announced that it had been understating its deficit figures for years and hence cannot repay the huge debt it had been raising over the years to finance its multiplying budget deficit. The

national debt of Greece, put at •300 billion (\$413.6 billion) was found to be bigger than the country's economy placed at 120% of GDP. Fears mounted that this would affect other nations using the single European currency, the euro and result into a bigger crisis of world imperialism-capitalism as following introduction of capitalist globalization, economies of all countries are more interlinked — not in terms of people's interest but from the perspective of capital flight, cross country investments, spurt in speculative activities, usury and so forth—and hence vulnerable to any slip or tumbling anywhere. So to somehow stave off the crisis, need was felt for a second bail out—this time not by way of doling out huge funds from public exchequer as was done in case of sub-prime crisis—but by way of granting fresh loans of around 240 billion euros (\$264 billion) in the name of rescue package. It was not that such was done out of grace and benevolence. This was warranted by the crisis-ridden capitalist-imperialist world. Not just big imperialist powers like Germany,

France or UK, even US had several trillion dollars in exposure to European Union banks who in turn granted loan to Greece. Insolvency of Greece would have caused and would still cause enormous financial loss to all of them multiplying capitalist crisis manifold. Moreover, once the sovereign debt bonds (the loan instruments issued by any country to borrow funds) of many of the European countries were not perceived to be safe, the investing institutions and banks were turning towards 'relatively safe' US bonds (sovereign debts). US rulers feared that in the long run they might also land that into a similar crisis. According to media report, US President Obama personally phoned German chancellor Merkel and the then French President Sarkozy and persuaded them to bail out Greece. This is the cobweb of capitalist crisis in which the entire imperialist-capitalist world is enmeshed. It was in fact not a bail out of Greece but desperate attempt to bail-out the world capitalist system itself.

So, emerged the rescue plan. But this rescue package besides being loaded with hefty interest

burden was also conditional. The rescuing authorities stipulated that excruciatingly harsh austerity measures would have to be imposed on the people of Greece and the country would have to slash the fiscal deficit from 13.6 per cent to 3 per cent within three years. The suggested austerity included far more drastic cuts in the wages of workers and civil servants and government pension, raising of retirement age while drastically slashing of public spending including social benefits like healthcare, etc. dismantling public kitchen and hiking taxes. At the same time, further job cuts were on the anvil in a situation where unemployment was already high. It was like launching a war against the working class, the toiling people by the ruling capitalist class that has enriched itself through the bailout of banks, of the financial system and wanted to shift the burden of crisis through huge cuts in jobs, pay, and other benefits. The ruling dispensation of Greece, very much a part of the world capitalist system, agreed to the terms and salvaged the position with that

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Organized sustained movement in a conscious ambience may act as the bulwark against corruption- crime

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then Manmohan Singh government that they would not embarrass it much on the floor of Parliament over the barrage of scams it was entangled with if it pushed under the carpet the elaborate report of the SIT on the 2002 Gujarat pogrom which clearly and strongly implicated Modi and his associates in the ghastly killings. After all, one raven will not pluck another's eye. So all the brag and bluster against corruption of either the Congress or the BJP is simply for gaining mileage in parliamentary politics by befooling people. And on this question the two parties are in the same boat, though always apparently going for the neck of the other. And perhaps that is why the otherwise 'eloquent' Narendra Modi, the BJP Prime Minister, is maintaining mode of silence on the corruption charges on Chouhan - Swaraj- Raje- Irani- Raman Singh - Munde - Tawde and others just in the way 'erudite soft-spoken' Dr. Manmohan Singh,

erstwhile Congress Prime Minister, used to remain tight-lipped in the face of corruption charges on any of his colleagues in the cabinet or party.

To remain free from corruption one needs to fight capitalism, root of all evils

Under such circumstances who can remain insulated from corruption and crime? Obviously those who engage themselves relentlessly in conscious and continuous fight against capitalism, the root of the evils, stand the chance of keeping themselves away from corruption and crime. Be that as it may. The virulent spate of corruption and crime demands immediate united action from all right thinking people. And such a platform for anti-corruption movement needs to forcefully remove the corrupt union ministers or the state chief ministers and their accomplices. There should be fast and thorough investigation and trial of the cases and exemplary

stringent punishment of anybody found guilty. For a case of Vyapam's magnitude, where the entire administration right from the state chief minister appears involved, there should be a proper time bound CBI enquiry into the case under the supervision of the Supreme Court. Also there should be a high power impartial committee to probe into the role of the state-level investigating bodies of the Vyapam case as there is a glaring miscarriage of investigation because of sleight of some 'invisible' hands.

At the same time it must be recognized that in this moribund capitalist set-up, no enquiry will find its desired end, until and unless people stand vigilant. So any and every democratic minded person, need to take it into their heart that there must develop in the society an ambience which would stand resolutely against corruption and crime. Only such an ambience can act as the bulwark against these virulent enemies of mankind. And

such an ambience can be generated only through a sustained organized democratic movement with a definite purpose and direction, based upon firm conviction of ideology, high ethics and morality taking shape in the personality and character of the band of innumerable volunteers across the country, magnetically attracting and holding together a vast periphery of common people to stand as benevolent active or passive supporters of movement. Such an anti-corruption movement must stand conducive to the movement against capitalism itself.

Only with these conditions fulfilled and the desired movement picking up momentum, there can work a check on this all-powerful capitalist society and its subservient permanent nexus of the monopolists-industrialists- business men- tainted politicians-high handed bureaucracy-army and even 'sacrosanct' judiciary and the henchmen of all of them.

Six left parties to launch joint movement against the raging corruption of BJP

Responding to the call of SUCI(C) for development of a joint left movement against the corruption of the BJP and its governments (the letter Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), sent to all other five left parties on 26-06-2015, was published in the Proletarian Era dated 01-07-2015.), six left parties met in Delhi on 05-07-15 to decide the details of the movement and then the following joint statement was issued on the same day.

Leaders of six Left parties – CPI(M), CPI, AIFB, RSP, CPI(ML)-Liberation and SUCI(C) met today and issued the following statement:

1. All the claims made by the BJP central government and the Prime Minister that during the course of this one year the NDA government has offered a corruption free administration are being thoroughly exposed by the day.

In the Lalit Modi-IPL scam, the Union Minister for External Affairs and the Rajasthan Chief Minister have figured as persons grossly misusing their office to help a fugitive from Indian law, Lalit Modi.

The Union Minister for Human Resource Development has given a false statement regarding her educational qualifications.

Cases of misuse of office for pecuniary gains have come up in the BJP ruled states of Maharashtra, involving two BJP state ministers. In other BJP ruled states like Chattisgarh such instances of high level corruption are being reported.

The Left parties demand that a thorough CBI investigation under the supervision of the judiciary must be conducted in these cases and the guilty should be booked and punished. All tainted ministers in the Centre and the states must be removed from office until the investigations are completed and action taken.

Crime & Corruption: The admission and recruitment scam in the state of Madhya Pradesh – Vyapam scam — has exposed the BJP state government as having perpetrated one of the worst corruption cases in the state ever. Officially 27 people associated with this case, including nine important witnesses, have died under mysterious circumstances. Important journalists, reporting on the scam, have also been victims of such mysterious deaths. Nearly 47 inexplicable deaths of people connected with this scam in one way or the other have been reported.

July 20 – All India Protest Day

The Left parties decided to hold an all India protest on July 20 exposing corruption at high levels in this BJP central government as well as in various states. State level protest actions will be held demanding the removal and action against all those involved in corruption and nepotism.

The state units of the Left parties will take up the state level issues of corruption, like the massive Saradha and other chit fund scams in West Bengal, along with those mentioned above in their state level protest actions.

2. **Hindutva Terror:** The Left parties strongly condemn the efforts of the BJP governments in the Centre and the states to subvert justice in investigated cases of Hindutva terror like Malegaon, Hyderabad Mecca Masjid, Ajmer Sharif and the Samjhutha Express cases. In the Malegaon and the Ajmer Sharif investigations, efforts are on to scuttle the cases.

3. **September 2 Workers Strike:** The Left parties decided to give a joint call of support to the September 2 all India call for strike given by the central trade unions.

4. **Bihar Assembly Elections:** The Left parties have decided to jointly contest the forthcoming assembly elections in Bihar as an independent, united bloc.

The meeting was attended by Comrades Sitaram Yechury and Prakash Karat from CPI(M), Sudhakar Reddy and D. Raja from CPI, Dipankar Bhattacharya and Swapan Mukherjee from CPI(ML)-Liberation, G Devarajan from AIFB, Satyawani and Pran Sharma from SUCI(C) and Abani Roy from RSP.

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SUCI(C) expresses grave concern at the Vyapam scam and demands CBI enquiry under supervision of Supreme Court

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), issued the following statement on 07-07-15:

One after another mysterious death of as many as 46 persons having some connections with the Vyapam (Vyavsayik Pareeksha Mandal, or Madhya Pradesh Professional Examination Board) scam of 2007 wherein a number of eligibility tests for courses and recruitments including medical entrance, government employment as police constables, teachers and banking officials were allegedly rigged to favour candidates recommended by or close to ministers including BJP chief minister of the state, ruling party leaders, RSS top brass, bureaucrats across the board, as well as the office of Governor, have belatedly burst on the national scene. It is a crime of unprecedented dimension in capitalist India. Though over Rs.2,000 crore believed to have been exchanged as bribes in this scandal is nothing compared to mega scams like 2G or Coalgate involving lakhs of crores of rupees, this is much graver and serious a crime because the latter were not associated with this type of unprecedented death of associated persons in our country. The serial deaths of accused persons, witnesses, government approvers, probing officials or investigating journalists in suspicious circumstances do smack of a deep-rooted conspiracy involving powerful well-connected individual as well as mafias skilled in orchestrating silent assassination who have been planfully engineering cold-blooded murder of those who might be instrumental in unravelling this multi-layered crime and expose the culprits. It is disquieting that no one else but the Union BJP Home Minister has tried to dodge questions calling this a 'non-issue' and starting from BJP Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh to other BJP big shots are making frantic bid to play down the graveness of such a horrendous crime and even showing audacity to comment like "whoever is born has to die one day". While being gravely concerned at such a mega-crime, we are of the firm opinion that such cannot take place without connivance of top levels of administration, government, ministers and police officials. The way ruling BJP leaders are trying to suppress the episode and the Prime Minister is maintaining eerie silence provide enough indication towards that and confirms sinister attempt to hide the culprits. This also once again vindicates the analysis of our Party that anyone associated with subserving or defending decadent moribund reactionary and corrupt capitalist system cannot but be corrupt and even plunged in criminality.

We, therefore, demand the following :

(i) There should be an immediate CBI enquiry into the matter under supervision of the Supreme Court and the guilty brought out and meted out exemplary punishment.

(ii) Investigating agencies in the state which have been deployed to investigate the incidents are alleged to be suppressing the facts and protecting the real culprits. So, there should be formed a high power impartial committee to investigate their role.

(iii) Shivraj Singh Chouhan should immediately step down from the Chief Ministership of Madhya Pradesh.

M.S.University Vigilance team interfered in All India DSO's protest against implementation of higher payment seat at Vadodara (Gujarat)

The authorities of M.S.University authorities decided to introduce 'higher payment' seats in B. Sc. course where admission fee would be Rs37, 500 as against Rs 6,500 in general seats. Against that, AIDS0 organized a *dharna* (sit-in-demonstration) on 9 July. Just before commencement of the dharna, vigilance staff of the M.S.University interfered in the programme, misbehaved with the volunteers and participants using offensive words and dragged the students out of the campus. Also, when volunteers and students went to complain to the Pro-VC, he denied to meet them. M.S. University is renowned for its autonomy and democratic atmosphere. In the past, many students' movements were organized here against the various anti-educational policies. But the way the authorities used force to disperse a peaceful demonstration smacks only of a high handed fascist attitude to muffle voice of protest against glaring anti-student moves.

Incidentally, just few days back, the same authorities bowed down before pressure of AIDS0-led movement and revoked decision to discontinue the Urdu department.

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Bailout of Greece is a desperate attempt to bail out the world capitalist system itself

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rescue package. Both in the cases of US and Greece, it is the common people who have been the worst casualty of the economic roulette of capitalism.

The situation aftermath

The people of Greece were taken umbrage at imposition of the stringent measures. Right from the day Greece discarded its own currency drachma and joined Eurozone ((European Union member states that have adopted the euro as their common currency) in June, 2000, there was accumulated grievance among them. Because, they saw that while there was no abatement to their suffering, the ruling big bourgeoisie has been making fortunes, multiplying their wealth between 2004 and 2009 by several times. While the country's rulers were boasting of a 4.2% annual growth of the country's economy between 2000 and 2007 with foreign capital flooding the country, there was marked deterioration in their standard of life. Up to 1990, 75% industries of Greece were in public sector. There was also government control on other areas. But thereafter, in pursuance of the ruinous prescripts of globalization, like other countries, there was a spree of privatization and liberalization in Greece also. As a consequence of assimilation of the Greek economy in the EU and Eurozone in the phase of acute market crisis of capitalism, manufacturing industries of Greece like textiles, clothing, metal, ship-building and ship-repair, production of transport means were under immense pressure from competitors from more powerful imperialist countries and hence shrank. Increase in imports from the EU went on widening trade deficits. While surfeit of concessions and tax waivers were granted to the ruling Greek monopolists and multinationals, people were back-broken with increasing fiscal savagery, tax burden, mounting unemployment and spiraling rise in prices. Unemployment is at 25%. Youth unemployment is now over around 50%. The country is facing a health emergency and doctors regularly see people hospitalized because of malnutrition. Austerity and unemployment in Greece have brought the proportion of people living under the poverty line from 3 percent in 2010 to 44 percent today.

The hundreds of health clinics, social kitchens, education centres and legal aid hubs that sprang up in recent months testify to the collapse of Greece's welfare state under the weight of half a decade of austerity. Thus while people bore the entire brunt of the crisis, the ruling Greek bourgeoisie and its salvagers of EU and Eurozone rode on prosperity. So shrinking of Greek money by 25% and increase of debt-to-GDP ratio to 175% was nothing but festering sores of dying exploitative capitalism.

So, the illusion created by the architects of European Union that it was founded on the principles of 'Dignity, Equality and Solidarity' and would bring avalanche of progress and development in the life of the people was wiped out in no time. It became gradually evident to the Greek people as also to the suffering populace of the other European countries that EU and Eurozone were nothing but a mark of 'neoliberal' globalization designed to reap maximum possible benefit for monopoly capitals of imperialist powers from a consolidated, rather globalized economy and politics. A little deeper analysis would reveal that these were created by the European monopolists to strengthen their capital and increase competitive power, both in domestic and foreign markets, to take on US capital. So, these combinations were born out of the contradictions among the imperialist-capitalist powers over market.

Rising military expenditure — a major factor of public debt explosion

The suffering Greek people noticed that the bailout money, instead of being used to better their life, was, not only going towards paying off international loans but also in procuring huge arms. In 2007, military budget of Greece was •6.24bn. In 2010, that is when it defaulted in sovereign debt repayment, it then rose to •7.1bn, lower only to US among the NATO countries. The US is the major beneficiary of Greek military expenditure, with the Pentagon rulers supplying 42 per cent of its arms. In second place is Germany, with 22.7 per cent, and then France, with 12.5 per cent. Some 58 per cent of Greece's military expenditure in 2010 went to Germany. As a proportion of GDP, Greece spends twice as much as any other EU

member on defence and is the largest importer of conventional weapons in Europe. This spending has been one of the main factors behind Greece's stratospheric national debt. To defend this huge military expenditure, the Greek rulers have been advancing the same lame excuse like the capitalist rulers of any other country including India. That is, the country is under threat from neighbouring Turkey. But this excuse has hardly any taker in Greece. Greek military contracts have also been the greatest source of corruption, bribery, payoffs, kickbacks and scams. What the Greek people also observed is that despite their country reeling under unprecedented debt crisis, the rulers of Germany and France, while advancing rescue packages and demanding drastic cuts in pensions, salaries and public services, are making it mandatory for Greece to honour all their arms buying agreements. Why is this arm twisting? Because, militarization is a crying need of crisis-ridden capitalism today. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, Founder General Secretary, SUCI(C) and one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of the era, had shown in course of his penetrating analysis: "...the imperialists themselves ... are making desperate attempts to get out of the burning pyre. They are...having recourse to frantic rearmament and militarization of industry...much like a drowning man catching at a straw... to stave off the crisis and maintain the boom of the capitalist market, at least temporarily, by artificial stimulation of increased military consumption. ...more acute the crisis, the more militarized is becoming the economy." (SW Vol. II p. 45-46) And hence is there a stress on arms selling and buying so much so that dominating imperialist powers are even bartering rescue package with guarantee of procuring arms from them on a large scale.

Syriza won elections riding on mounting wrath and discontent of people

Since the time 2008 global economic crisis struck, the rulers in Berlin, London and Wall Street have gone into overdrive to convince the Greek workers — and the working people everywhere — that the debt crisis in Greece arose because the Greek workers were living "beyond their means." Now the cat is out of the bag. But the Greek people did

not bear this escalating hardship lying low. Spate of protests against all such economic attacks, profligacy and rising corruption swept the country. One after another massive all out strikes paralyzed Greece administration. The cries of "thieves, thieves" everywhere just about underscored the enormity of the disaster. A combative and confident workers' movement in Greece threw a monkey wrench into the sinister plans of the bourgeois rulers of Greece and other imperialist powers to stave off capitalist crisis by further grinding down workers' wages and benefits as well as robbing of their democratic rights.

It is in this backdrop that Greece went to polls in January, 2015. As expected, the Syriza (an acronym and stands for 'Coalition of the Radical Left') who pledged to roll back draconian austerity, renegotiate Greece's mammoth debt and go on a collision path with Eurozone, IMF and other creditors, scored a stunning victory and dislodged the conservative New Democracy of Antonis Samaras from power. After becoming the Prime minister of Greece, the Syriza chief Tsipras said that "Greece has turned a page. Greece is leaving behind destructive austerity, fear and authoritarianism. It is leaving behind five years of humiliation and pain. The result had "made the 'Troika' history," Syriza also promised to restore the economy and not kowtow to big lenders. Sensing people's mood, Tsipras government also gave some relief to the people by giving free water to the working class, slashing power tariff by 50%, introducing old age pensions and rationing system for the working class.

The saga of defaulting IMF loan and contradictions among the bourgeois rulers

But before the euphoria had subsided, date for repayment of 1.5 billion euro (\$1.7 billion) to the International Monetary Fund as part of the previous bailout package drew near. Clearly Greece was in no position to pay it. The funds in the banks dried up. The government exchequer had no money. The IMF and the 'troika' dominated by Germany and France made it very clear that a rolling over of the loan would be considered only if Greece agreed to harsher austerity measures like slashing salary by

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Social-Democrats mouthing radical slogans and arresting people within the precincts of bourgeois vote politics are the most deceptive servitors of bourgeois class interest

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30%, stopping old age pension, hiking prices of gas and oil used by people, drastically cutting education, healthcare and welfare measures and achieving a primary budget surplus (excluding interest payments) of 3.5% of GDP by 2018. Austerity ought to be worth 4-5 billion euro for the second half of 2015 and the 2016. Pretension on the part of these lending imperialist powers has been as usual that the crisis has been bred by inefficient handling of economy by Greek authorities and revival is contingent upon assailing people with much fiercer economic onslaught. Shrewdly, the accentuated market crisis of decadent moribund capitalism as also the fact that a money borrowed by the capitalist state of Greece were diverted to serve the needs of profitability of capital and arms procurement from them has been kept behind the veil. Now the masses are being called to repay the same very loan with interest.

As it appeared, there were two options open before the ruling Greek bourgeoisie. Either to approach the 'troika' for another bail out accepting stiffest of conditions or to defy them, persist with the default and come out of the Eurozone. Here, one thing has to be understood very clearly. As there is a common cause of the EU and Eurozone constituents in fighting US domination and thwarting intrusion of other capitalist-imperialist contenders in both domestic and foreign markets, there is also contradiction among themselves over market capture. The Greek bourgeoisie is obviously disadvantaged at this point in bargaining much benefit in normal way. Nor it has money muscle to quit Eurozone. So all the slogans of leaving Eurozone or refusing repayment of debt were cunningly raised to increase the bargaining power to whatever little extent possible, not for people's interest but for buttressing its sinister class interest. And it once again used people as a pawn and talked of national interest. In this connection, it ought to be borne in mind that in a class-divided society, interests of the oppressor and the oppressed cannot be the same. So, when the ruling class talks of national interest, it actually means its own class interest which is diametrically

opposed to the interest of the oppressed exploited people. While this has been the position of the Greek bourgeoisie, the dominant partners of EU and Eurozone also have a class necessity to keep Greece aligned with them as any cleavage might be contiguous with Portugal, Ireland, Spain, also gasping in sovereign debt crisis. Moreover, they also saw to it that there is not even a slightest of relent in dictating the austerity and other bailout terms so that if later, similar bailouts are warranted to salvage Portugal, Spain or Ireland, Greece could be referred to as precedence of what should be the *quid pro quo* for their rescue packages. So, both Greece and Eurozone were precluded from parting with each other given their respective class interests. So, what was staged was a hard bargain and then settling things in a 'win win situation' riding roughshod on the wretched Greek people.

Hoodwinking people

Syriza and its leader were well aware of this class need of the Greek bourgeoisie. Though wearing a leftist cloak and mouthing radical slogans, they, as is now exposed much more nakedly, are typical social democrats, a force of compromise between labour and capital. Tsipras knows that he has come to power making lot of promises. Reneging on these promises overnight might cost the political future of his and his party. So, he cleverly put the ball in people's court by calling a referendum on the issue. A 'Yes' would mean capitulating to the terms of the creditors and continuation with eurozone while a 'No' result would mean refusal to yield to the conditions imposed by the creditors and affirmation in favour of moving out of eurozone. A 'No' was also viewed to strengthen negotiation of "a better deal". In the meanwhile, the insolvency of the country came sharply to the fore with banks shut down for 10 days, withdrawal from the ATMs restricted to merely 60 euros (\$67) a day. Tens of thousands of pensions were unpaid. Limit of pension withdrawals was set at 120 euros for the whole week. Footfalls declined phenomenally in the shops. Even after 50% price cut offered by the shop-owners, there was hardly any buyer. People were even found poking around in dustbins to get food

to eat. Still it could not dampen the fighting mood of the Greek people. By a vote of 61 percent to 39 percent, the Greek masses have made the verdict of "No" victorious. Our Party, SUCI(C), wholeheartedly congratulated the Greek people for such a courageous verdict. This 'No' reflecting Greek people's defiant mood sent shock waves through the financial assassins and extortionists of the imperialist camp located in Frankfurt, Paris, Brussels, Rome, Madrid, Lisbon, Amsterdam and elsewhere throughout Europe as they fear that the Greek spirit of "No" will spread to Spain, Portugal, Italy and beyond — to all the victimized populations who have suffered cruel austerity programmes imposed by the same very creditors.

Somersault of ruling Syriza

But, though Tsipras and his Syriza pretended to be elated at the verdict, what was being cooked behind was different. Instead of people, this "No" was actually used to extract a 'better bailout package' suited to the class need of the ruling bourgeoisie. This most humiliating of Greece's three bailouts since 2010 is destined to wreak havoc in the lives of the Greek people — akin to slaying the slain. And the Syriza, betraying its arch social-democratic character, has been instrumental in negotiating the deal in favour of the Greek bourgeoisie. Tsipras is now hoping that "great majority of Greek people will support the effort" but there is report of a revolt within his party rank itself. The Greek people as well as the toiling people of the entire world have now noticed with utter dismay how the Syriza government led by Tsipras has backstabbed the people's cause by undergoing a somersault and consent to a deal that tramples all of Tsipras' pre-election promises. This has once again laid bare the typical character of compromising social-democrats round the world who with their progressive slogans and radical posture have been saving oppressive reactionary capitalism with cunningness. Some of the facts which have appeared in the Greek media about political viewpoint of Syriza clearly indicate of their arch social democratic character. So, the *volte face* of Syriza is only but natural. That is the reason great Stalin said that, "Present Day Social-Democratism is an ideological support of capitalism. It is

impossible to put an end to capitalism without putting an end to Social-Democratism."

Lessons to be learnt

Obviously, the suffering and agitated Greek people find themselves to have been let down and betrayed. Once again their trust and confidence has been misplaced. Already there is outpouring of their rage. Anti-austerity rallies are brought out in Athens and other places. "They took the "no" and made it a "yes" said a protestor. "I don't support Tsipras, I support the "no", said another. But why is it that they are deceived again and again? Because, they are driven to agitation being unable to bear the brunt of capitalist oppression but are yet to understand the laws governing capitalism and identify the correct course to remedy.

Their life is being wrecked and devastated because crisis-ridden decadent moribund capitalism is squarely passing on the entire burden on them under this or that pretext. There is no way capitalism can get out of this crisis which is endemic of the system. As Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had explained, "What is the necessity of the people — to plan on its basis, to produce on the basis of this and distribute accordingly — the capitalist economy has no bearing on these. The nature and character of the capitalist economy is such that it is solely governed by the demand of the market, which is invariably linked with people's purchasing power, solely on consideration of what will be the amount of profit coming out of the sale of goods. To put it in other words, on all these rests the foundation of the capitalist economy. So, if there is no stability of the market then the capitalist economy's state of existence becomes highly volatile. ... the crisis that ensued after the Second World War was a daily, hourly crisis. The earlier relative stability of the capitalist market is no more today, it has disappeared, that condition of the capitalist market has ceased to exist now." (SW Vol. IV p. 51) As a last ditch attempt to provide oxygen to its gasping existence, capitalism invoked the doctrine of globalization. But that too has been of no avail except that it multiplied the misery and penury of the people and doomed them to almost a sub-human life. The attempt of the capitalist-imperialist rulers to

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Central Government must desist from adopting a pro-Israel policy and firmly stand by the just cause of the Palestinian people

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), issued the following statement on 03-07-15:—

We denounce in strongest terms the abstention of India in the vote at the UN Human Rights Council on the resolution condemning Israel for its war crimes in Gaza. For more than a year Israel has been waging a most violent and brutal attack on the civilians in Gaza killing thousands of innocent people, including women, children, the infirm and the aged. The UN Human Rights Council in its report documented the evidence of the war crimes of Israel in this Gaza attack. Ever since Independence, forced by the strong anti-imperialist, pro-Palestine sentiments of the Indian people, the successive Indian Governments supported the cause of Palestine against Israeli aggression. But now, the bourgeois Government of India, from its imperialist desire, is coming ever closer to the world imperialist camp and is establishing close political, diplomatic and defence ties with the US and its allies. In tune with this policy, the Government is veering towards establishing friendly relations and military ties with US's henchman, Zionist Israel, which is brutally trampling the rights of the Palestinian people, and is guilty of their wanton killing. It is this pro-imperialist stand that is manifested in the Government's abstention from condemning the criminal acts of Israel in various international forums, including the UN.

We strongly condemn this act, which goes against the Indian people's anti-imperialist tradition, and call upon the Indian people to forcefully raise the demand that the Government must desist from adopting a pro-Israel policy and, firmly stand by the just cause of the Palestinian people.

SUCI(C) vehemently protests the recommendation to increase allowances of MPs & Ex-MPs

Strongly criticizing the recommendation of the Parliamentary Panel to increase salary, allowances & other facilities of the MPs and Ex-MPs from Rs 50,000 to Rs. 1,00,000 and Rs.20,000 to Rs.50,000 respectively, i.e. more than above 100%, Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), issued the following statement on 03-07-2015: —

In a country, where crores of people are unemployed, i.e. having no income at all and where about 74% people cannot spend more than Rs 20 per day, recommendation for such a 100% increase of the MPs and Ex-MPs of whom many are crorepatists, is not only highly irrational but also patently anti-people. This may encourage some parties to demand for increase in the allowances of the Councillors, MPs, MLAs etc. who are actually people's representatives and not government employees that they can demand for yearly increment of their salaries and allowances.

We strongly demand of the Central Government to totally reject the recommendation of the Parliamentary panel.

We also request the political parties particularly the Left and democratic parties to raise voice against this most unreasonable and anti-people recommendation.

Recent developments in Greece

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somehow salvage themselves by introducing a credit-driven economy also proved boomerang as is evidenced in outbreak of the sub-prime crisis followed by the sovereign debt crisis. Now debt is being repaid by another fresh tranche of debt squeezing out the last drop of blood of the toiling people. What could be a greater mockery than this! While analysing the situation of Greece after the sovereign debt crisis broke out and a bailout package was mooted to rescue the country, we had, in our analysis based on Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought, showed that "While the rescue operation of Greece might appear to have abated the crisis and saved Eurozone from a catastrophe, the fact is that the foundation of even greater crisis is being laid and it is only a matter of time before that unfolds." (Proletarian Era—01-06-2010) The present developments of Greece vindicate the correctness of our analysis.

So, it ought to dawn upon the oppressed and repressed people that unless capitalism is overthrown, there will be no end to their escalating wretchedness and suffering. But capitalism can be overthrown only after fulfilling some necessary conditions as enunciated by Lenin—correct revolutionary theory, correct revolutionary party of the proletariat and correct base political line. Change of government does not mean change of the state. Government is a caretaker of the state. The caretaker might change, but not the state. The parties, no

matter what is the hue or colour of their flag, which vend dream of solving all the problems through parliamentary route without smashing the capitalist state machine are either ignorant or agents of the ruling bourgeoisie. The social democrats mouthing radical slogans and arresting people within the precincts of bourgeois vote politics by giving false promises are the most deceptive servitors of bourgeois class interest. The erupting people's agitations round the world, the historic movements of the working people of Greece and other European countries, the inspiring 'Occupy Wall Street Movement' with slogans against capitalism, the upsurge of 'Arab Spring'—all these indicate that objective condition of anti-capitalist revolution is already matured in the world. But what remains to be fulfilled is maturing of the subjective condition as taught by Lenin. It is, therefore, imperative that working class and other sections of the toiling masses isolate the social democrats and other bourgeois forces strengthen the genuine communist party on their respective soils, and intensify class and mass struggles under correct revolutionary leadership and based on Leninist model and higher proletarian ethics and culture so that the path is laid for accomplishment of anti-capitalist revolution. The same is true for Greece also. It is high time that the Greek people understand this truth in right earnest and act accordingly. On behalf of the fighting Indian people, we extend our fraternity and solidarity with their struggle.

AIMSS welcomes Supreme Court judgment on handling of Rape Case

Dr. H.G.Jayalakshmi, General Secretary, AIMSS, in a statement issued on 2 July, 2015 welcomed the judgement of the Supreme Court which said that the women's dignity is sacrosanct and there should be no mediation in rape cases. In the background of the recent Madras High Court judgement and the Madhya Pradesh High Court judgement to promote compromise between the accused and the victim, the present judgement of Supreme Court is of paramount importance in protecting women's honour and dignity.

AIMSS concurred with the judgement that the Court should not adopt any soft or lenient approach in any rape case as rape is a serious offence and any liberal approach in a case of rape is a serious error and reflects a lack of sensibility towards the dignity of a woman and completely sans legal permissibility.

Four left parties call bandh in Madhya Pradesh on 16 July against Vyapam scam

State units of SUCI(C), CPI (M), CPI and CPI (ML) jointly have given a bandh call in Madhya Pradesh on 16 July against the way the BJP-led state government has tried to suppress the facts of Vyapam scam and shield those responsible for the mysterious deaths of those connected with the scam and in demand for a CBI probe under the supervision of Supreme Court as well as immediate resignation of Shivraj Singh Chouhan from chief minister's post.

The decision of calling a bandh was taken in a meeting attended by Comrades Pratap samal, SUCI(C) State Secretary, Badal Saroj, CPI (M) State Secretary, Arvind Srivastava, CPI State Secretary and Devendra Singh Chauhan of CPI (ML). They have appealed to all democratic and secular parties, organizations and forces to support the bandh.

Make All India Strike on 2 September called by central trade unions a total success

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