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Long Live Great Friedrich Engels



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“By economic relations, which we regard as the determining basis of the history of society, we understand the way in which human beings in a definite society produce their necessities of life and exchange the products among themselves (in so far as division of labour exists). The political, legal, philosophical, religious, literary, artistic, etc., development rest upon the economic base. But they all react upon one another and upon the economic base. It is not the case that the economic situation is the *cause, alone active*, and everything else only a passive effect. Rather there is a reciprocal interaction with a fundamental economic necessity which *in the last instance* always asserts itself.” (Letter to Hans Starkenburg)

‘Tariff wars’ nothing else than

Reflection of intense crisis and irreconcilable contradiction within capitalism-imperialism

Only a few decades back, the US imperialism-led capitalist world had been energetically drumming for free trade across the world market without any tariff walls. It would, they said, liberally open up newer markets riding on globalization to make the world live in harmony towards prosperity. Whether the world was tariff free or if globalization could bring prosperity for common people are different questions. But sure enough, drumbeats are gone; to people of even so-called advanced capitalist countries globalization has turned out to be a dreaded phrase synonymous with joblessness, disparity etc.; privatization has recently been equated with hell by the French workers, if not others. In this background, only in the last few months, the same imperialist countries are making an about-turn and frantically imposing or counter-imposing tariffs, calling for ‘economic nationalism’, as the imperialist chieftain, the US imperialists, have termed their action while arm-twisting others with veiled or open threats.

Tariff wars begin

What precisely is a trade or tariff war? When a nation imposes tariffs, a sort of tax, on imports to protect its domestic industry from inflow of foreign goods and services and when foreign countries retaliate with similar trade protectionism, trade or tariff war sets in,

escalates and finally reduces international trade. In this self-annihilating latest agenda, the US imposed 25% tax on steel and 10% tax on aluminium imported from its capitalist-imperialist allies, the European Union (EU), Canada and Mexico since midnight, 31 May 2018. Accompanied by “America First” slogan of the US President Donald Trump, these were preceded by tariff on imported washing machines and solar panels etc., which Trump had already slapped on China and South Korea earlier this year. The US also talked on levying a 25 percent tax on cars exported from the European Union, as also from Mexico and Canada. The Trump administration justified its act with the argument that since the US imported more from other countries than the latter absorbed American goods, the US was suffering from huge trade deficit which, in turn, has been bringing lots of trouble to the American people for years. He, however, did not fail to provide the US monopolists with huge tax-cuts because of the said deficit. There were other arguments too. Tariff on Mexican cars were meant to force concessions in the NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) talks putting pressure on Mexico. It may be recalled that ‘illegal immigrants are causing the Americans loose jobs’ was another pet slogan riding on which Trump

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Massive rally of tens of thousands of people in London on 13 July last to tell US President Trump that he was not welcome in the United Kingdom

So-called tariff war leave Trump administration in isolation

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had won the presidency. That made Mexico a target. Besides Trump moved to launch long-promised punitive measures against \$60 billion worth of Chinese goods. On 6 July Trump implemented 25% duties on about \$34 billion Chinese machinery etc., threatening more severe steps in terms of a few hundreds of billion dollar on Chinese goods. China warned of immediate retaliation. The matter of fact is, at the same category of quality, Chinese goods are found cheaper as cost of production in China is low because of its three decade long socialist background. The US market is thus flooded with imported Chinese goods, trade deficit of US with China, thus rising to around \$375 billion, almost 66% of its aggregate trade deficit. Besides China is accused of sponsoring a unique strain of state-directed, heavily subsidised industrial policy unfairly aimed at snatching competitive supremacy. Cyber-espionage, including illegitimately stealing intellectual property from other countries, particularly the USA, is the third leg of the stool in the US case against China. Here, it cannot be missed that China, now a full-fledged capitalist country with enough economic muscle and hegemonic aspirations are tough competitors in the global capitalist market and they, like all other capitalist-imperialist countries do not always play by the rules, rather practise all the malpractices of the imperialists. Then again who among the capitalist-imperialists are not doing that? It is not yet three months that the world was shocked when companies like Cambridge Analytica or Facebook were accused of data stealing from all over the world and the US giant corporate chief Zuckerberg had to seek apology in public for that. Now the same US is crying hoarse to accuse others of 'stealing'! Bravo!

Close to the heels came the 44th G7 summit of seven top imperialist countries like the USA, the UK, Germany, France, Canada, Japan and Italy, held on 8 to 9 June 2018, in Quebec, Canada. It took no time to expose the extent to which the mutual contradictions among top imperialist powers of the world have reached, how severely disunited the leading capitalist countries are on the strategy to overcome the capitalist crisis. The US President Donald Trump came with a war cry to stick to the already announced tariff measures and to enact stiff penalties if other countries did not

agree to drastically reduce or end tariffs on American goods. He threw the challenge: "Well, if they retaliate, they're making a mistake." He added "We're like the piggy bank that everybody is robbing. And that ends." Boastfully rubbishing the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), created by none other than the USA, "as bad as NAFTA", he spat venom saying that US paid "close to the entire cost of NATO" to help protect countries that "rip us off on trade". Clearly, Trump had come to the G7 summit determined to link this question of military spending to trade negotiations, arguing tariffs were essential "to protect U.S. national security", to protect workers' jobs.

Reactions clearly underlined the US isolation from its hard core allies in the G7. The German Chancellor Angela Merkel dragged Trump before the question who ripped whom, saying "We won't let ourselves be ripped off again and again. We will then act too". The French President Emmanuel Macron was harsh to comment that international co-operation could not be "dictated by fits of anger and throwaway remarks". In a tight rope walking, the UK Prime Minister Theresa May paid "particular tribute" to the Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's skilful chairing of a "difficult summit" which, at times, had "some very candid discussions"; she assured that the UK would honour its commitments in the joint communiqué. The European Commission president Jean-Claude Juncker hinted towards retaliatory policies to "rebalance" the trade situation between European countries and the US following the move by Mr Trump. The host Canadian PM Justin Trudeau held a press conference after the summit, where he had reasserted his opposition to US tariffs on steel and aluminium, and vowed to press ahead with retaliatory moves on July 1. Facing open rebuff, Trump reportedly instructed the US representative not to sign the joint communiqué. The G7 came to stand out as G6+1.

It was not just war of words. The US had already started acting. The G6+1 summit drew in actions from others. Canada hit \$13 billion of US goods with new tariffs. The EU warned of a \$ 300 billion hit on US over car import tariffs. Mexico threatened curtailing purchase of American farm products worth \$19 billion in last year, causing American farmers' anxiety and frustration.

Beijing announced on March 23 plans for retaliatory tariffs on \$3 billion of US imports, covering 128 products.

Instead of waning, the arm-twisting by the US imperialism and retaliation from other countries continued. On 25 June the US, currently hostile to Iran, issued a strict warning threatening all countries including India and China to stop oil imports from Iran or face sanctions. *Business and Finance* (4 July 2018) raised fear that Trump's dealing with the OPEC countries may lead even to an oil war with OPEC and Russia. The US also asked India to lessen its dependence on Russian military hardware and stop purchase of defence missile system from Russia to help Indian and US forces work smoothly together. India hit back at the USA over raised tariffs and announced increased customs duty on 29 products imported from the USA. Along with China, India joined ranks in criticizing US protectionism and pleaded for globalization at the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos. US in their turn, accused India, like China, was unfairly subsidizing their export businesses.

Parallel to this, in the field of upcoming technology industry, concept of a digitally interconnected world is tending to tear apart. Instead Techno-protectionism is gaining ground, with different imperialist-capitalist countries vying for dominance or at least creating some means of their own to control the market. The social-imperialist China is also out on the prowl. The Chinese government has banned some foreign companies like Google and Facebook, creating pressure on other companies to merge with their Chinese rivals and has carved out an alternative strictly monitored internet system with its own brands, rule and culture with a view to ultimately dominating not only the internet, but the worldwide technology industry. Even the EU imposed new data protection rules crafted largely against the US corporate giants like Facebook, as also the Chinese efforts. It is also pondering a new digital market as the foothold for its own European firms. Some Arab countries have also banned foreign services like Whatsapp. Russia, Brazil and other countries are seeking for ways to monitor and control foreign services. The 'worldwide web' of technology stands endangered.

A leading section of the print media cutting across the countries,

was at war with the tariff war. The *New York Times* (17 June) published economist Paul Krugman saying that the most prominent trade war of the 20th century in 1930, ignited by Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act reduced international trade by 60%, undisputedly worsening and prolonging the hardships of the Great Depression, even contributing to the rise of the Nazis. He estimated, the new US tariffs and responses to them could reduce 70 percent of international trade. Republican Senator Benjamin Eric Sasse commented in *terribletariffs.com* that 'No trade war has ever worked.' 107 Republican lawmakers have signed a letter with a pledge to protect the American economy by saying "NO" to President Trump's trade war and terrible tariffs. *The Guardian* from the UK reported in April 2018 that markets were wary. In line with *The Economist's* (8 May) concern about American companies, *Workers' World* (3 July) quoted General Motors (28 June) fearing "less investment, fewer jobs and lower wages" because of the tariffs, adding that companies using cheaper imported metals like the nail manufacturer will lose and may be on the verge of closing, having already started retrenchment of workers. Harley-Davidson, the celebrated motorcycle manufacturer has announced to move much of its production to Mexico to avoid the retaliatory tariffs from the EU. In general, the *WW* held that, belying Trump's claim, prices will rise, hitting retired people and fixed income group particularly hard.

The root lies in the intense market crisis of capitalism

The question that naturally appears: what went wrong with the capitalist-imperialist world? Where and why has vanished the hype of globalization-liberalization-privatization prescribed and pushed through across the world as a measure for averting capitalist crisis? As the present sequence of events reveals, the capitalism-imperialism has no answer to it. If US imperialism, once a vociferous advocate of globalization, now speaks of imposing tariffs, others oppose it. On the other hand countries like India and China speak aloud for globalization, while they are charged with imposing unfair barriers. To comprehend such dubious two-faced tactics of the capitalists-imperialists, big or small, one must recognize the fact that all

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Spectacular progress of artificial intelligence and robotics – another astounding development of science

The progress in development of artificial intelligence (AI) and robotics and their application in every branch of science and technology has simply been spectacular. It has led to achievements which merely a few decades back we could not even dream of. Who could have thought of smart phones, or search engines in the internet making accessible a vast store of knowledge to anyone at the click of the mouse, or the possibility of autonomous, i.e. driverless cars hitting the road? Or of robot assisted surgery, where a doctor, say, sitting in London, carries out surgery with unprecedented precision with the help of robotic arms in Kolkata? Nor could anyone think of small drones hovering over agricultural fields providing precise information about crop-soil-weather conditions, while different types of autonomous agribots (agricultural robots) can carry out different tasks, like, say, weeding or spraying fertilizer and pesticides with such precision that it even reduces the amount needed dramatically. Examples run galore across every sphere of production and social life. And with AI (artificial intelligence) and robotics constantly developing much more is yet to come. Such astounding continuous advancement of science and technology is taking place notwithstanding the fact, that today capitalism far from encouraging the progress of science per se is, on the contrary, trying to obstruct true cultivation of science in many ways, and on the whole only encourages its technological aspects that help to keep the moribund capitalist system running.

Development of artificial intelligence and robotics linked with progress in computer science

To begin with, let us take a brief glance at what is meant by AI and robotics. Though AI was founded as an academic discipline way back in 1956, the great progress it has achieved is closely interlinked with the advances made in computer science and computer power in the 21st century. One of the basic goals of AI (artificial intelligence) is to gain a thorough understanding of human intelligence in order to design machines which can act in an apparently intelligent way like a human being. Involving research of highly technical and specialized nature, artificial intelligence draws upon machine learning, statistical analysis, linguistics, logic, neuroscience, and so many others, depending on the purpose or the task to which it is being applied. For example, AI experts or researchers have been using AI to create computer programmes with constantly improving mathematical algorithms of more and more complex nature, that enable machines to process a huge amount of data at lightning speed, and improve their performance by 'learning' from 'experience'. Let us take the example of games, where the AI acting as a machine player uses a pre-set of instructions to play with the human player. With machine learning techniques, that means in a mathematical way through mathematical algorithms, the machine player can 'learn' from 'experience' with each round by processing the new data and storing it in memory. It is in this way that the AI, or machine player, has not only 'learnt' to successfully compete with

human players in the strategic game of chess and the intelligence game Go, but has even defeated world champions.

AI (artificial intelligence) and robotics are closely interlinked. Robotics deals with the conception, design, construction and operation of the robots while AI is used to create the computer programmes for the robots so that they can carry out their particular tasks 'intelligently' and by themselves. Contrary to the machines so long in use which need to be run or controlled by human beings, robots are machines that can be programmed to carry out particular tasks autonomously, i.e. by themselves without the need for a human controller as was the case earlier (they spring into action, in response to particular signals or cues which their inbuilt sensors are programmed to recognize). Robotics is an interdisciplinary branch of engineering and science, including computer science, and draws, among others, on the science of cybernetics. Cybernetics, which predates the emergence of AI by almost a decade, intersects with mathematics, biology, physiology and neuroscience, among others. It deals with the control and communication systems in machines, living organisms and organizations. Control and communication system involves a feedback loop that triggers certain action or change. What needs to be kept in mind is that robotics deals not merely with the creation of robots, but also with computer systems. Just as the creation of robots brings on automation in different fields, in computerized systems, too, robotics is creating automation of different processes. As a result many repetitive tasks so long carried out by humans on the computer can be automated, that is to say, these can be carried out by a software 'robot', or a virtual assistant, which never sleeps. Such computer or robotic process automation is applicable at different levels, involving different functions and tasks, across IT, industry, banking, business and service sector, military, etc. Although today Robotic Process Automation (RPA) is not yet fully in vogue, it is increasingly coming into use.

Again, virtual assistants are sometimes used to talk with customers. Their ability to 'learn' from experience is reportedly leading to a high degree of customer satisfaction. Thus, according to Bernard Louvat, general manager of digital customer engagement solutions at tech firm Nuance, "A virtual assistant can handle 60% - 80% of all customer conversations now without any need for a human agent to intervene - five years ago it would have been 25%-30%". This of course, depends on speech recognition which involves pre-programmed voice commands and algorithms. Side by side efforts of AI are being directed towards understanding human speech. This stands on a completely different level, as it involves meaning and context. In this connection, a few small baby steps, so to say, have been made, on a very limited scale, and on a very basic level, say, by teaching the robot to ask a few questions. To make automation at the workplace more acceptable humanoid robots are increasingly being created, and for different purposes. Some of the advances made in this

respect can also be gleaned from the fact that the famous, social robot, Sophia, (that could act as a prototype for robots in Business establishments, banks, shops and what not) is, among others, able to have so many different facial expressions while talking. Again personal robots have been created that can reportedly 'chat' with people and show 'emotions' and 'empathy'. Thus, when the first personal robot 'Pepper' — said to display 'emotions' and even 'empathy' — was put up for sale by SoftBank Robotics Corporation in Japan, the response was so overwhelming that the 1000 units built were reportedly sold out in one minute. And thereafter the corporation was flooded with new orders to such an extent that it had to stop receiving new orders. Now in view of the great advances attained, often fantastic claims are made that impute certain human attributes to robots. But it needs to be kept in mind that all these achievements are based on machine learning and computer programmes, no matter how complex and advanced. Thus, for example, to really understand the meaning of human speech involves the ability to think, conceptual knowledge and true emotions, which are entirely human attributes, attained through the second signal system as established by brain physiology. Thus, notwithstanding the progress reached in AI and machine learning, or 'intelligence', real reasoning and thinking will always remain a human preserve, no matter how 'smart' AI robots are going to become. So, it must be kept in mind that however dazzling the achievement AI may be or become: it is created by human intelligence and can never supersede the human creator.

AI and Robotics opening up immense potential for advancement of civilization

The rapid development of AI and Robotics and their application in every branch of science and technology has led to revolutionary advancement in the creation of 'intelligent' machines, robots and computer programmes, and is opening up immense potential before human civilization today. It can take the drudgery out of work, give people respite from backbreaking toil, relieve them from the repetitive, time consuming and tedious work while enabling them to devote themselves to the more interesting, meaningful and creative labour. Not only that, the workers may be freed from many hazardous jobs which perforce they have to do now in the capitalist system. The more the progress made in development of robots and robotics, and its spread within society and countries, the more does it open up the vista of people needing to work less hours to produce more. Thus, the possibility to provide every human being, whatever the occupation, with growing leisure for educational and cultural pursuits, making individual and social life more meaningful and beautiful, has been created - it is no longer a fantasy - provided these scientific and technological achievements are used for the benefit of mankind. As a matter of fact, today there is scarcely any domain where AI and robotics have not already brought about some benefits. Alone in healthcare the benefits are

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Danger of capitalism turning advancements in AI-Robotics against society

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many: in robot assisted surgery that entails minimal penetration and high precision with faster recoveries and less pain. Or take diagnostics where, for example, the Google parent company had developed an AI that helps in detecting the cancer which earlier could have been possible by experts only. By using AI, drug development is becoming easier and less time-consuming, while assistance in nursing and many more have been made possible. In dangerous search and rescue operations robots are invaluable, or in defusing of mines and bombs, not to speak of explorations where humans cannot survive at all. For example, recently in Fukushima a tiny robot fitting into a pipe was sent down to explore the core of the melted-down nuclear reactor. So, there is no doubt that continuous development of AI and robotics have the potential to bring on a revolutionary advancement of civilization in every sphere of life and production and help in solving many pressing problems confronting humanity today, including climate change. However, today, in the present capitalist system, the question that looms large is to what use are these splendid achievements going to be put to? Gone are the days when capitalism was a rising, progressive force, that championed the cultivation of science and democratization of society in its bid to lead the society out from the dark age of feudalism. Fulfilling a social necessity, it then brought about social progress through the revolutionary advancement of production based upon science and technology. But today in its reactionary phase, capitalism is trying to hinder the advancement of science and technology in many ways, not least through its funding policy or lack of it. Or it may again turn those achievements threateningly against society, the way it used scientific advances to build nuclear armaments, for example, and even caused the horror of an atom bomb attack on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Deadly danger looms large from misuse of AI in capitalism

In this context what is a matter of particular concern is the way research in AI and robotics is being sponsored to a large extent by Defence Departments. In USA, for example, a host of AI-robotics research projects, if not most, in

different companies and Universities are being sponsored by DARPA, (Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency). Moreover, DARPA has repeatedly sponsored various competitions (with high price money) for different types of robots with different types of abilities. Through the years this has led to a plethora of innovation and breakthrough in AI and robotics. Now, robots in any animal, insect or machine shape and size or even humanoid machines, have been created with a thousand and one abilities and for so many purposes. Now a robot dog carrying a load of 180 kg and able to traverse any kind of territory, using either sensors to follow someone or GPS (Global Positioning System) to reach a particular place, is but an ordinary example, so is a little swarm of robot dragon flies equipped with GPS and video cameras that can easily fly into a chosen house or destination and take videos without getting into each others' way. Clearly, just as these advances can prove invaluable for well directed civil use, or rescue efforts, these can be used for military purposes too. As a matter of fact, in the last few years thousands of robots have reportedly been used by the US military in Iraq and Afghanistan, but so far none of these were armed. Now what could appear to be more innocuous, or scientifically exciting, than the example of a robot football team playing in a university lab and learning from each match, trying to eventually become world champions? Or take the example of ants famous for their social organization and activities. Research is ongoing to create bionics able to reproduce such social behavior. These are so small that their legs cannot be built through engineering but are done so with the help of 3-D printers. Despite their great scientific promise, the latter two examples could have sinister portents. That is because the armament industry is trying to create robot soldiers, or 'killer' robots for the battlefield that can act in a coordinated way. It is in this context that above examples may provide an indication of the sinister portends of misuse of science and technology. Deeply perturbed that AI is being used to develop autonomous weapons, AI and robotics experts have raised their voice against it and cautioned about its horrendous consequences. In this connection Paul Scharr, an expert on

autonomous weapons, has written that "collectively, swarms of robotic systems have the potential for even more dramatic, disruptive change to military operations."

These are not idle speculations. Today when the very survival of capitalist economy is at stake due to ever growing market crisis (over share and control of which the imperialist powers had waged no less than two world wars) militarization of economy, that means, production of armaments to give it an artificial boost is a must, so are regional wars and conflicts in order to get a market for these. As a result, in the intense competition for military supremacy and control over the arms market, an arms race has been going on among capitalist-imperialist powers, headed by USA, China, Russia and UK etc. to stay ahead or on top, so to say, and that involves autonomous weapons. A clear indication of that can be gleaned from the Pentagon announcement of its 'Third Offset Strategy' with special emphasis on robotics, autonomous systems and 'big data'. Following course, in July 2017 China presented its "Next Generation Artificial Intelligence Development Plan", which gives a crucial role to AI as the transformative technology in civil as well as military areas, with emphasis on 'military civil fusion'.

Just the other day, the Google parent company was rocked by internal protest when it took up a Pentagon project known as Maven which could bring in a hugely profitable business, as reported in BBC News and New York Times. The project uses AI to interpret video imagery captured by US Government drones and, could among, others be used for surveillance of whole towns and for improving the targeting of drone strikes. Apprehending that this was but the first step by the company towards using artificial intelligence for lethal purposes, thousands of experts and researchers have signed a letter of protest, and a number of researchers have even resigned. They feel the continuation of this project would violate the core values and motto of Google: 'Don't be Evil', and would amount to abdication of its ethical and moral responsibility. Consequently the company promised that it would produce a set of principles to guide its choices in the 'ethical minefield' of defense and intelligence contracting.

What more glaring example can there be of how the capitalist system is spreading its poisonous tentacles of profit motive deep into the sphere of science and technology, and of the moral and ethical predicaments that a totally militarized economy creates for the specialists and experts involved. However, that such a large section of experts and scientists (and even some CEOs) are increasingly asserting their moral and ethical responsibility is a glimmer of light. This protest action comes in the wake of a prolonged campaign spearheaded by thousands of AI/robotics specialists from different countries against the imminent development of autonomous weapons, and warning of the danger these pose for mankind. In an open letter signed by 3978 AI/robotics researchers and 22541 others, including scientists, professors of various disciplines and eminent personalities and intellectuals, they are demanding an international treaty that bans the development of such autonomous weapons before it is too late — weapons which have been described as "the third revolution in warfare, after gunpowder and nuclear arms". Emphasizing that "Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology has reached a point where the deployment of such system is — practically if not legally — feasible within years, not decades...", they highlighted the fact that "Unlike nuclear weapons, autonomous weapons require no costly or hard-to-obtain raw materials, so they will become ubiquitous and cheap for all significant military powers to mass-produce." They cautioned that "It will only be a matter of time until they appear on the black market and in the hands of terrorists, dictators..." They stressed: "...we believe that AI has great potential to benefit humanity in many ways, and the goal of the field should be to do so. Starting a military AI arms race is a bad idea, and should be prevented by a ban on offensive autonomous weapons beyond meaningful human control."

Surely, every democratic minded, peace-loving person wholeheartedly welcomes and supports this campaign of theirs. But what is more, in every country mobilization of public opinion and powerful anti-imperialist movement against production of autonomous weapons is a crying need.

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With scientific fraternity playing important role united peoples' movement needed to stop misuse of AI Robotics

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But along with the looming danger of autonomous weapons, another dangerous portent looms large in capitalism. In a situation across the globe where job security and permanent jobs are fast becoming a thing of the past, giving way to contractual, casual and temporary jobs, with no security, no benefits and increasingly heavier work-load, how will automation affect the people? Already people are gasping under the present working conditions being subjected to most ruthless exploitation. Falling victim to skyrocketing unemployment, or haunted by its constant threat, people's sufferings and misery are boundless. Stalked by debt, hunger, malnutrition or disease and a thousand and one problems; in our country alone many hundreds of thousands have in the last decades resorted to suicide, finding no other way out; countless perish slowly, die helplessly, others looking desperately for work fall victim to the clandestine but flourishing slave trade, while a section takes to crime. So, to what use has capitalism put growing automation so far? In order to maximize profits it has used automation to simply throw more people out of jobs. For example, already back in 2016, Foxconn, the technology giant that supplies gadgets to Apple, Google and Amazon, replaced 60,000 factory workers with robots.

Many executives and CEOs in the IT sectors in various countries, are cautioning that in the next few years between 30%-40% of all low skilled jobs in the IT sector could disappear due to the introduction of AI based technologies with extreme automation. In our country, too, according to NASSCOM (The National Association of Software and Services Companies, a trade association of Indian Information Technology (IT) and Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) industry), up to 40% of IT staff need re-skilling or upgradation to new technologies in next five years to contain job loss (*The Times of India*, 09/05/2017). And in case of BPO, or call centers, there is a growing consensus that this shedding of jobs could begin already in 2020. However, to prepare the public mind, deliberate lies are being spread of how new jobs would be created instead, and there is talk about the need for re-skilling. Besides, a plethora of advice is being dished out on how to diversify skills in

order to automation-proof incomes and keep earnings alluringly high. There is a dual attempt to present a rosy picture, and at the same time subtly convey the message that those who would be left behind have really only to blame themselves for not working hard to keep up with the changes. In this way capitalism is already trying to prepare the way for anyhow squeezing employment even further.

Again the predicted job losses in BPO and IT sector in the coming years are just the beginning. Automation is bound to appear in all spheres of production and employment, including banking, manufacturing, mining and social and service sectors. According to a recent McKinsey Global Institute report, by 2030 about two thirds of all jobs could have at least 30% percent of their activities automated, which would affect 800 million jobs. If at that time also automation is used to throw people out of jobs, instead of lightening their work, people will perish. But to sacrifice people like that just for the sake of profit will not be allowed. The aim of society should be to create jobs for people; all efforts should be made how to provide gainful employment to them.

Today when the astounding achievements of AI and robotics and spectacular advancement in science and technology are opening up immense potential for the benefit and advancement of human civilization, for the enrichment of life, what greater irony could there be that just these very achievements should be used by capitalism to sacrifice people at the altar of profit, to enslave, to inflict torture and torment and stall social advancement? Let there be no confusion: the constant development of AI and robotics which is leading to increasing automation does not constitute a problem, it is obsolete capitalism that constitutes the problem, the threat to people's wellbeing and survival because its entire capitalist production system revolves solely round the need to secure maximum profit for the handful of capitalists, the owners of the means of production by exploiting the toiling people and robbing them of purchasing power. What more glaring demonstration could there be of the irreconcilable contradiction between the inexorably developing forces of production driven on by continuous scientific and technological advances and the

static, unchanging capitalist relations of production, which have long turned into fetters, holding back the progress of society? It has reached a breaking point when the crying need is to bring about a revolutionary change of the relations of production, of the economic system, in accordance with the law of social development. Marx discovered this law underlying the social change – the change of one system to another in course of history, from slave society to feudalism and then to capitalism and from there to socialism. So the final solution to the problems and dangerous portents of misuse of the astounding development of AI and robotics, science and technology, lies alone in overthrowing this obsolete system and establishing socialist society. This alone can free science and technology from the poisonous tentacles of capitalist profit motive and ensure its full benefit for unhindered advancement and progress of society. That this is not just a theory has been proved by the great developments and uplift of people's life in every sphere that took place in socialism where the aim of production is to obtain maximum satisfaction of the constantly rising

material and cultural requirements of the whole of the society. Thus, through continuous expansion of production, in an unbroken process of perfecting production on the basis of higher technology, the progress of socialist economy, science and technology was such that Stalin shortly before his demise was contemplating the reduction of working hours to 6 and even 5 hours, while doubling wages and introducing higher Polytech education for each and everyone, at a time when AI and automation was unheard of. (That some renegades from within the communist movement were able to gain power by exploiting some weakness, and unleashing a wave of revisionism that actually lead society backwards to ultimately bring on counter-revolutionary restoration of capitalism, does not alter this fact.)

While that pertains to the ultimate solution to the looming danger confronting humanity, what is needed immediately is to mobilize public opinion across the globe and unite people in movement against the heinous misuse of spectacular developments of AI and robotics rising to the occasion as and when the situation demands.

Meeting in Ahmedabad demanded scrapping of Higher Education Commission of India (Repeal of University Grant Commission Act) Bill – 2018

To discuss the provisions of the proposed "Higher Education Commission of India (Repeal of University Grant Commission Act) Bill - 2018" a meeting was held in Ahmedabad on 4 July 2018, jointly by different organizations of the state concerned with education, students, school and college teachers, administrative staff of various colleges and education-loving citizens of the state. Eminent educationists of the state including Shri Rameshbhai Chaudhary, President and Prof. Dr. Digvijaysingh Gohil, General Secretary, Gujarat University Area Teachers Association (Dr. Gohil is also the General Secretary, Gujarat University Affiliated College Management Association (GUACMA) Dr. Rohitbhai Shukla, President, and Principal Dr. Kanubhai Khadadiya, Joint Secretary, All India Save Education Committee (Gujarat Chapter), Shri Prakashbhai N. Shah, Editor of Fortnightly 'Nirikshak', activist and renowned journalist, and others addressed the

meeting exposing the different anti-education provisions of the HECI, which are sure to lead to total bureaucratic control over education curbing autonomy of education and educational institutions, albeit in the name of improving academic standards and the quality of Higher Education. The meeting opposed the HECI draft Bill - 2018 intended to repeal UGC Act and form HECI instead, demanded scrapping of sections in the Bill which concentrate powers, fixing at least 60 days' time to all the stakeholders to send their suggestions to the Government / Competent authority.

Speakers also opined for granting autonomy to education and research, for affordability of higher education, development of infrastructure, immediate filling of academic and non-academic staff appointments, for empowerment of all including less privileged classes of society through quality education and enforcement of fundamental rights and such other burning issues for development of education in the country.

Economists, media, even Republican senators stand opposed to US tariffs

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of them, the capitalist-imperialist countries stand on one common platform: a terrible market crisis stares at their face at home and globally. At the same time, one must also recall that these capitalist-imperialist powers fought two world wars to get over their terrible crisis of the great depression, to grab the market and dominate over others. But to their utter dismay, after the second world war, one-third of the world dashed out of the clutches of world capitalism and formed the socialist camp. The world market was pathetically squeezed for the imperialists and the crisis was redoubled.

In this background, without going into details, a few words may be relevant to show how market crisis inevitably generates in capitalism. Going beyond classical economics which had held that labour is the creator of wealth or value, Marx showed labour in capitalism inevitably creates surplus value. He showed how in course of using his capital, a form of wealth, the capitalist owner buys specific quantity of labour—power from the worker, but pays the wage for lesser hours, say for 4 hours for an 8 hour labour—power bought, on consideration it is enough for the worker to eke out a living. The remaining 4 hours represent ‘surplus labour’ which creates a ‘surplus value’ unpaid to the worker, but accumulated with the owners’ capital. It implies several things. One, it shows that it is the workers, not the capitalists, who create capital with the help of their labour power. Two, it is the capitalists who usurp the surplus labour and value created by it which accrues into the capitalists’ profit and capital. Number three, the workers who obviously numerically constitute the majority buyers of products in the capitalist market, are thus deprived of their due wage. This is the capitalist exploitation. Number four, because the workers are paid less than their due wages, they cannot buy all the things they may need or wish to buy. They have barely the means to survive. So in the market it causes a crisis; products are left unsold, accumulated for want of buyers who have not enough purchasing power to buy. The market shrinks, though there are enough products. People need those, but cannot buy. This is the market crisis that capitalism cannot avoid. This is what Marx and Engels, the

great leaders of the Proletariat designated as ‘the epidemic of over-production’, in their celebrated contribution, the *Communist Manifesto*, published 170 years back, a few decades earlier than when the two world wars broke out. As crisis deepens, capitalists crave for maximum profit they can accumulate from that crisis-ridden market and so exploit workers more. This ruthless exploitation robs people further of their purchasing power; market is filled more with unsold products, industry stagnates, still severer market crisis takes its root. The capitalists pay, at least a section of workers, a fairly fat wage to keep them on leash, which however soon appears inadequate with the rise of price to fulfill the capitalists’ greed for profit. The remaining workers are paid not even the subsistence level, are hired and made to work under any terms the capitalists dictate, or be fired. As the workers are hit hard with ever-squeezing purchasing power, the market crisis deepens, over-production overwhelms, smaller industries are swallowed by the behemoths under the garb of merger, downsizing, if not closure. For the workers any or all of these simply mean loss of job, income and purchasing power. Market crisis goes on accentuating. In the same *Communist Manifesto*, the two great leaders stated: “And how does the bourgeoisie get over these crises? On the one hand by enforced destruction of a mass of productive forces; on the other, by the conquest of new markets, and by the more thorough exploitation of the old ones. That is to say, by paving the way for more extensive and more destructive crises, and by diminishing the means whereby crises are prevented.” How prophetic were the words! To get over their crises, the imperialist powers “enforced destruction of a mass of productive forces” in one world war after the other for “the conquest of new markets”, only “paving the way for more extensive and more destructive crises”. Trying all means at their disposal like cordoning off the newly emergent erstwhile Soviet Russia with the help of the military combination of the NATO etc., that Trump now poses to detest, carrying out neo-colonial exploitation of the newly emergent independent countries which were former colonies and attempting to minimize mutual contradictions among the capitalists-

imperialists themselves by forming this or that bloc and combination, the world capitalists-imperialists headed by the US imperialists, could not prevent aggravation of the third phase of intense general crisis after the two that produced the two world wars. The US imperialism, virtually unscathed in the wars, extended its political grip over Europe cornering earlier imperialist powers like the UK, France, Germany, etc. In course of time, these European countries stabilizing their war-ravaged economies, tried to regain their position by forming the European Economic Community and then European Union. This gave birth to newer contradictions in the capitalist world between the US imperialists and the European imperialists. Same was the fate of other different combinations, economic or military, different imperialist countries created to defend their interests by keeping a part of the world market under their control. But the more they tried to avert one market crisis in the morning, the more they found to have enmeshed themselves in a fresh one in the evening.

Globalization hyped to solve the market crisis aggravates it further

In frantic efforts to avert this ever-deepening market crisis, they started to dream of a global market in a world without the socialist camp. Thus came globalization with free trade across the globe with tariff barriers minimized, if not totally done away with. Initiated in 1990s globalization was firmly placed as a doctrine when the International Monetary Fund (IMF), maintained and monitored by the imperialists, defined its basic aspects. It was accompanied by a bunch of other measures. The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) of 1947 was revived to give way to the World Trade Organization (WTO) on January 1, 1995, ostensibly for a legal agreement for global trade on merchandise, actually for evolving and ensuring the legal sanction for imperialist plunder of the global market. Along with that, the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) brought global trade in service sectors under the control of world capitalist market.

So virtually the entire gamut of human activities and production was brought under the fetters of globalization to tide over the intense

market crisis. Different bodies were formed to ensure unbridled capitalist-imperialist exploitation: the G7 of the leading imperialist powers to maintain their grip on the globe, or G20 as an international forum for the governments and their central bank governors from twenty countries including the EU, which was supposed to discuss policy for promotion of financial stability. With these measures the imperialists wanted to prove that they were getting over their crisis.

Shattering of the capitalist world, EU proved a failed experiment

But what has really happened? The world of imperialism totters. Cleavage in G7 makes it G6+1; G20 is in disarray. Indian monopolists are calling for redrafting the rules of the WTO. The EU which was formed by the European capitalists-imperialists intending to confront the US imperialism, is now a failed experiment on the verge of bursting from the contradictions within itself. As our Party concluded long back, the dream of a single European entity is never going to come about. In a decade or so from its initial euphoria, the EU countries are again in the grip of intense recession, huge budget deficits, soaring sovereign debts borrowed from the market to meet the deficit, fast increasing unemployment, irreconcilable political crisis as the governments attempt frantically to get over it through austerity measures telling further upon people, while doling out people’s money to save the capitalists. Crippled from market crisis, member countries are thinking of coming out, even deciding on ‘exit’, Grexit (Greek exit) or Brexit (Britain exit). From peripheral members like Greece, Portugal and Ireland, then Spain and Italy, to even giants like the UK, France and Germany are shaken. Among those which stick to the union, contradictions are mounting between the more powerful, like Germany and the weaker ones, or between the giants themselves to gain control of the Union. Taking advantage of this and in the attempt to sow seeds of disunity, the US has appointed an anti-European unity personality as the ambassador to Brussels, the EU headquarters.

Globalization and people

For people of the world, both in the so-called advanced powerful

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People must stand by sustained united movement on their burning problems, oppose tariff wars

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and the relatively weaker capitalist countries, it took hardly any time to realize that globalization is nothing but a deceptive slogan of the imperialist rulers to hoodwink people to continue their capitalist exploitation in a ferocious way. In consequence, wrath, resentment, resistance mounted all over the world, reflected for instance, in the Occupy Wall Street movement of 99% over 1% in the USA itself, in the Arab Spring movements in oil-rich Middle East, in massive people's protests including strikes in Europe, for example in France in March 2018 when 200,000 public sector workers went on strike against privatization of public services.

This is the light in which the present war cry, till now so-called trade war, needs to be judged. It is no cry of an errant President, it is the compulsion of the US imperialist rulers, their aggregate interest that Trump is reflecting in his own way. This is the light in which also the responses and reactions of other imperialist countries, their mutual combinations or breakups, among so-called advanced western world countries or those like China and India, need to be seen. Each of these countries are submerged in terrible market crisis, recession, unemployment, trade deficit and such maladies. Now they get over one symptom of the crisis arising from ruthless capitalist exploitation, the other symptom becomes more intense. Their globalization experiment evidently collapsed and as a result, their market crisis has only deepened.

People have nothing to expect from bourgeois experiment intended to bring a change

Here one can not miss that both free trade- globalization and protectionism are nothing but ploys for any ruling capitalist class to get over the market crisis. Has the US, once the votary of globalization, ever been a truly free trade country? NO. The US government talked a lot about free trade but maintained a protective layer of trade barriers across the economic landscape. The pro-free trade Republican President Ronald Reagan's administration pushed Japan to unilaterally limit the number of automobiles it exported to the US. President George W. Bush, also free-trade proponent, erected tariffs against foreign steel. Even recently

the both major contestants for the presidency in the last election, Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump, notwithstanding some minor differences on trade, questioned American support of multilateral trade agreements and engaged in worker-centric and populist rhetoric on globalization. In essence, with globalization prevailing for years, the once powerful US capitalist economy is now facing all kinds of retardation, degeneration, stagnation and recession.

The present protectionism is the counter- compulsion. Mr. Trump rose to the presidency as the chosen representative of the ruling class to serve the aggregate interest of the US imperialism, entrusted with the task of getting over the market crisis and thus save the capitalist economy from people's wrath. In this journey to power he rode precisely on this US people's wrath and resentment against the hard-pressing US capitalism and its corporate oligarchs. Those had been giving way to acute unrelenting recession, mounting unemployment, poverty, joblessness, homelessness and utter cultural ethical degeneration finding expression in frequent mindless killings of innocent people by psychopathic individuals, even brute police atrocities particularly against coloured people and so on. Trump tried to catch imagination of people by playing on people's sentiment raising the catchy slogans of 'America first' as well as of stopping immigration. The game was evident. With the first he wanted to hoodwink people with the frenzy, that bringing American people out of crisis will be his job. And with the second he wished to shift the onus of the crisis to immigration and influx of immigrants. Now in power, he is using these slogans to pacify the mounting resentment in people. On the other hand, as one of the leading forces of crisis-ridden world capitalism, the US imperialism is fast sliding deeper and deeper down all-pervading market crisis, both internal and external or global. Amidst this, while taking measures to ultimately serve the aggregate interest of the ruling capitalist class, monopolists and their corporate houses, the Trump administration finds people's resentment far from receding. Hence they take to newer tricks. The US president faces a fresh uphill task of revamping his image both to the people as well to the master, the ruling capitalist class, as a strong man true to his

words and serving the US economy in the best possible way. Like any hard-core business tycoon attempting to galvanize his prospective clients with mind-boggling, yet false, claims at the most opportune moment in the market, the US president Donald Trump is trying to take measures that are sure to leave serious ramifications, both domestically and globally. Clamping tariff on a wide spectrum of items affecting all of the USA's main trade-partners and virtually declaring a trade war is one of the latest livewires presented to the world by the Trump administration. No way these tariffs, raised or reduced, are going to solve the problems of the common people of the USA. Rather, already American farmers are shaken with the fear of losing orders or chances of importing their requisites. Companies are thinking of moving to neighbouring countries where there would not be any restrictive tariffs. So in the long run, as experts have already opined, the trade wars will only aggravate the crises. Nor these are going to solve the issue of immigrants, barring separating innocent kids from parents in the most inhuman way. The American people should not forget that it is the US imperialism that once provokes immigration to get cheap labour; at another moment, when unbearable unemployment tends to push the American people against the system, it is the same imperialism that raises the bogey of immigration as the cause of unemployment and calls for inhuman anti-immigration, 'zero-tolerance' policies.

The whole story thus boils down to: Capitalism inevitably gives birth to market crisis; arising out of this insurmountable market crisis, peoples' purchasing power is constantly eroded, 'epidemic of over-production' takes its root. It leads to stagnation in industry, to economic recession, which pauperizes people further to aggravate the market crisis. Capitalism took to two world wars to get over the market crisis. The latter simply doubled. It took to developing military-industry complex to artificially stimulate the economy, with the monopolists- arms merchants producing arms and state buying it with people's money to keep the wheels of industry and profit of arms producers moving. Then it generates war psychosis and even local-regional wars to consume the arms and make room for

replenishment to keep the military-industry complex alive. Thus the US, posing the champion of democracy engineered, monitored and undertook endless numbers of wars only to keep its crisis-ridden economy living, be it at the cost of numberless deaths of innocent people. Now faced with grave crisis, it harps on expenses for the NATO, but tries other combinations. To overcome crisis, capitalism prescribed globalization which simply worked the other way. Now it tries protectionism dangerous by itself. It is no cold war between the imperialists and the socialists. It is hot enough from imperialist greed for market in a world without the socialist camp, with both Russia and China, carrying all vices of imperialism. It proves beyond doubt that there is no respite from this crisis within the framework of capitalism, without overthrowing it. This is the historic task mankind faces today and this task cannot be accomplished without uprooting the system through revolution. It can not be done through election held under the auspices of this exploitative system itself, by the state machinery which thrives upon exploitation and deceit. But revolution demands a prolonged preparation, during which mass struggles are to be launched and developed step by step establishing a genuine revolutionary leadership at their helm and making them conducive to final revolutionary struggle. People's struggle against imperialist tariff war is a part of those mass struggles.

The present so-called trade or tariff war stems from the conflicts and contradictions among the capitalist-imperialist countries centring round their irreconcilable market crisis. It is meant only to help the monopolists of those countries grab the maximum profit. It has nothing to do with the interests of common people of the respective countries who are exploited and fleeced by the capitalists of their own country, nor people gain anything from it. They should not be carried over by the narrow nationalist slogans in the cloak of 'economic nationalism' or such others. Rather they need to raise the slogan of stopping these anti-people designs, the so-called trade wars. They need to press upon their respective governments to stop these heinous attempts and they need to demand that world trade be carried out on legitimate mutually conducive basis. This is the lesson, the recent tariff war has left in its trail.

SUCI(C) Mumbai condemned negligence behind the railway overbridge disaster at Andheri Station

SUCI(C) Mumbai Organizing Committee has condemned the negligent attitude of Railway Ministry towards preventive maintenance and repair of foot overbridge at Andheri Railway Station which collapsed recently, injuring five persons seriously. The Committee also condemned the Railway administration and BMC officials playing the blame game even after the sad disaster. It was demanded that safety of passengers is to be ensured by preventive maintenance and other measures such as Structural Auditing of Railway Installations, not just on papers but in reality, as also by recruitment to vacant posts giving preference to safety categories.

AIMSS on Supreme Court verdict on Nirbhaya case

The All India Mahila Sanskritik Sangathan(AIMSS) upheld in a statement on 10 July 2018, the decision of the Supreme Court to reject the plea of the three of the four accused in the Nirbhaya rape case of Delhi, to review the judgement of the death penalty issued to them. It is a victory to the struggle of all right thinking people of the country who waged a decisive and emotional battle although to ensure punishment to the guilty and uphold justice and dignity of womanhood. The whole country had protested in one voice demanding strongest punishment to the criminals. The crime was condemned the world over.

At a time when the crimes on women and children are increasing at an alarming rate in our country, AIMSS firmly believes that the present decision of the Supreme Court will surely be a deterrent to the growing crimes and sexual assaults on women and children in our country.

While congratulating all the struggling people we call upon everyone to remain firm and united to fight every injustice meted out to any woman in this country in future too.

Movement for re-introduction of Pass-fail from class I

On the eve of the proposed protest demonstration on 18 July by the SUCI (Communist) in front of the Parliament in Delhi, in view of the fact that the Union HRD minister has expressed the desire to bring an amendment to the RTE Act 2009 with a view to reintroducing pass - fail system at the end of the class V and class VIII in ensuing monsoon session, the AISEC has submitted a memorandum to the Union HRD Minister demanding a review of his proposal and instead immediately reintroduce Pass-Fail system right from class I. The AISEC has also requested the Members of Lok Sabha and Rajyasabha to see through the issue so that the No Detention Policy is scrapped and school education be saved from the disaster the Policy is bringing about.

Protest Demonstration on the same cause is also proposed to be held at Lucknow on 19 July 2018.

Remembering Birsha Munda

Garlanding the statue of Birsa Munda at Birsa Chowk in Rourkella was held on 9 June jointly by the city units of AIDS0, AIDYO, AIMSS to commemorate the 118th Death Anniversary of Birsha Munda, the well-known leader of the anti-British tribal revolt. A discussion on the history of tribal revolt of India followed the garlanding.

Martyr's Day in commemoration of Birsa Munda was also observed by the AIDS0 on 9 June at different places in Ranchi with garlanding of the Martyr's statue and discussions on his contribution.

Feedback for Higher Education Commission of India Act 2018

The Union HRD Ministry has recently mooted its new move in which an attempt is made to repeal the UGC Act 1956 and replace it with the Higher Education Commission of India (HECI) Act 2018. The UGC was formed in the year 1956 with the proclaimed objective of accrediting new universities, maintaining academic and research standard and granting necessary fund for the institutions of higher education. The UGC formed by a parliamentary Act was supposed to discharge its duty as an autonomous body though due to the intervention by the ruling powers, time and again, since its inception, it has been made subservient to the rulers for the purpose of restriction / curtailment, privatization and commercialization of education. This phenomenon became more apparent when the UGC recommended to introduce saffron-tinted courses in the universities during the two phases of the BJP rule at the Centre. It is one thing to try remove the defects and loopholes of the UGC, but it is a completely different proposition to do away with it. Is it not equivalent to killing the patient without undertaking any treatment? The question becomes pertinent if we look at the mode of formation and composition of and powers given to the proposed Commission.

First, surprisingly, (i) the Rajya Sabha Secretary gave an insertion in the leading dailies on 10 June last on behalf of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development inviting suggestions on the subject 'Issues relating to functioning of UGC' and (ii) the suggestions were supposed to reach the Standing Committee by 25 June 2018. Then how the MHRD could prepare and circulate a Draft Act for the formation of HECI repealing the UGC Act 1956 on 27 June? Did the Government wait for the opinion of the Standing Committee before formulation of the Draft Act? It does not appear so. Rather, it is clear that seeking suggestions from the Standing Committee was a ploy only and the decision for closing down the UGC had been taken much earlier by the Union Government. It is stipulated in the Draft Act that its Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and twelve members will be appointed by the Union government and the Chairperson will be selected by the Cabinet Secretary, Secretary, Higher education and 3 academicians co-opted as members. It means the HECI will be completely under bureaucratic- government control wiping out the minimum relative independence of the UGC and reducing the role academicians enjoyed in it. It can, therefore, be easily apprehended from the prevailing trend in the government that the proposed Commission formed in the stipulated way will only lead to more curb of autonomy of education and educational institutions and their teachers-students-employees.

Besides, the draft HECI Act is stripped off the right of granting fund to the colleges and universities — the right that the UGC enjoys and the right that will henceforth be reserved by the Central Government only. On the other hand the Draft Act gives unrestricted power to the government to close down any university on the plea of lowering of standard. It also empowers the government to remove any member of the HECI including its Chairman and Vice Chairman, the provision that was not included in the UGC Act. So in a word the Draft Act is designed for (a) imposing more governmental control over educational institutions, (b) destroying the very spirit of academic autonomy and in course of events, (c) paving the way for brazen commercialization of education. In fact it would ultimately help the private investors that make money over education. Besides, there is a provision in the draft that in case of a disagreement arising between the Central Government and HECI, the decision of the Central Government shall be final. Clearly it will lead to complete centralization of power and will make the HECI act as an instrument for implementing governmental educational policies, which in the present circumstances are hardly upholding the real cause of education.

In this backdrop we urge the Union Government to withdraw the Draft HECI Act forthwith and create an ambience by taking opinions of the teachers' and students' organizations, academicians and other stakeholders through sustained and accountable processes so that the UGC can take the responsibility for the spread of secular, scientific and democratic education for all including those from socially oppressed and economically weaker sections.

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