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Red Salute Comrade Shibdas Ghosh



Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary paying Red Salute to the great leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh at Shibpur Party Centre on 5 August

Proletarian Era 50 years of committed purposive journey

The journey began 50 years back. It was on 15 August, 1967 that the inaugural issue of Proletarian Era made its appearance with a pledge to disseminate the message of Indian Revolution to the vast multitudes of people groaning under the yoke of cruel capitalist exploitation and desperately seeking correct way to emancipation. In its first editorial, Proletarian Era with Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, Founder General Secretary, SUCI(C), and one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of the era as the editor-in-chief, stated: it is "at the living inspiration of Marxism-Leninism, being imbibed with the ideals proletarian internationalism that Proletarian era in making its appearance....It is...futile to talk of revolution and emancipation from all sorts of exploitation without building a genuine working class party, a communist party

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Red Salute Comrade Frederick Engels



Comrade Manik Mukherjee, member, Polit Bureau paying Red Salute to the great leader Comrade Frederick Engels at Central Party office on 12 August

Fifth August, the Memorial Day

Observed across the country with due solemnity-revolutionary discipline-dignity-pledge

The exploited, the humiliated and the tortured have taken up the blazing torch of revolution. They have in their hands the fluttering SUCI(C) banner. The advance of its tide has made its presence felt throughout India, in altogether 22 states. This is the organized conscious mass-class struggle inspired by the nobility of communism, which the great leader of the proletariat Comrade Shibdas Ghosh developed on our soil. This historic movement encompasses people from the cross currents of society, from the poorest to the well-to-do, presenting an unparalleled bond which the capitalist class cannot

fathom and cannot crush despite brutality on movements and savagery on culture.

On 5 August, these people, the vanguard of revolution, who are in the midst of struggles against life's burning problems, busied themselves with aching heart to observe the 40th death anniversary of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of this age and the founder general secretary of our Party.

To a revolutionary every day is a day of dedication to revolution, but 5 August stands apart. On this day we recall with sorrow and firm determination the lifelong revolutionary struggle of

Comrade Ghosh who painstakingly applied in his own life the revolutionary teachings, the noble proletarian culture and ethics, thus putting before human civilization the ideal of struggle today that makes a great leader. So on this day the communist revolutionaries in India take pledge anew to carry forward the tasks left to us by the great leader of the proletariat. Thus Fifth August is observed with all solemnity.

On this Memorial Day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the Party has paid revolutionary tribute to our great leader all over the country and took

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Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C) addressing the massive gathering in Kolkata on the occasion of 40th Memorial Meeting of the great leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh

Proletarian Era

Organ of genuine communist party of India, beacon of Indian revolution

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worthy of its name, without its political and organizational leadership being established over the Indian masses and without the correct ascertainment of the co-relationship of the social forces i.e. the phase of revolution of India. 'Proletarian Era' derives tremendous pride from the fact that it carries with it the glory of being the mouthpiece, a fortnightly organ of the genuine working class party — the Socialist Unity Centre of India.* Realizing the need for Indian Revolution marked by the absence of a genuine revolutionary party, it was Comrade Shibdas Ghosh who took upon himself the historic task of concretizing Marxism-Leninism in the concrete situation of India and in the process build up a correct revolutionary party of the proletariat based on Leninist model through release of a historic arduous socialist struggle covering all aspects of life alongwith a handful of his revolutionary compatriots. Overcoming all obstacles, disdaining all taunts and derisions of the then established big parties including self-proclaimed Marxists who even enjoyed the backing of international communist leadership, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, undaunted in his pursuit of truth and acting in the process of truth and firm in revolutionary purposiveness, could succeed in founding Socialist Unity Centre of India as the genuine communist party on the soil and then rear and steer it along correct line and based on higher proletarian culture and ethics to ensure both organizational spread and ideological supremacy. While most of the others viewed Marxism-Leninism at best as a political theory, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, as worthy continuer of Marx-Engels-Lenin-Stalin-Mao Zedong embraced Marxism-Leninism as a comprehensive life philosophy based on science that can provide guide to action in every sphere of life. It is precisely here that realization of the essence and worth of Marxist philosophy of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was different from others around him, and comprehensive and decisive. So, against immense adversities, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, forged ahead with unflinching resolve, providing the correct Marxist line and approach as against all shades

of pseudo-Marxism and fake leftism on Indian soil.

It is at a particular juncture of these bold strides ahead that the Central Committee of our Party led by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh decided to bring out a fortnightly English paper that would be the central organ of the Party, providing penetrating analyses of the various national and international issues including crucial theoretical questions based on Marxist methodology besides carrying news of class and mass struggles surging forth in various parts of the country. In the declaration of the objective in the first editorial, it was emphatically stated: "Proletarian Era" considers that it is the duty of a genuine communist party of a particular country to analyse and decide independently the situation of that country on the basis of their own analysis and assessment of the international situation. We are convinced of the fact that no party can lead today any revolution to its logical culmination unless it has been able to concretize the experience of Marxism-Leninism in its own soil, unless it has anything to contribute to the storehouse of Marxism-Leninism, unless it has a positive role in the formation of the international collective leadership. Only from this, one can ascertain whether in the name of Marxism-Leninism a party is actually behaving in a parrot-like manner, copying international authority blindly or it has been able to concretize the experience of Marxism-Leninism in its own soil, being enriched by the teachings of different international Marxist-Leninist authorities. If an independent analysis about a particular country made by the genuine communist party of that country is in conformity with that of the international leadership—it is very good. But if not, then it will be the bounden duty of that particular party to come into struggle with the international leadership in order to arrive at a collective decision quite distinct from so-called common agreement reached generally by adjustment and patchwork. This does not mean rejection of international leadership at all; moreover this is the only correct method to strengthen the collective whole.... It will be the solemn task of "Proletarian Era" to concretize the experience of Marxism-Leninism on Indian soil, to contribute such valuable things to

the storehouse of Marxism that will guide not only the Indian revolution but will also make positive contribution to the communist movement of the world... "Proletarian Era" is convinced of the fact that without putting an end to social democratism it is impossible to put an end to capitalism. To fight against these forces, to give constant exposure to the masses of their mockery of revolutionary phrase mongering and so-called militant gestures will be considered a paramount responsibility on our part.... "Proletarian Era" will be failing in its duty in discharging its historic responsibility if it does not bring in the limelight the following : What is the correct process of formation of a working class party ? What is the methodology and process of thinking of a working class party? Why did the Communist Party of India (meaning undivided CPI), which was later on split into CPI(M) and CPI, fail to emerge as a genuine communist party in spite of tremendous sacrifice of the rank and file ? What is really meant by collective leadership and what are its concrete features? Does not the nature of split inside the undivided CPI leading to the formation of CPI (M) and CPI and then again the recent formation of a group which is openly revolting against the CPI (M) leadership indicate complete lack of sense of collective leadership inside the party—whether in the part or in the whole ? Under the circumstances, what are the prospects and possibilities of the leadership of SUCI(C) over the revolutionary masses of our country? "Proletarian Era" will endeavour its utmost to highlight the above points... Finally, "Proletarian Era" considers it to be the bounden duty to support all the struggles of the masses for emancipation and against injustice in any country. We declare our unshakable determination to deem all just struggles of the people of any country to be our struggle and pledge our unflinching patronage behind them. "Proletarian Era" is destined to act as the leader of all the struggles of the revolutionary masses. We deserve the support and co-operation of all who stand by the cause of oppressed humanity, the cause of new civilization, the cause of socialism and proletarian revolution."

As Lenin had said that "organ is

an organizer", the aim was that the standard of "Proletarian Era" would be such as to organize the Indian masses for revolution based on correct theoretical understanding and desired ideological elevation and unite them under the leadership of the Party. It was Comrade Shibdas Ghosh himself who guided publication of "Proletarian Era" during the first ten years of its publication thereby providing it a foundation of being a true and effective organ of the revolutionary party. In his guideline to Party workers including those who would be vested with the responsibility of bringing out Party organs under the overall guidance and supervision of the leadership, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh said: "What is this main party thought? It is to create an anti-capitalist revolutionary frame of mind among the people; to create among the general public a hatred against capitalism and all things related to capitalism on the basis of correct appraisal — not just a blind hatred, because blind hatred does not last long. Basing ourselves on correct appraisal we have to create a feeling of hatred against what has become exhausted today or has become harmful, so that when any interest or attraction for them arises in a hidden manner or openly, dressed up in whatever logic, we may demolish them, defeat them, with the sharp weapon of reason — this is how we have to build ourselves up. To make people understand our main standpoint of anti-capitalist revolution by linking up every discussion with it, to free people from the influence of the pseudo-revolutionary forces which have created an image for themselves — these are the tasks. In those spheres where the pseudo-revolutionary forces wield influence, our direction of the main blow should be against them.... Our Party workers must constantly discuss and thoroughly comprehend the main issues about the political foundation and spirit of anti-capitalist revolution to overthrow the bourgeoisie from political power, ...Because in a general way the people have a realization about oppression and hunger and they want to fight against oppression. But he who wants to fight against capitalism, at the very next moment on another question he is seen to display an attitude of protecting capitalism. So we need to develop a spirit of all-out fight to destroy

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North to south, east to west, country remembered the great leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh

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pledge to intensify the Party's battle against gruelling capitalist economic- political- social- cultural onslaughts. On that day comrades wore the badge with the portrait of the great leader, at Party offices, Party centres and communes, leaders and cadres garlanded the portrait of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh; open meetings and hall meetings were held, book stalls and quotation exhibition were organized where comrades and unattached common people collected books by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and other Party literature. As was usual, at the outset of the public meetings the portrait of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was garlanded by leaders and leading comrades, followed by the rendering of the song on the great leader, that sent fresh surges of initiative and inspiration among the Party activists and leaders, and the programme ended with the rendering of the *Communist Internationale*, the glowing beacon of proletarian internationalism. In some states meetings were held defying inclement weather. The comrades, the students of the great leader of the proletariat, are undaunted by the vile and vicious attacks of capitalism and dedicated in carrying forward the struggle for revolution. That's the pledge we took on 5 August.

A few words need be spent on the character of the state level Memorial Meeting this year organized by the West Bengal State Committee of the party in Kolkata. Since morning on that day, the sky was overcast, now and then there were heavy showers or nagging drizzles. But that could not prevent tens of thousands of party activists, supporters, sympathisers, even common people from joining the meeting at Rani Rashmoni Avenue at the heart of the city of Kolkata. An hour before the scheduled time, started the garlanding at the portrait of the great leader, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Leaders of the Party units of different districts and different local units of Kolkata district, of the Party organs, of class and mass frontal organizations, West Bengal State Committee members, the Central Committee members present in the city, and finally the veteran Polit Bureau Member Comrade Manik Mukherjee, followed by General Secretary and the speaker of the meeting, Comrade Provash Ghosh, and by the President of the meeting

and West Bengal State Secretary, Comrade Saumen Basu, paid respectful floral tribute to their beloved leader, teacher and guide, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Komsomol, the young Communists paid their Guard of Honour with red flags fluttering high on their shoulders. Comrade Provash Ghosh started his speech after a brief introduction delivered by the President of the meeting.

Kolkata had witnessed many a massive political gatherings. But the 40th Memorial Meeting this year was marked by its distinction. Right from the start the huge sea of members of audience waited anxiously for the proceedings to be carried through. The audience included intellectuals of the city, professionals, teachers and students of schools and colleges, office employees, workers, peasants, and middle class people. Rain came down almost incessantly; umbrellas had to be used, but largely to no avail. Yet the audience never faltered from listening to the speech of Comrade Provash Ghosh, the worthy successor of stalwart Marxist leaders, who conveyed the teachings of the great leader of the Proletariat, to the masses. It was no academic exercise: it was guideline for life struggle. It was meant to serve for providing direction for the oppressed exploited masses to prepare them ideologically-politically as well as organizationally against the menacing enemy of capitalism. The adversities of nature proved no match for their resolve, their eagerness for learning the right way to live a life of honour and prestige, amidst all wrenching sufferings inflicted by the ruling system. A professor of Medical Physics of the Jadavpur University of Kolkata had come at the request of one of his students. He confessed that he had expected to find a few intellectuals and some students attending the meeting. He could not hold back his disbelief: Such a massive gathering of common people were listening to the amply theoretical ideological discussions with rapt attention, purchasing books at a time when even students try to keep away from reading books, even the village womenfolk present there were trying to grasp the essence of the politics being catered to them. Unbelievable, had I not seen it: he exclaimed. Another professor of Hindi language submitted at the end of the meeting to the cadres present around that such a thing could not

have been possible, had not these thousands of people been imbued with a minimum ideological consciousness and ethical urge. He minced no words to say that the parties which take politics as a means to earn and to dole out privileges can never even think of such a phenomenon. He confessed as a member of CPI(M) he knew it certain that his party can never hold such a meeting, cannot even imagine it. The meeting ended; thousands of legs turned around for going back. But they did not recede as a crowd dispersing after a show. They were carrying the clarion call of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh: Revolution will succeed only when worthy revolutionary cadres and leaders will emerge in large numbers from the families of workers and peasants and when under their leadership the entire workers-peasants of villages – towns-cities will be organized into an iron-strong army for revolution. Till then you will have to carry the revolution in your dreams, you will have to toil to your last to prepare for it. There would not be any revolution before that, revolution will remain afar from you. This realization, to the extent they could grasp on the basis of their understanding and consciousness, was coming out in vivid expression in their face – eyes – poses and movements. They all were clamouring, as it appeared: Long Live Revolution.

The Kolkata meeting addressed by the General Secretary was no doubt the central programme. We will publish the speech delivered by Comrade Provash Ghosh in some later issue. But as mentioned the Memorial Day was observed by the Party units all over the country. We will include brief proceedings of these meetings as and when the reports reach us.

Reports from different States

Bangalore, Karnataka

Fortieth Memorial Day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was organised on 5 August, 2016 morning at the Scouts and Guides Hall at Bangalore. Hundreds of Comrades from 14 districts of the state participated in the Memorial Day meeting. On the dais were present the following state committee members- Comrade K.Uma, also the president of the meeting and Comrades Diwakar, Shashidhar, H. G. Jayalakshmi.

Comrade K. Radhakrishna, Central Committee member and Karnataka State Secretary of the Party, present in the meeting said in his brief address: During the time since our beloved leader, teacher and guide Comrade Shibdas Ghosh passed away, socialist camp was dismantled and capitalism re-established in former socialist countries. Taking full advantage of the situation, the imperialists implemented the policies of globalisation – liberalisation-privatisation which, today have created a gulf between the rich and the poor. Foundations of capitalist economies are shaken from the deep economic crisis and recession. So questions are raised - Why is revolution not coming? Has Marxism failed?

Marx said that capitalism will not die a natural death, it will have to be buried through the conscious efforts of the working class by accomplishing the proletarian revolution. Lenin said: Revolution cannot be accomplished without the formation of a genuine revolutionary party, revolutionary ideology and alternative proletarian politics. World across, people's movements are bursting forth in vain exposing the vacuum of leadership. We are reminded of Comrade Ghosh's famous words "...revolution will not come, again and again it will recede, it will go astray, and reaction will again and again gain, by that — revolution will not see the light until the revolutionary party emerges, capable enough to lead revolution.".

On this occasion, Comrade Radhakrishna called upon all to take pledge to strengthen the revolutionary Party, taking the noble struggle of following Comrade Shibdas Ghosh thoughts in our personal life forward with renewed spirit.

Comrade Asit Bhattacharya, Polit Bureau Member, SUCI(C) addressed the meeting as the main speaker. We will publish his speech in a coming issue.

Madurai, Tamilnadu

The Tamilnadu State Organising Committee of the SUCI (Communist) held a state level public meeting on 13 August, 2016 at Gouripalayam in Madurai to observe the 40th Memorial Day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the Founder General Secretary of SUCI(C) and one of the foremost

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Gleams as the ray of hope amidst the gloom of moribund capitalism

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Marxist thinkers of the era. Members and friends of the Party came from different districts of the state to pay homage to this great leader of the world proletariat.

Comrade A Rengasamy, Secretary, TNSOC, presided over the meeting. Comrade C K Lukose, member, Central Committee, SUCI(C), and Secretary Kerala State Committee of the Party, was the main speaker. His speech, which was in English, was translated into Tamil by Comrade A Anavarathan, member, TNSOC. Comrade T C Satyamurthy, Secretary, Madurai-Dindigul-Theni District Organising Committee, also addressed the gathering. Comrade Lukose's speech will be included in a coming issue.

Memorial meeting, Comrade Pratibha Nayek, AIDYO, General Secretary and other State Committee members.

Comrade Satyawan, main speaker of the occasion elaborated the piercing crisis inflicted upon people by the crisis-ridden Indian capitalism, as an inalienable part of the moribund world capitalist-imperialist system. Experience of 69 years of independence amply demonstrates that development has not been the same for monopolists like Tatas-Birlas, Adanis- Ambanis and their henchmen on one hand and toiling poor common people on the other. When people's wrath is mounting against this discriminatory growth, the rulers, the political managers of the ruling class namely the

government at the Centre are fanning up divisive traits of religious fundamentalism, so-called nationalism, ethnic or regional sentiments, to shatter people's stand against the capitalist system. Comrade Satyawan emphasized that it is by strengthening



Comrade C K Lukose, member, Central Committee addressing at Madurai, Tamil Nadu

Patna, Bihar

40th Memorial Day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was observed in Patna, Bihar by the Bihar State Committee of the Party at IMA Hall in the city on 5 August evening, after the Party flag hoisting by the State Secretary Comrade Shiv Sankar in the morning at the Party office. There as well as at the IMA Hall, floral tributes were placed at the portrait of the great leader of proletariat, respectively in the morning and evening by the Party leaders. In the latter case they included Comrade Satyawan, member, Central Committee and Haryana State Secretary, Comrade Arun Singh, member, Bihar State Secretariat and president of the

the SUCI (C) the revolutionary Party by acquiring and assimilating the invaluable teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in our life, that we can pay genuine respect to the great leader. In his brief presidential address Comrade Arun Singh highlighted the anti-people policies of the Nitish-Laloo led state government and BJP-led Union government.

Lucknow, UP

40th Memorial Day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was observed on 7 August at GP Verma Memorial Hall at Aminabad Lucknow. A meeting held for the purpose was presided over by Comrade VN Singh, the UP State



Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya, member, Polit Bureau, recalling the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in the Memorial Meeting Bangalore, Karnataka

Secretary who in his brief address urged the Party activist to propagate Shibdas Ghosh Thoughts across the state. The main speaker Comrade Gopal Kundu, member, Central Committee pointed out that the acute crisis recession in the entire capitalist system of world lies at the root of crisis in people's life. Comrade Kundu said that Shibdas Ghosh Thoughts are acting as the

Memorial meeting was also held at Jaunpur of UP.

Rohtak, Haryana

On 7 August at Chhoturam Park in Rohtak, Haryana, 40th Memorial Day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was observed by the Haryana State Committee. The meeting held for the purpose was presided over by Comrade Anup Singh, veteran



Comrade Gopal Kundu, member, Central Committee, deliberate at the Memorial Meeting in Lucknow, UP

beacon on the edifice of which our Party is striving to make people conscious and organize their struggles. Elaborating the life struggles of Comrade Ghosh as the beacon Comrade Kundu outlined the methods of party formation and development as well as those of developing good communist characters. Comrade Vijay Pal Singh UP State Secretariat Member also spoke, while state Committee Members Comrades Swapan Chatterjee, Pushpendu Bishwakarma, Ravishankar Maurya were present in the meeting.

member of the State Committee, and was addressed by Comrade Satyawan, the Haryana State Secretary and Comrade Ramphal, member, State Committee, while Comrade Sankar Saha, member Central Committee of the Party and President All India United Trade Union Congress was the main speaker. Comrade Saha brought out how with his immense love and compassion for exploited people Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had joined the independence movement at his tender age of 13 years, then took Marxism-Leninism as his life philosophy and waged his life-long struggle for building up the revolutionary Party SUCI (Communist). Comrade Saha outlined the horrible all-out crisis that the capitalist system of the country is bringing down on people, while in the international scene, the attacks the imperialist power headed by the war-monger US imperialists are coming down on world people. Along with that, the latter are



Comrade Ranjit Dhar, member, Polit Bureau, addressing the Memorial Meeting at Ghatsila, Jharkhand

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fomenting heinous fundamentalist forces that have ultimately grown into the deadly outfits of ISIS. Comrade Saha concluded with the call to prepare for struggle for people's emancipation on the strength of Marxism- Leninism- Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought to bring end to the prevailing gruelling situation. In a resolution adopted in the meeting, the Party announced a protest demonstration to be held on 4 October 2016 at the Chief Minister's residence at Carnal, against the anti-people policies of the BJP governments in the state and Centre.

Thiruvalla, Kerala

The 40th Memorial Day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat and an outstanding Marxist philosopher of the era, was observed in the state of Kerala in a solemn and befitting



Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee, member, Central Committee addressing the Memorial Meeting at Thiruvalla, Kerala

manner with Red flag hoisting on 5th morning and a memorial meeting held at the municipal open auditorium, Thiruvalla. Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee, Central Committee member of SUCI(C), was the main speaker. Comrade CK Lukose, Central Committee member and Secretary, Kerala State Committee, SUCI(C), presided over the meeting. Comrades V. Venugopal and Jaison Joseph, Kerala State Secretariat members of the party, and Comrade S.Rajeevan, Secretary, Pathanamthitta District Committee, also spoke.

Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee discussed elaborately on Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's contribution in

formation and building up of the only genuine communist party SUCI(C) on Indian soil. She said that Shibdas Ghosh at his very early age realised that the fruits of freedom struggle, in absence of real revolutionary party, was going to be usurped by the bourgeoisie. Taking the lead from the teachings of Great Lenin that there can not be a revolution without a revolutionary party, he along with his few colleagues conducted a very painful struggle to built up SUCI(C) which now has been working in 25 states in the country. And everywhere SUCI(C) is organizing democratic mass movements on burning issues of people's life. Through these movements party is educating the masses, organizing them in their own struggle committees aiming to give birth to instruments of people's alternative political power, a pre condition along with a correct revolutionary theory and a genuine revolutionary party with adequate strength. She added that Comrade Ghosh has given us the right political line of anti capitalist revolution of our country. With growing price rise, unemployment, and deepening of cultural crisis the objective condition is also ripe for revolution in our country. Now it is our task to strengthen SUCI(C) dedicating ourselves for building up democratic people's movement on higher proletarian culture conducive to anti-capitalist socialist revolution, as shown by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. This is the call of the hour to pay real tribute to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Comrade CK Lukose in his presidential address said that SUCI(C) led by Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh thoughts is striving hard to hold aloft the banner of left politics in the state joining forces with two other left parties in a situation when CPI(M) led LDF follows pro monopoly and anti-people policies and the BJP reaps the advantage. He called for united

movement of people.

Comrade V. Venugopal called upon the people to make success the programme of movement announced by Left United Front comprising SUCI(C), RMP and MCPI(U) on 26 August as also the All India General Strike on 2 September called by the joint platform of Trade Unions against the anti-labour, anti-people, pro-monopoly policies of Central government.

Vadodara, Gujarat

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Meeting at the state level was organised at Vadodara, Gujarat on 8 August 2016. Comrade Meenakshi Joshi, State Organising Committee member presided over the meeting. Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee, SUCI(C) Central Committee member was the main speaker here too. She placed her address, after Comrade Tapan Dasgupta, State Organising Committee Member, welcomed all with his brief address, and Comrade Dwarikanath Rath Secretary, Gujarat State Organising Committee presented his short speech condemning the atrocities on Dalits in Una, Gujarat, among other issues.

Cuttack, Odisha

A state level meeting on the occasion of 40th Memorial Day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great proletarian leader, one of the outstanding Marxist authorities and founder General Secretary of SUCI(C), was held at Shaheed Bhawan, Cuttack on August 7, 2016 under the auspices of the



Comrade Soumen Basu, member, Central Committee addressing the Memorial Meeting at Odisha

Odisha State Committee of SUCI(C). Comrade Dhurjati Das, Secretary, Odisha State Committee presided over the meeting and Comrade Saumen Basu, Central Committee member of the Party and West Bengal State Secretary addressed the gathering as main speaker. Comrade Saumen Basu in his deliberation said that this historic day is observed with a view to renew the pledge to cultivate and hence realize the invaluable thoughts of Comrade



Comrade Dwarika Nath Rath, Secretary, Gujarat SOC addressing the Memorial Meeting at Mumbai

Shibdas Ghosh further and to engage ourselves in accelerating the struggle for emancipation of exploited people with the establishment of a society free from all sorts of exploitation.

Apart from other proceedings, KOMSOMOL, the young contingent of SUCI(C) gave Guard of Honour to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Nagpur, Maharashtra

The 40th Memorial Day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great

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Comrade Satyawam, member, Central Committee addressing the Memorial Meeting at Patna, Bihar and a part of the gathering

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leader of the proletariat, one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of this era and the founder General Secretary of SUCI(Communist) was observed at the Nagpur District office of SUCI(Communist) at Pandhrabodi, Ramnagar, Nagpur. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Vijendra Rajput, Secretary, Nagpur District Organizing Committee, SUCI (Communist). Comrade Dhurjoti Dash, Secretary of Odisha State Committee, SUCI (Communist) was the main speaker. He discussed in his speech how Comrade Shibdas Ghosh launched a relentless struggle to build up a true communist party in India from his boyhood to resolve all types of problems of the people. He further said that today, it is urgent to assimilate the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in life in order to save humanity from all types of problems through revolutionary transformation of the society. Comrade Pratibha Nayak, General Secretary of AIDYO and the member of West Bengal State Committee, SUCI(Communist) was also present in the memorial meeting.

Mumbai, Maharashtra

Mumbai Organising Committee of the Party SUCI (Communist) observed 40th Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day in the form of public meeting on 6 August evening, at Janata Kender, Mumbai Central (West), Mumbai. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Anil Kumar Tyagi, Secretary, Mumbai Organising Committee and the main speaker on behalf of the Central Committee was Comrade Dwarika Nath Rath, Secretary, Gujarat State Organising Committee. Comrade D N Rath exposed the politics of

communalism particularly against the Muslim minorities and casteism against Dalits by BJP/RSS and their different sister organisations. He brought out clearly that the reactionary and decadent capitalism of today foment these divisive traits to shatter unity of exploited people which they are mortally afraid of. He called for people's movement in the line of historically determined anti-capitalist socialist revolution. Dwelling on the issue of demanding Vidharba as a separate state, Comrade Rath referred to the earlier movement for united Maharashtra before the year of 1960 and the role of different parties in it.

Agartala, Tripura

On 5th August the 40th Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day was observed at Agartala in Tripura in a befitting manner through hoisting of Red Flag and garlanding the portrait of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh at the Party offices in the morning and then a memorial meeting at T.B.Association Hall in the evening. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Arun Kumar Bhaumik, Secretary, Tripura State Organizing Committee, who appealed to people to strengthen SUCI (C) for the cause of people's movement.

Comrade Shankar Dasgupta, Member Odisha State Committee, SUCI(C) was the main speaker at the meeting. He spoke at length on the role of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in the freedom movement and also the arduous struggle Comrade Shibdas had led to build up SUCI(C) as a genuine communist party on Indian soil which has now spread over the country and beyond it through struggles of its leaders and cadres. He then urged the cadres and supporters to grasp the teachings of Comrade Shibdas



Comrade Sankar Saha, member, Central Committee addressing the Memorial Meeting in Rohtak, Haryana

Ghosh and carry onward the task of organizing anti capitalist socialist revolution.

Sagar, Madhya Pradesh

On the 40th Memorial Day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, a state level memorial meeting was held in Sagar, Madhya Pradesh on 5 August. Hundreds of party supporters, sympathisers and activists from Bhopal, Sagar, Indore, Gwalior, Guna, Ashoknagar, Dewas, Vidisha, Raisen, etc. joined the meeting. Besides, at the venue, Rabindra Bhavan a well decorated Quotation



Comrade Swapan Chatterjee, member, UP State Committee, addressing the Memorial Meeting at Sagar, MP

Exhibition of Comrade Ghosh's teachings was inaugurated by the office secretary of State Organising Committee of the party Comrade UP Biswas.

Speaking on the occasion Comrade Swapan Chatterjee, member of UP State Committee of the Party, said that the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh are all the more necessary and inspiring not only for the Indian communist movement but for the world communist movement. He made appeal to intensify the struggle to acquire higher proletarian culture and ethics so as to become a good communist. Comrade Pratap Samal, State Secretary of MP, elaborated the devastating attacks that the BJP government was bringing down on people. He urged to develop mighty peoples movement on burning issues of people conducive to anti-capitalist socialist revolution. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Ramavtar Sharma, member State Committee, MP.

Dehra Dun, Uttarakhand

Memorial Day of Comrade

Shibdas Ghosh was observed at Panchayati Mandir at Dehra Dun, Uttarakhand on 7 August 2016. Comrade Pratap Samal, Secretary, MP State Committee of SUCI(C) and the deputed speaker on the occasion indicated the great role Comrade Shibdas Ghosh played in founding and developing SUCI(C) as the genuine communist party of

the country which has played vital role in the national and international struggle of masses and pledges to play on. Comrade Samal stressed upon the unity of left forces on face of the impending danger posed by the present BJP government at the centre. Comrade Mukesh Semwal, the coordinator of the meeting highlighted Comrade Ghosh's struggle for building the revolutionary Party in India.

Budhlada, Punjab

Comrade Pratap Samal also spoke at the memorial meeting held on 9 August, 2016 at FCI hall, Budhlada, Punjab. Comrade Aminder Pal Singh, Incharge, Punjab State Unit of SUCI(C) presided over the meeting and Comrade Jagtar Singh conducted the proceedings.

Memorial meetings were also held at Ghatshila with Comrade Ranjir Dhar, veteran Polit Bureau Member as the speaker. Guwahati where Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya, Polit Bureau Member addressed, Hyderabad, Delhi, Durg, Jaipur and elsewhere. Reports from these are awaited.



Comrade Shankar Dasgupta, member, Odisha State Committee addressing the memorial meeting at Agartala, Tripura

Proletarian Era

Ever-living icon of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thoughts

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capitalism, we need the endeavour to build up a firm anti-capitalist bent of mind embracing the entire mental world, and accordingly prepare ourselves so that each of our discussions becomes effective....we should try to dispel all the confusions that exist in the cross-current of politics in the present state of the society, in the questions that the pseudo-revolutionaries pose, the confusions that exist among those known as progressive and among the rank and file of other parties.” Then addressing the question of bringing out Party organs in the best possible, purposive manner, he said, “...our task is to uphold our correct politics exposing the wrong politics, the opportunist politics of others... but is the work in running our party organs going the right way to serve this purpose?...Propaganda is a great art; one cannot be a good propagandist without being a master revolutionary, without constantly having revolutionary purposiveness in the thoughts. Because, otherwise he will not understand what needs to be said, when and how it is to be said. We shall not distort the truth, but the style of presenting the truth is very important. Revolutionaries do not say anything without purpose, nor do they say everything everywhere and at whatever time. At any particular time if saying anything could create difficulty in explaining the basic politics, the main truth, we do not say it. Should necessity require, we say it at another time. If anyone wants to know what really happened we certainly tell him, but only in a particular way at a particular time. When our aim is to clearly explain a point, we bring in only those matters that make it relatively easier to enlighten the issue, to elucidate it more, to make the understanding of others more clear. If this aspect is not clear to me, through my tendency to bring in many stray, unrelated facts, the main truth that I want to explain becomes clouded. If anyone acts in this way it means that he has not comprehended the basic point about revolutionary politics... To preserve records is a very important question with the editorial board,...the standard of the writings is also continuously improved. For that, the editorial board must take it as a serious point that they are constantly carrying out research on it, discussing, writing and taking notes and collecting materials from other newspapers. They will also

have to improve their writing style; it should not be that they just read the other newspapers and then keep them aside. Those who work in the editorial board, and those who want to make the party leadership acquainted with the different news, their style of reading should not be like this. They have to improve their reading style. They must have paper and pen with them. The moment they come across some news, some point, which they think might be needed as reference, may be not right then, but at some future date, must be forthwith noted down along with the date. And these will be preserved, so that we can use them whenever necessary. But the members of the editorial board, the other comrades also do not read in this fashion; as a result they remain unequipped. Therefore an article containing a load of arguments and political analysis will not do. These also need some concrete materials. But if the material is not at hand, we have to search for it; as a result the writing gets delayed. Or else we quote from memory that it was in that paper, but the paper in question cannot be found. That means that here also the style of work has to be improved.”

Clearly, his guidance was that the organ should not contain any fruitless academic discourse, peddle in meaningless pedagogy or high-sounding pedantic dissertations. The organ must endeavour to be as lucid as possible in presenting even complex theoretical aspects and penetrating analyses of events or phenomena — a skill that comes only if the writing staff under the guidance of the leadership learn to prepare themselves accordingly through a continuous struggle for more and more identification with the class, party and revolution so as to have a proper grasp of the ideological questions that enables them to articulate the same in the simplest possible manner, precisely and coherently. So, from day one, “Proletarian Era” had carved out a distinct identity of a standard theoretical organ of revolutionary movement of India.

After sad and untimely demise of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in 1976, the Party leadership under the stewardship of Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, life-long comrade-in-arms of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, carried forward the task of improving the standard of the organ based on Marxism-Leninism-

Shibdas Ghosh Thought which not only disseminated among the toiling masses the correct Marxist ideological line on each and every question but also immensely helped organizational expansion of the Party throughout the length and breadth of the country. Even the organ helped transporting the illuminating thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh across the border to acquaint the struggling people of various countries with the most developed and enriched understanding of Marxism-Leninism that provides beacon to each and every emerging problem and issue in the post-Lenin period starting from the genesis of modern revisionism, lowering of ideological standard and penetration of mechanical thought process as against dialectical thought process in the international communist movement, menace of individualism, social democratic deviation in working class movement, growing trend of fascism in both advanced as well as backward capitalist countries, confusing the question of authority and authoritarianism, necessity of firmly establishing how the latest developments of science have been reaffirming the basic postulates of dialectical materialism and how it is continually developing, advancing and constantly throwing light on newer and newer problems of life, society and epistemology, imperativeness to develop a standard of consciousness necessary to cope with the multiplicity of newer and newer problems that confront life and the environment, imperativeness to define a new and adequate standard of a good communist in the changing situation and specify the concrete process of acquiring that standard through appropriate struggle and so forth. The present leadership is also taking forward that task under the guidance of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought.

Thus for last 50 years, ‘Proletarian Era’ has been devotedly committed to this task and playing a significant role in advancing ideological struggle of the Party to supplement and complement the need of Indian Revolution. It can be claimed with all humility that there has hardly been any important issue or question in the national or international arenas—be it economic, political, social, cultural or philosophical — which was not covered in the pages of “Proletarian Era” based on Marxist method of

analysis with the sole purpose of unraveling the underlying truth, removing all confusions and convolutions, exposing the trickeries and waffles of the ruling bourgeoisie and its stooges of different hues and thereby strengthening the anti-capitalist revolutionary struggle. The analyses of the Party of various international and universal issues based on Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought have also provided food for thought to the revolutionaries and progressive-minded people round the country and presented before them an acceptable guide to action towards intensifying the anti-imperialist militant peace movement, spearheading fiercest attack on revisionism, resurrect international communist movement on its glory and channelizing the surging people’s movements against ruthless capitalist exploitation along correct line so as to reach their logical culmination. Similarly, in the national sphere, the focus has been on relentless exposure of the various anti-people policies of the bourgeois governments, dangerous fallout of pursuing the ruinous prescripts of globalization-liberalization, mockery of parliamentary democracy, spread of parliamentary illusion, increased tilt towards fascistization, sinister design of the ruling bourgeoisie to disrupt the unity of the toiling people by systematically fomenting divisive thoughts like communalism-casteism-chauvinism-parochialism and constantly trying to pit one section of the people against another, continuous curtailment of hard-earned civil and democratic rights as well as trade union rights, blunting rational thought process by fuelling old obsolete thoughts, triggering cultural degeneration through invocation of rotten anti-life imperialist culture, planned annihilation of ethics, morality, human values and finer senses to robotize people and doom them to social annihilation. And everywhere, the attempt on the part of “Proletarian Era” is to inculcate the imperativeness of revolution as the only way towards emancipation. We are pledge-bound to discharge our revolutionary responsibility in the days to come with utmost endeavour to continually elevate the standard and conduce to the need of Indian Revolution the roadmap of which had been laid down by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our leader, teacher and guide and the great leader of the proletariat.

AIUTUC protests against anti-worker policies of BJP government

On 9 August, the historic day commemorating the Quit India movement of the anti-British imperialist independence movement of the country, the West Bengal State Committee of AIUTUC organized a civil disobedience movement in protest of anti-worker pro-capitalist class amendment of labour laws and other policies by the BJP-led Union government and in demand of minimum wage of Rs 18000, job for all, same wage for same job, as well as in protest against exorbitant price rise. A well decorated, slogan-shouting procession of thousands of workers and employees led by

pointed out that the civil disobedience was taking place in different states on this historic day as a part of the collective decision of the central trade unions and federations taken at the national level. The strike of 2 September has been organized to register protest against steps of the union government. The civil disobedience was a part of its preparation. On the contrary, the CITU, going against the decisions of the Delhi joint convention, is driving wedge of disunity in the united movement by adding issues like their electoral stand of alliance with Congress.



Massive rally in Kolkata on 9 August in support of 2 September General Strike

AIUTUC State President Comrade A L Gupta and State Secretary Comrade Dilip Bhattacharyya, marched towards Lalbazar. As police intercepted it on the Phears Lane, it created turmoil. 1027 persons courted arrest.

In a brief meeting held before the procession started, Comrade A L Gupta called upon the workers and employees to make the scheduled All India General Strike on 2 September successful in every way. Comrade Dilip Bhattacharyya

This is unfortunate particularly at a moment when the central leadership is looking ahead for forging all-out unity on the basis of unanimously agreed common minimum programmes with a view to developing sustained movement of exploited masses across the country. Comrade Bhattacharyya urged all organizations of workers and employees, including those which have not yet come out in support of the strike, to make the strike of 2 September successful.

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

AIDSO Odisha demands supply of +2 books, withdrawal of fee hike and CBCS

All India Democratic Students' Organisation (AIDSO) organized a students' demonstration before the Odisha State Assembly on various educational problems. A colourful rally, a protest meeting and submission of memorandum to the higher education minister and school & mass education minister were parts of the programme. Among other demands the AIDSO

demanded the government to supply +2 books immediately, reintroduce pass-fail system from class-I without any further delay, stop fee hike and commercialization of education at all levels, scrap gradation, semester and Choice Based Credit System (CBCS), and to open arts, science and commerce streams in all the colleges of the state. .

Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal (Marxist) pays homage to the great leaders Frederick Engels and Shibdas Ghosh

Under the auspices of Central Executive Committee of Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal (Marxist), the 120th death anniversary of the great leader of Proletariat, Frederick Engels and 40th Memorial Day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, one of the eminent Marxist thinkers of the day, were observed at the Party office at Topekhanna Road in Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh. Members of the Central Executive Committee of BASAD (Marxist) including Comrades Shuvrangshu Chakraborty, Manjura Neela, Phakruddin Kabir Atique, Saifujjaman Sakan, AKM Zahirul Islam, the Central President of Bangladesh Shramik Karmachari Federation, Seema Datta, President of Bangladesh Narimukti Kendra, its General Secretary Marjina Khatun, Naeema Khaled Monika, President of the Central Committee of Samajtantrik Chhatra Front and others were present in the solemn observance programme.

Comrade Shuvrangshu Chakraborty delivered a brief speech, wherein he elaborated great contributions of Frederick Engels, who alongwith Karl Marx propounded the outline of Marxism, the philosophy for emancipation of toiling masses. To them philosophy was not mere theoretical vocabularies, it was the unique guide to action to change the world, rarely to be found in human history. With his powerful pen he not only portrayed the plight and deprivation of the toiling people of the then developed capitalist countries like England, Germany and others. In his books one after another he gave convincing defeat to the idealist thoughts and philosophies that drag man away from struggle.

Comrade Chakraborty further said that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was another great revolutionary who initiated his struggles during the days of anti-British imperialist independence movement. With due respect and recognition for the sacrifice of those who had spoken for emancipation of the working class in India, he clearly showed that genuine communist movement can not be built up without the genuine Marxist-Leninist outlook and its concrete application in every aspect of life. It was Comrade Ghosh who had showed the causes of emergence of modern revisionism and courses to be taken up to defeat it. When communist parties of different countries started suffering from frustration at the counter revolution in the former USSR, People's Republic of China and other socialist countries, it was the invaluable teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh that showed the path of courageous fight for comeback. Comrade Chakraborty called upon everybody to take lessons from the life struggle of these two great leaders to fight back the fascist misrule and rabid fanatic religious fundamentalism of contemporary Bangladesh.

Assam protests BJP government move to denigrate martyr of freedom struggle

On the cover page of a text book distributed by the government of Assam free of cost, the picture of a great martyr Kanaklata Barua, 16 years of age, is printed, distorting and denigrating the very concept of high values of the legacy of freedom movement in India. The great martyr laid down her life succumbing to the police fire while she went to hoist the national flag at Gohpur Police Station in 1942 Quit India Movement, while leading a procession. Even after she had fallen down, she handed over the national flag to Mukunda Kakati another fighter of the freedom movement. This incident ignited a new spirit in the ongoing freedom movement. The present distortion of this great martyr is a vivid example of the ruling class and its subservient political parties, like the BJP, maligning the high values of

patriotism. There was a strong protest throughout the state.

The All India DSO, All India DYD, All India MSS & Komsomol organized a protest demonstration in Guwahati on 12th August 2016. To stop the procession, police resorted to barbaric lathicharge, injuring many of the protesters, some severely; they even molested female activists. People around the spot were aghast and condemned this attitude of the BJP Government. Sentiments rose to such a height, that the government had to announce in its ongoing assembly session that particular book will be withdrawn and it will be replaced by a dignified picture of martyr Kanaklata. AIDSO, AIMSS, AIDYO, KOMSOMOL and Assam State Committee of the Party demanded that in the new book the life and life struggle of this martyr will have to be depicted.

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