

Appeal of Comrade Provash Ghosh

Make the 3rd Congress of the Party successful

[An Appeal by Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, to the members and supporters at all levels]

Dear Comrades,

Sometimes back, some leading comrades had requested me to make an appeal to the comrades to make the 3rd Party Congress successful. Those leading comrades feel that a section of the comrades is not sufficiently clear about the necessity of this Party Congress. Of course, I am late in responding to their request and a large number of comrades and units are already very much engaged and involved in the preparation of the Party Congress. Yet,

considering the feelings and opinion of those leading comrades, I have decided to say a few things. I like to place the following reasons briefly:

1) Although there have been no fundamental changes in the international and national situations since the last Party Congress, the basic line adopted in the previous Congress in the main remains valid. But, in the meanwhile, certain important and significant developments

have been observed which deserve serious discussions, exchange of ideas at different levels on the basis of the teachings and norms of the Party. After serious examinations in the Party Congress, a uniform understanding would be finally arrived at and thereby the Party theses would be improved to meet the latest situation.

2) India is engulfed in severe and ever

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Spread the flame of revolution to every home —such was the message on 42nd Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day

This wretched life of the people at large is the inevitable consequence of a ruthless capitalist exploitation and oppression. To be worth the name of man, one must rise up and bring about a radical transformation of this grinding order. There is no other way but to be organized under the banner of the genuine revolutionary party and lead the struggle on the correct base political line. The voice that so exhorts is of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the Founder General Secretary of the SUCI(C), the leader, teacher, guide and the pole star of

Indian Revolution. What began as the revolutionary audacity of a great revolutionary and visionary and a handful of his revolutionary compatriots 70 year back in one corner of the land to face the challenge of history has now grown into a vigorous irresistible force reaching almost all corners across the country. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh departed from us 42 years back—his health broke down because of the historic painstaking struggle he conducted to build up a genuine communist party on the soil to lead and organize Indian Revolution

braving all odds. But his teachings remained, so remained a band of professional revolutionaries reared and steered by him—so there was no relent, no occasion to even pause for a moment in shouldering the task he bequeathed to all his comrades. "...inherent in revolutionary politics, tender as it is in one way, are stern reality, strict discipline, and steadfast sense of duty. Our work cannot suffer because of our grief. ... big revolutionaries, even in the midst of most profound grief, unwaveringly pursue their revolutionary work. Work they must. In no event

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Massive gathering on 5 August 2018, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day at Rani Rashmoni Avenue in Kolkata braving incessant rain

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increasing economic, political, moral crises caused by the exploitative and oppressive capitalist system and its servitors i.e. the ruling parliamentary parties. Millions of people are already unemployed. Thousands of workers are getting retrenched. Lakhs of people are dying without food and medicine, even committing suicide. Thousands of women including children are being sold in the flesh market every day. Every minute, hundreds of women including old and underage are raped, gang-raped and murdered. Prices and taxes are increasing continuously. There is rampant corruption, loot of public money and raising of military budget at the cost of allocations towards education and health. Hindu religious fundamentalism, obscurantism, national jingoism, communalism, parochialism, casteism, communal and caste hatred are being fanned up incessantly, riots engineered, education saffronized, people divided over religious faith, even the last vestiges of democratic institutions are demolished. All these are aimed at creating vote-bank, reducing election to a sheer deception by controlling it with money-muscle-media-administrative power and furthering the process of fascization in the country. And above all, destruction of all moral values, heritage of renaissance and freedom struggle are destroyed thereby dehumanising the youth and students of the country. All these are pushing the entire country to almost ruin. It is not surprising that two national bourgeois parties, the BJP and the Congress as well as other regional bourgeois parties are vying with one other to win the favour of the ruling bourgeoisie, to secure ministerial posts and get appointment as its political managers. Whether in power or in the opposition, it is always their sole aim.

When they are in power, they, in order to satisfy their masters, openly work for perpetuating capitalist exploitation, silence all voices of protest and brutally suppress people's movements. But when in opposition, they shed crocodile tears for the suffering people only to deceive the masses and prepare the ground for electoral victory. But despite these, people are not silenced. Burning problems of life compel the oppressed people to burst into protest. The accumulated wrath, grievances and remonstrations among the workers-peasants-students and other sections of the toiling masses burst forth in the form of spontaneous, unorganized and politically unconscious sporadic agitations on a large scale even by defying bullets and batons of the rulers.

But these movements are periodically surging forth rising and then subsiding in the absence of a real political leadership. It is evidently clear that the CPI (M) and CPI, known as big left parties, being true to their social democratic character, have long abandoned the path of militant struggle and

instead make a show of movement. In fact, they are now very busy to line up with the "secular" Congress-led combination for reaping electoral mileage. Yet, our efforts will obviously be to continue to involve and arrest them as far as possible within the ambit of joint movements based on the principle of unity-struggle-unity to utilise, expose and exhaust their role. But the crying need of the hour is to further strengthen, spread and consolidate SUCI (Communist), the only proletarian revolutionary party on this soil, founded by great Marxist thinker Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, so that the Party becomes capable to provide proper ideological, political, organisational and cultural leadership to these struggles and take them to their logical culmination. To acquire this standard, a vigorous movement inside the Party guided by the revolutionary teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh is urgently required. The Party Congress is being held as a preparation of that internal movement involving all the comrades.

3) It is to be noted that world imperialism-capitalism is in the grip of an unprecedented and ever-deepening crisis. Despite the absence of a parallel world socialist market, world capitalism is suffering from continuous shrinkage of market. USA who once, after the fall of socialism, boastfully declared itself the 'lord' of the unipolar world, is now challenged by China and Russia, both turned capitalist after counter-revolution, as well as the European Union and Japan. All of them are embroiled in a cut-throat battle to grab one another's market. USA once considered as the locomotive of world capitalist economy is now almost reduced to a sinking boat. It once pioneered the scheme of globalisation to invade the markets of other countries. But now the same USA finds that its own home market has been grabbed by other contending capitalist-imperialist powers by following the prescripts of that very scheme of globalization. This compels the USA now to renounce globalisation, replace it with the slogan of 'America first' and raising tariff walls with expected retaliatory measures by China and others. Thus, a global trade war has been unleashed. Where this trade war will lead to is a big question. Only the future would answer it. On the other hand, all these imperialist countries are suffering from continuous recession, closure of industries, retrenchments, unemployment and other related acute problems making life miserable for common people. These are generating mass discontents on an unprecedented scale leading to waves of workers' strikes, students' strikes and mighty people's movements in increasing number. Stirring movements like 'Occupy Wall Street' and 'Arab Spring' are bursting forth and would continue to surge again and again. But such powerful upheavals of people would

subside again and again in the absence of a correct revolutionary working class leadership.

Comrades are aware of the fact that after counter-revolution in erstwhile Soviet Union, East European countries and China, not only had socialism been dismantled there, powerful communist movement which once shook the imperialist-capitalist bloc also suffered a huge setback. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had shown long back that since the various communist parties of the world had a blind allegiance towards the Soviet and Chinese leaderships and possessed a low ideological-cultural standard, they could not understand the immense danger posed by modern revisionism and locate the various causes and factors paving the way for counter-revolution to take place. As a result, when Soviet socialism was dismantled due to revisionist intrigue, all these parties got baffled, became ideologically bankrupt, suffered from utter despair, turned inactive and ultimately disintegrated. At present, there are many splinter groups and parties in different countries who claim themselves to be communists. But they all have been suffering from ideological confusion as they lack concrete understanding of Marxism-Leninism in the context of present situation. Only our Party, SUCI(Communist), founded on the basis of developed application of Leninist method of formation of a communist party, and enriched understanding of Marxism enunciated by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, could brave this crisis correctly. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had forewarned us about the brewing danger in the socialist system as well as international communist movement and provided us with a strong ideological weapon to face the situation. Following his invaluable teachings, our Party not only remained unaffected from this crisis but has been developing and expanding in the country holding aloft the noble banner of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought and Proletarian Internationalism.

It bears recall that on the eve of First World War, the Second International founded by Great Marx and Engels had degenerated forsaking the revolutionary kernel of Marxism and turned into a den of revisionists. At that critical hour, it was great Lenin who ideologically defeated the revisionist leaders of the 2nd International and defended the revolutionary soul of Marxism and in course of that he further enriched, developed and brought the understanding of Marxism to a newer height corresponding to the new and highest stage of capitalism i.e. imperialism. Great Stalin had characterized this as Leninism and said that "Leninism is the Marxism in the era of imperialism and proletarian revolution".

Applying it concretely in Russia, socialist

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COMRADE PROVASH GHOSH WRITES TO THE PRIME MINISTER DEMANDING CONSTITUTION OF A HIGH-POWERED COMMITTEE TO PROBE INTO THE FUNCTIONING OF 'HOMES' IN VIEW OF ALLEGATION OF RAPES, GANG -RAPES AND TRAFFICKING

To

14 August 2018

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

We are gravely concerned at the spurt of crimes on women in the country. Rapes, gang-rapes, brutal murder of rape victims, dowry deaths, honour killings and such other savage assaults on women have indeed assumed alarming proportion indicating how unsafe and insecure have become the women in independent India. As per media report, 106 women are raped every day in India. Indian government surveys show that 42% of girls in the country have been sexually abused and rape of minor girls increased by 82%. In a shocking video that went viral on social media a few days back, a teenaged girl was shown being dragged and molested by a group of young boys in Uttar Pradesh. Prior to this, in a similar incident in Bihar, a group of eight boys were seen molesting, dragging and trying to disrobe a minor girl. What is more inhuman is that physically as well as mentally challenged girls are often targeted by the rapists to satiate their bestial lust.

Last year, the country again came across another instance of brutal rape, one of most abhorrent of all crimes that afflict the modern world and more disgusting than the crime itself, the despicable bid on the part of the government-administration to shield the perpetrators of this bestial act. A 17-year-old girl from Makhi village in Unnao alleged that she was kidnapped when she went looking for a job and gangraped for more than a week by a ruling party MLA and his accomplices, including his brother. Despite the accused having been named by the victim, he was not taken into custody. Instead, he enjoyed so much impunity as to continuously threaten the family of the surviving victim. In a bizarre twist of justice, the police arrested the survivor's father himself on charges of illegal possession of firearms. A few days later, the survivor's father died in police custody because of, as per official version, 'blood poisoning due to perforation of colon' notwithstanding multiple injuries and abrasions around his arms, thighs, buttocks, knees and abdomen. The prime accused, a ruling party MLA, is still roaming free. But that was not the end of genocidal acts against women.

The rape, mutilation and killing of an eight-year-old girl in Kathua in Jammu region in January last would go down as an act of human bestiality that makes us all hang our heads in shame. That an attempt has been made to give the rape a communal colour was even more disgraceful. One wonders how could a brutal rape become the arena for the communal fault lines to play out in such a stark manner. Now it is alleged that the witnesses to this abduction, brutalisation, multiple rape and finally murder are being threatened by the family members and friends of the accused. Despite the horrific rape of minor girls in Kathua in Jammu and Kashmir and Unnao in Uttar Pradesh having evoked widespread

outrage from various sections of society, shielding or siding with the rapists or rape accused and on the part of power that be sounds like the stuff of medieval ages. The country has also come to know how self-styled religious gurus went on outraging modesty of girls and raping them at will inside their Ashrams under this or that pretext. Had not a couple of the victims showed rare courage of revealing these crimes, it would have continued unabated and shielded for ever. Horrific details surfaced from the statements of these girls according to which these self-styled godmen besides molesting the victims for days after days also "threatened" to kill not only them but even their parents if they dared to protest or speak about it. It only showed that even after the Nirbhaya episode of 2012 that stirred the entire nation and the government-administration promising adoption of all preventive measures to forestall recurrence, nothing tangible has happened, and the situation has only been allowed to worsen further.

Whereas the tragedy in the capital city of the country was greeted with nationwide shock and awe, the crime in the backwaters of Bihar which has been unravelled of late is still more horrendous. 34 girls were raped in a home run by an NGO, under the supervision of the state's social welfare department in Muzaffarpur district of Bihar. Horror of horrors, one of the girls, who was intrepid enough to resist sexual harassment, was killed and buried inside the complex, a hideous development that has been confirmed even by the district's Senior Superintendent of Police. The police say that 67 medicines including medicines meant for epileptics were used to drug the girls before they were raped. This begs the question of why the crime was kept under wraps. Was the department aware of what had happened? The suspicion must deepen as the "shelter" is owned by a local politician who also owned a few local newspapers and used his contacts to get grants for his NGO. Surprisingly, he was shown munificence repeatedly in the form of clearance and projects sanctioned and a yearly grant of Rs 1 crore from both the Centre and the state governments to operate his five shelters, despite an adverse report given by Muzaffarpur's Social Welfare Department five years back. The incidents might still have been under wraps were it not for the social audit report prepared by a private academic entity. It turns out that the owner of the home and the prime accused of this crime might have indulged in more such depravity and unimaginable brutality. The police have now found that 11 women and 4 children are missing from another home run by the same person at the Muzaffarpur red-light area.

And close on the heels of exposure of the Bihar 'home', it has come to light that similar atrocities were taking place on the inmate girls of another 'home' in the Deoria city of Uttar Pradesh. The saga

of using the inmate girls as sex-slaves came to light only after a minor girl escaped from the shelter home and informed the police that girls were being taken at night for flesh trade and returned in the morning. There were 42 girls at this 'shelter home' but only 24 could be rescued. Whereabouts of other 18 girls are still not known. The licence of the shelter home had been revoked in 2007 after a CBI investigation found irregularities in its functioning, but it continued to operate after, as the authorities claimed, getting a stay order from the Court. But the UP women and Child Welfare Minister herself confirmed that the Deoria shelter home was running illegally. A direction was issued to shift the inmates, but this order wasn't implemented. Despite the licence of the home having been suspended, local police continued to send girls to it.

But these are only the tip of the iceberg. Who knows what continues to happen in 9,000 odd 'child shelters' and a host of government-funded mental asylums in the country.

Both Bihar and UP where the 'horror homes' have been unearthed do score poorly on the administrative index. It is also evident that the accused of most of these horrific crimes are either 'political strongmen' wielding enough clout with the ruling quarters to enjoy impunity or are activists, even legislators of the party in power and hence spared of any punitive action. While the need was to try these accused promptly in the Fast Track Court and mete out stringent and exemplary punishment, no initiative towards that indicates the crimes on women are taking place either in connivance with or with indulgence of the police-administration.

We, therefore, are of the opinion that a high powered committee comprising persons of eminence in the different fields like retired judges, jurists, social scientists, human right activists, women activists and intellectuals of repute be constituted in right earnest and assigned the job of looking into the functioning of such 'shelters', 'homes' and 'asylums' free from the interference of any government or administration, and submit a truthful report of the actual state of affairs to enable the worried countrymen be acquainted with the actual state of affairs. The Committee may also be advised to suggest concrete remedial actions which the government can undertake within a stipulated time period to ensure no further abuse, maltreatment or sexual harassment of the hapless inmates of such homes. We expect that as the Prime Minister of the country, you would appreciate the necessity of complying with our suggestion and proceed accordingly.

Sincerely Yours
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Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist)

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can they allow themselves to muddle up the work. “Enshrined have been these words in the heart of all his fellow-travellers dreaming of emancipating the toiling Indian masses from the strangulating hold of the jaws of capitalism. So, the journey continued, making bold strides ahead and the wings of the Party, his best creation, are now spread to the length and breadth of the country carrying the message: “...we are all mortal beings. So, if to die, don't die begging, don't die humiliating yourself. When to die, die with honour, and you have got only one surest way to live and die with honour, that is by taking active part in the revolutionary struggle of the masses to bring about a revolutionary transformation of the society”. Every year on this day of 5 August, this call rings around. With fists clamped in firm resolve to steadfastly tread along the path he laid down for leading a life of honour, the Party comrades observe the Memorial Day of the great revolutionary leader with due solemnity all over the country. Everywhere they commemorated the occasion with the leaders paying floral tribute to the departed beloved leader-teacher-guide Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the music- squad rendering the song on this great leader and the programme concluding with the *Communist Internationale*.

Kolkata, West Bengal

Clouds began rumbling from the forenoon signalling that a torrential rain was in the offing. But, alongside was heard another rumbling of a distant thunder—the voice of the builders of the revolutionary future—the marchers to this city on the day of 5 August—in winding processions on the streets they carry one message: Misery, fury of nature, calamities unbound would never succeed in strangling us with unrelenting hands. We have our great leader and the road before us. External difficulties or even catastrophes cannot mar the indomitable spirit the great leader endowed us with. The downpour was heavy, flood water twisting and swirling everywhere. Soon both sides of Rani Rashmoni Avenue, the venue of the Memorial Meeting organized by the West Bengal State Committee was totally water logged. In rains they came, unheralded by the mass propaganda media of the ruling class. From the far-off corners of the State, from villages and towns, from fields and factories, braving very many odds, enduring very many sufferings. Drenched and with feet under accumulated water, they congregated at the venue to pay respects to their most beloved great departed leader, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and listen to the speech of Comrade Provash Ghosh, the present General Secretary of the Party and an ardent student of the great leader.

Dot on time, disdaining the teeming rain and the slush of mud and water on the ground below, Party units and mass fronts placed wreaths at the foot of the portrait of Comrade

Ghosh projected atop the red rostrum rising in the west end of the road. Floral tribute was also paid by Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary of the Party, the main speaker, and Comrades Ranjit Dhar and Asit Bhattacharyya, both members of the Polit Bureau, Comrades



Comrade Manik Mukherjee, Polit Bureau Member, paying floral tribute to the great leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in the morning of 5 August at the Central Office of the Party

Saumen Basu, State Secretary West Bengal, and Debaprosad Sarkar, both Members of the Central Committee and other State leaders. The DYO music squad sang the song on Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. White clad members of Komsomol paraded round the rostrum, presenting guard of honour to their most revered departed leader. After a few introductory words from Comrade Saumen Basu who presided over the meeting, Comrade Provash Ghosh delivered a long emotional and educating speech

spanning over 2 hours and a quarter. The Rani Rashmoni Avenue wore a look of charmed people listening in tens of thousands to the voice from the rostrum. No one had moved from his or her place—though soaked completely, though perhaps holding a child in arms, though perhaps sick or stooping in age

and having a long way to go back. It was so inspiring and rare a spectacle that even a leading Bengali daily could not but write that “It was raining heavily. Cars were wading through the flooded streets like boats. But there was no sign of receding of the overflowing crowd in Rani Rashmoni Avenue. Drenched in rain, the workers and supporters of the SUCI(C) listened to the speech of Provash Ghosh, the All India General Secretary of the Party.”

What was it that fastened them together as if in a charmed spell? The day was 5th August, enshrined as Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day, dedicated to the memory of the most beloved departed leader of the toiling masses of India and the guiding spirit of the Indian Revolution. His thoughts are the beacon light to the people on the way to emancipation, his life the concrete manifestation of what he professed. Reverberating in their ears are

the invaluable teachings of the great leader: “Can revolution be achieved in comfort? For revolution, people have to go without food for days on end. They have to suffer hardship in rains, in the scorching sun. Does revolution wait for rains, for the heat? ...if we can work together with calm and composure amid difficulties and hardship, calmly persuade each other and work in discipline, that goes not only to augment our powers, ability and character, that also serves to teach people many things.” So, they overcome with smile the spell of rains, flood, distance, loss of wages and every kind of hazard—those peasants, workers, youth, students, and all other sections of the masses. It was a Sunday, yet the city dwellers had left home to turn out in thousands and listen to the call of the SUCI (C), the Party founded, reared and steered by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. This is the hallmark of a genuine communist party with a higher revolutionary character, culture, discipline and purposiveness. [Speech of Comrade Provash Ghosh shall be published later.] In the morning, floral tribute was offered to the great leader and teacher by Comrade Manik Mukherjee, Member, Polit Bureau, at the central office of the party at 48 Lenin Sarani, Kolkata.

Reports of Memorial Day observance in



The dais: Comrade Provash Ghosh addressing with Polit Bureau and Central Committee Members and other State leaders seated around

other states are given below. Everywhere, floral tribute was paid to the great departed leader and the song composed on him as well as the *Internationale* were sung.

Guwahati, Assam

Memorial Day meeting was held at the District Library Auditorium in Guwahati on 7 August. Comrade Azhar Hussain, Assam State Secretariat member presided over. In his speech as the main speaker, Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya, Member, Polit Bureau, SUCI(C) dwelt on, at the outset, the historic painstaking struggle Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had conducted in founding and building up the Party overcoming immense hurdles and adversities. He then touched upon the heinous design of the BJP-led central as well as state governments to divide people along communal-casteist-chauvinist line in subservience to the sinister bourgeois class design with a view to

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resisting growth and development of united powerful people's movement on the burning problems of life stemming from the obsolete



Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya, Member, Polit Bureau addressing on the Memorial Day in Guwahati

rotten reactionary capitalist system. He then explained in detail how the NRC issue has been deliberately brought by the ruling circle in keeping with that sinister bourgeois class design of driving wedge among the toiling masses and pit one section of the people against the other. Only organized conscious movement of all sections of the common suffering people irrespective of caste, religion, language or ethnicity can thwart this dangerous move of the ruling bourgeoisie and its servitors. His detailed speech would be published later. Comrade Chandralekha Das, Assam State Secretary, also spoke on the occasion.

Delhi

The Delhi State Organising Committee of the SUCI(C) held a public meeting at the Gandhi Peace Foundation, Delhi, on 6 August, 2018, in observance of the Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day. Comrade Sankar Saha, Member, Central Committee, SUCI(C) and General Secretary, AIUTUC was the main speaker and Comrade Pran Sharma, Delhi State Secretary, presided over.

Comrade Pran Sharma, in his presidential address referred to the insoluble crises of the world capitalist system, its desperate bid to survive at the cost of misery and destitution of the peoples all around the globe and stressed on the need for subjective preparation of the revolutionary forces in order to become able to overthrow this decadent capitalist system and replace it with the socialist system.

Comrade Sankar Saha stated that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's untimely death 42 years ago was a great loss to the international revolutionary working class movement. It was he who inspired and armed the misery and penury-stricken toiling masses in their fight against oppression and attack of the decadent moribund capitalism in every sphere of life. He drew attention of the audience to the deepening crises of the world capitalism-imperialism and showed how the US imperialism which preached for globalization in the 1990s, is now aggressively pursuing the reverse policy of protectionism

by erecting tariff walls. He stated that being part and parcel of the world capitalism, conditions in capitalist India are worsening day by day with increasing economic, social and cultural onslaughts on the people. According to the available data, 23 crore countrymen go to bed every night without any food. Instances of schizophrenia and other mental disorders are alarmingly on the rise. The working class, students, youth of the country and the common masses, who are bearing the brunt of these ruthless capitalist oppression, are restlessly craving for a change. Only our party, the SUCI(C), guided by the noble philosophy of Marxism-Leninism- Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought is capable of leading the people's struggle for emancipation to success. The worthy disciples of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh have to take up this challenge, launch an intense



Comrade Shankar Saha, Member, Central Committee addressing on the Memorial Day in Delhi all-encompassing life struggle to free themselves of the vile influence of individualism and opportunism bred by the obsolete reactionary capitalist system and prove equal to the task history has adjured to them.

Ernakulam, Kerala

The commemoration of 42nd death anniversary of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was held in Adhyapaka Bhavan, Ernakulam, on 5 August. Comrade K.Radhakrishna, Member, Central Committee and Karnataka State Secretary, SUCI(C) delivered the main speech. Comrade V. Venugopal, Kerala State secretariat member of the party presided over.

While analysing the national and international situations in the light of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought, Comrade Radhakrishna pointed out that the ongoing trade war among the imperialist powers and rise in the import tariff due to this global trade war shows the depth of crisis that has gripped imperialism-capitalism. The rapid fall of the purchasing power of the people worldwide due to capitalist exploitation has created a market depression.

Unipolar world and virtual idea of an open economic system in the wake of sad dismantling of the socialist camp has come to an end. After restoration of capitalism, Russia and China have turned into new social-imperialist powers by embracing the capitalist

production system. They have also emerged as leading competitors in the world capitalist market. To safeguard the interest of American multinational corporations and corporate giants, Donald Trump is taking up rigid economic policies, slapping sanctions on other countries, and even resorting to military action under the garb of the slogan of "America first". The present condition is far grislier than the cold war period. All capitalist imperialist countries, small and big, are implementing fascist policies. Racist fanaticism is spreading menacingly in all countries. Millions of people who have been made refugees in their own



Comrade K. Radhakrishna, Member, Central Committee addressing on the Memorial Day in Ernakulam

countries are wandering without hope, migrating to other countries just for a bare survival. There is a sinister conspiracy to expel over 40 lakhs of *bona fide* Indian citizens by excluding their names in the so called NRC in Assam. Stricken with acute and accentuating crisis, the oppressive imperialist-capitalist rulers are squarely passing on the burden of that crisis on the common people in the form of savage fiscal measures, unbridled rise in prices, loss of jobs, wage cuts and so forth. As trusted representative of the ruling Indian monopolists, the BJP is deliberately fomenting casteist-communal-regional-ethnic divides to disrupt unity of the toiling masses and thwart the process of developing united struggle against the capitalist onslaught in every sphere of life. Immediate necessity is to build up powerful mass movements involving the workers peasants and all other sections of the toiling masses against the anti-people policies of the central and the state governments rising above all divisiveness. But the CPI (M), CPI calling themselves as leftists-Marxists, have long given up the path of struggle and trapped in the grip of parliamentary politics, are in a hurry to join any opportunistic political combinations including the pseudo-secular Congress. It is only the SUCI(C) guided by the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh which is relentlessly trying to build up class and mass struggles based on higher proletarian culture and ethics and holding aloft the banner of Marxism-Leninism.

Comrade R.Kumar read out the message of Comrade C.K.Lukose, Member, Central Committee and Kerala State Secretary who

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could not be present due to illness. Comrades Jaison Joseph and T. K. Sudheer Kumar, both Kerala State Secretariat members, also spoke before the impressive gathering.

Patna, Bihar

Memorial meeting was held at Avar Abhiyanta Sangh Bhavan, Adalatganj, Patna on 7 August 2018. Comrade Satyawan, Member, Central Committee, and Haryana State Secretary was the main speaker, while Comrade Arun Kumar Singh, Bihar State Secretary, SUCI (C) presided over.

In his speech, Comrade Satyawan said that our society is passing through a very critical stage. Farmers are committing suicides every day. They are not getting even the price to cover their cost of production. Our country has turned out to be most insecure a place for women. The incidents of rape and gangrape are on the rise sparing not even minor girls and aged women. In order to distract the attention of the people from the burning problems of their lives and finding the cause for the same, unity of the toiling people is disrupted in a planned way by fomenting all kinds of divisive mentalities like communalism-casteism-regionalism and so forth. Incidents of attacks on religious minorities and impoverished *dalit* people including lynching are growing menacingly. On the other hand, savage economic onslaught in



Comrade Satyawan, Member, Central Committee addressing on the Memorial Day at Patna, Bihar

the form of harrowing and increasing rise in the prices of commodities are devastating the common people. Spurt in unemployment, job loss, wage cut is making it difficult to eke out a bare living. On the other hand, the socio-cultural life is systematically polluted and degraded to dehumanize people and shatter their moral backbone. The root of all evils is the obtaining ruthlessly oppressive capitalist system based on exploitation, inequality and injustice; is the root cause of all the problems in our country. So, the remedy lies in intensifying united organized conscious class and mass struggles under the ideological and organizational leadership of a correct communist party conducive to bringing about anti-capitalist socialist revolution and establish socialism. It was with this objective that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh conducted a historic arduous struggle to build up the SUCI(C) as the genuine communist party on the soil based on Leninist model. through the forces of mass movement and class struggle. We must all work hard

together to achieve that objective by conducting an all-embracing relentless life struggle to elevate ourselves as good communists based on Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought.

In his presidential address, Comrade Arun Kumar Singh said that the state of Bihar has become a land of rape, gangrape and killing under the rule of BJP government for long and now in the BJP-JD(U) coalition regime. Earlier, the RJD government was also equally anti-people. All of them are servitors of the ruling bourgeoisie and hence have been in pursuit of pelf and power by cheating, depriving and defrauding common toiling masses and using them as vote-banks.

Kurukshetra, Haryana

Haryana State Committee organized the Memorial Day meeting at Pal Gadriya Dharmshala in Kurukshetra on 5 August. From different parts of the state, leaders and activists of the Party assembled at the venue and paid their homage to the great departed leader and teacher. The main speaker was Comrade Sankar Saha, Member, Central Committee, while Comrade Satyawan, Member, Central Committee and Haryana State Secretary also addressed the gathering. Comrade Roshan Lal, Secretary, Kaithal-Kurukshetra District Committee, presided over the meeting.

In his speech, Comrade Shankar Saha called upon everyone present to learn from the life-struggle and revolutionary teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and apply them in every aspect of their life to attain the standard of a good communist and build up and intensify the class and mass struggles along right track as conducive to bring about anti-capitalist socialist revolution.

Agartala, Tripura

Memorial Day was observed at Agartala in Tripura on 7 August in the form of a public meeting at the auditorium of the Tuberculosis Prevention Association. Comrade Arun Bhowmik, Tripura State Secretary, presided



Comrade Saumen Basu, Member, Central Committee addressing on the Memorial Day in Agartala

over. Comrade Saumen Basu, Member, Central Committee and West Bengal State Secretary, the main speaker, highlighted how in face of severe adversities, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh founded the SUCI (C) as the genuine revolutionary Party of the country. Referring to the present situation Comrade Basu pointed

out how the BJP with a view to remaining in power, are, instead of making any attempt to solve people's basic problems of life, bringing about cleavage among the people of the country by fanning up Hindu fanaticism trampling upon the liberal humanitarian form of Hinduism that stalwarts like Chaitanya-Ramkrishna- Vivekananda and others upheld, thus fomenting bitter enmity based on caste-religion-language-ethnicity and so forth. It is necessary to build up united left-democratic movement against this utterly anti-people rule of the BJP. But the so-called big left parties like the CPI(M), CPI, instead of trying for that and with a view to anyhow remaining visible in parliamentary politics are trying to form alliance with the pseudo-secular Congress branding this trusted party of the ruling capitalist class as secular and Congress as pro-people. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh taught us to move forward by conducting relentless struggle covering all aspects of life based on higher understanding of Marxism- Leninism and assimilating the essence of struggles and life of fore-ranking personalities of our past. Comrade Basu urged the Party cadres and supporters to step out in revolutionary struggle through intensive practice and realization of the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Durg, Chhattisgarh

Memorial Day meeting was held in Durg on 5 August. Comrade Atmaram Sahoo, member of the State Organizing Committee presided over and Comrade Gopal Kundu, Member, Central Committee, was the main



Comrade Gopal Kundu, Member, Central Committee addressing in Durg

speaker. In his speech, Comrade Kundu spoke in detail about the arduous struggle through which Comrade Shibdas Ghosh founded the SUCI(C). Then he dwelt on the present national and international situations, the intensity of the capitalist crisis, growing misery and penury of the people because of inhuman capitalist exploitation, the sinister machinations of the imperialist powers headed by warmonger US imperialists, the slew of anti-people policies pursued by the BJP-led central and Chhattisgarh state governments and the heinous conspiracy of the RSS-BJP to disrupt the unity

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of the toiling masses by fomenting communal-casteist thoughts and hatred. He appealed to all to strengthen SUCI(C) so that desired class and mass struggles could be developed and intensified under its correct revolutionary leadership to wrest some relief of the suffering people and ultimately pave the way for successful accomplishment of anti-capitalist socialist revolution. Comrade Viswajeet Harode, State Secretary, also spoke on the occasion.

Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Memorial Day meeting was organized in Ahmedabad on 5 August. All sections of the toiling masses from various districts of the state attended the meeting. Comrade Dwarikanath Rath, Gujarat State Secretary, presided over the meeting and Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee, Member, Central Committee, was the main speaker.



Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee, Member, Central Committee addressing in Ahmedabad

After briefly dwelling on the historic arduous all-encompassing struggle Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had conducted along with a handful of his revolutionary compatriots to build up SUCI(C) as the genuine communist party on the soil based on correct understanding and concrete application of the science of Marxism-Leninism, Comrade Mukherjee indicated that the solution to all the burning problems devastating people's life lies in successful accomplishment of anti-capitalist socialist revolution as Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had correctly understood. But this revolution would not come by if there are only discourses, raising of slogans and expressing pious wishes. Those who realize the need of revolution ought to conduct a life struggle to raise their ideological-political-cultural standard and become free from all bourgeois vices. This struggle has to be conducted by both the leaders and workers of the Party, the vanguard detachment of the proletariat, and they should, based on their understanding, reach out to the masses and imbue them with scientific thoughts, rationality and higher culture, ethics and morality so as to make them grasp the need of revolution. It is only by intensifying class and mass struggles based on Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought that the masses could be saved from all vicious bourgeois attacks, not only economic and political, but also socio-

cultural like communalism-casteism-regionalism and such other pernicious divisive thoughts incessantly propagated by the reactionary bourgeois rulers to disrupt unity and solidarity of the oppressed people.

Hyderabad, Telangana

A public meeting had been organised by Telangana State Organizing Committee on 5 August at Ambedkar Spoorthy Bhavan, Khairatabad, Hyderabad as part of observance of the Memorial Day. Comrade C H Prameela, Member, Telangana state Organizing Committee, presided over.

In his address as the main speaker, Comrade K Sridhar, Staff Member of the Party, pointed out how growing misery and penury are wreaking havoc in the life of the toiling people no matter where they stay, which language they speak, what religion they profess or what caste or ethnicity they belong to. Referring to the National Citizens Register (NRC) issue of Assam, he said that dropping the names of over 40 lakh Indian citizens from the list is a fascist conspiracy of the BJP, running both the state and central governments, to divide the toiling people, disrupt their struggling unity, thwart the process of growth and development of united mass struggles and create a huge humanitarian crisis in the country pushing the toiling people to further ruination. At the end, he urged upon the comrades to cultivate and practice the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh to strengthen revolutionary movement in India.

Theni, Tamil Nadu

42nd Memorial Day observance meeting was organised at Theni by the State Organising Committee of Tamilnadu on 6 August. Comrade A.Rengasamy, Tamil Nadu State Secretary, presided over. Comrades V.P. Nandakumar, Anavarathan and Satyamoorthy, all state level leaders were on the dais.

In his speech Comrade K. Sridhar, Staff Member of the Party said: Like India all countries are bleeding under the capitalist system. The parties of the ruling classes give two kinds of promises. Those given to the imperialists and capitalists which will be fulfilled and those which are given to the people which never get fulfilled. During 2014 elections Modi said if voted to power he would bring back Rs 80 Lakh crore of black money deposited in the Swiss Bank and distribute 15 Lakhs to every account holder in India. Modi promised that all villages would have electrification with in 2015, unemployment problem will be solved and education and health care be made affordable to common man, etc. Not a single promise was fulfilled. But the promise made to monopolies foreign as well as domestic that their investments and profits would be protected was faithfully kept. Defence production is being stepped up under the slogan of 'make in India' 'fight

red-tapism' and 'encourage Start ups'. The imperialist-capitalists are facing intense general crisis after the second world war as explained by great Stalin. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh afterwards termed this as daily and hourly crisis and if they come out of one crisis it is only to re-enter in to a graver crisis. Because of their crises all imperialist-capitalist countries are resorting to militarisation of economy to artificially stimulate their economy. USA issued



Comrade K. Sridhar, addressing in Theni a federal notification designating the STA-1 (Strategic Trade Authorization-1) status to India. This makes India a major defence partner of USA. This partnership actually started with LEMOA (Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement) pact signed in 2016.

Government of India has announced in the General Budget 2018-19 that it will bring out an industry friendly Defence Production Policy 2018 to promote domestic production. In pursuance of the above, the Government has formulated a draft Defence Production Policy 2018 (DPP-2018). This policy is in tune with the slogans of the ruling class like 'Make in India', 'End Red Tapism' and 'Encourage Start Up companies' etc., which have nothing to do in alleviating the condition of the people. The rulers are aiming at domestic arms sales to the tune of Rs 170,000 crore (\$26 billion) by 2025, with around one-fifths of it –Rs 35,000 crore (\$5.0 billion) – coming through exports alone. Industries like *Reliance Naval and Engineering Limited* (formerly *Reliance Defence & Engineering Limited*), Larsen & Toubro, Tata, Mahindra & Mahindra, and Adani Aero Space along with the Republic Forge are being geared up for defence production. All this vindicates what Lenin had said long time back. He said that capitalism reached its highest (last) stage i.e., imperialism in which the capitalist imperialist rulers will militarize their economies and resort to wars and in this era proletarian revolutions will unfold. Comrade Ghosh had shown the path of building up and strengthening the party of the proletariat. Comrade Ghosh provided answers to the various problems faced by the international communist movement in the post Lenin period. Comrade Sridhar appealed to the audience to spread the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and strengthen SUCI(C).

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The Puducherry State Preparatory



Comrade Muttu of State Preparatory Committee addressing in Poduchery

Committee of SUCI (C) organized a public meeting to observe the 42nd Memorial Day on 8 August at the capital city. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Lenin Durai, Secretary of the preparatory committee. Comrade K.Sridhar, Staff Member, addressed as the main speaker while Comrade Anavaratan, Secretariat member of the Tamil Nadu State Organizing committee translated his



Comrade K. Sridhar, Staff Member addressing in Vizag

speech into Tamil. The meeting was also addressed by Comrade Muttu, member of the preparatory committee.

Vishakhapatnam (Vizag), Andhra Pradesh

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Meeting was organized by the State Organizing Committee (SOC) of Andhra Pradesh at Vizag on 11 August. Comrade S Govindarajulu, member of the SOC presided over the meeting and Comrade K Sridhar delivered the main speech. Comrade BS Amarnath, AP State Secretary, also spoke on the occasion.

Lucknow, UP

Memorial Day meeting was held at the Karan Bhai Sabhaghar Gandhi Bhavan in Lucknow on 6 August 2018. Comrade Arun Kumar Singh, Bihar State Secretary of the Party, in his address as the main speaker said that the present situation of the country demands of us that we take up the task of assimilating the invaluable teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in our life as the immediate priority, to fight the individualistic trends in our mind and thoughts which is standing out as a major impediment on our way, creating great obstacle in strengthening and advancing the Party. The utterly reactionary capitalist system is unceasingly creating all-out crisis in people's life with price rise, unemployment, corruption and cultural degeneration devastating people's life. The society cannot be saved from all these without a revolutionary change. So, we, the revolutionaries have the task of weeding out the hindrances in the way of revolution. UP State Secretariat members,

Comrades Bechan Ali, Vijay Pal Singh, Swapan Chatterjee also spoke on the occasion. Comrade Puspendra, UP State Secretary, presided over and Comrade Jagannath Verma, State Office Secretary conducted the proceedings.

Jaipur, Rajasthan

A memorial meeting was held on 5 August in front of the Party office in Jaipur. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Net Ram, office secretary of SUCI-C Rajasthan and addressed by Comrade R D Choudhary, convener of SUCI-C, Rajasthan. At the beginning, Comrade Kuldeep Singh, convenor, AIDYO Rajasthan, read out the condolence homage of the Central Committee after sad demise of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in 1976. Then Comrade R D Choudhary addressed the gathering and discussed the struggle of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat and appealed to move ahead on the path of mass movements as shown by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Indore, Madhya Pradesh

State level Memorial Day meeting of Madhya Pradesh was held this time befittingly on 5 August 2018 in the city of Indore. Party workers and supporters from 12 districts participated in it.

In his address as the main speaker, Comrade Shankar Dasgupta, Member of the Odisha State Secretariat of the Party, said that Indian economy as an inseparable part of world



Comrade Shankar Dasgupta, Staff Member addressing in Indore

capitalism is mired in an acute irresolvable crisis. The burden of this economic crisis is squarely passed on the common people by the ruling capitalist class and its servitor government. As a result, life of the common toiling masses is devastated by monstrous price rise, galloping unemployment and such other capitalist attacks. Mental diseases and suicides have increased manifold. In our country over 300 children die daily due to malnutrition. On the one hand, people are dying of hunger, while on the other hand godowns are found to be insufficient to store massive production of foodgrains and other eatables. Just 1% people own 73% wealth of the nation, while 77% people live below poverty line earning not more than Rs 20 a day as per government-appointed Arjun Sengupta Committee report. Communalism, casteism, regionalism, linguistic-regional chauvinism and all such other divisive anti-fraternal thoughts are being spread

incessantly by the quarters of vested interest. Men are being robbed of human essence and so there is a void in the ethical-moral sphere of the society. As ruling capitalism is on death-bed, it can no more take the society forward. Rather, it itself is breeding all maladies, aberrations and miseries. So, there is a crisis in every sphere of life. Emancipation from this crisis lies in successful accomplishment of anti-capitalist socialist revolution under the ideological and organizational leadership of a true communist party. Realizing that truth and finding absence of a correct communist party, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, imbued with the noble ideology of Marxism-Leninism, took upon himself the historic task of building SUCI(C) as the genuine communist party based on Leninist model by waging a historic painstaking all-embracing struggle. Overcoming all obstacles, the Party is now growing throughout the country and Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought is creating decisive impact outside the country as well. Task now is to develop and intensify people's movements over the burning problems of life based on the revolutionary teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and thereby accelerate the process of overthrowing ruling capitalism by revolution.

In his brief speech, Comrade Pratap Samal, Secretary, Mashya Pradesh State Organising Committee of the Party dwelt on the various problems like growing crimes on women, unemployment, farmers' suicide, rampant corruption and such other crimes committed by an unscrupulous nexus of criminals-corrupt politicians-administration which are rattling the state. There can be some check on these crimes if the suffering people close their rank and build up united powerful movement rising above all divisiveness and in pursuit of their common cause. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Pradeep R B, Member of MP State Organizing Committee.

Bhubaneswar, Odisha

42 Memorial Day state level meeting was held in Bhubaneswar on 7 August. Comrade Dhurjati Das, Odisha State Secretary, presided over and Comrade Rabin Samajpati, Jharkhand



Comrade Rabin Samajpati addressing in Bhubaneswar

State Secretary, was the main speaker. Introductory remarks were made by Comrade Bishnu Das, Odisha State Committee Member. Braving all odds and torrential rain people from

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various sections like farmers, industrial workers, students, youths, women and intellectuals attended this meeting with huge enthusiasm and listened to the speeches with rapt attention. Comrade Rabin Samajpati in his speech while highlighting the arduous and painstaking struggle undertaken by comrade Ghosh in building up SUCI (C), the genuine communist party of India, dwelt at length on the present crisis prevailing in economic, political, social and cultural fields. He told that today capitalism is in deep crisis worldwide and people's discontent is growing day by day. Present day capitalism has miserably failed in solving the burning problems of life and waves of movements across the globe are surging forth every day in which lakhs of oppressed people are voluntarily participating. These movements require appropriate and genuine revolutionary leadership to reach their logical culmination. While history has bestowed upon us the historic task of accomplishing anti-capitalist socialist revolution in India, it has also adjured us the task of reaching out to all the toiling masses of the world with Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought which is the developed and enriched understanding of Marxism-Leninism today and can only illumine the path of organizing world revolution. He also appealed to the audience to grasp the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and unleash an all-out struggle covering all aspects of life to be good communists and all should prepare themselves to develop, lead and intensify the class and mass struggles based on Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought. That will be the real homage to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Bangalore, Karnataka

Bangalore District Committee organised a meeting in observance of the Memorial Day on 6 August. Comrade K. Uma, Member, Bangalore State Committee, in her address showed how Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, a volunteer of the uncompromising trend of Indian freedom movement, realized in course of

struggle the absence of a genuine communist party and took upon himself the task of building up SUCI(Communist) as the real communist party on the soil. She also discussed how the SUCI(C) is building up mass movements in the country on the basis of thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. She called upon all to take a firm resolve to strengthen the party and accomplish the anti-capitalist socialist revolution and establish an exploitation-free socialist state.

Kalyan, Maharashtra

Memorial Day meeting was organized by Mumbai Organising Committee of SUCI (C), at Kalyan, Thane District on 11 August 2018. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Anil Tyagi, Secretary, Mumbai Organising Committee. The Main Speaker Comrade Dwarikanath Rath, Gujarat State Secretary, in his address dwelt on how Comrade Shibdas Ghosh rose to the height of a foremost communist leader and thinker in course of an arduous life struggle. Referring to the present situation Comrade Rath brought to focus how the BJP-led Union Government led by Narendra Modi is pursuing a divisive policy reflected recently in the Assam NRC case which discarded citizenship of over 40 Lakhs Indians mostly belonging to religious-lingual minorities. In the name of fighting the BJP-RSS, the CPI (M), CPI, the so called big left parties, are branding the Con-



Comrade D. N. Rath addressing in Kalyan

gress as secular and hobnobbing with it just for securing a few seats. Comrade Rath also explained why the Congress is not secular and how it too pursues divisive policy. Comrades Yogender Kulsreshtha and Jayram Vishwakarma in their respective addresses

dealt with the recently raked up issue of reservation in jobs for the Marathas, persecution of the dalit people and problem of migration and showed how all these are related to the capitalist system and how to build up united powerful people's movements as conducive to anti-capitalist socialist revolution which alone can free people from all misery and penury.

Budhlada, Punjab

Memorial Day Meeting was organised on 12 August at Budhlada. It was presided over by Comrade Aminder Pal Singh, Incharge, SUCI(C), Punjab, while Comrade Pratap Samal, Madhya Pradesh State Secretary was the main speaker. Comrade Samal discussed how Comrade Shibdas Ghosh founded the Party conducting an arduous socialist struggle covering all aspects of life and in course of that, concretised the revolutionary theory of anti-capitalist socialist revolution in India and developed a group of professional revolutionaries. Comrade Samal further showed how the centre and state governments serving bourgeois class interest are wreaking havoc in people's life. Following the foot steps of Congress, BJP is accelerating the process of fascisation in the country. In spite of these dark designs, the movement of the toiling people are rising day by day, which should be stepped up under the leadership of the left and democratic leadership. But the CPI (M) and CPI have left the path of militant movement and are interested in forming combinations with even with Congress with an eye on getting a few seats. Comrade Aminder Pal Singh made it clear that the basic problems of people's life cannot be solved without overthrowing the capitalist system.

Ghatsila, Jharkhand

Memorial Day meeting was organized at the Study Centre of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought in Ghatsila on 5 August. It was presided over by Comrade K P Singh, Member of Jharkhand State Organizing Committee and state president of AIUTUC. Main speaker was

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Repeal of Article 35A would aggravate the Kashmir crisis

Protesting the move of the ruling BJP to repeal the Article 35 A of Indian Constitution concerning Kashmir, Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), issued the following statement on 7 August 2018

After being attacked by Pakistan immediately after India's independence, the People of Kashmir led by Sheikh Abdulla, their fighting leader known as *Sher-e-Kashmir*, opted for accession of Kashmir to India through signing of an instrument of accession with the Government of India. One very important condition of this accession was the protection of the autonomy of the people of Kashmir because of some specific features of the land and to that end Article 370 was incorporated in the Indian constitution. Accordingly, an agreement was also made between Jawaharlal Nehru and Sheikh Abdulla. But, from the very beginning, due to continuous violation

of the provisions of the agreement and imposition of bureaucratic hegemony by the ruling bourgeois parties at the Centre like the Congress or the BJP, grievances and discontent began to accumulate among the people of Kashmir.

Instead of implementing the provisions of Article 370, first the Congress and then the BJP-led central government aggravated the critical situation by resorting to brutal military and paramilitary repression. Taking advantage of this situation, some extremist and secessionist forces raised their heads there. Besides, the demand of the BJP to repeal the Article 370 has further accentuated the crisis.

It is our considered opinion that had the central government adopted a democratic outlook and used the route of political negotiations, this crisis could be averted. On the other hand, more the government opts for increased military repression, more would be the people's anger and opposition. In course of countering the extremists, many innocent people are being killed and injured. In such a situation, the BJP with an ulterior motive is raising the demand of repealing the Article 35A which has created a severe apprehension among the people of Kashmir of losing their wealth, properties and other rights and

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revolution was made successful and thus Soviet Union was born. Following it, socialism was established in China, Vietnam, North Korea and East Europe. But despite spectacular success of socialism, modern revisionism had raised its ugly head later and ultimately destroyed socialism by orchestrating bourgeois counter-revolution. Now, the urgent necessity in the present situation demands formation, development and strengthening of genuine communist parties in different countries to guide and lead the ongoing class and mass struggles. We feel that at this critical hour, real communist parties only can be formed and developed by correct understanding and application of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought. It is our imperative international obligation to help the proletariats of other countries in this regard by providing and propagating this higher understanding of Marxism. To accomplish this historic task, we are to further develop and consolidate our Party ideologically, politically, organisationally and morally. The Party Congress is a prelude to that task.

4) Previously, particularly at the stage of the formation of our Party and a few decades thereafter, our Party had faced tremendous hindrance in its growth as first the united CPI and then the CPI (M) were considered by people as real communist parties with militant character who were then enjoying the support of the then international communist leadership. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had to lead an exemplary struggle to tide over that critical period. Now, the situation is altogether different. The CPI (M) is almost exposed. It has lost its earlier militant and struggling attitude and is now hobnobbing with this or that bourgeois combination for reaping electoral benefits with the blessings of the ruling class. It is suffering from ideological bankruptcy as well. It has sufficiently disgraced itself before the people. The CPI too, toeing the line of the CPI (M), is now reduced to a party of only old people. Both these parties are in the process of decay. It is a very

opportune moment for rapid growth and expansion of our Party. It is heartening to note that even when ordinary Party workers are carrying Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought to places and states where our Party and Comrade Shibdas Ghosh are not that known, they are receiving encouraging response from the honest left-minded people, intelligentsia, students, youth, workers and peasants. This favourable situation demands that a good number of youth and students be selected, trained and developed in different states so that they can venture to explore new areas. This very important and urgent task is incorporated in the preparatory work of the 3rd Party Congress.

5) The present international and national situations are very critical for a genuine communist party like ours. Sad dismantling of the socialist camp and immense setback of once mighty international communist movement has caused frustration throughout the world. Marxism-Leninism, the ideal of communism, are being continually attacked and distorted. There is a persistent vile attempt to denigrate the great Marxist thinkers who once were held in high esteem by the people. Reasoning faculty, morality, human values are being destroyed systematically. In such a time, defending and upholding the nobility of Marxism-Leninism and communism is a very necessary but difficult and hard task. But history has adjured us that task. Fulfilling this task warrants conduction of an intense painstaking determined struggle within the Party to elevate the ideological-political-ethical-moral standard of the comrades and equip them more and more with the ability to build up, firm up and consolidate organization.

All comrades join the party with the birthmarks of degraded capitalism. Further, we all are surrounded by polluted capitalist environment, which every day, every moment casts pernicious influence on us and seeks to corrupt us.

As a result, we tend to fall victim to

individualism, egocentrism, self-glorification, hostility towards critics, hankering after posts, bureaucratic attitude, neglect of duty. Party principles and discipline, disobedience to centralism and authority, attachment towards comfortable life, attraction towards consumerism, violation of morality in love and sex, weakness towards family and so forth. If we do not remain constantly alert based on the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, we might fall victim to these bourgeois vices. We ought not to forget that it is an extremely difficult struggle to attain as well as preserve true communist character by thwarting all overt and covert attacks of decadent moribund, utterly degenerated capitalism. Even a momentary carelessness, slackness or compromise can cause fall of a once attained good communist character.

So, continuous struggle covering all aspects of life including sex following the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh is indispensable. To conduct this battle, overhauling and revitalising of the party organisation from top to lower level is an urgent task. Already the Party has lost a considerable number of valuable leaders and organisers, both old and young, of various levels due to martyrdom, old age and illness.

Some of the leaders at various levels of the Party have become old, physically infirm or have been suffering from compromising mentalities and lack of initiative. This situation also demands reconstitution of the Party bodies at all levels promoting new, energetic and capable comrades. Ensuing 3rd Party Congress is also aimed at fulfilling this task.

I hope that with proper understanding of this background and the tasks ahead, comrades at all levels would move forward to make the 3rd Party Congress a success.

With revolutionary greetings,

Provash Ghosh

General Secretary

SUCI (Communist)

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thereby has accentuated the discontent further. We urge upon all left and democratic parties, organizations, people and well-meaning intellectuals to organize mass movement on the following demands and compel the central government to come forward to solve the Kashmir problem:

1. Implement the Article 370 in its totality
2. Withdraw the demand to repeal Art 35A
3. Stop the military paramilitary repression and solve the Kashmir problem through political process

We appeal to the people of Kashmir not to fall victim to provocation and confusion but to unite with the democratic people of India in order to develop movement to solve the Kashmir problem.

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Comrade Rabin Samajpati, Jharkhand State Secretary.



The audience at Ghatsila

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