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SUCI(C) flays decision to make Sanskrit compulsory and Bhagvad Gita national scripture

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), issued the following statement on 9 December, 2014 :

The guardians and educationists are viewing with consternation the sudden and arbitrary decision of the BJP Government to teach Sanskrit compulsorily as a third language at Kendriya Vidyalaya schools. And the Government has already expressed its intention to extend this to other schools. Throwing the interest of students to the wind they are bringing this change in the middle of the session. We condemn this move and register our strong opposition to it. Choice of which language or languages are to be compulsorily taught at the school level is guided by three considerations. Firstly the language must act as a gateway to higher knowledge and modern scientific advances. Secondly, it should be a language of communication among sections of population. Thirdly, skill in such a language ought to give the students an economic advantage in their subsequent professional life. Sanskrit fails on all these counts. It is neither a vehicle for modern science or philosophy, nor is it a language of communication of any people, nor would proficiency in Sanskrit give the student any advantage in the job market. Moreover, if students belonging to non-Hindu religions are forced to study Sanskrit it would inevitably give rise to resentment, and lead to unwanted tensions between the different religious communities. Hence compulsory teaching of Sanskrit in place of a modern Indian or European language would not only harm the interest of education, but also have catastrophic consequences for the society. We want to make it clear that our opposition to this policy does not stem from any disliking to the Sanskrit language. We acknowledge that proficiency in any language is always a desirable qualification. A student who wants to learn any language must have the freedom to choose it as an optional subject.

This policy signals a dangerous portent, because we believe that this is a part of the BJP-Sangh Parivar's nefarious scheme of saffronization of the socio-cultural life. In the name of our national heritage they are propagating all sorts of obsolete, obscurantist ideas, to destroy scientific bent of mind and democratic values, thereby bringing about fascization of culture. The proposal to make Gita national scripture is a part of that sinister design. They are fanning up the religious sentiments of the majority community, and are whipping up communal sentiments and fratricidal strife, to break the unity of the toiling masses, and to disrupt anti-capitalist class and mass struggles.

We appeal to the people of India to be alive to this danger and determinedly fight the divisive communal politics of the BJP and the Sangh Parivar.

SUCI(C) writes to five left parties proposing a joint movement in protest against invitation to Barack Obama

Dear Comrade,

You are aware of the fact the Government of India has invited Barack Obama, President of USA, as special guest during the Republic Day celebration on 26th January, 2015. He is the chief of US imperialism, the hated enemy of the mankind, which for decades has been nakedly subverting sovereignty and freedom of many countries by resorting to military aggression and through conspiratorial means, precipitating war between nations, fomenting religious fundamentalism and racial conflicts, thereby killing millions of people including children and aged, barbaric raping of women, razing many cities and villages into rubbles and plundering the resources of various countries.

Not only Hiroshima-Nagasaki-Vietnam-Cambodia-Laos-Korea bear testimony to these savage aggression and wanton destruction, on this day the entire Middle East including Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, Syria, the whole Arab world, as well as Latin America are holding out glaring proof of US barbarism, overlordism and brigandage.

It is clear that in its bid to establish imperialist hegemony over not only South Asia, but also over Middle East, the Arab world and elsewhere the capitalist state of India is continuously expanding and strengthening its ties with the USA in the economic-commercial-diplomatic-military sphere. This invitation to US President is a further step in that direction.

We are of the opinion that by inviting President of imperialist USA, the Central Government is dishonouring the glorious traditions of India's anti-imperialist freedom struggle and its great valiant fighters like Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Shaheed-E-Azam Bhagat Singh and other martyrs.

We firmly believe that the people of India cannot support this most unjust decision of the Government of India. It is our duty to organize a countrywide powerful movement in demand of withdrawing the invitation.

We are proposing an early meeting of the Central leadership of the 6 left parties to discuss the matter and chalk out a detailed programme of action.

We hope that you would agree to this proposal.

Thanking You

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With revolutionary greetings
PROVASH GHOSH
General Secretary
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Massive anti-communal rally in Kolkata on 6 December at the call of 16 left parties with Comrade Saumen Basu, Member, Central committee and West Bengal State Secretary, SUCI(C) (fourth from left) and Comrade Debaprasad Sarkar, Member, Central Committee, SUCI(C) (second from left) and the leaders of CPI(M), CPI, RSP, Forward Bloc, CPI(ML) and other left parties at the front

Scotland Referendum

What is working behind tendency to disintegrate various nations

The entire world had keenly waited for the result of the referendum which was held in September last to decide if Scotland would break away or preserve its 307-year-old union with England. Finally, the results showed that out of 5.3 million Scots, 3.6 million took part in the polls and of them 54% said 'no' to independence and thus opted to remain part of the United Kingdom. What is noteworthy is that 1.7 million stayed away from the poll which means they are not in favour of a separate Scotland. Many viewed that the Scottish referendum was a 'torpedo' against European integration and had the result been in favour of a breakaway from the United Kingdom, it would have propelled the various separatist-secessionist movements in different parts of Europe. Catalonia, a prosperous region of 7.4 million people in the north-east of Spain, is crying for independence. An informal non-binding vote on independence showed that over 80% is in favour. Similarly, there is a secessionist movement in the Basque region located in the Western Pyrenees straddling the Spain-France border, and comprising the autonomous community of the Basque Country and Navarre in Spain and the Northern Basque Country in France. Over the past 12 months, unofficial online referendums have produced majorities for independence in South Tyrol of Italy, a mainly ethnic German region annexed from Austria after the First World War, and in Veneto, the region that contains Venice, which was an independent republic for more than 1,000 years before Napoleon demolished it in 1797. Another region closely watching the Scottish independence referendum had been Belgium's Dutch-speaking part of Flanders. With a unique identity quite distinct from the southern French-speaking region of Wallonia, the Flemish nationalist movement has seen a surge in recent years. Apart from Europe, such secessionist-separatist tendencies are observed in various parts of the world. It is, thus seen, that in countries where compact nations once evolved in the period of rising capitalism fighting feudal disunities are now facing threat of disintegration. Naturally, thinking people round the world are wondering why this tendency to disintegrate. Apparently they find no explanation. But as it is known to all, nothing happens without a definite causality behind it. A correct answer can be found only if one follows Marxist methodology and Marxist analysis of social development which are premised on science or experimentally verified truth.

Unification is the natural process

It may be pertinent to recall in brief how the United Kingdom or Great Britain was formed with amalgamation of England, Scotland and Ireland. On 1 May 1707, the United Kingdom (UK) of Great Britain came into being, the result of Acts of Union being passed by the parliaments of England and Scotland to ratify the 1706 Treaty of Unions and so unite the two kingdoms. Another act, the Acts of Union 1800 united the Kingdom of Great Britain and the Kingdom of Ireland. After partition of Ireland in 1922, Northern Ireland only remained within the UK. In other words, the modern capitalist state of United Kingdom formed through unification of three erstwhile monarchial kingdoms appeared in the period of rising capitalism. To put it differently, now there is a cry for the separatism in this compactly developed nation.

Before we enter into the discussion of nation formation at a given juncture in history, it is pertinent to mention that history of development of human civilization is the history of unification of mankind. Men were first united in clans to survive against the

vagaries of nature. From the clans evolved tribes through the process of wider unification. From these evolved a kind of stratified, static unity under monarchial system. There following political cultural struggle to uplift life, various ethnic groups and nationalities came into being as higher forms of unified human race. The next higher stage of unification in course of social development has been nation. Following natural course of history, these nations will gradually disappear and merge in yet higher classless communist society. So, we find that unification is the natural process. If this natural process is disturbed as is seen in the attempts to disintegrate compact nations at the current phase of decadent moribund capitalism, the consequences will be ominous and disastrous for human civilization. We shall come back to this point after we briefly recall how the nations were formed.

Nation formation — historical perspective

A nation, it may be recalled, is a historical product, or as great Stalin put it, "a historically constituted stable community of people formed on the basis of a common language, territory, economic life

and psychological make-up manifested in common culture" and run by a common administration that tends to promote the development of these characteristics. Clarifying further, Stalin showed that like any other product of human history, a 'nation is not merely a historical category, but a historical category belonging to a definite epoch, the epoch of rising capitalism'. Within a particular geographic territory, capitalism growing within the womb of obsolete feudal society struck at the features of localized self-sufficient feudal agricultural economy, localized administration and isolated living of different communities. Rising capitalism which sought to overthrow feudalism, replace feudal relations of production by capitalist relations of production based on industrial development sought to create a broader common market in the larger geographic territory. For that, it wanted to bring about a territorial and cultural integrity of the different populations by fostering a common psychological make-up and binding them under one central administration. This is how capitalism wanted to establish capitalist society and its own national state. And this is why the entire movement spearheaded by the rising capitalist class in the period of bourgeois democratic revolution is called national movement and the product is nation, a national psychological make-up, concept of nationalism and a national state. This is the process of emergence of all nations and herein lies the significance of Stalin's inference — "the process of elimination of feudalism and development of capitalism is at the same time a process of the constitution of people into nations."

Nations emerging in decadent capitalism

But, in course of law-governed social changes, capitalism has entered its decadent moribund stage and the capitalist class has lost its progressive character which once unified people in compact nations. So, the nations which appeared in the phase of decadent capitalism lacked the compactness of nations that were born in the period of rising capitalism. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat, had shown, based on the Marxist method of analysis, that notwithstanding the essential features of nation formation like urge of the bourgeoisie to create a

national market, a national economy, a national make-up and a national state within a given geographic territory remaining the same, the very process of development of nations during the days of rising capitalism differs from that during the decadent stage of capitalism. Of the two phases, the earlier one was the period of collapse of feudalism and absolutism and advent of capitalism as a new social system. Capitalism then was a progressive unifying force breaking the shackles of old obsolete feudal system in every sphere of life. During this period, the rising bourgeoisie alongside bringing about large scale industrialization in the economy and a well communicated national economy, market and administration, also fought for democratization of the society by successful conduction of social and cultural revolutions against feudal disunity, divisiveness, religious bondage. Compactness of a nation by uniting different sections of the people hitherto disunited in various self-sufficient rural economies under different feudal lords and monarchies was then the aim of the rising bourgeoisie. So a kind of oneness was sought to be developed among the people through fusion and integration into one nation. This was then the class necessity of the rising bourgeoisie as sovereign national states ensured the best conditions for, in Lenin's language, "the freest, widest and speediest development of capitalism". This class necessity of the bourgeoisie in the days of advent of capitalism had triggered social progress, as well.

But following inexorable course of history, capitalism entered its decadent moribund phase after attaining its highest stage of development and giving rise to monopoly followed by imperialism. In this phase, it could no more stick to the old democratic norms, values, conventions, practices it itself once heralded in the world. In other words, capitalism as a world system became outdated and reactionary. In order to provide extra lease of life to its moribund existence, capitalism began to compromise with many age-old obsolete creeds and backward divisive thoughts of feudalism. But at this phase also, new nations and national states emerged from colonial and feudal rules through anti-imperialist and anti-feudal movements spearheaded by the

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Beginning of the journey of Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal (Marxist) amid hope and inspiration

Taking on the challenge against opportunism-individualism and mass segregation in the left movement a four-day Special Central Convention of Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal (Marxist) was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 20-23 November last with the object to forge a revolutionary party for strengthening revolutionary struggle with firm determination under the guidance of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought. Comrade Provas Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI (Communist) was invited as the Chief Guest at the Convention. Comrade Ghosh was accompanied by eight other leaders from India.

The Convention was inaugurated at 11 morning on 20 November at the Mahanagar Natya Mancha ground. Comrade Mubinu Haider Chowdhury, the highest leader of the party and Convener of the Convention Preparatory Committee hoisted the flag. Paying tribute to the martyrs of revolutionary struggle in the countries world over Comrade Mubinu Haider Chowdhury followed by SUCI (Communist) Central Committee member Comrade C.K. Lukose on behalf of General Secretary Comrade Provas Ghosh placed wreaths at the martyrs' column. A minute's silence was observed in memory of the martyrs. After this a huge rally brilliantly decorated with portraits of leaders of international communist movement and banners etched with various demands, accompanied by red flags, marched around the avenues of the city and returned to the meeting place.

In his inaugural address Comrade Mubinu Haider Chowdhury said, 'we founded our party on 7 November 1980 keeping in memory the historic significance of the Great November Revolution in Russia. In our struggle of founding the party we had in our possession Marxism-Leninism and the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great Marxist thinker of the era. Consequent to revisionist attack when socialism collapsed in the entire East European countries including Soviet Union, all the traditional communist parties of the world became disarrayed and deflected from their direction. Even many of them met with extinction as well. At this juncture our party on the edifice of the teachings of Comrade Shibdas

Ghosh stood firm raising its head high. In course of its journey, there took cropped up, for want of proper ideological struggle, an individualistic trend in a section of leaders inside the party who abnegated the ideology itself. While keeping up the sustained internal struggle to enrich ideology, our party has reached this stage.

Open session set in at 4 PM. Comrade Subhranshu Chakraborty, Member, Central Conduction Committee, BASAD (Marxist) and Professor Abdus Sattar, coordinator of the Left Democratic Alliance spoke. Comrade Provas Ghosh, addressed the gathering as Chief Guest.

Comrade Provas Ghosh noted how fiercely the imperialist forces have been holding the whole world to ransom. Stewarded by the US, the imperialist powers have been raiding, invading, attacking, marauding, and what not, all over the earth. At one point, the imperialists averred that the days of socialism had come to an end. We vehemently countered it, for we knew it was the revisionism that had eclipsed the communist camp from inside. This is why we did not feel despondent. We continued the struggle and are still doing on people's demand with all our force and spirit.

Comrade Mubinu Haider Chowdhury in his presidential address noted that the monopolist class which grew out of exploitation and plunder of the people over the last 42 years had given rise to the massive inequality and discrimination in Bangladesh. Now, this monopolist class in order to exploit the people unhindered requires an atmosphere where there would be no protest and resistance. With backing and patronization of the monopolist class, a grand Awami League combine has unleashed the fascist rule in the country. The imperialist forces especially the Indian imperialists are in league with this effort.

A country that witnessed incessantly surging movements is conspicuous by their absence. The left forces which have in their credit the history of sacrifices and dedications are now a confused lot. They are, whether wittingly or unwittingly, acting to realize the plans and projects of the rulers. He added, the left forces that are sincere and are still active in this situation must discharge their responsibility to carry forward and develop the sustained mass movement



The dais with leaders at the Special Central Convention of the BASAD (Marxist)

on people's demands, nationally and locally. This is the pressing need for the left forces ignoring which they cannot move a step further.

'We shall take an all-out initiative to develop our party as a fighting force by identifying the flaws and weaknesses of the gone-by days. At the same time we would employ all our strength, however limited, to develop mass movement in alliance with other serious and sincere leftists, Comrade Haider stressed.

Delegate session was held at the Engineers Institute Seminar Hall on 21-23 November. Draft national and international theses, in the background of developing ideological struggle, as well as the political and organizational reports were placed and adopted there. On 24 November, a press conference was convened at 3 PM at the same venue. A written statement was distributed on behalf of the BASAD (Marxist) at the said Press Conference underscored that in order to protect the Marxist revolutionary kernel from the revisionist-reformist-opportunist leadership Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal (Marxist) severed connection with a section of central leadership of the erstwhile BASAD. With the object of carrying forward the struggle based on Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought, a Central Convention Preparatory Committee was formed with Comrade Mubinu Haider Chowdhury as the Convener. The call of the Special Central Convention given at a Press Conference on 12 April 2013 at Dhaka has thus successfully been given effect to with conclusion of the Special Central Convention on 23-23 November last.

Decisions adopted at the Convention were as follows : From now on the name of the party would be 'Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal (Marxbadi)', in abbreviation BASAD (Marxist). The convention adopted the draft Constitution of the party and formed a 9-member 'Central Executive Committee' with Comrade Mubinu Haider Chowdhury as the General Secretary. Other members of Committee included Comrades Subhranshu Chakraborty, Alamgir Hossain Dulal, Manas Nandi, Manjura Neela, Ujjal Roy, Obaydullah Musa, Fakhruddin Kabir Atik and Saifuzzaman Sakan. [Source : Press Handout circulated by BASAD (Marxist)]



The rally at Dhaka on the occasion of the Special Central Convention of the BASAD (Marxist)

Government increases indirect tax on petrol, diesel

Fuel prices had been systematically raised over the years on the plea that international crude oil price was spiralling. But now when the crude price in international market has dropped down to \$ 67 per barrel i.e. almost 100%, the BJP government is loath to fully pass on the benefits to the common people. After reducing the retail tariff marginally, the government has now decided to fill its own coffers instead of giving commensurate relief to the people. So, it has increased the basic excise duty on petrol and diesel twice in less than a month limiting the positive effects of a free fall in international price of oil as far as the Indian consumer is concerned. The government is slated to mop up Rs 20,000-21,000 crore per year from the two rounds of excise duty revisions. Not only have consumers lost out on benefits, two bouts of tax increases have also checked the extent of decline in retail inflation. The moves make a farce out of fuel deregulation, a reform measure that is poised to flatten the purse of the giant oil companies and make the end consumers bear the burden of a periodic hefty rise in tariff. (Source—Times of India 3 and 4 December, 2014)

Who all have voted Modi in Varanasi?

Modi, BJP prime minister of the country, was declared winner from the Varanasi constituency by a huge margin in the last parliamentary elections. But who all had voted for him? Genuine electorates or ghost voters? In a stunning revelation, the Election Commission has so far traced 3,11,057 fake voters who casted their votes in Varanasi in the Lok Sabha election earlier this year. The district administration is expecting the number of fake voters to reach around 6,47,085 by the end of the examination process. The Election Commission is stated to be

completely shocked to know such a huge number of fake voters which came into light after re-examining the voters list. The officials, who have been given the responsibility of the task, personally visited every voters' house to see if he was the same one who placed his or her vote in the elections. This process has been completed half-way and so far over three-lakh bogus voters have been traced and the figure is expected to touch six lakhs after the entire exercise is over. (Source Kohram news network and Navbharat Times, 25 November, 2014)

Tax relief to industrial houses and corporates — Rs 1,02,000 crores in current financial year

The BJP government has been preparing for slashing subsidies in various sectors of public welfare and utility. The BJP finance minister has indicated that such will happen very soon. The logic is the same old one—relieving the state exchequer of the burden of expenditure. In other words, subsidizing people's need is considered a burden. So, subsidies in food, fuel, fertilizer and so forth are to be withdrawn. But, for the capitalists and industrial houses, the government is splurge with

subsidies, waivers, exemptions and concessions. It is estimated that tax reliefs to the big industrial houses and corporate sector would cross Rs 1, 02, 000 crores in the current financial year. The BJP finance minister has informed that this amount does represent "incentives" given to the corporate and industrial houses. Clearly, in the BJP regime, "achhe din" is for the ruling capitalists and not for the oppressed millions. (Source: — Bartaman, Bengali daily, 10 December, 2014)

Education conference at Indore

On 23 November 2014 at Indore, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Memorial Mancha organized a Save Education Conference. It was attended by students of schools, colleges and different educational centres. Demands were raised against privatization- commercialization of education, for scrapping of semester system, reintroduction of pass- fail system in schools. The leaders addressing the conference called for developing powerful movements on the issues.

Movement for National Highway Repair

On demand of repairing of National Highway – Badarpur Joai No.6, in Assam, the state unit of SUCI(C) launched a protest rally on 21 November across Silchar to reach the District Collector's Office and stage a dharna there. Leaders present addressed the gathering and then two memoranda were submitted to the District Collector to be handed over separately to the Surface Transport Minister and the Public Works Department Minister.

SUCI(C) mourns the death of Justice V. R. Krishna Iyer

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), issued the following statement on 4 December, 2014:

With a heavy heart, we mourn the death of respected Justice V R Krishna Iyer on this day of 4 December, 2014. This loss is irreparable.



An ardent pursuer of secular democratic values and principles, Justice Iyer, in both his professional and public life had consistently endeavoured to deliver justice to the oppressed and underprivileged, fought for their cause and boldly stood up against all attempts on the part of the power that be to deprive the poor and have-nots of their legitimate dues. A jurist of eminence who earned immense reputation as Supreme Court justice, he possessed a progressive and radical view and had been in the forefront of democratic mass movements centring on people's demands. We recollect with gratitude the leading and inspiring role he played in spearheading the Save Education movement, anti-imperialist movement, movement against communalism-fundamentalism, movement against atrocities on women, movement for protecting, preserving and widening civil and democratic rights. When he contested the Presidential Election of the country, our Party extended wholehearted support to him. In his demise, the country has lost an upright and towering personality who will be ever remembered for his commitment to fight against all evils and injustice.

We convey our condolence to the bereaved family.

Myth of SEZ busted

While deciding to set up "Special Economic Zones" as a testament for 'spurt in economy', it was contended by the bourgeois propagandists that these SEZs were slated to be conclaves of excellence giving economy the desired boost and the precipitated prosperity would percolate to the pauperized millions bringing glitters to their fledgling life. A unit located in an SEZ in India, as per legislation passed in May 2005 and given effect to from February 2006, was exempted from paying service tax, central excise tax, custom duties on goods they import and income tax for five years. It was envisaged that on account of this plethora of waivers and concessions to the industrial houses and corporates in the SEZs, the government would lose around Rs 17,50,000 of revenue. Government had also ensured that electricity, water and such other requirement are made available to the SEZ units at nominal or no expense. Labour laws were not applicable in these conclaves. And as a result of that, the ruling circle claimed that industrial development would be boosted, export would increase, huge opportunity for employment would be created and so forth.

But the myth is busted. As per latest CAG report, more than 50% of land allotted to special economic zones (SEZs) across the country remains idle, and its very purpose was defeated with no significant increase in employment even as the government's revenue foregone was to the tune of Rs 83,000 crore

between 2007 and 2013. The revenue foregone, or loss to the exchequer, could be many times more considering other concessions availed by these companies such as stamp duty, VAT, CST etc could not be quantified in the absence of any monitoring mechanism, sources said.

A similar study on functioning of SEZs was carried out by the parliamentary standing committee on commerce in June 2007 where it had estimated the duties foregone at over Rs 1.75 lakh crore from tax holidays granted to SEZs between 2004 and 2010. National indices on economic growth, trade infrastructure, investment and employment generation did not show any upward trend due to SEZs. Land acquired for public purposes was subsequently diverted (up to 100% in some cases) after de-notification, the report said. It is also stated that maximum allotted land is used for other commercial purposes like realty business from where the land holder corporates are minting huge profit. Some of the corporates have borrowed large sum by hypothecating SEZ land and instead of using that money for productive purpose, have deployed the money in other profit making ventures. This is the report card of 192 odd SEZs in the country. It is, therefore, obvious that crisis-ridden decadent moribund capitalism has virtually gone into ventilation and no elixir is found to give it any hope of survival. (Source—Times of India dated 24 November, 2014 and Bartaman, Bengali daily, dated 29 November, 2014)

Comrade Krishna Chakraborty's Message

Both revolution and counter revolution have shown the invincibility and indispensability of Marxism-Leninism

(This is the message of Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, Member, Polit Bureau, SUCI(C), to the public meeting held in Delhi on 15.11.2014 to observe the 97th anniversary of the Great November Revolution.)

Dear comrades and friends,

Though I had a deep desire to be with you on this historic occasion of 97th anniversary of Great November Revolution but could not make it due to my sudden illness. However, though not physically, I am very much with you and I convey revolutionary greetings to you all as well as to the entire working class and the working people of our country.

The proletariat of the whole world observes this day with a view to taking invaluable lessons and inspiration from the first proletarian revolution of the world led by the worthy disciple of Marx and Engels and the great leader of the proletariat, Comrade Lenin. Though this revolution took place in Russia, it was the first revolution of the proletariat class to which we the working class of different countries belong. Once the chain of imperialism was broken through this revolution, working class revolutions started becoming victorious from country to country; the working class and the exploited masses of China, North Korea, Vietnam and Cuba got emancipated in this course.

From the very start the imperialists-capitalists and the reactionaries of the world, engaged their strength to spread slanderous campaign against this revolution and the noble ideology of Marxism since they instinctively sensed that Marxism can and will end their rule of exploitation and oppression and emancipate the working class and other exploited masses. They took all measures to stop the revolution but once the great ideology of Marxism-Leninism gripped the masses, it created such a force that swept away all the obstacles and hindrances that the reactionary forces tried to create.

Before the November revolution the bourgeoisie tried to mislead people by branding Marxism and scientific socialism as utopia. But after the victory of socialist revolution they had no answer. Now after fall of socialism in most of the socialist countries, particularly in Russia and China, the reactionaries of the world got emboldened and are making all-out efforts to make the people believe that 'Marxism is a failure', 'It is an obsolete theory', 'It is a dead ideology'. But those who do not suffer from bourgeois

prejudices can easily see from history that wherever great social revolutions took place in this era of imperialism and proletarian revolution whether in Russia or in China, in North Korea or in Vietnam, all were guided by the noble ideology of Marxism-Leninism. Today, nowhere revolution can take place without being guided by Marxism-Leninism. An unbiased and searching mind will also find that wherever socialism has fallen, it has fallen not by following Marxism-Leninism but, on the contrary, by deviating from this noble ideology. In the former Soviet Union after the death of comrade Stalin, renegade Khrushchev, and in China after the death of comrade Mao Zedong, the capitalist roader Deng Xiaoping and their gangs usurped the leadership of the respective party and the state and most cunningly and surreptitiously practised modern revisionism and finally organized counterrevolutions and restored capitalism in both the countries.

Both the revolution and counter-revolution have shown the invincibility and indispensability of Marxism-Leninism. As there cannot be a revolution without being guided by Marxism-Leninism so also, after revolution socialism cannot be built without adhering to the principles of Marxism-Leninism.

History has amply demonstrated that to overthrow a dying civilization, which in today's context is Capitalism, and to build a new and higher civilization, that is Socialism, Marxism-Leninism is indispensable.

The bourgeoisie actually do not believe in what they say. If Marxism is an obsolete ideology then why are they so mortally afraid of it?

Those who know history, they know that it was the Soviet Union, the working class state and the power of socialism, which could ensure the victory against the fascist Axis of Germany, Italy and Japan and save the world from being brought under the jack-boot of fascism. Before the USSR was attacked by fascist Germany and was thus brought into the war, the fascist force was considered to be invincible; country after country fell to it almost without any effective resistance. But once the Soviet Union under the leadership of comrade Stalin entered the war, the nature of the war changed; the fascist forces started facing defeat

after defeat and finally got totally crushed. The bourgeoisie never tells about the fact that the Soviet people and the red army under the leadership of Comrade Stalin saved the world from fascist onslaught, saved democracy and restored peace in the world. But for this, twenty million Soviet people had to sacrifice their lives.

And no one can deny the fact that the victory of the socialist state of Russia under the great leadership of Comrade Stalin, by not only defeating the fascist forces but also by cornering and weakening the world imperialist war camp, created the most favourable condition for liberation of the colonies and semi-colonies. Even the most reactionary will have to admit this fact of history that no colony or semi-colony achieved independence before the victory of the Soviet power in the Second World War. History shows that imperialism subjugates and oppresses nations while socialism liberates nations from oppression. To hide this fact of history the bourgeois intellectuals manufacture canards and distort facts. Lying has become the habit of the imperialists-capitalists.

And the same bourgeoisie propagate that in socialism there is no democracy. Even a student of political economy can understand the simple fact that in a bourgeois society where there is right to private property and where production is meant for earning maximum profit, there cannot be any equality as all individuals cannot own the means of production; a few individuals like Tatas and Birlas control the entire means of production and distribution while vast masses of the people are forced to work in their establishments as wage-slaves. It requires little sense to understand that the capitalist owners who purchase the labour power of the workers and the workers who sell their labour power to the owners cannot have equal rights and position in the society. The bourgeoisie who talk of equal rights and democracy could never ensure equality. It is only in socialism, where private property has been abolished and the social ownership over the means of production established, and where production is not for profit but for satisfying the growing needs of the society, both material and cultural, the real ground for equality is laid. In bourgeois societies democracy is for absolute minority, while in socialism it is for



90% of the population- the working masses. So, in magnitude bourgeois democracy is much narrower than what it is in socialism. More importantly, bourgeois democracy protects the exploitative system while the proletarian democracy abolishes exploitation.

This explains why in capitalism purchasing power of the people rapidly and continually falls leading to market crisis; while in socialism purchasing power of the people continually grows. And so also grow the job opportunities and conditions for all-round development of the society. This also explains why, despite hostile imperialist encirclement and without any outside help, Russia, 'the sickest nation of Europe' after revolution, could make gigantic strides in all fields of social production and had spectacular achievements in science, technology, arts, literature, music, dance, drama, sports and games. The Socialist Russia achieved a development that surpassed the development made by the capitalist countries like America, England, France and Germany, etc., during a period not less than 200 years. Similar is the case with China. It was much more backward and known as the land of famines. China got her liberation two years later than the Indian independence in 1947 and the Indian economy was much stronger than that of China before independence. The condition of the Chinese population was worse than that of India's. Within 20 years of liberation, China resolved most of her basic problems, developed industry and agriculture and solved the problem of unemployment and made astounding strides in the field of technology and sciences. While during the same period crises engulfed all fields of life in India - economic, political, social, cultural, moral and ethical.

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Ruling bourgeoisie in its decadence is seeking to disintegrate compact nations

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aspirant national bourgeoisie of the respective countries. However, these nations though economically and politically having the essential features of modern nations have not grown culturally and psychologically as compact as the nations of rising period of capitalism. These nations are often marked by seeds of feudal disunity and division among the people on the grounds of regionalism, linguistic differences, racialism, religion, ethnicity and such other feudal hangovers. Why so? Because the respective aspirant national bourgeoisie who led the national liberation struggles in these countries are also inseparable part of world capitalism which has already turned reactionary. So, they lack the uncompromising fervour of rising capitalism. Instead, they are compromising with the feudal hangovers and other divisive trends. Further, as shown by great Lenin, this is the era of imperialism and proletarian revolution. As within the womb of feudalism once developed the urge of capitalism spurred by the thoughts of renaissance and industrial revolution, so today the social urge is for smashing the entire capitalist system and establish socialist system through proletarian revolution. So, the bourgeoisie, whether in an advanced capitalist country or in a backward capitalist country, are all haunted by the fear complex of anti-capitalist revolution. It is the endeavour of the capitalist rulers of all bourgeois countries to keep the impending and inevitable proletarian revolution at bay as long as possible. For that, what the bourgeoisie needs is keeping the oppressed people disunited at any cost. So, is its need for sustaining and fomenting all sorts of divisive thoughts and tendencies. In advanced Western nations where such feudal disunities were to a great extent eradicated through democratization of society in the period of rising capitalism are again being raked up to drive wedge between the people. On the other hand, the bourgeoisie of the resurgent national states have forsaken the task of democratization of the society which the bourgeoisie undertook in the period of rising capitalism to create compact nations free from feudal disunities. Class interest to capture the domestic market and emerge as a contender for share of

the world capitalist market prompted the national bourgeoisie of the colonial and semi-colonial states to encourage national liberation struggles and emergence of national states. But at the same time, fear complex of anti-capitalist revolution impelled the bourgeoisie of these erstwhile colonies and semi colonies to leave many tasks of building compact nations unfulfilled and allow various feudal disunities and divisive factors to remain. Explaining the Indian context in the backdrop of decadence of world capitalism, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, leader, teacher and guide of our Party SUCI(C) and one of the foremost Marxist thinkers had said, "in India the process of formation of nation started in the second half of the nineteenth century, when capitalism, as a world social force, had not only lost its revolutionary character but also become definitely anti-revolution. ... The nationalist section of the Indian bourgeoisie was naturally stirred into movement against imperialism; because, the imperialist rule in our country stood as an insurmountable obstacle in the path of establishing its class rule here and freely exploiting the Indian masses. But, like all colonial bourgeoisie in the epoch of imperialism and proletarian revolution, it was mortally afraid of revolutionary mass struggles against imperialism. ... Antagonism with imperialism, on the one hand, and mortal fear of the revolutionary struggle by the people against imperialism on the other hand, made the nationalist section of the Indian bourgeoisie maintain a *reformist oppositional* role against imperialism. Its role against feudalism was equally compromising. Indian capitalism, therefore, tried to develop through compromises with both imperialism and feudalism. The result of compromises with feudalism was that the Indian bourgeoisie could not and did not carry out the tasks of social and cultural revolutions essential for the democratization of the society and complete merger of different nationalities speaking different languages and different communities professing different religions, into a nation. In the course of the political movement against imperialism, the Indian people speaking different languages and professing different religions became a nation politically but for failure on the part of the leadership

of our national liberation movement to accomplish, in the main, the tasks of social and cultural revolutions for democratization of the society against feudalism, feudal disunity and religious bondage, the Indian people remained socially and culturally divided into different communities disunited by religion, caste, language, race, etc." Continuing further, he said, "capitalism, which for the sake of national integration and formation of nation at a certain stage of its development tried to unify different communities of people in a given territory, also tries at a different stage of its development, i.e. in the imperialist stage, to disrupt the unity of the people for its own security against popular uprising. The more acute its crisis becomes, resulting in more intense struggle by the working people against the capitalist order, the more fascistic capitalism becomes, when it tries to fan up religious or racial sentiments of the people to misdirect popular struggles against capitalism. It is for this reason we are increasingly noticing symptoms of religious fanaticism, racialism and race riots even in the bourgeois democratic countries of the west."

Reactionary bourgeoisie is raking up divisions based on nationality-race-religion-region-ethnicity

The present state of affairs round the globe does corroborate to his analysis. In this connection and particularly in the context of growing separatist demands in various countries like Britain, Spain, Belgium and others where once compact nationhood developed, it is necessary to dwell in brief the nationality questions. Before merging into one nation, people remained divided into many nationalities under feudalism. In the compact nations, as we have said above, this division based on nationalities was to a great extent removed through the process of democratization. As Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had shown, the bourgeoisie of these resurgent national states did no longer have all out national development as their aim. Rather, in order to continue their exploitative rule, disunity of the toiling people centering on nationalities is to their advantage. And so, such bourgeois national states formed in the period of decadent capitalism with many nationalities and feudal hang-overs

states seethe with nationality conflicts i.e. dominant nationality oppressing the minority nationalities, constantly attacking their language, culture and even, way of life. Even in the advanced capitalist states of the West formed in the phase of rising capitalism, racial and nationality conflicts which had virtually disappeared in the process of developing compact nations are now dug out of the grave in decadent capitalism by ruling capitalist class and its servitors. More crisis-ridden is the capitalist rule, more is capitalist oppression by its rulers and more is also the accumulated wrath of the people. Lest this wrath should crystallize into an organized movement conducive to anti-capitalist revolutionary movement, the ruling bourgeoisie of the advanced capitalist-imperialist states are also fanning up all divisive factors and raking up the racial-nationality questions and other disuniting factors to precipitate and sustain divide among the people. The bourgeoisie knows that inciting nationality question or racial differences would exacerbate mutual distrusts and conflicts among the workers and toiling masses belonging to different nationalities and thereby disrupt the solidarity of the oppressed people against the common enemy, that is exploitative capitalism. More accentuated is the crisis of capitalism endemic of the system, more intense is the oppression of people in all spheres, that is, economic, political, social, moral, cultural and mental. So, there is mounting discontent among the oppressed people against the capitalist rule. This is unnerving for the bourgeois rulers. So, to misdirect the accumulated wrath and indignation, the capitalist rulers are leaving no stone unturned to disintegrate people. For that, they are even going for disintegrating the compact nations once built up to unite people and cunningly flaring up the separatist-secessionist cries. In order to shield capitalism, the source of all miseries and penury of the toiling masses, they are inciting one section of the people against the other, making a section or a particular nationality-racial-ethnic people within a capitalist state to presume that their growth and development is obstructed by another nationality-racial-ethnic group of people who are privileged.

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Anti-capitalist revolution alone can bring about cherished emancipation from yoke of exploitation, deprivation and discrimination

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And in absence of requisite political consciousness, people also fall easy victims to separatist-secessionist calls presuming that carving out a new state and recognition as a new nation would mitigate their hardship. But soon they come to know from experience that such separation bring them no succour but continue to grind them under the yoke of ruthless capitalist exploitation. Because, a separate state estranges them from their fellow countrymen but the oppressive capitalist rule, the root of all evils, remains intact. Also, within a national capitalist state, there is inner contradiction among the ruling capitalists centering on market and profit maximization through exploitation. Sometimes, this contradiction is manifest in the form of regional movements and even snowball into separatist-secessionist movements as is found in different countries round the globe.

Separatism-secessionism is no solution

The demand for separating Scotland from Britain or Catalonia from Spain has to be understood in this background of capitalist conspiracy. It is to be kept in mind that ultimate determining factor is economy. Politics, culture are all superstructures of a given economic base. In order to develop capitalist economies speedily by overthrowing feudalism, the rising bourgeoisie once united people in compact nations and sought to remove divides over nationalities. But today, decadent moribund reactionary capitalism in order to somehow stave off its acute insoluble economic crisis is hell bent to misdirect people's deep resentment by all possible means. Playing upon the sentiment of the people and diverting people's attention from the real cause of their misery, the ruling capitalist class and the parties subservient to it are out to make a kill. Sometimes, a section of the bourgeoisie within a country is inciting separatism while at times, big imperialist powers are fanning up separatism-secessionism inside another country with the help of their pliant bourgeois rulers of that country and even go to the extent of splitting those countries. The latest division of African country Sudan is a case in point. Czechoslovakia broke apart into two countries, Slovakia and the

Czech Republic. In 2002, East Timor achieved independence from Indonesia. Canada is facing demand for separate Cascadia. The list cutting across the continents is quite long. It is true that the phenomenon of nationality and regional oppression is increasingly manifest in the sovereign national states, stirred up and propelled by the ruling bourgeoisie to precipitate disunity among the various communities. But, the working class which is historically poised to lead the anti-capitalist socialist revolution and thereby end exploitation of man by man for good is firmly opposed to any such separatist-secessionist movement under bourgeois leadership because fragmentation of a nation is in detriment to the interest of the working class and the other sections of toiling people. Because, the sense of nationalism does instill among the people a sense of binding. Secession based on any chauvinistic call on grounds of racial-nationality oppression and regional demand, aims at forming a new national state with regional bourgeoisie at the helm and thus breaks down the existing nation and people. But what happens after that is since capitalism continues to be in vogue, exploitation remains and becomes yet more ruthless with every passing day even in the newly carved out states through secession. So, such vivisection of a country or nation serves no purpose other than dividing the people. From this perspective, the centralized and unified nation is preferred by the working class for organizing revolution by cementing people's unity. Hence, genuine working class movement opposes any move or attempt on the part of the vested interest to divide nation by inciting separatist-secessionist sentiments and playing upon the feature of national oppression. It is to be understood that taking advantage of the weakness of the international communist movement due to spurt in revisionism, reformism and constitutionalism, the ruling bourgeoisie is cunningly spreading all kinds of divisive thoughts like parochialism-chauvinism-separatism-regionalism-racialism-communalism. To frustrate this bourgeois conspiracy, it is imperative that revolutionary working class movement is freed from all diversionary, compromising and crippling tendencies and plays a decisive leading role in cementing people's unity based on higher proletarian ethics and culture and

mounting fierce attack against oppressive capitalism and its trickeries.

There ought not to be any confusion about the fact that the problem of national oppression in a capitalist country, as we have explained, cannot be resolved in capitalism. Rather, this problem will aggravate with accentuation of capitalist crisis as the ruling bourgeoisie will more and more use nationality-racial conflicts to throw spanner into people's unity. It can only be resolved by overthrowing capitalism and establishing socialism where people's unity will be guaranteed by the working class state and abolition of national oppression will be brought about by promoting under state patronage mutual trust, fraternity and cooperation among the various nationality groups and providing equal scope for development of all nationalities. It is pertinent to mention here that in socialist Soviet Union, Stalin following Lenin's teachings had ushered in a scientific process of abolishing the nationality conflicts in both socio-economic as well as psychological spheres. He also provided a genesis of the national and nationality questions and provided a guideline for resolving the issue.

Solution lies in intensifying and expediting anti-capitalist revolution

So, we find that separatist-secessionist hues are raising their ugly heads even in the compact national states which appeared during the rising period of capitalism. Such hues, as we have shown, are inimical to the interest of the toiling masses and destined to exacerbate exploitation and oppression rather than ameliorating the same. Admittedly, in one nationalism under capitalism, national psychological make-up is often found to be rent with regional or community feelings. These feelings often remain cryptic but are sensitive as well. These regional feelings and nationality-racial-ethnic conflicts often burst forth now and then under oppression and tend to get channelized along chauvinistic-separatist-secessionist line aided and abetted by the bourgeois rulers. That is why, while fighting for legitimate regional interests, the genuine revolutionary party with proletarian internationalist outlook also fights back regionalism or any other separatist-secessionist tendencies. The revolutionary leaderships of all

countries must bring it to the fore that they will resist the regional or national conflicts provoked by the capitalist class in a determined way and defend the unity and integrity of the people, whatever be the cost. It ought to ensure that people stand united against their main enemy capitalism and are in no way divided on this contradiction of the capitalists.

It is also incumbent on the toiling people torn apart by gruelling capitalist oppression in different countries to remember that their emancipation lies in overthrow of capitalism by revolution and this revolutionary overthrow cannot succeed if there is an iota of disunity and divisiveness. But this revolution cannot come by spontaneously through sporadic outbursts of grievances. To accomplish anti-capitalist revolution, it is imperative to have a correct base political line and a correct proletarian revolutionary party based on Marxism-Leninism. In every country, the fighting people need to give birth to such party on Leninist model. It is only under the leadership of such a party that the class and mass struggles against ruling capitalism and its various trickeries can be firmly dealt with. And it is through this process and its course, such struggles can be channelized along the right track to ultimately culminate in anti-capitalist revolution that alone can bring about cherished emancipation of the oppressed people from the yoke of exploitation, deprivation and discrimination. This is true for Scotland, England, Spain, France, Indonesia, India or any other capitalist-imperialist country. More intensified are the class and mass struggles under correct revolutionary leadership, more thwarted will be the nefarious attempts on the part of the ruling class to trigger secessionism-separatism-chauvinism and thereby weaken revolutionary working class movement and misdirect the accumulated wrath of the people. Faster the suffering people along the globe imbibe this truth and act accordingly, faster will be the growth of global proletarian revolution and end of exploitation.

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IACC congratulates Kailash Satyarthi and Malala Yousafzai

Comrade Manik Mukherjee, General Secretary, International Anti-imperialist Coordinating Committee released the following statement on 12 December 2014:

The International Anti-imperialist Coordinating Committee (IACC) congratulates Kailash Satyarthi and Malala Yousafzai for their fervent appeal to the conscience of the world in the Nobel Lectures delivered at the Nobel Peace Prize award ceremony at Oslo. Both of them have staunchly upheld the rights of children. They have fought valiantly, often at grave personal risk, for the children's right to freedom from exploitation, right to education, right to peace. While hailing their honesty, integrity, great personal courage and compassion, we humbly submit that the children's rights and freedom from exploitation can only be ensured if the fight for their rights is combined with the fight against the system which generates and promotes exploitation of the children. In their Nobel

lectures both Malala Yousafzai and Kailash Satyarthi have expressed with passion and deep concern that countries spend huge amounts on war machinery, but could not ensure education for all children or their freedom from slavery. We hold that it is capitalism-imperialism which is the progenitor and promoter of exploitation and oppression of children. Unless this is eradicated children's freedom or their rights cannot be ensured. As long as capitalism exists, by the time we free 100 children from slavery, or arrange education for 100 children millions more will become victims of slavery or fall out of the system of education. We therefore appeal to all who feel genuine concern for the welfare of the children to work for building up people's movements against human oppression and exploitation. Let us unite in the fight to banish capitalism-imperialism from the face of the earth, so that the freedom for every child and every individual is guaranteed.

Comrade Krishna Chakraborty's Message

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Same is the case with all other capitalist countries. The bourgeoisie are mortally afraid to tell these success stories of the socialist countries to the people.

As Comrade Stalin had pointed out, during and before the Second World War, two tendencies were growing in the advanced capitalist countries, growing militarization of economy and concentration of capital in the hands of a few or the state. This led to concentration of political power in the hands of the state turning it into a fascist state. After Comrade Stalin, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, an outstanding Marxist thinker of the era, pointed out that now both these tendencies are becoming more pronounced in all the capitalist countries, advanced or backward, for whom war has become a regular feature. The bourgeoisie are resorting to militarization of the economy to resolve their crisis. But militarization of economy is creating newer and newer problems. Militarization of economy needs markets for arms, engages imperialist powers in the politics of intrigues, subversion, interferences and intervention in the affairs of other nations. Before the fall of socialism and dismantling of socialist peace camp the imperialists tried to make people believe that wars took place because of the contradiction between imperialism

and socialism. Explaining Lenin's theory of imperialist wars Comrade Stalin pointed out that though, theoretically, the contradiction between capitalism and socialism is the sharpest; the imperialists go to war to re-divide the already divided world market and to defeat their rivals. Socialist countries do not require any foreign market. The false propaganda of the capitalists - imperialists has been totally busted by the happenings of the present day world where, though there is no socialist camp, the war has become almost a daily affair. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh pointed out long back that the American economy is so much dependent on war that 'peace is death for America'. Almost similar is the case with all other imperialist powers.

As pointed out long back by Lenin, capitalism has become moribund and reactionary. Today it cannot give anything to the society; it is only creating crises in all fields of life; it is destroying whatever great, lofty and noble still exists in it. It is destroying life itself. Society is crying for emancipation.

On behalf of the Central Committee I call upon you comrades, to dedicate more and more to the cause of revolution.

Long live November Revolution

With revolutionary greetings,

Comradely yours,
Krishna Chakraborty.

SUCI(C) denounces BJP Government's sinister move to privatize railway stations

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), issued the following statement on 1 December 2014 :

After imposing hefty increase in passenger fare and freight charges immediately on coming to power and announcing 100% FDI for railway modernization, Prime minister Narendra Modi has now called for privatization of railway stations and allowing private parties to build up luxury hotels, restaurants and other facilities there. In other words, he has spelt out the government's decision to eventually hand over railway operation to private operators which will make train travel highly expensive so much so as to be beyond the reach of the common passengers. Even the cost of entering a railway station would be prohibitive. We strongly denounce this highly anti-people move which is in keeping with the BJP government's sinister agenda of full-fledged implementation of the ruinous precepts of globalization-privatization-liberalization in the interest of the domestic and foreign monopolists.

We call upon people to rise up in protest and intensify organized movement to thwart such a pernicious move.

Across the country AIDS register significant wins in student union elections

In Allahabad University, Uttar Pradesh, the AIDS candidates have defeated ABVP (student wing of BJP) candidates by huge margins to win the posts of the cultural secretary and UG representative. This defeat of forces like ABVP and Samajwadi Party, marked the defeat of caste based politics as also the defeat of money-muscle-media power politics. In Uttar Pradesh again, AIDS has been elected to the post of UG Representative in the TD College of Jaunpur.

At the other end in the Kamrup Academy in Guwahati, AIDS candidate Comrade Hasen Ali has been elected to the post of the secretary of the Students' Union, having defeated the All Assam Students' Union (AASU) candidate by a big margin.

Police Lathicharge students at Benaras Hindu University

AIDS General Secretary Comrade Ashoke Mishra has in a statement severely criticized the police lathicharge on students of the Benaras Hindu University of late. In a statement released on 25 November, he has also demanded stringent punishment for the police as well as the University authority responsible for this as well as unconditional release of the leaders and general students arrested and the government taking full responsibility for the treatment of the injured students. The police lathicharge, even use of rubber bullets came on students' demonstration in demand of immediate holding of student union election and restoration of democracy, as there had been no election to the Students' Union in this University ever since 1997 and only a nominated council had been operating that too as outcome of a sustained movement over the years.

Movement by AIDS, AIDYO and AIMSS in Tripura

On 3 December 2014 AIDS, AIDYO and AIMSS jointly observed 125 birthanniversary of Kshudiram Bose, the immortal martyr of the independence movement on 3 December at Agartala. As a part of the programme included placing of floral tributes by the leaders at the portrait of the martyr, wearing of Kshudiram badge, a torch rally and a cultural programme and a meeting in front of Kshudiram statue and an exhibition on the life of Kshudiram in the evening. The meeting was addressed by the leaders of the three organizations who highlighted the revolutionary life of the martyr and called upon the youth to come forward to fight against present day oppression and exploitation.

On 1 December 2014, AIDS organized a protest rally in Agartala in demand of scrapping the disastrous semester system, appointment of permanent teachers in all the colleges, not raising fee at any level of education, stopping of privatization, reintroduction of pass-fail system till class VIII and ensuring safety of girl students and women. Leaders addressing the rally called for stepping up movement.

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