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## Call of May Day

May 1 is a red-letter day in the annals of human development. More than a century ago in Chicago city of America, the workers demanded reduction in working hours from 12 to 8. They wanted human dignity, totally different from the state of slavery. Today, when productive means and method have gone through phenomenal changes in and through hi-tech, the conditions of the working people over the globe have touched the abysmal low, never thought of before.

Since the First International of the working class was founded by Marx and Engels, this day is being observed every year as a day of international solidarity of the working class. Lenin called it the first salvo of proletarian revolution. The demand for reduction in working hours did not remain at that. It transformed into revolutionary struggle for abolition of wage slavery by replacing the capitalist exploitative system by socialism where to work is a joy of life.

Many years rich in experiences, have gone by. The mighty citadel of socialism and proletarian internationalism that was once built up by the genius of revolutionaries like Lenin and Stalin in the USSR and the socialist bloc of countries in

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## CALL OF 52ND ANNIVERSARY

# Dare attain lofty heights

— NIHAR MUKHERJEE

*On the morning of 24th April last, on the occasion of the fifty-second foundation anniversary of the party, SUCI, Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary of the party, garlanded the portrait of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat, at the party Commune at Salt Lake in Calcutta. There, despite his indifferent health, he addressed a gathering of party workers and supporters. An English rendering of his speech is given below — Ed. Board, P. Era*

Today is 24th April. It marks the fifty-second anniversary of the foundation of our party, the Socialist Unity Centre of India. The party was built back in 1948. But a phase of struggle preceded, spanning from 1942 to 1945 and from 1945 to 1948. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had been imprisoned during the period of the Quit India movement. Inside the jail there was an intense ideological struggle to develop correct Marxist understanding of the era. From the realization that the fruit of the independence struggle was going

to be usurped by the bourgeois leadership in the absence of a genuine communist party on this soil, he was stirred and inspired to build up a genuine Communist party. Thereafter followed a period of struggle for three years, from 1945 to 1948. We should call to mind this arduous and painstaking struggle which Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had waged along with a handful of compatriots. Indeed, at that preparatory stage of formation of the party, Comrade Ghosh conducted an immensely arduous struggle with barely seven comrades. He initiated the struggle, literally from nothing — no support to fall back upon, no assistance to count on, without resources of any kind, but with the only invincible weapon — dialectical materialism. The leaders and cadres alike of the party should be aware today of the significance of those days of struggle. We should constantly keep in mind the mode of work followed in those struggling days, the indomitable effort put in to build the party in that period, the

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## Solemn Observance of Foundation Day of the Party in States

24th April, the foundation day of our party, SUCI, was observed throughout the country. On this occasion leaders, cadres, supporters and people took pledge anew to further the two-fold struggle — develop mass movements conducive to anti-capitalist-socialist revolution and internal struggle for rectification and elevation as a communist.

On the historic day the Red Flag was hoisted at the Central Office, Calcutta and at all other party offices in the country. At important street junctions the portrait of the great Marxist teacher Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was bedecked with flowers and garland and Red Flag flown. Processions were taken out and mass meetings held. The toiling people too, who join more and more the SUCI and its wings for its role to build up mass movements, took oath on this day to strengthen the party.

At the Central Office at 48 Lenin Sarani, Calcutta, in the morning Comrade Anil Sen, member, Central Committee, hoisted the Red Flag and garlanded the portrait of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

The reports of the observance of the

foundation day in states, so far received, are given below.

### Orissa

In Orissa the 52nd foundation day was observed throughout the state in a fortnight long programme under the auspices of the Orissa State Committee. School of Politics, study classes, group sittings were organised by different units of the party.

On 24th April public meetings mobilising thousands of people were held mainly at Jajpur, Angul, Jashipur, Cuttack, etc.

**Jajpur :** The meeting at Town Hall field was presided over by Comrade Jagabandhu Boral, member, SUCI Orissa State Committee and was

addressed by Comrade Tapas Dutta, member of the Central Committee of the party and Secretary, Orissa State Committee as main speaker. Comrade Debendra Sahoo, member, Orissa State Committee gave the introductory speech. Comrade Tapas Dutta in

course of his speech said that after the fall of socialism in Soviet Union and erstwhile socialist countries of East Europe, capitalist-imperialists headed by US imperialists, raised a hue and cry that socialism has lost its credibility and capitalism is the only system that can lead the society. True to its characteristic feature of exploiting ruthlessly working class and common people it is leading the society to a catastrophe.

As part and parcel of this capitalism-imperialism the Indian capitalist class and its representative governments are taking recourse to the policy of liberalisation and privatisation resulting in ever soaring unemployment and hike

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Comrade Tapas Dutta addressing party foundation day meeting at Jajpur

# Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's Life Struggle and History of SUCI Inextricably Linked Up

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ceaseless struggle that was waged. We should note with utmost care how Comrade Ghosh moved from corner to corner to take study classes, conduct study circles and group meetings and engaged in individual discussions from the morning till late at night, tirelessly working day in and day out to develop the party workers and lay the foundation of the party in the ideological, cultural, political sphere to develop social consciousness and correct understanding of the national and international issues during those three years.

We all know, it requires ingredients even to light an earthen lamp, which we see lighting a poor man's hut with nightfall. The wick, for instance, and a mould of earth which has to be dried in the sun and then baked in fire, and some oil. If all these are not kept ready by day, their won't be a lamp lighting the evening. In a like way, to develop each and every party worker coming from different walks of life, Comrade Ghosh adopted a method which by way of developing the comrades laid the primary foundation of the party. In particular, it created a current for ideological-political-cultural struggle, an atmosphere for critical study and analysis of the national and international situation, a living practice above all, which constitutes the foundation of a revolutionary party. It is this practice which unlocks the door of the mind, paving the way to bring into open all the questions lurking in the mind. Thus he launched the struggle to build a genuine communist party on the Leninist model. Bearing the Leninist teaching in mind, he led a living struggle covering every aspect of life. There was no issue, no question in fact, that was left outside the orbit of this struggle which encompassed everything right from conduct and behaviour to even the sex life. Without relent and waver he set about tirelessly to uplift the level of consciousness of the leaders and cadres of the party. It was a struggle to attain the socialist ethical-moral-cultural standard, a struggle which gave birth to a band of workers-organisers, in particular a band of professional revolutionaries, for whom the party is life, the revolution is life. That is a very long history into which I will not enter here.

The party had then two centres. One was the 'culture club' in south Calcutta. Another was Shanti Sangha of Joynagar. On release from the prison, Comrade Ghosh shifted the work of the 'culture club' to a room on the Lake Temple Road and began his work centring round this 'culture club' there. Quite a large number of young men and women used to throng the 'culture club' in south Calcutta. Classes were held with them. Elsewhere afterwards innumerable classes had been held. Wherever moved to, Comrade Ghosh created an environment for this practice which enabled the comrades to attain the capacity to traverse the different spheres of knowledge. Through this process, in fact, our party has developed in 18 states of India as the revolutionary party organisation on this soil. Today, beyond the country of India, thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh have spread in four continents. More than spreading over, contact with his thoughts is opening new vistas to all who are endeavouring to build afresh genuine Marxist-

## — Nihar Mukherjee

Leninist parties after the grievous debacle of the socialist camp. You are aware, foreign delegates who attended the Anti-Imperialist Convention in Calcutta in 1995 and also those who came to Ghatsila in 1997 on the occasion of the unveiling of the statue of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh there, stated in the open rallies how deeply Comrade Ghosh's thoughts have created a stir in them. After Marx and Engels, Lenin, Stalin, Mao Zedong, has been uttered the name of Comrade Ghosh. Some even wanted to proclaim Comrade Ghosh before Mao Zedong. But the consideration is not that which name is to come before and which after. In our understanding Comrade Ghosh emerged in continuation.

What I want to emphasize is that this new message and ideal, the new level of consciousness and new awareness of life that stands before all our people and the whole of humanity today demands of us to urgently plunge into its pursuit deeply and consciously. The adversity of national and international situation notwithstanding, the correctness of our ideology, the decisiveness of our base political-revolutionary line and Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's thoughts are the invaluable asset to guide us towards our cherished goal.

By practising strict discipline consciously, not under any order from above, which we call centralism, along with laying a solid foundation of democratic centralism in the inner party life, what has taken shape through the process of a comprehensive realization and all-out development of proletarian democracy, we are to elevate our consciousness to this required level and engage in the revolutionary activities with all sincerity. At all levels inside the party we are to practice proletarian democracy. Proletarian democracy is the broadest of all, where democracy takes its shape and structure in the interest of ninety-nine per cent of the people. Do we find a trace of it in the semblance of democracy of vote in the capitalist system of today that comes about once in every five years? It is not to be found in any of the capitalist countries. This democracy was realized in those countries alone where socialism had been established. As students of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thoughts we shall have to constantly bear in mind this teaching. The methodology of thinking which we are endeavouring to build on the basis of dialectical and historical materialism and the relation among leaders and cadres which we are trying to shape out on the basis of the dialectical interaction have to be kept living, and it is this atmosphere of a living process of struggle which will ensure deep entrenchment and onward development of democratic centralism within the party. And in this process will develop oneness in approach, singleness of purpose, uniformity in thinking and identity of the working method. Analysing this point Comrade Ghosh showed that organisational centralism grows on the basis of ideological centralism, that the deeper the identity of ideology, the greater will be the identity of outlook, of thinking, of approach to each and every question. The whole issue hinges on whether or not we are capable of advancing in this process of oneness in approach following the correct dialectical methodology. We should

remember, we all are product of a process. That is why the question of struggle in the correct process assumes paramount importance.

A great historic task has devolved upon the party today. During his lifetime Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, while constantly engaged in the task of concretising the tenets of Marxism-Leninism on this soil, elaborated and enriched it, bringing its understanding to ever new height in all the different spheres of knowledge, ethics, morals and culture.

We have not yet been able to publish his thoughts in entirety. Whatever little has been published we are to study it deeply and meticulously, and we are to practise it and assimilate it in our life and conduct our life struggle in its light so as to be equal to the task. In the process we have got to be declassed from whichever class may we be coming, be it the middle class, the lower middle class, poor peasants, agricultural labourers or else. We must not behave as liberators of the working class, but should know that our emancipation lies with the emancipation of the working class, the leading class. Again if one comes from the working class, although no question of the proletariat having to get declassed, but because the vile influence of the degraded bourgeois culture works, one has to be equipped with Marxism-Leninism and dialectical materialism in order to attain the standard for becoming a member of the working class party.

It must be understood that Marxism-Leninism and dialectical materialism cannot be learned through academic schooling. Nor can they be assimilated by attending a few classes only. For this, in those days Comrade Shibdas Ghosh conducted numerous study classes and study circles. Day in and day out he conducted them, following both positive and negative dialectics. Comrades would put their questions according to their own level of understanding. Even those who were not party comrades would ask questions. He helped them to open their minds. Drawing out questions from them he used to discuss everything, passing from one to another topic and thus inculcating a clear understanding of the issues individually as also in their totality. At times he used to raise an issue used himself and discuss thoroughly about it, analysing all the different aspects it presented. This way he used both the methods of positive and negative dialectics in conducting the study classes, study circles and group meetings and in this process had developed the party comrades and organisers. It is the task of the leaders and cadres of our party to constantly practise this methodology, which Comrade Ghosh handed down to us, in order to fully equip them with it. We could not publish the history of his lifelong struggle. But to the extent we could highlight it on different occasions and in different camps on politics, to the extent the party leaders, organisers, cadres who know him from close quarters, could understand this struggle — even though all might not have fully grasped the dimension of this great life struggle — that gives us a glimpse of the height he set before us which each of our leaders and cadres must set his or her eye on as the noble goal to attain. He lived for revolution, his whole existence was for revolution.

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Eastern Europe are no longer in existence. Not only because of acts of intrigue and sabotage of imperialism and of US imperialism in particular but also because of gross deviations from the correct revolutionary Marxist thoughts and ideas and application of bourgeois practices instead, for years came the debacle. The penalty is not being paid by the Russian people alone but by the working people all over the globe. But this is just a passing phase. The triumph of communist ideology comes from the very law of social development.

The other aspect capitalism-imperialism saw in the debacle a demise of communism the communist ideology in human history. They aspired for one capitalist world, calling it 'unipolar' to prove the superiority of capitalism, already in decay and degeneration. The irrevocable law of historical development has, however, asserted and reasserted the truth of the historical limitation of capitalism as a social order. That is why as we will see, despite the dismantling of socialist states and boasting of capitalism's validity still today, the toiling people are everywhere in ferment. They demonstrated their opposition to the conspiracy of the imperialist powers against the working class of all countries in Seattle. Very recently they burst in anger against the two international outposts of imperialism — the IMF and World Bank.

Lenin showed imperialism is the highest stage of capitalism — capitalism which is moribund and inasmuch parasitic as it is speculative and usurious in nature. The unprecedented all out crisis in the world capitalist system has plunged people's life all over the globe in devastations unimaginable before. The policy of globalisation-liberalisation-privatisation the latest prescription of world capitalism gave the false premise of peace and prosperity in the globe. Concrete events prove absence of both. It proves also that the socialist camp in no way was the cause of war, bellicosity or military brigandage as the US imperialist rulers with the help of NATO power of imperialist countries have demonstrated so blatantly in Yugoslavia, Iraq, Somalia and host of other countries. This is so far as 'peace' promised is concerned.

Let us have a bird's eye view about the promised 'prosperity' of the people.

The ILO, in its report on 'World Employment' — 1998-99 emphatically commented: "Global financial crisis will trigger jump in world unemployment." The report informs that 'some one billion workers — one third of world's labour force remain unemployed or underemployed. In addition, 25 to 30% of the world's workers or between 750 million and 900 million people are underemployed i.e. either working substantially less than full time but wanting to work longer or earning less than a living wage. It had to be admitted by the Director General of ILO, "the global employment situation is grim and getting grimmer." The annual rate of increase in unemployed is to the tune of 10 millions.

When the recession, ever deepening, it invariably implies destruction of jobs and job opportunities. And this is the usual phenomenon now being witnessed in the crisis-ridden moribund capitalism. The advanced capitalist-imperialist countries are no exception to growing joblessness.

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The double digit figures are recorded by the ILO document for Spain 24%, Finland 17.7%, Ireland 15.4%, Belgium 12.7%, France 12%, Italy 11.9%, Greece 11% etc. As for the USA, the leader of the globalisation, the rate of unemployment is stated to be 5.8%. But the *Sunday Observer* (24.4.90) shows that 43% of Americans are living below poverty line. In Japan the rate of joblessness stated to be touching 7% must be an understatement. Deaths and suicide are taking place because of hunger or stresses on health.

Surely the experiences of the erstwhile socialist states are agonising. The initial euphoria generated out of bourgeois media and social-democratic bent of thinking have been replaced by the stark realities of large-scale unemployment, non-payment of wages, poverty, beggary, prostitution. What a contrast from a social security system from "cradle to grave protection" of socialist system. Coming to our country, the condition of working people beggars description.

Both the studies of RBI and Board of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction confirm the endemic nature of sickness because of recession, reinforced by globalisation. The total number of sick/closed SSI and non-SSI units, combined rose to 2,47,924 in March 1993 from 2,23,809 of earlier year. That is to say, 'sickness' grew by 23 thousands in a year! And the available up to date figure is 5 lakhs of 'sick industries'.

According to the planing commission, the number of estimated unemployed that was 23 million in 1992 rose to 94 million in 1997-98 after the 8th plan. According to unofficial studies, the figure cannot be less than 180 million. In this context, the government has vigorously undertaken globalisation policy in the name of modernisation or technological uplift on the plea of increasing competitiveness in global market. It has taken the decision to disinvest 74% of its shares in public sector obviously to facilitate the entry of private monopoly capital both national and foreign. 72,000 coal miners of 64 coal mines in ECOL are losing jobs. 3 lakh posts in the Central government have been decided to be abolished 12 lakh more will retire soon and with them the posts will also be abolished. In the banking sector itself, there is a plan to retrench 10 lakh employees under cover of VRS, CRS, deployment etc. In the textiles 70,000 workers have been thrown into the streets. In SAIL, the biggest public sector iron and steel unit - 20,000 employees have suffered termination of services by the means of ESS (Early Separation Scheme). Offices and establishments in this unit have been closed. Restructuring with the obvious intention of amalgamation or wiping out departments has started. While SAIL's steel products are being obstructed entry into the US market owing to the opposition of US steel lobby, by tariff wall and steep rate of anti-dumping duties, it maintains its existence by serving orders of the military. Militarisation of economy is a global phenomenon. The intention is to lessen the damaging impact of recession on industry. In our country the growing expenditures on military, denying people's urgent needs is to provide 'artificial stimulation', in the words of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh to the sagging economy. It is helping the capitalists inside and outside the

country. This is happening when the crisis of market has assumed serious proportions because of continuous fall in people's purchasing power. The market has become more uncertain because of high valued products based as the productive method on high priced hi-tech and the problem of realising maximum profit. And the Government's ban on recruitment in departments under different ministries help further squeezing of market. This is one side of the shield. On the other side the usurious character of finance capital is very much prevalent. The most imaginative method of making money on money has been devised. Real estates are overvalued through the securities markets, through unbridled bank borrowings by the corporates and hedge funds (speculative investment firms), speculative mergers, international usury at the cost of domestic economies.

We are witnessing the tumbling down of share prices at a gap of few years. The reason behind it is absence of capital in productive investments. The excess capital to the tune of trillion of dollars, move around the world at electronic speed in speculative transactions. The Central banks keep blind eye to private transactions until the financial collapse occurs as was witnessed, in not so distant past, in South East Africa, Russia and Latin America.

The colossal wastage of capital is not only involved in the crashing of share markets. But it also brings ruination to common people particularly in countries like the USA where investment in share by them is almost 100%. The percentage varies in the European countries. This trend is very much perceptible in our country also. Common people are being induced by the government policies to shift their savings from bank deposit to Mutual Funds linked with share markets. Their direct involvement in share markets comes from desperate bid to augment earnings in view of highly inflationary economy and loss of earnings due to lowering of interest rate on bank deposits.

It is worth noting that the tremendous increase in productive capacity due to development of science and technology has not led to more employment, more consumption and uplift in the standard of living but just the opposite. More the increase in productive power more the percentage of unutilised capacity. This is because in capitalism, production is guided by the motive force of maximisation of profit. And the shrinking market because of lowering of people's purchasing power stands as obstacle to expansion of both production and consumption. So, the world suffers today from 'excess products' not in the sense that people's demands cannot absorb those but because of the serious problem of selling those in market to realise maximum profit. It leads to cut in production, increase in layoff, closure and retrenchment.

Besides, more the crisis of market, more intense is the conflict between the imperialist powers in their bid to retain and expand markets. The world is faced with the gloomier prospect of trade wars converting into hot wars, bringing in its trail devastation of immeasurable depth and dimension. The call of May 1 comes in this concrete perspective. People need to remember that Lenin rightly interpreted it as the first salvo

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in prices of essential commodities. While common men are plunged in misery and destitution, the BJP-led Central government, in the name of national interest is carrying out anti-people measures and pushing people to the brink. On the other hand it is fanning up ugly communalism to divide the exploited people and engage them in fratricidal bloodbath and thereby hindering the path of united movement on burning issues of peoples' life. Comrade Dutta urged upon the people to fight resolutely against all casteist and communal forces and organise sustained and powerful movement conducive to anti-capitalist socialist revolution.

**Angul :** More than a thousand people participated in the meeting which was presided over by Comrade Bhimsen Behera, Secretary, Angul District Organising Committee. Comrade Dhurjati Das was the main speaker. Comrade Ashoke Mishra gave an introductory speech.

**Jashipur :** A big public meeting, presided over by Comrade Shambhu Naik, in-charge of Party in Mayurbhanj District, was held here. Comrade Bishnu Das, member, SUCI, Orissa State Committee was the main speaker. Comrade Sankha Majhi gave introductory speech.

**Cuttack :** The party foundation day was observed on 24th April at College Square, Cuttack, braving hail-storm and rain. Comrade Binapani Das, member of the State Committee presided. Comrade Raghunath Das, State Committee member was the main speaker. Comrade Biswambarh Das gave an introductory speech while Comrade Basanta Nayak moved the resolution.

## Kerala

The 52nd anniversary of our party was observed in Kerala in a solemn and befitting manner. Under the auspices of the Kerala State Committee of SUCI a mass meeting was organised in Pathanamthitta on 24th April. Before the meeting started, a colourful and spirited demonstration was held in the town.

The meeting was held at the Town Hall, Pathanamthitta. Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta, member, Central Committee of the party, was the main speaker. Comrade C. K. Lukose, Secretary, Kerala State Committee, presided.

Comrade Dasgupta, in his speech called upon the people to rally behind SUCI to build up mighty democratic mass movement against the anti-people policies of Central and State governments. He said that the attack on minority Christian community and their religious institutions as also on other minority communities

by Sangh Parivar elements are part of the ruling class' design to push the country towards fascism. The Central BJP government by according a red carpet welcome to Bill Clinton, the chieftain of imperialist war camp, has trampled upon the glorious anti-imperialist traditions of our country. The act of allowing FBI to open its office in Delhi has exposed the real imports of Clinton's visit and the true face of the BJP government. The agreement reached between India and US during Clinton's visit, for India to purchase huge quantity of arms from USA will add to the trend of militarisation of economy. The joint venture floated in entertainment sector is part of a conspiracy to break the cultural backbone of the people. The BJP is resorting to all these anti-people measures to serve the interest of Indian capitalist class. That is why they are pursuing the policy of globalisation, liberalisation and privatisation introduced by the erstwhile Congress government. In fact they are pursuing it more vigorously than Congress to win over the fullest confidence of the capitalist class. For the toiling millions, the need of the hour is to build up countrywide movement against these policies. That is why the Central Committee of party under the leadership of Comrade Nihar Mukherjee appealed to all left and democratic parties to come forward to build up such a movement. But the CPI(M) and the CPI have not responded to our call. They are suppressing movements built up by our party in West Bengal and Kerala where they are in power. Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta concluded his speech appealing to the people to strengthen SUCI, founded by the great philosopher and leader of the proletariat Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, which alone is organising people's movements on the edifice of higher proletarian culture armed by the noble ideology of Marxism-Leninism.

Comrade C. K. Lukose, in his presidential address recalled the historic struggle led by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh to build up SUCI as the genuine Communist Party of Indian soil. Comrade Ghosh's analysis and teachings have been, to the hilt, vindicated by history — he said.

## West Bengal

Mass meeting called by the West Bengal State Committee was held at Saheed Minar Maidan, the venue where Comrade Shibdas Ghosh himself addressed many a 24th April gathering. But on 24th April last, comrades proved their revolutionary mettle when norwester grazed Calcutta. A torrential shower turned the Maidan into a pool. The whole dais could have crumbled,

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of revolutionary proletarian movement to shake off the yoke of capitalism.

Since the first international of the working class was given concrete shape by Marx and Engels, revolutionary proletarian parties on the basis of teachings and lessons of Marxian scientific philosophy took shape in the countries of the world. The Paris Commune did not last long. But not daunted by its failure but drawing the appropriate lessons, in 1917, the world's first working class state became reality in Russia under the leadership of great Lenin. A new era, the era of proletarian revolution was ushered in. Since then socialist states came into being in East European countries and elsewhere. But debacle came after Stalin, the worthy disciple of Lenin as we have referred to earlier. But the debacle is being proved daily by workers' militant movements everywhere to be of temporary nature. Drawing appropriate lessons, the proletariat is rising in protest.

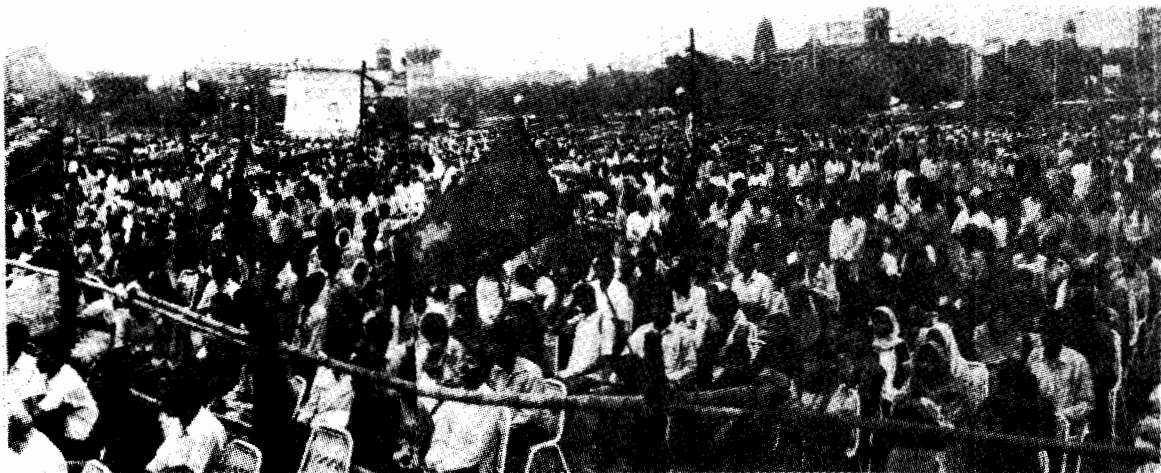
Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great teacher of the proletariat, the founder General Secretary of our party SUCI working on the teachings of Lenin developed and enriched those to a new height. Concretising those in our soil and demonstrating revolutionary genius he showed entirely new and a unique mode of building a proletarian revolutionary party — SUCI, his great creation.

More the situation becomes intolerable, more the people should gain the realisation that it is moribund capitalism that is the source of all the evils tormenting their life. And unless it is overthrown and replaced by socialism, they cannot hope for change in their life and living.

On May 11, a call of Bharat Bandh has been given by 56 mass organisations against BJP government's policy of globalisation-privatisation. We urge upon the people to actively participate in it and remain vigilant so that their struggles do not end in one day's strike but be protracted one.

On this occasion, we remind the people that in today's international perspective no anti-capitalist revolutionary movement can hope to succeed without at the same time building up militant peace movement all over the globe. For this militant peace movement, in absence of socialist bloc countries, particularly the former Soviet Union can save the anti-capitalist struggles from the intervention of the imperialists particularly their leader, the US imperialism.

People are to bear in mind the salutary lesson, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, an eminent Marxist thinker of the era, has left for us. He showed that the overthrow of capitalism which is moribund has become the agenda of the day. This is not merely to save mankind and civilization from the savage fascist deformities and most heinous attacks on human moral values, ethics and culture. It is all the more necessary to free science, technology and talents from the tentacles of profit motive of capitalism. Only by this mankind can chart out the path of all round development and progress receding to oblivion the trauma of present-day existence.



A part of the huge gathering on 24th April in Calcutta

# BJP-Sangh Parivar Attacks On Minorities Continue

*Attacks on the minority communities by the BJP-Sangh Parivar continue unabated in different parts of the country in a coordinated manner. Some recent instances are reported below.*

On April 1, the All India Catholic Union charged that a gang of armed youths had attacked the Christ Vihar Hindi Medium Primary School in Dasna-Masuri area of Ghaziabad district of UP run by Christian missionaries. They ransacked the school, beat up Father George who was in-charge, locked him in a room at knife point, looted money and later on locked up the boys sleeping in the dormitory and carried away their belongings (report : *The Statesman*, 2.4.2000)

On the night of 10-11 April, a group of masked men attacked the St. Theresa school at Kosi Kalan, near Mathura, U.P. They beat up two Christian nuns, sisters Gloria and Mary and took away Rs 26,000 and valuables. Next they attacked the quarters of Father Thomas, the school principal and the priest of a local church, hit him with iron rods till he became unconscious, beat up his housemaid as well, ransacked the school office, broke up the furniture and looted ornaments and cash. The local police and administration are trying to paint the episode as just a robbery, but the missionaries are convinced that it was a communal attack. It is to be noted that the incident was the latest in the series of attacks on the missionaries in the area for the past ten days. The first attack had been on a nuns' school in Bulandshar. At about the same time, two priests from Agra had been unlawfully detained by the police after a former teacher had filed a case against them. Later on, it was discovered that the child of a police officer had failed in his examinations the very same day at that school.

There had been confrontations between the missionary school managements in Agra and the guardians over fee hike and admission problems and the local saffron leaders had raised the bogey of 'isaikaran' (Christianisation) to keep the missionary schools under pressure. But most of the saffron leaders hypocritically had had their own children enrolled in the very same Christian missionary schools they were blaming for Christianisation! (Report : *ibid*, 13.4. and 16.4.2000)

On March 29, the Gujarat Assembly adopted the Gujarat Prevention of Anti-Social Activities (Amendment) Bill, 2000. By this, the scope of the existing Act which had hitherto been aimed against bootleggers, terrorists, drug peddlars, immoral traffickers, etc., was expanded to include people involved in the slaughter of cows and calves who could now be arrested at will and kept locked up for one month without bail. The Minister of State for Home of the BJP government, Haren Pandya, moving the Bill, lamented that the punishment for slaughter had been too light so long. He gleefully declared: "We have to protect our gaomata (mother of the village) and this is the resolve of our government." The leader of the opposition cited instances on the house floor how the existing Act had been variously misused to book innocent people — a Hindu girl who elope — with a Muslim boy or people who protested against water shortage. He also described how Bajrang Dal, VHP and RSS gangs in the state had already been harassing

people moving with cattle even if they did not mean to slaughter them (Report in *The Statesman* March 30).

It is to be noted that Gujarat is one of the states where the arrogance and fanaticism of upholders of Hindutva is most rampant, and so also minority bashing. Reports from some areas of Gujarat are that Hindu temples are being built here and there at every nook and corner proclaiming *Hindu Rashtra* (Hindu State) and even plots earmarked for future temples are fenced off and signboards put up with *Hindu Rashtra* inscribed thereon.

Even the Sikhs are not being spared from the Sangh Parivar onslaughts. The RSS is busy extending its influence in Punjab trying to create a strong base for itself in the state. To facilitate this, the RSS chief K S Sudarshan is leading a propaganda barrage to disseminate the idea that the Sikh community was once created by the Hindus as a warrior race to protect Hinduism, that the Sikh gurus were descendents of Lav and Kush, sons of Ram and that the role of Guru Govind Singh in history was similar to that of Hedgewar, the RSS founder, in the matter of uniting the community with a militant spirit! It is no wonder that such a falsifier of history as the RSS extended the meaning of the world Hindu last year to cover the Sikhs, Jains and the Buddhists as well! The RSS is fast putting up shakhas in Punjab. Making use of the occasion of the tricentenary of the Khalsa Panth, it is busy in organising celebrations. It has formed a Rashtriya Sikh Sangat for projecting Sikhism as a sect of Hinduism. Reportedly, some verses of Guru Govind Singh have been distorted for the purpose.

A full day seminar was held in portest by the Institute of Sikh Studies at Chandigarh on April 9. During the deliberations, Sikh scholars and historians portested against setting up of the Rashtriya Sikh Sangat and the porjection of Sikhism as a sect of Hindusim. They expressed deep concern at the sprouting up of RSS shakhas in the vilages of Punjab, distribution of copious propaganda material written in Punjabi in the Devnagari script by the RSS, infiltration by the RSS into the leading Sikh institutions with the object of foisting its hegemony on the Sikhs, the RSS reactivation of the defunct Hindu deras, matts and ashrams in Punjab mobilising the sadhus, sants and mahants of these to spread the concept of Hindutva and the doctoring of history by some historians under pressure from the RSS (reports in *The Statesman* dated 10.4. and 13.4.2000)

Delhi police swooped down upon the Jamia Millia Islamia University in the capital in hordes on April 9 last. Entering the campus, they lathicharged the students indiscriminately and beat them up brutally. In justification, they said they were looking for some "bad elements." What "bad elements"? It was reported on the floor of the Lok Sabha on April 17 that the police called the students agents of Pakistan's ISI as they beat them up mercilessly. In the SRK hostel at the University

the students still preseve the tell-tale blood stains, smashed doors and ransacked rooms as the stark reminders of the police atrocity. The police beat up the students, herded them like animals and put them inot jail. Even now, two of them are in Jail and 67 of them face police cases on charges such as attempt to murder! (*The Statesman* 18.4.2000)

These were students who were preparing for the coming examinations. A number of them who had already secured jobs, now do not know what the future has in store for them since they face criminal charges. What is the crime of these students? It is that they belong to the minority Muslim community.

It is to be noted that the Delhi police is directly controlled by the BJP-led Central government. Its communalisation in consonance with RSS ideology, as shown up by this incident, is palpable.

The Uttar Pradesh Religious Places and Buildings (Regulatory) Bill was moved by the BJP government of UP and is currently awaiting the President's assent. If enacted, this will place stringent restricitons on establishing and running religious places, and the minority Muslim community understandably feels threatened. The state BJP's assertion that the Bill does not single out any particular community and so is not discriminatory and is modelled upon similar enactments in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal, will assure nobody. Firstly, wrongs committed by others cannot be cited in justification of fresh wrong doing or about to be perpetrated by one. Secondly, BJP-Sangh Parivar's track record does not inspire any confidence in the minority communities, to say the least. Thirdly, the cat was out of the bag when the UP Chief Minister Ram Prakash Gupta, while defending the Bill on the Assembly floor, asserted that the Bill was needed to curb the ISI activities along the Indo-Nepal border. We are only too familiar with how the Muslim citizens are being spied upon, intimidated, arrested and tortured in the country in the name of curbing ISI activity.

We have referred above to some of the major attacks on minority communities under BJP-Sangh Parivar dispensation that came into the press during only the past 2/3 weeks. Even these show that a diabolic, integrated plan of the Sangh Parivar for intimidating and pressurising the minoirty communities not accepting the hegemony of Hindutva and attacking them for this purpose is under implementation. It is no accident that the attacks on the minoirites are more numerous in the states where the BJP is in governmental power. In these states, pro Hindu communalization of the police and administration is in progress. That is why attacks on Christian missionaries are officially described as ordinary robbery and unporvodked barbarous police attack launched inside the campus of a university is sought to be justified as an operation for hunting Pakistani ISI spies.

Practice of such rabid communalism stems from the Sangh Parivar's idea of projecting Hindutva as superior to all other religions practised in the country, as the only indigenous philosophy to the exclusion of all other religions

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# BJP-Sangh Parivar Attacks Minorities

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and philosophies which are considered alien and hence pernicious. The Hindu religious frenzy the Sangh Parivar is whipping up based on this concept can be compared to the flood of racial jingoism directed principally against the Jew that the hated Adolf Hitler let loose in Nazi Germany. That the Sangh Parivar is much enamoured of Hitler and his barbarous activities is no secret. The NCERT and the Gujarat State Education Board have conspired to project a glorified image of Hitler and Nazi racism in the school text books of history in that state thus : "Hitler lent dignity and prestige to the German government within a short time by establishing a strong administrative set up. He created the vast state of Greater Germany. He adopted the policy of opposition towards the Jewish people and advocated the supremacy of the German race. He adopted a new economic policy that brought prosperity to Germany" and so on and so forth. (Report in *The Statesman*, dated 1.4.2000)

Thus the utterly repressive fascist administration of Hitler is eulogised as having "lent dignity and prestige to the German government" and his imperialistic grabbing of other countries was considered to comprise "the vast state of Greater Germany"! Hitler's policies that led to the ruin of Germany are considered to have "brought prosperity to Germany"! Is it necessary to remind anyone that Hitler's above mentioned "policy of opposition towards the Jewish people" consisted of the cold blooded murder of at least 6 million Jews in the holocaust, the largest genocidal killing of a minority in the history of mankind?

If we add to this the bid by NCERT to whitewash the inglorious role of RSS, during pre-independence days, of opposing the freedom struggle against British rule and the current RSS effort to deny Nathuram Godse's connection with it, we get an idea of the largescale falsification of history, national and international, being attempted to suit the purpose of Sangh Parivar.

But this is not all. The very concept of secularism is now being officially distorted.

If the present Government in Delhi has its way, the State will henceforth actively interfere in matters religious, for they are busy re-defining secularism, changing its very concept. Secularism means that religion has no place in politics and statecraft. But we have been pointing out for long that in the hands of the ruling parties in our country, primarily the Congress, secularism has more and more come to mean encouraging all religions by the State. And now the BJP government at the Centre is trying to codify this misconception. The NCERT's discussion paper on national curriculum framework says : "secularism, in the present educational parlance, has wrongly been understood as rejection of religion."

"There has now emerged an opinion that the term ought to mean equal understanding of and respect for all religions, 'Sarvadharmasambhava' or 'Panthanirapekshata'." (Ibid)

Even in ideal conditions, such a concept would result not in a secular state, but a multitheocratic one. And in the present Indian context, with the Hindu jingoism of the BJP-Sangh Parivar in the driver's seat, is there any doubt that such a concept of "secularism" is bound to make India a Hindu theocratic state in practice, just as Pakistan

is a Muslim theocratic state, through active encouragement to Hindu jingoism from the State level taking advantage of the distorted concept of secularism, the verbiage about "Sarvadharmasambhava" or "Panthanirapekshata" notwithstanding?

An all-out design to further the cult of Hindu revivalism, rabid Hindu jingoism, for fascization of the society, is at work. BJP leader Sushma Swaraj's assertion in Bhopal on 14th April that Ayodhya was a political issue for the BJP, like a similar assertion made by Advani a decade back while the Ram Ratha yatras were on as a preparation of the vandalism to be perpetrated on the Babari Masjid, only lays bare the fact that the essence of BJP's politics is to whip up Hindu communal frenzy taking advantage of the religious sentiment of the Hindus to further its political end, drowning the country in fratricidal communal blood bath if need be.

It is a matter of record that leaders of RSS have been admirers of fascism, Nazism and Hitler for long.

B. S. Moonje, a politician very close to the RSS and considered to be the mentor of Hedgewar, the founder of RSS, toured Europe in February-March 1931 on his way back from the Round Table Conference. During this tour, he had a long stopover in Italy. The highpoint of his stay in Italy was a meeting with the hated fascist dictator Mussolini on March 19, 1931. Moonje visited a number of fascist organisational and military establishments and institutions and was deeply impressed by them. At that time, he wrote in his diary : "...The idea of fascism vividly brings out the conception of unity amongst people... India, and particularly Hindu India need some such institution for the military regeneration of the Hindus.... Our institution of Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangha of Nagpur under Dr. Hedgewar is of this kind, though quite independently conceived. I will spend the rest of my life in developing and extending this institution of Dr. Hedgewar all throughout the Maharashtra and other provinces." (Source : Paper by Marzia Casolari published in *Economic and Political Weekly*, issue dated January 22-28, 2000).

Let us see what the RSS ideologue Golwalkar had to say in *We or Our Nationhood Defined* (1938): "German national pride has now become the topic of the day. To keep up the purity of the nation and its culture, Germany shocked the world by her purging the country of the semitic races - the Jews. National pride at its highest has been manifested here. Germany has also shown how well-nigh impossible it is for races and cultures, having differences going to the root, to be assimilated into one united whole, a good lesson for us in Hindustan to learn and profit by."

And further: "From this standpoint sanctioned by the experience of the shrewd old nations, the non-Hindu people in Hindustan must either adopt the Hindu culture and language, must learn to respect and revere Hindu religion, must entertain no idea but the glorification of the Hindu nation....In one word, they must cease to be foreigners or may stay in the country wholly subordinated to the Hindu nation claiming nothing, deserving no privileges, far less any preferential treatment, not even citizen's rights."

The philosophical basis of rabid, fascistic jingoism, the diabolic blueprint of intimidating

and attacking the non-Hindus to cow them down into accepting the hegemony and supremacy of Hindus, or else to force them to live as second class citizens devoid of all rights — are all set out here in essence.

Against this backdrop, reports that Prime Minister Vajpayee has expressed his pleasure at and taken a 'stern' view of the Mathura incidents or his 'cautioning' of the government and party functionaries to be careful and sensitive while dealing with issues relating to minorities at the concluding session of the BJP's national executive meet at Delhi on April 16 sound hollow and amount to deception practised upon the NDA partners and the people at large.

For close on the heels of Vajpayee's admonition have come fresh attacks on the minorities. On April 22, a Christian group distributing religious literature in Nagla Ajita village near Agra was subjected to an attack led by Bajrang Dal activists when their literature was burnt to ash. On the night of April 22-23 some nuns, on their way to attend the Easter Mass in the church at Rewai, Haryana were attacked. One of them, Sister Anandi, is in the hospital in a critical state. These nuns were working among the women against social evils like alcoholism. Some local Hindu organisations did not like this and had recently distributed leaflets asking the nuns to leave the area. Incidentally, this was the fifth attack this year on Christian missionaries in Haryana.

Thus, despite all their subterfuges, the hidden programme of the BJP-Sangh Parivar does not remain hidden but shows its dreaded fangs. While Vajpayee, being in the government, perfunctorily decries the attacks on the minorities, the Sangh Parivar steps up the attacks under cover of this deception. While Dara Singh stands charged with the gruesome murder of the Christian missionary Staines in Orissa, the Sangh Parivar adopts various programmes to glorify him projecting him as a hero!

The danger of fascism facing the country is real. In Germany the rise of Hitler and fascism came to safeguard capitalism at a time when it was in the grip of endemic crises generating massive unemployment, distress in people's lives and recklessness — in order to dupe the people and lead them astray taking advantage of the weaknesses in the working class movement. Here in India now, the crisis-ridden capitalism has given rise to intense crisis in all spheres of life — economic, political, social and cultural. Unemployment problem, already very grave, has become even much more acute during the last few years due to the policy of globalisation adopted by the ruling Indian capitalist class in its aggregate class interest, in conjunction with imperialist monopoly capital. Thousands of factories are closing down, the prices are skyrocketing, the unemployed are crowding the country, distress and misery in people's life are swelling up and the government is adopting newer and newer anti-people measures to bear upon the people further accentuating their distress. The people get restless, they pine for a way out and may take to the path of revolt.

It is to arrest this fascization of the society is an urgent class necessity for the ruling Indian capitalist class. And all the governments in Delhi

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# Observance of Foundation Day of the Party in States

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but for the comrades, who physically supported it with granite strength. Thousands held ground while thoroughly drenched. With rapt attention people listened to Comrade Provash Ghosh, member, Central Committee, SUCI and Secretary, West Bengal State Committee.

Comrade Provash Ghosh said the country is facing an unprecedented crisis in every sphere, starting from ethics to politics and economics while the governments are talking about development. There are 20 crore unemployed in our country yet closure of factories and retrenchment are going on unabated. Endemic droughts and floods with devastating effect on rural people's livelihood are taking on ever more alarming dimensions, forcing an ever greater exodus from villages onto the footpaths in towns. So great has the crisis of reduced ground water level become that millions of people are suffering from slow poisoning due to arsenic in water. This is the picture of development; growing sufferings and impoverishment of the vast masses while a handful of owners loot and plunder the country together with foreign MNCs.

In this situation when united people's movement by left and democratic forces is the crying need of the hour — when our party is trying to the best of its capacity to build up countrywide movement, the CPI (M) led Left Front has not only abandoned the path of movement but is actually suppressing them. Due to its anti-people policies in its long rule there is deep resentment among the people. The rightist forces like Trinamul Congress and Congress are cashing in on these for electoral gains and to malign leftism and Marxism. Comrade Ghosh called on the people to give defeat to this election politics and come forward to strengthen the movements being built up by our party.

He inter alia, reminded the people, today world imperialism headed by the US imperialism has become so much aggressive that let alone achieving revolution any mighty progressive movement of the masses in any country cannot be brought to a successful culmination without fighting imperialist intervention.

The meeting was presided over by veteran peasant leader and member, West Bengal State Secretariat, Comrade Yakub Pailan.

## Nagpur, Maharashtra

The foundation day was observed in Nagpur. On the occasion a mass meeting was held at Rastra Vasha Prachar Samity Hall attended by many workers, women and youths.

The main speaker, Comrade Ranjit Dhar, Central Staff of the party, explained the significance of 24th April in the present political context and urged the working class to fulfil the tasks of anti-capitalist socialist revolution in our country.

Comrade Promode Kamble, an important youth organiser presided over the meeting. Other speakers were Comrade Madhab Bhonde, in-charge, Nagpur unit and Comrade Rabindra Sakhre, an important youth organiser.

## Durg, MP

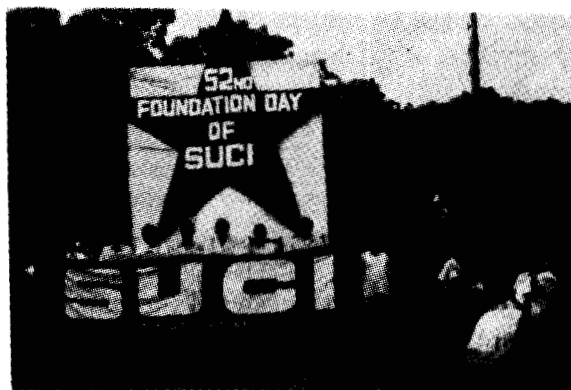
The foundation day was observed on 24th April at Durg in Madhya Pradesh with due solemnity. Large number of workers, students and youths participated in the meeting held at Aditya

Nagar, Durg. Comrade Badsha Khan, Secretary, UTUC-LS, was present as the main speaker

## Ghatsila, Bihar

Foundation day was observed in different party offices of Singhbhum district. A mass meeting was organised in the premises of the "Study Centre of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought" at Ghatshila in Singhbhum.

After the song on the great leader of the proletariat, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, by Sangeet Mandali and Guard of honour by Comsomal, Comrade Ranjit Modak, Secretary, Singhbhum District Committee and President of the meeting, made his inaugural speech. Main speaker Comrade Hem Chakraborty, member, Bihar State



Committee, discussed the significance of 24th April in the context of present national and international situation. Comrade B. B. Das also addressed the gathering. The meeting ended with the 'Internationale'.

Earlier in the morning the statue of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was garlanded by Comrades Gayatri Dasgupta, a women leader, Hem Chakraborty, Ranjit Modak and Malay Bose.

## Patna, Bihar

A meeting was organised at the local IMA Hall. It was presided over by Comrade Amriteswar Chakraborty, Secretary, Bihar State Committee and addressed mainly by Comrades Arun Kumar Singh and Shiv Sankar, both members of the State Committee. They explained the significance of 24th April, the correctness of the party's base political line of anti-capitalist



socialist revolution and exposed the anti-people policies of the Central and the State governments as evinced in the curtailment of the subsidies of PDS and urea among others. They fervently appealed to the people to build up democratic mass movements under the leadership of the SUCI, the genuine Communist party.

Thereafter a well-decorated procession--hundreds strong--started from the hall, traversed through important spots and reached Patna junction, thundering slogans all the way against subsidy-cuts and disintegrating law and order

situation in the state. The programme ended with a speech by Comrade Arun Kumar Singh.

## Chandigarh

A mass meeting was organised by the Chandigarh unit of the SUCI at Lajpat Rai Bhawan on the occasion of the 52nd anniversary of the SUCI. The meeting, presided over by Justice A S Bains (Retd.), and attended by people from all walks of life was addressed by Comrades Jagdish Chander, Aminderpal Singh, and Narinder Sharma who was the main speaker. The speakers highlighted the significance of 24th April in the life of the downtrodden and exploited masses of the country. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh founded the party for the emancipation of the working class as there was no genuine Communist Party of India. They also discussed the present national and international situation and appealed to the people to rally round the SUCI in order to translate into reality the dreams of the great freedom-fighters and martyrs like Bhagat Singh and Chandrasekhar Azad.

In the presidential speech Justice A S Bains condemned the trampling of civil and democratic rights of the people by the oppressive administrative machinery. In fine, he appealed to the youth of the country for holding high the banner of anti-capitalist socialist revolution.

## Tripura

On 24th April mass meeting was held at Kaman Choumohani, Agartala, despite heavy rain. Comrade Prativa Mukherjee, member, West Bengal State Secretariat of the party and main speaker of the meeting, in her speech remembered how Comrade Shibdas Ghosh founded the party on this day 52 years ago just with a handful of revolutionary compatriots and she pointed out that today the party is conducting class and mass struggles in twentyone states of India. Not only throughout India, Comrade Ghosh's thoughts are now being appreciated in revolutionary circles of different countries of the world. While dwelling on the present political situation in India, Comrade Mukherjee showed how all the bourgeois and petty-bourgeois parties, namely the BJP, Congress, Janata, CPI (M), CPI etc. are serving the interest of the ruling capitalist class, and explained why the BJP-led government at the Centre paid red-carpet reception to the imperialist chieftain Clinton to serve the same interest.

Comrade Shibani Das presided over the meeting.



Comrade Manik Mukherjee, Central Staff of the Party addressing party foundation day meeting on 24th April at Hyderabad, A.P.

On the dias (Left to Right) sitting Comrades Ch. Murahari and Comrade K. Sridhar, Secretary, Hyderabad District Organising Committee and A. P. State Organising Committee respectively.

# Call of 52nd Anniversary

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Party is life, revolution is life. In fact, this realization of his sets the goal before us.

To be a member of the party the conditions to be fulfilled are — whether one works at least three days a week for the party, pays subscription regularly, works for the party under the guidance of a party body, and discharges any task assigned by the party. Besides these, there is another very important aspect. Whether every member always can make his personal interest secondary to the interest of the working class, to the cause of revolution, to the interest of the revolutionary working class party, the party that is advancing revolutionary movement. Only with this objective in view should each and every comrade participate in all activities of mass struggles and class struggles. Mass and class struggles steel and thus uplift their characters. But what is the goal? We should strive to reach the standard, the greatest height, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had attained. Even if we cannot attain it, we should go on applying the whole of our vitality to the last in discharging any responsibility the party assigns to us by surrendering ourselves unconditionally and happily to the party, with the deep conviction that the party is our life, revolution is our life. We have to struggle with such indomitable spirit.

We should also take note of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's realisation when he left his home still in his teens. When he left home as a revolutionary of the freedom movement he thought, "Nothing should stand between the country's freedom struggle and me". Were not his parents, brothers and sisters objects of great respect, affection and love to him? But he had reached such a realisation — let me express it in his own words: My father used to say, "Who else than you have such a queer understanding? We see, all others are fighting for freedom, wearing Gandhi cap, and at the same time acquiring houses and properties, doing trade and business — who else is engaged in exhausting himself like you?" He used to say: "What else can I do? Since I have understood, how can I betray my conscience?"

I ask you to grasp this point. Man works as per his own realisation — nothing should stand between freedom fighter and national freedom movement — how great is this realisation, this conviction! It is this realisation that filled his

young mind. In *Pather Dabi* Saratchandra painted a revolutionary character of Sabyasachi. At that time there was no such character actually existing. It was the idealised image of a model revolutionary. There we find him saying like this: Nothing stands between the revolutionary movement of a country and myself as a revolutionary. Combining all the good qualities of the then revolutionaries Saratchandra made it into a living character of aesthetic beauty in his literature. We too were inspired by it. But Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was not only inspired, he lifted his realisation to that lofty level.

None is born great. A great man emerges through traversing the path of many struggles. Likewise, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh through ceaseless struggle constantly confronting the then objective situation attained this lofty height. The history of Comrade Ghosh's lifestruggle, the history of SUCI's struggle and the history of the development of the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh — these three are inextricably linked up. Unless these three are understood as a whole Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's emergence cannot be comprehended. Thinker cannot be considered in isolation from the thought. To understand the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh we have to understand his struggle in life, his revolutionary existence, and the SUCI too, is to be understood this way. SUCI has developed on the basis of thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the Architect. That is why we have to lay the greatest stress today in understanding the process of struggle that was initiated by the Central Committee inside our party in the context of the BJP coming into power at the Centre through the last elections. It is this struggle that is to be understood more and more deeply. Today it has become an urgent necessity to conduct socialist struggles on any question that comes up before the leaders, cadres and the party with an open mind and in the dialectical process by uniting all the party workers and covering all aspects of life in the minutest details and even sex life. I do not say this just for the sake of saying. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh has concretely demonstrated this in his own life in practice. We have to dedicate ourselves to this struggle by keeping in view the teaching of Comrade Ghosh with his life as the model. I hope, you would realise the significance of what I have said, its deeper and

deeper significance and apply this in your life. It is only through this that we can truly observe this anniversary day.

Long Live Revolution!  
Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Red Salute!  
Long Live SUCI!

## Attack on Minorities

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servicing it — led by the Congress, Janata or the United Front — have all been working towards fascization of the society for years, faithfully serving the ruling class.

Just as the all round curses have deepened further following globalization, so also has the Indian ruling class found in the BJP a trusted agent, quite suited to take the path on to fascism because of its obscurantism, revivalism and Hindu racial jingoism. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had shown that fascism is a peculiar fusion of spiritualism with the technical aspects of science, fascism thrives by obstructing the rational process of thinking in the country, by encouraging all sorts of obscurantist superstitions and fads. The BJP's bid to make religious teaching compulsory and the teaching of science and mathematics optional in the schools, its encouragement to religious superstitions and even fatalism bear this out.

BJP's rabid Hindu communalism is serving to keep the people away from the path of mass movement and struggle by destroying their unity against the ruling class. As a reaction to the Hindu communal frenzy being whipped up by the BJP, there is also the danger of minority communalism getting a fillip in the country.

People should understand that the danger of fascism raising its ugly head in the country through the cult of virulent Hindu revivalism of the Sangh Parivar is real. It is not enough to realize the danger. The time has come to actively organise a countrywide movement as the antidote, for creating a strong social counter current against the Parivar's philosophy, activities and organisations before it is too late. For once fascism gets entrenched, it obstructs rational, sane thinking in the country, the very process of formation of man.

### Saheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh Day being observed



Saheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh Day being observed at Chandigarh on 23rd March, 2000 under the auspices of DYD

### Protest Demonstration in Gulbarga, Karnataka

SUCI, Gulbarga District Committee organised a protest Dharna on 18 April against price-hike of the essential commodities at Mini Vidhana Soudha (D.C. Office). A large number of demonstrators attended the Dharna which was addressed by Comrade H V Diwakar, District Secretary, SUCI, Comrade Nagammal, member, District Committee and Comrade G M Meti, Vice President, AIDYO and Comrade Gouse Patel Secretary, AIDS. The speakers appealed to the people to intensify the movement against the anti-people policies of the Central and State governments.

The Dharna ended with the submission of memorandum addressed to the Prime Minister through the Deputy Commissioner.

#### Corrigenda

It is regretted that in our issue of April 15, certain errors eluded notice. We point out the serious ones:

In the lead article on Banks on page 1 - the year mentioned about Mrs. Thatcher coming to power should be 1980. The sentence should read: Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan came to power with a programme of removing state control from economy and allowing the market mechanism to work.

The lowering of rate of interest in banks to 4 p.c. is on term deposit

Page 5: Column 3, lines 35, 36, 37 starting with "These common markets..." should be omitted.

Page 6: In 3rd para 1st line, 'nationalization' not 'rationalization' as printed.

The word "continents" in the 6th paragraph of 2nd column should be "countries."

The word "dogs" in the concluding paragraph should be read 'does'.

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