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## Remembering Mao Zedong



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## Persevere In Plain Living And Hard Struggle, Maintain Close Ties With The Masses

*[On the occasion of the 26th memorial day of Comrade Mao Zedong on 9th September we reprint his article on "Persevere in plain living and hard struggle, maintain close ties with the masses" (March 1957). We think that the invaluable teachings in this article will help the communists greatly in furthering class and mass struggle whatever the situation.]*

Our Party is going to unfold a rectification movement. This is a way of resolving contradictions within the Party through criticism and self-criticism and also of resolving contradictions between the Party and the people. This time the movement will be aimed at three bad styles, bureaucracy, sectarianism and subjectivism. Through rectification we must strive to carry forward our Party's tradition of plain living and hard struggle. Since our victory in the revolution, the revolutionary will of some of our comrades has been waning, their revolutionary enthusiasm has been ebbing, their spirit of whole-hearted service to the people has been flagging, and so has the death-defying spirit they displayed in the days of fighting against our enemies; at the

same time, they are clamouring for position and for the limelight, becoming particular about what they eat and wear, competing for salary and scrambling for fame and gain — all these tendencies are growing. I have heard that during the grading of cadres last year, some people burst into tears and made terrible scenes. People have two eyes, haven't they? Drops of water welling up in them are called tears. When the grading doesn't meet their wishes, tears begin to stream down their cheeks. They never shed a single tear during the war against Chiang Kai-shek, the movement to resist U.S. aggression and aid Korea, the agrarian reform and the suppression of counter-revolutionaries, nor have they shed a tear

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## Petrol Pump and Land Scam of BJP

# Party With A Difference !

Financial scams perpetrated by or in connivance with the ministers or parties in power are no new things in India. While in power at the Centre or in states the Congress committed such mischiefs on innumerable occasions. The regional ruling parties like Laluprosad's RJD, Jaijalitha's AIADMK, DMK etc., or even the CPI(M)-Front governments in different states, particularly in West Bengal, follow the same course, as the people know only too well. The Janata or UF governments at the Centre in the past were also no exceptions. But in the less than four years' rule at the Centre, the BJP-led NDA government's performance shows that it does not anyway lag behind the Congress in this respect.

After the share market scam, Kargil defence supply scam, US-64

scam, Tehelka-exposed defence scam and Co-operative Bank scam, etc., just to name a few, petrol pump distribution scam, land distribution scam in Delhi and Andhra Pradesh have now come to light — the pump scam being directly engineered by a BJP cabinet minister with the blessings of the Prime Minister Vajpayee and implicit guidance from the Deputy Prime Minister Advani. All the Opposition parties stalled the Houses of Parliament from August 2 demanding resignation of the petroleum minister Ram Naik, inquiry by a Supreme Court judge or CBI inquiry on account of irregularity, corruption and favouritism in allotting dealership of petrol pumps across the country and the speakers adjourned both the Houses sine die since August 12 to save the

government from further Opposition attack.

On the heels of the pump scam it has been revealed that the then Urban Development Minister Jagmohan, infamous for his notoriety in Kashmir and the present one Mr Anant Kumar, distributed valuable plots of land in Delhi's posh areas to RSS outfits in a most partisan manner at throwaway prices. Besides, it is reported, the BJP president Venkaiah Naidu along with his family members misappropriated 40.15 acres of vested land at Kasumuru village in Nellore district (Andhra Pradesh) earmarked for the Dalits (poor scheduled cast and scheduled tribe landless peasants) through benam pattas (i.e. in false fictitious names).

According to reports published in details in different dailies the

petroleum minister not only indulged in favouritism by allotting petrol pumps to relatives of BJP and RSS leaders and many NDA MPs, millions of rupees changed hands for even on petrol pump installation through BJP touts or middlemen, the total amount involved in the scam running upto Rs. 2,500 crore. With the surfacing of the scam in the Houses, Prime Minister Vajpayee first tried to defend the minister Mr Ram Naik in vain and then hurriedly announced cancellation of all petrol pump allotments since January, 2000 and claimed such step taken to be 'unprecedented'. Demand of the Opposition for resignation of Mr Ram Naik or inquiry was flatly turned down on the plea that the very allotments have been cancelled and there was no need of any

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during the building of socialism, but as soon as their personal interests were affected, rivers of tears began to flow. I have even heard of someone refusing to eat for three days. I would say, it doesn't matter much if one doesn't eat for three days, but it would be a little dangerous if that went on for a week. In short, the tendency has emerged of contending for fame and position, of comparing salaries, food, clothing and comforts. To go on hunger strike and shed tears on account of one's personal interests may be considered a kind of contradiction among the people. There is an opera scene called *Lin Chung Flees at Night*,<sup>1</sup> in which one line goes, "A man does not easily shed tears until his heart is broken." Now some of our comrades are men (and probably women too) about whom it can be said that they do not easily shed tears until it comes to grading. Such behaviour must be rectified too, mustn't it? It is right not to shed tears easily, but when is one's heart broken? When the destiny of the working class and the masses of the working people is at stake. Then one may shed a few tears. Whatever rank you are given, you should take it even if you are graded incorrectly, and you should not let your tears out but keep them in. There is much that is unfair in this world, and maybe you have been improperly graded, but even so there is no reason to make a fuss about it, for it is inconsequential and you should rest content as long as you have enough to eat. After all, we are a revolutionary Party, so we make it a principle not to allow anybody to starve to death. As long as one isn't starving to death, one should do revolutionary work and exert oneself. Even ten thousand years from now people should work hard. A Communist is supposed to work hard and to serve the people with his whole heart, not with half or two-thirds. Those whose revolutionary will has been waning should have their spirits revived through rectification.

Section 1 is part of a speech at a conference of Party cadres in Tsinan on March 18, 1957, and Section 2 is part of a speech at a conference of Party cadres in Nanking on March 19 of the same year.

We should maintain the same vigour, the same revolutionary enthusiasm and the same death-defying spirit we displayed in the years of the revolutionary wars and carry our revolutionary work through to the end. What is meant by death-defying? In the novel *Water Margin* there is a character called Death-Defying Third Brother Shih Hsiu, whose spirit is exactly what we have in mind. It was with this spirit that we made revolution in the past. A man has but one life to live, and he may live to sixty, seventy, eighty or ninety, it all depends. At least you should do some work as long as you can. And you should do it with revolutionary enthusiasm and a death-defying spirit. Some comrades are lacking in this enthusiasm and spirit and have stopped making progress. This is not a wholesome phenomenon, and education should be conducted among them.

The whole Party should strengthen political and ideological work. Quite a number of comrades present at today's conference are from the army. How are things in the army? Isn't there some difference between political work in peace-time and in wartime? In wartime close ties must be forged with the masses, the officers must be integrated with the men and the army with the people. In such times the people excuse us if we have some shortcomings. Now it is peace-time, we have no battles to fight and all we have to do is to train; if we do not persist in maintaining close ties with the masses, they will naturally find it hard to excuse our shortcomings. Although the system of military ranks<sup>2</sup> and other systems have been instituted, those with higher rank should still be at one with their subordinates and the cadres with the soldiers, and subordinates should still be allowed to criticize their superiors and soldiers to criticize cadres. For instance, a Party conference can be convened to provide an opportunity to make criticisms. During the movement against the "three evils", Comrade Chen Yi put it aptly when he said, "It was all right for us to issue orders for so many years, wouldn't it be all right now to let our subordinates criticize us for a while, say for a week?" What he meant was that it ought to be all right. I agree with him, let our subordinates have one week to criticize us. Before the criticisms begin, make some preparations, then give some sort of report and say something about your own

shortcomings, which probably won't amount to more than one, two, three, or four points. Then let the comrades speak, adding some points and making criticisms. The masses are fair-minded, they won't write off our record. Company and platoon commanders should also offer their men an opportunity to make criticisms, and it would be best to do so once a year by holding criticism meetings for several days in a row. In the past we practised democracy of this kind in the army, and with good results. Don't let the close relations between the higher and lower levels, between officers and men, between the army and the people and between the armed forces and the local

authorities be impaired as a result of the adoption of the system of military ranks and other systems. It goes without saying that the higher levels should maintain close relations with the lower levels and that these should be comradely. Cadres should forge close ties with soldiers and be integrated with them. The armed forces should likewise maintain close relations with the people and with the local Party and government organizations.

Our comrades should take note: Don't live on the power of your office, your high position or seniority. Speaking of seniority, we have been making revolution for many years, and while this record of ours does count, still we must not live on it. True, you are a veteran who has worked for several decades. For all that, when you do something foolish and talk nonsense, the people won't excuse you. No matter how many your good deeds in the past and no

matter how high your post, if today you are not doing a good job, not solving problems correctly and thus harming the people's interests, they won't forgive you. Therefore our comrades should rely not on seniority but on being correct in solving problems. What counts here is correctness, not seniority. Since you cannot rely on your seniority,

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— Mao Zedong

you might as well forget about it, as if you had never been an official at all, that is, you must stop putting on the airs of an overlord, of a bureaucrat, you must put aside your airs and go among the people and among your subordinates. This is a point our cadres, and particularly our old cadres, must keep in mind. Generally speaking, new cadres are not so burdened, are less encumbered. Old cadres should treat new cadres on an equal footing. In many ways old cadres are not as good as new cadres and should learn from them.

Notes :

- 1) *Lin Chung Flees at Night* is a scene in the Kunchu opera *The Story of a Sword* composed in the Ming Dynasty. The Kunchu opera originated in Kunshan, Kiangsu.
- 2) The system of military ranks was initiated in September 1955 and abolished in May 1965.

## Protest Rally at Agartala

The people of Tripura suffer from all sorts of problem due to the apathy of the ruling CPM and the inaction of the main opposition party the Congress. Tripura is a backward state compared to other states. While the price of all essential commodities soar, the people of Tripura face additional troubles due to the state's disastrous road condition, more particularly during the rainy season, which causes inconvenience to the supply of essential commodities from the neighbouring state of Assam. Making this as plea, the traders hike

the price far more than that in other states.

On this and other issues the Tripura state committee of the SUCI decides to organize mass movement in the state. As a part of it, on 16th August a protest rally was held at Surya Chaumohani, Agartala, which was addressed by Comrade Bablu Banik and a street-side meeting at Udaypur, south Tripura, addressed by Comrades Bivulal Bad and Subrata Chakraborty. On both the occasions large decorated processions preceded the meetings.

# Bush Administration Planning Invasion of Iraq

The audacity of the US imperialists knows no limit. The Bush administration is now planning to invade Iraq and instal a puppet government there. There has been speculation after the installation of the puppet Hamid Karzai government in Afghanistan that the US will attack Iraq as part of its war on "terrorism". The Afghan war was followed by the declaration of an "axis of evil" comprising Iraq, Iran and North Korea. A few days ago the *New York Times* disclosed detailed plans drawn by the Pentagon for a physical invasion of Iraq. Subsequent writings in the *Times*, *The Washington Post* and some other newspapers confirm the veracity of this news that the Bush administration has made up its mind to launch an air-cum-ground attack from bases in as many as eight neighbouring countries in the beginning of the year 2003. President Bush again declared Iraq as an "enemy until proven otherwise" on August 10 last.

A curious spectacle was on display recently in the US when the Democratic and Republican parties had bipartisan hearings on whether to achieve the US objectives in Iraq through military action. The shameless objective of the US is regime change in Iraq. The US has been pursuing this objective since the last war against Iraq through crippling economic sanction against this country, and that claimed the lives of hundreds of thousands of children as a result of lack of food and medicine. The US has also imposed illegal "no fly" zones in northern and southern Iraq preventing the Iraqi air force from operating in these areas. Washington is now holding talks with the stooge Iraqi opposition groups on how to fill the void after toppling Saddam Hussain. This is a familiar and sinister ploy adopted by the US imperialists in different countries of the world to serve its imperialist interests. The US imperialists want to impose a tyrannical world order such humanity has never known. It is a world order in which the will of the US imperialists alone will prevail. A few days ago Bush had the audacity to declare that the Palestinians could have their state if they replaced Yasser Arafat and elected a new leader and a government willing to kowtow to Israeli demands. Four years ago Slobodan Milosevic was targeted for not toeing the US line. US war-mongers targeted any nationalist leader or any country which refuses to toe the US line.

In its preparation of war against Iraq, the US has embarked upon massive construction of military base in Qatar. In the previous Gulf war the US made use of the military bases in Saudi Arabia, UAE and other countries of the Middle-East. But this time the anti-US sentiment among the people of these countries is so strong that the reactionary rulers of these countries, who

always toe the US line are now finding it difficult to allow the US to use their soil as the launching pad of the war against Iraq. The ruling clique of Qatar has also been compelled to express its reservation in allowing the US to use this country in the invasion against Iraq. But the US is confident that it can manage the reactionary rulers of Qatar, virtually a vassal state, by huge bribing or by military means. Again US-Jordan military exercises began on August 12 last in the southern desert part of the country. An undisclosed number of US marines are reported to have landed offshore from two vessels docked at the Red Sea port of Aquaba. The US has started large-scale logistic build up near Iraq. The Pentagon is sending weapons and other supplies to West Asia. The Pentagon has hired two giant cargo ships to carry armoured vehicles and helicopters among other war materials, and eight other cargo ships capable of carrying ammunition, tanks and ambulances. The airforce is stockpiling weapons, ammunition and spare parts including airplane engines at depots in the Persian Gulf region. Military officials are reported to have confirmed that arsenals of airforce and navy and precision guided missiles are fully replenished. *The New York Times* quoted senior Pentagon officials that the Pentagon is contracting for a ship to move troop carrying combat vehicles from Europe and the US to the Persian Gulf to join equipment for four armoured brigades already stored there. Another will carry vehicles, helicopters and ammunition to a Red Sea port for a military exercise this year. The Defence Department has also awarded a contract to Macrsk Line to operate 8 ships capable of carrying ammunition at bases. The ships will be stationed near the Indian Ocean Island of Diego Garcia. The US state department

sent letter to various charities and non-government organizations inviting tenders to undertake medical care, refugee relief, shelter, water supply, education and sanitation rebuilding that will be necessary after any military campaign.

In its grand imperialist design to dominate the entire world the US has made the UNO its mere rubber stamp. But when even this servile UNO is found to stand as a least hindrance to its imperialist gameplan the US completely ignored the organization as we found in the case of attack against Yugoslavia. But in the face of Arab and international opposition to the US threat to Iraq and as the voices which are critical of evil US design and in solidarity with Iraq get stronger, the US imperialists are forced not to cast aside the pretence of abiding by the international norms. The US is justifying the invasion of Iraq on the plea of Iraq's violation of its treaty obligation when Iraq threw out the UN arms inspectors from that country in December 1998. The UN arms inspectors were supposed to supervise the destruction of the capacity of Iraq to produce weapons of mass destruction. But in November 1998 when a diligent search in Saddam palace for the materials that went to the production of such arms yielded nothing, the US and its ever faithful lackey the UK still insisted that the inspection would go on. In reality the US members of the UN team were carrying on spy activities against the national interest of Iraq. The fact is that the leader of the UN team, Scott Ritter, was actually a CIA man as was revealed later. Moreover the US and the UK resorted to large-scale bombing on Iraq to impose the no-fly zone unilaterally dictated by them without any UN sanction. In this situation Iraq asked the arms inspectors to leave that country.

The US which has the largest stockpile of nuclear weapons and had no qualms in using depleted uranium bombs on Iraq has been accusing Iraq of producing weapons of mass destruction. But that this allegation is only a figleaf to invade Iraq has been amply proved from the interview of Scott Ritter, the CIA man in BBC on July 17 last. He told the BBC that Iraq rebuilding its capacity of producing weapons of mass destruction was simply not possible as by the time he left Iraq in 1998 all of Iraq's capacity to produce such weapons had been destroyed and it was inconceivable

that Iraq had been able to acquire those equipment for producing such weapon under the eyes of a watchful world. He continued that as for materials that went into biological weapons, these had a self-life of three years. So even if some had remained unaccounted for in 1998 as the US had then claimed, it was no longer usable.

So it is clear that the US call for invading Iraq has no leg to stand upon and it has no legal or moral right to invade Iraq despite its pretence of abiding by the international norms. The overriding necessity of the US is to prop up its sagging economy through war. The USA is suffering serious economic crisis. September 11 incident was allowed to happen despite prior knowledge of the Bush administration. It was used as a pretext to pounce upon Afghanistan. After the war against Afghanistan, the US established bases in Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan. The US got access to the oil rich region of the Caspian Sea. It is also in a strategic position to dominate the Arabian Sea. But as the world capitalist economy is in the moribund stage at the present time the hunger for market and the hunger for control of world resources know no bounds. The US got a temporary respite after the war against Afghanistan. But in the present stage of continual crisis the US needs one war after another to survive from the impending doom. Peace is death warrant to the US imperialists. So the neo-conservative intellectuals — the think tank of the US corporate houses with powerful ties with the Bush administration are calculating that war against Iraq would not push up oil prices to such an extent that it will cause severe damage to the US economy. But the war, according to them, would definitely give a big boost to the US economy. These death merchants can go to any extent to inflict death upon tens of thousands of common men and cause destruction to their property including hospitals, schools, residential complexes, communication network and all other essential infrastructure necessary for a civilized living only for ensuring their super-profit.

In this background the role of the BJP-led government is worth noting. The US imperialists are now the best friends of the BJP. The BJP-led government has voiced a luke warm opposition to the US design against Iraq but it is in connivance with the US to become a junior partner of the US in this part of the globe. The BJP-led government is participating in joint military, naval and air exercises.

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# More on Observance of 5th August

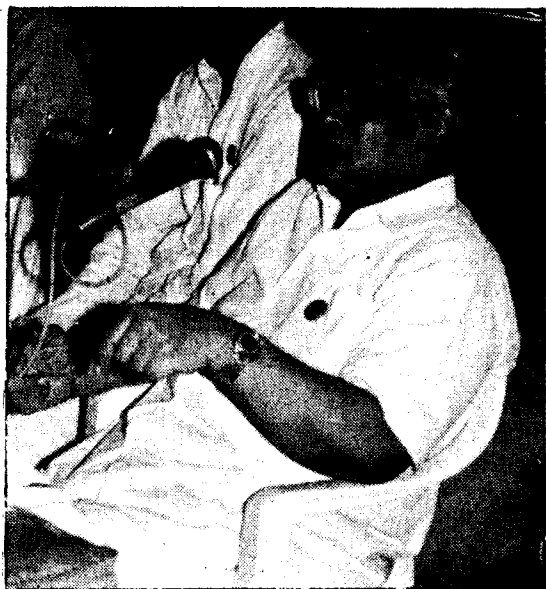
[The memorial day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat and the founder General Secretary of our party was observed in different parts of the country. We covered the news of the observance of the day in some of the states in our last issue. More news have been received since then and those are given here. — Ed. P. Era]

## Haryana and New Delhi

The 26th death anniversary of our leader and teacher Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was observed with due honour and dignity at the industrial town of Gurgaon in Haryana and in Delhi on 5th and 7th August respectively.

Comrade Satyawar, Secretary, State Organizing Committee, Haryana, presided over the meeting, held at Gurgaon. The hall was packed to the capacity. Peasants, workers, middle class employees and students from distant districts converged at the meeting place with great enthusiasm.

In Delhi, the meeting was presided over by Professor Narendra Sharma. Comrade A. K. Mazumder opened the proceedings by referring to Comrade Ghosh's



Comrade Ashutosh Banerjee

teachings with great feeling. Comrade Sharma also dwelt with at length on the unique teachings of Comrade Ghosh which comprise correct understanding of Marxist outlook about the world, our country and the communist way of life.

Comrade Ashutosh Banerji, member, Central Committee spoke as the main speaker at both the meetings. Only a very short substance of both the speeches is being reproduced here. Comrade Banerji said that Comrade Ghosh's life struggle is the history of the hard and dogged struggle to build a genuine proletarian party in India. The outcome is the emergence of the SUCI. This struggle was all embracing. It encompassed political, economic and cultural aspects of life and society. His life was inseparably connected with the arduous struggle to realize the correct conceptions about all the these aspects of life and society; to teach and mould the perceptions of the rank and file with these conceptions; to build a genuine Leninist model party of the proletariat to execute into reality these conceptions.

In political sphere, he taught us about the bourgeois class character of the Indian state, the leading revolutionary class position of the Indian proletariat, the revolutionary role of the poor peasants as the ally of the proletariat; the role of the lower middle class of urban and rural areas as the ally of the proletariat. He taught us about socialist stage of

revolution in India. In the economic sphere, he taught us about the labour and capital relations of production obtaining in our country; the urge to earn maximum profit as the motive force of production; the

commercialization of agriculture; indicating irrefutably the existence of a capitalist society. A capitalism that has given birth to finance capital; a capitalism that has acquired imperialist character.

About the cultural aspect he has emphatically upheld that the kernel of Marxism lies in the qualitatively different and higher concept of ethics and aesthetic; these cannot but be proletarian ethics and aesthetic during the phase of the class struggle for the revolutionary transformation of the society to reach the goal of communism.

This concept of ethics and aesthetic must be free from individualism in all forms; this must be free from private property mental complex encompassing all the delicate sensitivities like love, friendship, affection, etc., all the perceptions about social cultural values.

Marx taught us that conceptions are the product of the incessant historical processes responsible for social development and the class struggle in class divided societies. It follows from this that anyone desirous to become a communist; to build a communist party must try to realize the ideology of communism, its concept of ethics and aesthetic, and to inculcate the same in one's character, must involve himself in understanding the inherent historical processes of social development; must engage himself in accelerating the inherent historical processes of social development; and must engage in class struggle in all aspects of life to change himself and to change the society radically. As a true disciple of Marx and Engels Comrade Ghosh subjected himself to this process uncompromisingly. He

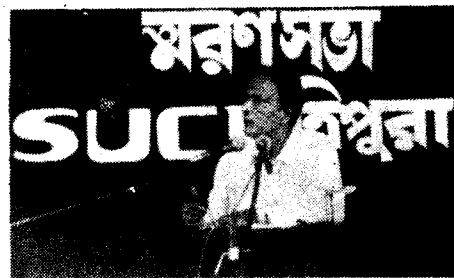
struggled relentlessly till his death to change and elevate himself as a true communist. He not only was changing himself, but also his comrades-in-arms and the rank and file by means of true collective struggle.

In this process he also developed Marxism-Leninism to a new height with higher understanding capable of tackling new contemporary problems covering every aspect of life and society.

This is the greatest lesson he left for us to learn and practice.

## Tripura

At Tripura the memorial day of the great leader was observed at the ground of Rabindra Bhavan, Agartala on 5th August. Comrade Asit Bhattacharya, member, Central Committee, as the main speaker on the occasion said: The people's life



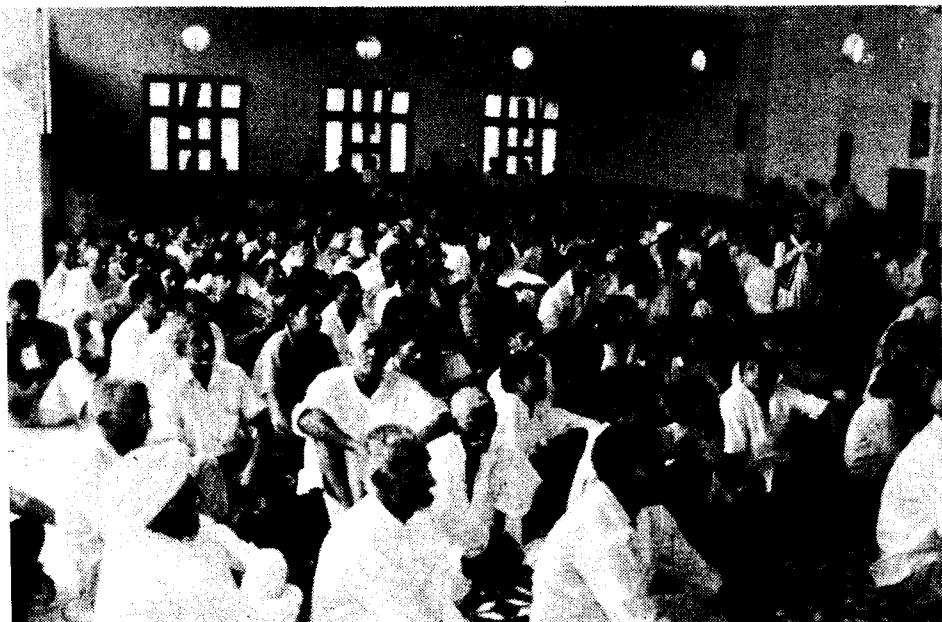
Comrade Asit Bhattacharya

is hit by an acute financial crisis and they are completely bewildered. The cause behind the crisis is the present exploitative society alone. However, the design of the ruling parties is to create newer and newer issues to divide the people so that they fail to realize it and stand united against it. Combined with this problem is the crisis in the cultural front, which poses to be a more dangerous one, as it eats into the very vital of the fighting potentiality of the people. The thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh are the only beacon in this grim situation.

## Mumbai, Maharashtra

A public meeting was held on 9 August at Shivalaya Hall in Mumbai to observe memorial day of Frederick Engels, co-Founder of Marxism and Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our leader, teacher, guide and founder General Secretary of our party, SUCI. The meeting was presided over by Comrade A.K. Tyagi. The main speaker was Comrade Krishna Chakrabarti, member, Central Committee of our party. The other speaker was Comrade Kumar Kulshreshtha. Comrade Krishna Chakrabarty said that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was the worthy desciple of Engels. Both the Marxist thinkers guided the communist movement in all fields and covering all aspects of life. Comrade Chakraorty explained the root cause of communalism in general, Gujarat genocide in particular and the class design of the capitalist class to divide people on communal line. He also explained how fascist course is being pursued through the blending of the technical aspects of science with spiritualism and obscurantist ideas to maximise super profit on the one hand while destroying the rational thought process that builds up man as true man, on the other. He showed how the capitalist system in the age of imperialism has become out and out reactionary, unable to solve any

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A part of the gathering at Gurgaon, Haryana on 5th August

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problem, is taking recourse to fascist line. Globalization, privatization is being implemented in the interest of both national and international capitalism. Comrade Chakraborty also emphasized the need to strengthen the genuine communist party, SUCI and to build up movement on the correct base political line of anti-capitalist socialist revolution by pursuing the correct methodology in the light of Shibdas Ghosh Thought. He dealt with some aspects of the comrades' lifestruggle based on proletarian culture. He said, revolution is not possible until and unless the leaders and cadres can identify their individual interest with the party and revolution.

## Patna

The memorial meeting of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat, was held at the party office of the Bihar State Committee in Patna on 10th August last. Comrade Amriteswar Chakraborty, Bihar State Secretary of the party presided over the meeting. Comrade Arun Singh, member, Bihar State Committee, also addressed the gathering.

The speakers dwelt with the life struggle of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and the history of growth of SUCI. To accomplish the task of anti-capitalist socialist revolution in the country, the speakers stressed the urgent need of strengthening the SUCI.

## Uttar Pradesh

**Sultanpur :** On 5th August Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and Frederick Engels memorial day was observed at 'Baintikala' Party Office. Comrade Jagannath Verma, Secretary District Committee, highlighted the great teachings of Frederick Engels and Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

**Jaunpur :** 5th August was observed by the Jaunpur District Committee of SUCI at Badlapore. A rally went to Satanat Bahadur Inter College campus. A meeting was held in the hall of the College. Comrade Jagdish Ch. Asthana presided over the meeting. Comrade V. N. Singh, Secretary, UP State Committee was the main speaker. He highlighted the teachings of both the leaders and discussed the present national and international situation. He appealed to strengthen SUCI. Comrades RamYash Maurya and Dinesh Kant Dubey, both State Committee members and Comrade Motilal also addressed the gathering.

**Kanpur :** 5th August was observed at Kanpur city at Avas Kikash

Colony. Comrade Swapan Chatterjee, General Secretary AIDS0 addressed the meeting. Comrade Dharm Deo presided.

**Allahabad :** On 6th August memorial meeting was held at Allahabad Party Office. Comrade S.K. Malaviya, member of the State Committee SUCI, presided over the meeting. Comrade Swapan Chatterjee, was the main speaker. Comrade N.K.Sharma, Secretary Allahabad District Committee and State Committee member, also addressed the meeting.

**Pratapgarh:** The memorial meeting of the great leaders was organised by Pratapgarh District Committee on 8th August at Sarsatpur School of Patti Tehsil. Comrade Bechan Ali, Secretary Pratapgarh District Committee, presided over the meeting. Comrade V.N. Singh, Secretary, UP State Committee was the main speaker. He pointed out the danger of communalism and fascism in the country. He stressed the need to build up mighty people's movement. Comrade Swapan Chatterjee, General Secretary AIDS0 also addressed the gathering. Com Ram Kedar Verma also spoke.

**Moradabad:** The memorial meeting was held at Nagar Palika Hall at J.P.Nagar on 11th August. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Bijoy Paul Singh, member, State Committee, SUCI and the main speaker was Comrade V. N. Singh, State Secretary UP, SUCI. Comrades Rajinder Singh and Sheel Kumar also spoke in the meeting.

## Bhopal MP

The memorial day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was observed by the MP State Organizing Committee, SUCI, on 5 August. A meeting was held, on this occasion, at Samudayik Sabha Bhawan, New Subhas Nagar, Bhopal.

Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee, Central Staff, SUCI, was the main speaker. She said that as capitalism is getting more and more moribund, it is further imperative to spread the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Capitalism has brought down all-out attack on the exploited millions by means of globalization. Privatization of education and health care has multiplied people's suffering. Decadent culture is engulfing society. The rulers are conspiring to divert people's attention by means of communalism and war hysteria. Comrade Mukherjee said building up mass and class struggles on the edifice of higher ethics conducive to anti-capitalist socialist revolution

following the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh is the only way out.

Comrade U.P Biswas presided over the meeting. The meeting was conducted by Comrade J.C. Barai.

## Kerala

Under the auspices of the Kerala State Committee of our party Comrade Shibdas Gosh Memorial Day was observed on 5th August in a solemn and befitting manner.

The memorial meeting was organized at Anjali Auditorium, Alappuzha. In spite of a hartal imposed by Yuvamorcha in the district, hundreds of comrades from almost all the districts attended the meeting.

The meeting was presided over by Comrade C. K. Lukose, Secretary, Kerala State Committee of the party. Comrade Venugopal, member, Kerala State Secretariat of the party, recalled the painstaking and historic struggle conducted by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh to build up the genuine communist party of India. That struggle conducted by Comrade Ghosh along with a handful of compatriots covering all aspects of life concretized Marxism-Leninism on Indian soil. That struggle initiated by Comrade Ghosh is the very inner party struggle that exists as the living soul of our party. It is by involving ourselves in this inner party struggle conducted under the leadership of our beloved general secretary Comrade Nihar Mukherjee with more dedication that we can acquire the revolutionary character adequate to meet the call of the hour, Comrade Venugopal said.

Comrade C. K. Lukose in his speech called upon the comrades to emulate the great life of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Comrade Ghosh created the highest model of today's communist character by identifying himself with the interest of the working class, the party and society. It is this noble example, which inspires all our comrades, from Central Committee to the cell, in their life struggle to achieve a higher cultural standard. He enriched and developed the treasure house of Marxism-Leninism throwing light on the problems faced by proletarian revolutionary movement on the national and international plane. Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought is the beacon for revolutionaries of not only India but also of the whole world.

## Hyderabad AP

A public meeting was held at Press Club, Hyderabad on August 11, to observe the 26th memorial

day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat. Comrade Radhakrishna, Karnataka State Secretary, SUCI, was the main speaker. Comrade K. Sridhar Andhra Pradesh State Secretary, SUCI, also addressed the meeting. Both of them paid revolutionary homage to the departed leader and appealed to strengthen the SUCI, the real revolutionary party on Indian soil. Comrade Ch. Murahari, the Secretary of Hyderabad District, appealed to the people to grasp deeply the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and strengthen the revolutionary movement of the country.

## Durg, MP

The memorial meeting of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was held on 5th August at Durg, M.P. at a local school. Comrade Badshah Khan, the veteran leader of the SUCI, presided over the meeting. Comrade Dipankar Roy, West Bengal State Committee member was the main speaker.

## Bokaro

On 5th August Comrade Shibdas Ghosh memorial day was observed by the Bokaro District Organizing Committee, SUCI, at the party office hall. Comrade Hem Chakraborty, Jharkhand State Secretary was the speaker. Comrade Chakraborty, inter alia, said that BJP and other ruling parties are striving to destroy people's unity by means of religion, casteism, language, provincialism, etc. To foil this capitalist conspiracy the need of the hour is to build up mighty sustained movements on the basis of thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

## Nagpur

The SUCI unit of Nagpur, Maharashtra, held the memorial day of Frederick Engels and Shibdas Ghosh on 7th August at Rastrabhasa Prachar Samiti Hall. Comrade A. K. Ghosh presided over the meeting. He urged to build up mass movements against the anti-people policies of the central and state governments. Comrade Dipankar Roy, member, West Bengal State Committee SUCI, the main speaker said that the way to pay real respect to Engels and Comrade Shibdas Ghosh is to develop mass and class struggles on the basis of their teachings. Comrade Madhab Bhande, member, Nagpur unit, also addressed the meeting. Comrades Rabindra Sakhare and Ramdas Bhodbole conducted the meeting. Comrade Sailesh Janbandhu presented revolutionary songs.

## SUCI Moves Court Against Police Atrocity In West Bengal

The 5th Judicial Magistrate, Kolkata issued processes on 16th August against 10 police officers including the O.C.s of Bhowanipur and Kalighat P.S. u/s 323, 324, 341, 354, 504, 34 of the IPC. The 11th Metropolitan Magistrate, Kolkata, on 28th August issued processes against two police officers, the Additional O.C. and the Sub-inspector of the Hare Street P.S., u/s 323, 325, 254 & 34 of the IPC. The cases will come up on 27th September and 3rd October respectively.

Against police brutality and outrage perpetrated on 6th August at Esplanade and on 8th August at Hazra crossing on our women comrades who were

peacefully protesting against unjust bus fare hikes, our party moved court and processes were issued against policemen and police woman.

Besides severe lathi-charge on the SUCI activists, injuring and wounding them, police outraging our women comrades, stripping them in the open, all showing on DD1 and private cable channels and the print media, while they were peacefully protesting against bus fare hike, people throughout the state sharply reacted and condemned the barbarity of the Left Front Government and its police in strongest terms. People are organizing protests all over the state.

## Intellectuals Protest Police Atrocity In West Bengal

On 20th August, at the call of leading intellectuals of the state, a citizens' meeting was held at the University Institute Hall, Calcutta, condemning the recent barbaric police atrocity in custody and on the peaceful female protesters in the streets.

The convention was organized by Committee for Protection of Democratic Rights and Secularism (CPDRS). Prof. Sushil Kumar Mukherjee, an internationally renowned scientist and former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Calcutta presided over the meeting, which was addressed by educationists like Prof. Sibnarayan Roy, Prof. Sunanda Sanyal, Prof. Manas Joarder, Prof. Miratun Nahar and by artists like Ganesh Haloi, Pratul Mukherjee, Sohini Halder, journalists

like Raghav Bandyopadhyay, veteran freedom fighter and social-worker Dr. K. P. Ghosh and Comrade Manik Mukherjee, member of the WB State Secretariat of the SUCI and others. The largely attended meeting adopted unanimously a resolution condemning vehemently outrage of modesty of women protesters to the extent of undressing by the police-women along with their male colleagues. The resolution also criticized the role of the custodians of law in arresting and torturing in custody innocent people in the name of nabbing People War Group activists.

A exhibition of photographs on the brutal role of the police outside the auditorium was visited by a large number of people.

## United movement against Jhupri eviction at Nagpur

The BJP-led Nagpur Municipality and the Congress-led Maharashtra government have taken several heinous measures to evict the jhupri dwellers at Nagpur, as directed by the World Bank. As a first step, on the plea of development of the slums the BJP and Congress rulers have imposed high fees on the slum dwellers, and taking advantage of the poverty stricken slum dwellers' inability to pay, the BJP and Congress are conspiring to evict them. In this situation SUCI, CPI(M), CPI and Janata Dal (Secular) took

initiative to form 'Save Jhupri United Struggle Committee', one of the convenor of which is Comrade Madhava Bhonde, the Nagpur in-charge of our party. This Struggle Committee has been organizing rallies, meetings, street corner meetings, etc. in different bustles of Nagpur. This has instilled tremendous courage and enthusiasm among the participants and affected people. In the meantime thousands of slum dwellers rallied in a series of demonstrations led by this Struggle Committee.

## Sati Incident Condemned in Bangalore

The All India Mahila Samskruthika Sangathane (AIMSS) Bangalore District Committee organized a protest meeting on 14th August against the recent 'sati' incident in Madhya Pradesh where a woman was burnt alive with her deceased husband. It was held at NGO Bhavan, K.R. Circle.

Comrade H. G. Jayalakshmi, Karnataka State Secretary, AIMSS was the main speaker. She said, Raja Rammohan made serious efforts to abolish 'sati' in the face of stiff conservative opposition and was successful in 1829. It is unthinkable that such inhuman practice still continues. She denounced this horrific act committed in a Congress ruled state. She also noted that in this 21st century female foeticide and female infanticide are taking place. And all

these evils take place in the climate of fanatic Hindutva created by the BJP and the Sangh Parivar. Pointing to the compromising trend of our freedom struggle, she noted that though we are politically free we are still bound by obsolete customs and traditions. She urged to build up social and cultural movement in the background of democratic movement on the burning issues of life.

Comrade Shobha. S, Secretary, Bangalore District Committee condemned the practice of Sati being glorified by Hindutva brigade.

A resolution condemning the Kuttu Bai 'sati' incident in Madhya Pradesh was passed.

Comrade Prathibha Kumari B.S., President, Bangalore District Committee presided over the meeting.

## Youth Convention in Bangalore

All India Democratic Youth Organisation (AIDYO) organised local level youth convention on 22 July last, at Bharat Chowk, Shahabad, Bangalore.

Mr S Nagore, famous artist of Shahabad, inaugurated it. In his speech he highlighted the responsibility and need to fight against anti-social activities.

Comrade B. Bhagwanreddy, State Vice President, AIDYO, while addressing the gathering, pointed out the economic crisis and exploitation our people are suffering. He criticised Prime Minister Vajpayee for his false promise of providing 10 million jobs every year and for countless retrenchments by means of VRS, etc. He pointed out how the ruling class is dividing the oppressed people by means of communalism. He also exposed the design of the governments to

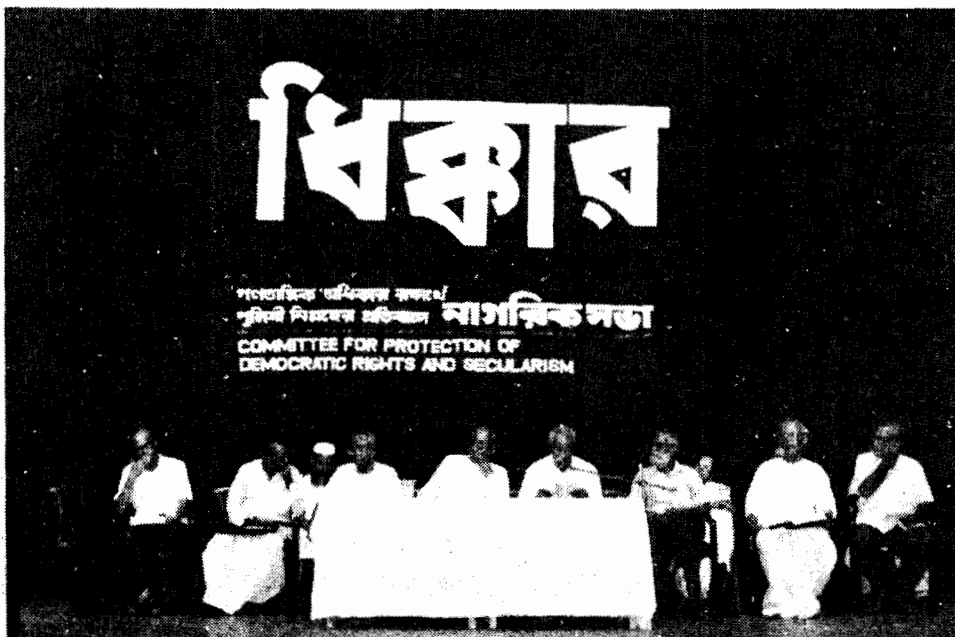
destroy the moral backbone of the youth through obscenity in literature, film, TV shows, etc. and addiction to alcohol, drugs etc.

Today youth need strong ideology to bring about a fundamental change in our country. With this purpose they need to emulate great men like Bhagat Singh, Asfakulla, Netaji and others.

Comrade Ramanna. S. Ibrahimpur, in-charge SUCI local committee called on the youth to come forward to fight against youth problems with the scientific ideology.

Comrade Hanumanthu Ketre, treasurer AIDYO Taluka Committee, presided over the convention.

A new body was elected with Hanumanth Ketre as President, Prakash Kotnoor as Vice President, Ravi. B. as Secretary, and Rajendra Atnoor as co-secretary.



On 20 August eminent intellectuals of West Bengal protest the police atrocity on democratic movement particularly on women volunteers.

# Plundering of people's money can be resisted only through countrywide mass movement

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inquiry. The ploy is not difficult to understand. Any inquiry would mean keeping the issue alive and there was the possibility of concrete proof emerging during the inquiry. The BJP cannot afford such things before the polls in Gujarat and other states. Moreover, the enbloc cancellation ploy has been adopted knowing it fully well that it would be challenged in the court of law and ultimately stalled in all probability. Just this has happened. The cancellation is now under injunction and the case has been referred to the Supreme Court, which set aside the government order.

To embarrass the opposition and for taking the sting out of their attack the BJP has published list of their beneficiaries of petrol pump allotment belonging to the opposition parties or close to them so that the opposition, particularly the Congress desist from highlighting the issue. According to the list, Sushil Kumar Sindhe, the Opposition candidate for Vice-president, Manmohan Singh, Oscar Fernandes, Margaret Alva, Santosh Mohan Dev, Jyotiraditya Sindhia, V. K. Murthy — all ex-cabinet ministers in last Congress ministry or high ranking Congress leaders recommended dealership to 'their men'. Besides, both the Rajasthan State Congress president Girija Vyas and the Youth Congress head Kuldeep Indoru grabbed pumps through this corrupt allotment by BJP's Ram Naik. The BJP is now blackmailing the Congress. It is also trying to justify its own misdeeds drawing parallel to those during the congress regime. Vajpayee & Co are citing the case of the Congress's Satish Sharma, the then petroleum minister, whose brazen misuse of power, corruption and nepotism attracted the Supreme Court's penalization still vivid in public memory. On the other hand, it has been revealed, 'there was hardly any BJP leader who had not approached him (i.e. Ram Naik) ... almost every minister in the NDA government had sought his help for allotment' (*The Statesman*, 5-8-02) So what's wrong with the CPI(M) or CPI to have some share of the largesse? Particularly when the CPI(M) leaders, top ranking ministers and their men during the 25-years' rule in West Bengal, have been involved in numerous scams, including the Alipur Treasury scam, PL Account Scam and last but not the least the Wakaf scandal looting

thousands of crore of rupees. Nepotism and corruption of the local CPI(M) leaders have also become proverbial in West Bengal. Thus names of CPI and the CPI(M) MPs like Ajoy Chakraborty, Nagendra Ojha, Bhan Sing and Basudev Acharyya have figured in the list of Opposition MPs recommending allotment of petrol pumps to their men. This can be expected from Jailalitha, Laluprasad Yadav and bourgeois parties like the Congress and Janata, etc., but how from parties claiming themselves to be leftists or Communists? No wonder. Because revisionist and pseudo-Marxist parties like the CPI(M) are socially and politically nothing but scavengers of the capitalist spoils. Be that as it may, corruption of the BJP is, no doubt, gigantic both in scale and scope. This time even a near relative of Prime Minister Vajpayee has also grabbed a petrol pump. As reported in the press, large number of RSS members and leaders have grabbed pump allotments with the help of Ram Naik? This amply exposes the real character of 'values' and 'morality' of the Sangh Parivar. No doubt, the BJP is a party with a difference, what the Congress did in 40 years, it is already doing in a few years! Most important is that petroleum minister Ram Naik is pleading not guilty within the party, as per press reports, on the plea that aggrieved RSS members complained before the Deputy Prime Minister Advani that in spite of being a RSS leader, they were being neglected in distribution of petrol pump licence and after that under advice of Advani, he allotted pumps to RSS candidates. So he only abided by the party wishes and hence innocent! But still, even to the NDA members, the present cancellation of allotments is an admission of guilt on the government's part. Samta Party MP Prabhunath Singh demanded, "As a result, Mr Atal Behari Vajpayee has lost the moral right to remain in the chair and he should resign." (*The Statesman*, 8-8-02)

With the adjournment of parliamentary session, the Opposition has relented without launching any sort of movement although their demand have not been conceded by the government. This is quite expected, for they lack the moral right, and for that matter, the political courage to carry on any real fight.

The whole episode again exposes the real character of the ruling and Opposition parties in bourgeois parliamentary democracy and shows to what extent corruption and nepotism have permeated into the bourgeois and petty bourgeois body politic. Today's bourgeois and petty-bourgeois Opposition parties, whenever or wherever they come to power, commit the same mischief or crime that they had vociferously denounced the other day, being in opposition, from the exigency of parliamentary politics. This has been the order of the day. History of all these 55 years of bourgeois democratic governance at the Centre or in States — be those headed by the Congress, Janata, United Front (UF), BJP, CPI or CPI(M) — without exception has proved that politics and patronage attended with corruption are inseparable from them. But why? It is so only because present day capitalism is totally decadent in all

respects — social, political, moral, ethical and cultural — and whoever tries to serve or protect this moribund, corrupt, worn out capitalist order has no other option but to embrace corruption and nepotism.

It is also to be noted that every time, in case of any scam, it has been proved that all parliamentary or legal steps taken ostensibly to check such misdeeds or to bring to book the culprits, went futile. On the contrary, those who tried to expose such scandals, like the Tehelka Dot Com and others, are hounded by the police and state apparatus. So these are no deterrents. Such plundering of people's money can be thwarted only through countrywide mass movement based on higher ethics and culture to rouse people's consciousness and no amount of parliamentary squabbling or mock fight can stop the rot

## Orissa AIMSS' Study Camp



The AIMSS, Orissa State Committee, held a study camp at the Study Centre of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought, Ghatshila from 12 - 14 July last.

(Above) Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta, member, Central Committee, SUCI addressing flanked by Comrade Protiva Mukherjee, President, AIMSS on his left and Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee, General Secretary, AIMSS on his right.

(Below) A part of the participants.



