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Solemn Observance of 5th August

Twentyfive years before, on 5th August, 1976, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat, our leader, teacher, guide, a foremost Marxist thinker and philosopher breathed his last. On the eve of 5th August this year Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, our beloved General Secretary has issued an appeal with the call : "Not only know but consciously apply in life the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh". This appeal set the tone of the speeches of the leaders who spoke in the meetings held on the occasion of 5th August this year in different states. Comrade Nihar Mukherjee observed that leaving behind the glowing example of his ceaseless, uncompromising, fierce life-long struggle and an enriched understanding of Marxism-Leninism covering all aspects of life, which he raised to a new height, and which contains newer contributions of his own he developed it by continuously concretizing, developing and elaborating Marxism-Leninism in course of confronting and resolving the objective problems before the Indian and world proletariat. We call it Shibdas Ghosh Thought, which is the source of all our strength and which guides us in all our activities. Today, it inspires the confidence and esteem of communists of many other countries also.

We give below a brief report of observance of 5th August this year in different states, the reports which have reached the Central Office meanwhile. In all states Red Flag was hoisted at the Party Office, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's portrait garlanded, the meeting started with presentation of the song composed on Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and ended with Internationale in a most solemn atmosphere.

In some states exhibition of quotations from the works of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was organised which created great enthusiasm among the people.

Tamilnadu : The Tamilnadu State Organising Committee, as part of its observance of the 25th Memorial Day held a public meeting on the evening of August 8, at the LLA Hall in Chennai.

Comrade S Narayanasamy, member of the Tamilnadu State Organising Committee, and the District Secretary of the Chennai-Chengal District Organising Committee, presided over the meeting.

Comrade Sukomal Das Gupta, member of the Central Committee of the SUCI, was the main speaker on the occasion. Comrade Narayanasamy translated Comrade Dasgupta's speech into Tamil.

Comrade Narayanasamy, inter alia, pointed out the approach of the AIADMK towards people's problems. He said that other than media hype about some temporary steps regarding water crisis in Chennai and other parts of the state, no serious effort was being taken for a scientific and permanent solution to the problem. He said that not one closed mill or factory that was lying closed for long had been opened nor was any relief provided to the suffering workers.

Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta expressed his warm welcome to the people who had gathered to observe the 25th death anniversary of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the Founder General Secretary of

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Vajpayee Government Defrauds 20 Million Small Savers

The Unit Trust of India (UTI), Government of India's own mutual fund, the biggest in the country, announced on July 2 last a very low dividend of 10% (which works out to just 7% in real terms) for its flagship US-64 scheme and suspended sale and re-purchase of units under the scheme for six months, till December 31, 2001.

Such extraordinary measures were necessitated by the fact that the US-64 scheme was no longer financially viable because the reserves under the scheme "might turn negative" as a result of the downward trend of the Net Asset Value (NAV) of the units. In a word, the US-64 scheme had gone bankrupt.

With the July 2 announcement, the axe fell upon over 20 million US-64 investors. To pacify them, the Finance Minister Yashwant Sinha came out with almost daily assurance that the interest of the small investors would be protected

and he had asked the UTI to work out a package to safeguard it. The package, announced on July 15 by the UTI, was an exit option for investors to sell back to the UTI their units upto a maximum number of 3000 units per investor at a price starting from Rs.10 per unit in August, 2001 and increasing by a meagre 10 paise per unit per month thereafter. It was also announced that general sales and re-purchases of US-64 units would again commence on January 1, 2002 at NAV-based prices.

This has hard hit the 20 million plus small investors who had purchased the units at prices of Rs.13, Rs.14 or even more with their hard earned money, often with their lifetime savings, in the hope of a safe, assured income to see them through retired life. Now, at one stroke, millions of middle class people enjoying no social security benefit like pension and free medical

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A Section of the massive gathering on 5th August, Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day in Calcutta

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Top Corporate Houses Find Easy Exit Through Insider Trading

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treatment, find their savings almost evaporated. They will be repaid for only upto maximum number of 3000 units at 30 to 40 percent loss to them. And for the rest of their units, the price will be linked up with the NAV — a prospect that is bleak indeed as the NAV is currently assessed to be negative. What will happen to them? Who will look after them? It has been like throwing the 20 million plus people to the wolves.

Who is responsible for this? How has this crisis come about? The US-64 which began primarily as a debt fund and relied upon the steady income from investment in securities, changed its character from the early '90-s with increasing exposure to the stock market to become more of an equity fund, vulnerable to the instability, the vagaries of stock market, especially through involvement in high risk, volatile, so-called new technology shares.

As we showed sometime back in the article on the stock market scam, capital is being more and more diverted from productive channels into speculation and manipulative activities in the present day capitalist economy plagued with endemic crises because of shrinkage of market for goods and commodities arising from erosion of purchasing power of the people. The common, small investors are at the mercy of the stock market manipulators, the sharks operating with the backing of huge capital power from the banks, black money from the underworld and even monopoly capital — often with the connivance of or in league with high-ups in the government.

With the increasing exposure of US-64 to the stock market, the common unit holders, the small investors too became subjected to such onslaughts.

In 1995, US-64 earned over Rs.2100 crore as interest for investments in securities or debt instruments. After five years, income from interest dropped to only Rs.395 crore whereas the income from equity remained standstill although huge funds had, in the meantime, been diverted and invested in stocks in the secondary market. This shows the appalling toll being taken by stock market speculation, with the resultant serious erosion of NAV.

Earlier Crisis of 1998-99

The present crisis of US-64 is not the first one. Its NAV turned negative for the first time in 1998-99. That this was not accidental but

result of corruption of huge magnitude that the atmosphere of the stock market speculation breeds can be seen from just one illustration. In 1994, the Ambanis controlling the giant Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL), issued 6 crore RIL equity shares to themselves at a price of Rs.61 per share and at the same time, made UTI buy up another 2.75 crore RIL equity shares in two lots at an average price of Rs. 389 per share instead of Rs.61. Thus the UTI was made to pay Rs.1073 crore instead of Rs. 168.1 crore for acquiring the shares, that is, it suffered a loss of Rs.905 crore in just the one year 1994. This was not all. Because of a lock-in-period of five years, the UTI had to incur a further loss of Rs.610 crore during the next five years by way of cash income foregone. So, the UTI's loss between 1994 and 1999 from this one transaction alone totalled over Rs.1500 crore. To believe that such a deal was not a fraudulent one in which crores of rupees changed hands as bribe, is to be childishly gullible. The Ambanis' "innocence" as well as their immense clout over the central government were both demonstrated by the fact that the CBI officer investigating against 9 persons including the then UTI Chairman S.A. Dave in the matter of this transaction was suddenly transferred and thereafter the probe died out.

It is no wonder that the US-64 NAV plunged down and the central government headed by Vajpayee had to provide a bail-out package of Rs.3300 crore in June 1999 to revive the scheme. This the government provided through purchase of US-64 units by some of the best run PSU-s. Today, within two years, these PSU-s have lost Rs.2200 crore due to erosion of the real worth of their investment in US-64.

The Present Crisis:

Within two years of the last crisis of US-64 has come the present crash. A major contributory cause has been an unduly high exposure to unstable, risky new technology stocks which increased from 1.2% on 30-06-98 to 21.7% in June 2000 whereas the safe limit permitted by the norms is only 5%. The plummeting down of the new technology stock values did the rest. But even in the midst of this, UTI came to the rescue of defaulting brokers of Calcutta Stock Exchange as late as middle of March this year by buying up of lakhs of HFCL (Himachal Futuristic) and DSQ

Software shares, values of both of which were falling down in the market! Knowledgeable stock market viewers hold that through indiscriminate buying, the UTI's exposure to the infamous K-10 scripts with which the name of Ketan Parekh, the villain of the recent stock market scam is associated, has been as high as 25% (Reports in the Statesman, 4-7-01).

Why has the pattern of US-64 investment been changed in recent years from securities and debt instruments to equity, that is, gambling in the stock market with the investors' money? There are reasons to believe that monopoly capital, big business, stock brokers and corrupt politicians engineered this shifting of focus of US-64 investment to the unsafe and risky equity market because it is they who have been benefited and made super profits from this changeover. Through deliberate mis-investments and unwise lending to big business houses, public money has been drained out of the UTI to fill the coffers of monopoly houses, big business and corrupt stock brokers and politicians. On numerous occasions, the government made the UTI to use its funds for market manipulation or market intervention. It has come out in the press that the Finance Minister made the UTI to intervene on a large scale by investing its money to revive the stock market from the recent grave crisis. This the UTI did by bulk buying up of stocks of big companies at higher than market rates.

Rampant Corruption :

Such goings on could not but be associated with a very high degree of corruption all round. We know that in this era, capitalism is reactionary, degenerated and corrupt. Speculative capital breeds corruption at its worst. The globalization process has brought to a new height the speculative, manipulative character of capital as also the corruption springing from it. We have had occasions in the past to show how the Indian society, from top to bottom, is in the grip of tentacles of all-pervading corruption engendered by decadent capitalism. The present UTI scam has also dramatically revealed through an incident how even the topmost political level is involved in such corruption.

Arvind Johri and his brother of Lucknow utilised their father's RSS connection to enhance their business prospect, and even had their joint

software venture with the UP Govt., Century Cyberpark, inaugurated by none other than Prime Minister Vajpayee! They made donations to the state ruling party BJP during elections. No wonder that they bagged most of the computer oriented assignments of the state government. Another of their ventures, the Cyberspace Infosys, had been suspended from trading in Mumbai Stock Exchange since April. But they offered to sell 3.45 lakhs of their shares to the UTI "privately", that is, illegally. Their proposal was rejected by the UTI chairman, Subramaniam and other top UTI officials on July 17 as the UTI's own Equity Research Cell had studied the financial results of Cyberspace and advised against investment in their shares. But Cyberspace again applied within 4 days without providing any additional data or information. Wonder of wonders, this time their proposal was accepted on the very same day by the same UTI officials who had rejected it only a few days back! Cyberspace Infosys was not doing any real business for some time and the market value of its shares was hovering round only Rs.2 per share. Now they sold all of 3.45 lacs of their worthless shares to UTI at the fabulous price of Rs.930 per share! This one deal robbed the common US-64 investors of the staggering amount of Rs.32.8 crore!

Since then, Arvind Johri has confessed that he had paid Rs.50 lac to Rakesh Mehta, a Mumbai broker "to get the work done by UTI officials!" But what really transpired during the 4 days between rejection and final acceptance by the UTI to tilt the scales in favour of Cyberspace at the cost of UTI investors? The answer was dramatically revealed by Sanjay Nirupam, a Shiv Sena MP, in the Rajya Sabha on July 30 last that there had been a number of telephone calls from the Prime Minister's office (PMO) and N.K. Singh, an ex-PMO official who is currently in the Planning Commission, to top UTI officials! Nirupam also referred to the involvement in the UTI scam of Ranjan Bhattacharyya, Prime Minister Vajpayee's foster son-in-law in this connection. Ranjan lives with the Prime Minister and is known to frequent the PMO.

Common People Bear the Burden :

While the common investors

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have suffered, the "exit plan" offered to the big corporate investors has been generous, to say the least. In April-May this year, barely two months before the freeze, US-64 repurchased units priced at Rs.4151 crore at full value from such investors like Reliance, Bajaj, the Corporation and the Syndicate Banks. Reliance sold out almost all the units owned by it valued at Rs.800 crore, leaving a unit holding valued at only Rs.13 lakhs! This could not have happened unless such corporate investors had the benefit of advance inside information about the impending crisis and freeze. This not only involves corruption of the highest order but amounts to a conspiracy by the government serving the capitalist class against the millions of small investors, through its organisation UTI.

The people suffer while corrupt capital makes merry. The claims against the big industrialists who have defaulted in repayment of loans to the nationalised banks to the tune of Rs.60,00 crore, have been waived at the cost of the small depositors. Corrupt, speculative capital has sucked the US-64 dry to amass profit leading to the present crisis, and now the nationalised banks have come to the rescue by offering huge, soft loans which is nothing but placing public money at the service of capital. Whenever the government provides huge sums to bail out the UTI, that also amounts to misuse of public money to subsidize the nefarious deeds of corrupt capital.

Finance Minister cannot plead innocence:

Finance Minister Yashwant Sinha says that he was unaware of the impending US-64 crisis, he was kept in the dark about it. But it is no use trying to plead his innocence in the matter or lack of knowledge about the working of UTI, as he does. The UTI is a statutory body. Its Board of Trustees include the representatives of the IDBI, RBI, SBI and Syndicate Bank — all of which are under the ministry of finance. The RBI representative is there to supervise and guide UTI investment and lending decisions. Yashwant Sinha himself was a member of the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) set up to probe the stock scam featuring Harshad Mehta. The probe revealed gross irregularities in UTI matters. The Deepak Parekh Committee was set up after the 1998 US-64 crisis to probe it. Its recommendations have not been implemented by the UTI!

Subramaniam, the ex-chairman

of the UTI who was sacked after the present UTI crisis and arrested, has told in an affidavit that the finance minister has all along been kept informed about the UTI activities, its major investment decisions including that involving Cyberspace Infosys. When the UTI decided to freeze US-64, the decision was communicated to Yashwant Sinha over telephone the very same night!

Corruption at the highest level:

Nobody would take the denials of the Prime Minister of the involvement of the PMO in the Cyberspace affair at face value. Tehlka disclosures and the involvement of PMO and Ranjan Bhattacharyya, foster son-in-law of the PM, in that scam are still fresh in public memory. We also remember how, when Jyoti Basu, the then chief minister of West Bengal, sent an SOS to the PMO pleading for stoppage of income tax raids on the offices of Todi and Chandan Basu in Calcutta, the request was promptly complied with and how Ranjan was involved in the rescue act. The monopoly press is trying its best to project a clean image of Prime Minister Vajpayee, but in vain. How is it that the origin of every other scam is traceable to the PMO? Corruption charges are being raised against the PMO again and again but the Prime Minister has not refuted these boldly and taken steps against the levellers of such charges. Instead, this time he utilized the occasion to extract an undertaking from the NDA enforcing allegiance from the NDA partners in the petty interest of safeguarding his prime ministership!

The PMO is involved in so many shady deals, but the Prime Minister is unaware of these! Is this at all possible? What happened to the thousands of crore of rupees that changed hands as revealed by the Balco and Tehelka disclosures? Is it believable that the PMO and those surrounding the Prime Minister are corrupt and tainted but he himself is unblemished? No, the Prime Minister does not have the moral right to continue in office even for one day. As time passes, the true face of BJP's much vaunted "value-based politics" is being more and more nakedly revealed.

Role of Opposition Parties :

The role of the parliamentary Opposition parties has been quite revealing. They started with bluff and blaster as if they were out to thoroughly expose the UTI scam and the BJP-led government's role in it. But then Yashwant Sinha counter

charged by referring on August 1 in Rajya Sabha about the shady Rs. 1073 crore deal in Reliance shares in 1994 and about the "285 companies in which UTI had invested Rs.386 crore during 1964-1995 which have a trading value of less than Re. 1" — all during congress rule in Delhi. After this, the Opposition parties just perfunctorily charged the government with corruption without any real concern for the UTI investors. Finally, all these parties reached a consensus, whereby they meekly agreed to the Speaker's suggestion to assign the probe on the UTI scam to the already existing JPC that was formed earlier to probe into the stock scam. They did not even bother to amend its terms of reference to include the probe into UTI affairs! It is being openly speculated that the influence of a Mumbai based corporate giant (The Reliance owned by Ambanis) has been responsible for the volte-face of the Opposition parties, proving to be the great political unifier. Earlier, on August 2, a BSP MP told the Lok Sabha that, "...The Ambanis can today decide who will be the ministers and secretaries. The political establishment, unfortunately, has been under the Ambanis' influence" (*The Statesman*, 03-08-2001)

Such a big scandal happened, but the Opposition parties never tried to pin down the BJP on the issue, not even the so-called leftists. This is because they are all steeped in corruption. Serving crisis-ridden, corrupt capitalism, they themselves cannot but be corrupt. The recent CAG disclosures about corruption in CPI(M)-led rule in West Bengal are fresh pointers to the long practice of corruption by this party that calls itself leftist and communist.

Because they are all corrupt, none of these parties can take up a firm, principled stand against corruption but merely harp on the corruption of others to make gain in parliamentary politics.

The Lesson :

With the matter having been brought under the JPC's purview, it can be considered to have been buried for good. We are familiar with the sight of an enquiry commission, committee or JPC being set up to investigate or probe into any affair that creates strong, adverse public reaction. This is done to quieten the furore, trusting in the short public memory. Because even if a report is produced embodying the findings or recommendations, it is usually not acted upon. And nobody bothers because the issue is no longer in public attention. Recommendations of the JPC Report after the probe into the 1992 Stock Scam were never implemented by the successive finance ministers including Manmohan Singh of the Congress and the present incumbent Yashwant Sinha of the BJP. Recommendations of the Deepak Parekh Committee investigating the 1998 US-64 crisis have not been implemented either. The existing JPC, supposed to probe into the recent stock scam, has done precious little in that regard. And now it has been asked to look into the present US-64 scam! What is happening in the probe into the Tehelka disclosures?

And so the game goes on. Just as the governments serving the ruling capitalist class provide huge subsidies to the ruling class from budget to budget out of the money obtained from the people by fleecing them, huge US-64 funds have been diverted to provide "subsidy" to corrupt, speculative capital at the cost of the common, small investors. Parliamentary parties of all hues are vying with one another for currying favour with the ruling class as they hope to be in government with its backing some day, and hence can have no real concern for the small investors, the common people. So, the people have to think for themselves and fend for themselves. This is the lesson.



Students Demonstration on 10th July last at Haryana. (News on page 7)

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the party, a fore-ranking Marxist thinker and philosopher of the post-Lenin period, and who had reared, geared and steered the party into the only genuine communist party on Indian soil.

He said it was also a fact that the SUCI was now working in 20 states and that wherever we could take the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh there was a very positive response from the people. He said that the SUCI was known to the people today and compared to the difficulties faced by Comrade Ghosh when he started to build up the Party, unknown and with just a few comrades, the revolutionary task before the party today was comparatively easier.

He explained Comrade Ghosh felt duty bound to start a genuine communist party when he found that the other parties going by the name communist or socialist had not understood the philosophy of dialectical materialism, the noble ideology of communism or grasped the method of formation of a genuine communist party on Indian soil.

He showed how he started partically alone, totally without any resources, with just a handful of revollutionary compatriots, without name or fame, without shelter but with the invincible realisation of Marxism-Leninism as a science and thoroughly mastering and grasping the philosophy of Marxism, the philosophical foundation of Marxism, Dialectical Materialism. Continuing, he said, how Comrade Ghosh, right from the time he was drawn to the freedom struggle, never wavered from doing what he was convinced was correct. He practised meticulously what he came to believe, whatever the consequences. He conducted an uncompromising struggle to build up the SUCI, not an individual struggle but a collective struggle covering all aspects of life, to bring about democratic centralism in the party. He taught and practised what he believed in not only himself, but he introduced it as a struggle in the Party.

Comrade Dasgupta then gave a short analysis of the national and international situation, pointing out that the anti-thesis that, our party had said, would emerge in the wake of the fall of socialist camp and the attempts of the USA to head a unipolar world was today clearly there for everyone to see.

The massive demonstrations and movements being witnessed in the America and Europe against WTO, G-8 and similar imperialist meetings show how hateful the policies of

globalisation was to the working people of the world.

Comrade Dasgupta called on the comrades to follow the great example of Comrade Ghosh to be true to our conscience to do everything possible to strengthen the SUCI, to take up the challenge of the great responsibility that history had bestowed on the party, to struggle to live as communists in our daily lives — the tasks ahead of the party being succinctly put in the August 5 appeal released by Comrade Nihar Mukherjee — for that would be the way to pay real tribute to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Kerala : Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day was observed in a solemn and befitting manner under the auspices of the Kerala State Committee, SUCI. On 5th August morning a state level memorial meeting was organised at Ernakulam in which Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta, member, Central Committee of the party was the main speaker. Comrade C.K. Lucose, Secretary, Kerala State Committee, presided and Comrade V. Venugopal, member, State Secretariat of the party also spoke.

Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta in his inspiring speech dealt with the invaluable contributions of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh to the cause of proletarian revolutionary movement in the background of present situation.

Comrade C.K. Lucose in his presidential address appealed to the people to come forward to unitedly fight the electricity tariff hike imposed by the state government and also to fight all the anti-people measures of the central and state governments. Comrade V. Venugopal in his speech criticized the CPI(M) and its pocket organisations who have shamelessly come out to oppose the people's demands for withdrawal of the World Bank sponsored anti-education programme of DPEP.

In the evening, a talk was arranged where Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta spoke on: Marxism and modern science in the light of the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Calcutta : In Calcutta a memorial meeting was held at Rani Rashmoni Road, where Comrade Sanat Datta, member, West Bengal State Secretariat, presided and Comrade Provas Ghosh, Central Committee member and West Bengal State Secretary of the Party was the main speaker. Comrade Provas Ghosh pointedly showed, inter alia, that the capitalist economy of India has long before reached its moribund stage. It

can neither develop agriculture further with modernisation and mechanisation of it nor can it bring about unhindered development of industry to provide jobs to the millions of unemployed in the country. Moreover, to implement liberalisation-globalisation-privatisation the central government is abolishing restriction on imports to the great detriment of the agricultural products marketing within the country and medium and small scale industry. Unemployed labourers and peasants are committing suicide in large numbers and in such a situation the CPI(M) government also is raising false prospect of self-employment before the unemployed to dupe them.

He showed, while the BJP-led Government at the Centre is trying to strike at the root of education with Jyotisvidya, Purohitya and other obscurantist fads to break the moral backbone of the young generation, the CPI(M)-led Government in the state are clamouring for more and more vocational education bereft of ethical values and scientific bent of mind of the students.

Comrade Provas Ghosh observed, in these days of moribund capitalism bourgeois democracy has lost all its morality and ethics, religion also can deliver no higher ideal today to the people and it is only the philosophy of Marxism-Leninism and Shibdas Ghosh Thought that can show the right way to human emancipation.

Assam : A big public meeting under the auspices of the Assam State Committee of the SUCI was held on 8th August at the District Library Auditorium, Guwahati. Comrade Siddheswar Sharma, veteran trade union leader and a member of the State Committee of the party presided over the meeting. Comrades from all over the state attended the meeting with enthusiasm.

Paying homage to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the main speaker of the meeting Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya, member, Central Committee of the party, observed that while building up SUCI as the only genuine communist party on Indian soil and providing the working class of the country with every minutest details of Indian revolution and contributing thereby, mainly in the realm of philosophy and thought, to the growth and development of the world communist movement, he like Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin and Mao-Zedong also appeared as a great Marxist authority and as such his thoughts are today the beacon before the

revolutionary movement of the country.

Speaking about the grave political situation of Assam, he said that although capitalising the people's strong anti-AGP feeling, the arch enemy of the people, the Congress(I) had managed to come to power, there could be no doubt about the fact that with the passing of each day Congress(I)'s anti-people character and its taking more and more anti-people measures would become more pronounced. Underlining the urgency of launching democratic movements one after another in such a grave situation for solutions to the people's burning problems under the aegis of the left-democratic parties, Comrade Bhattacharyya called upon all the leftist parties of the state to come forward to shoulder this historical necessity and for that purpose the leadership of the CPI(M) and the CPI to give up their highly erroneous suicidal political line of seeking alliance with bourgeois, parochial and reactionary political parties.

In analysing the Kashmir issue, Comrade Bhattacharyya said that the criminal violation of Article 370 by the Government of India, resulted in such a turn in Kashmir leading to the growth of the fundamentalist forces in the valley.

Earlier, paying homage to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, Comrade Kalyan Choudhury, Secretary of the Assam State Committee also addressed the gathering.

The meeting at the very outset, through a resolution placed by Comrade J Abedin and seconded by Comrade Chandralekha Das, both member of Assam State Committee, strongly condemned the contemplated move of draconian fare hike of all the buses and auto rickswas by the State Govt and strongly demanded of the government to refrain from such anti-people act.

Hyderabad : A public memorial meeting was organised by Hyderabad District Organising Committee of the SUCI on 6th August at Sunderayya Vignan Kendram. Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, member, Central Committee, addressed the gathering as the main speaker.

Quoting Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, Comrade Chakraborty said : Even if the objective condition for revolution is ripe it will not come about until the subjective condition is prepared accordingly. Lenin said that there would be no revolution without a party armed with the revolutionary theory. Comrade

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Ghosh elaborated it by saying that revolutionary theory means an epistemological category covering all aspects of life, that is, politics, economics, history, art, literature, music, love, sex, etc. To give birth to this revolutionary theory Comrade Ghosh conducted an intense socialist ideological struggle. On the basis of the ideological centralism thus achieved he built up the party on the principles of organizational centralism. For the Leninist concept of democratic centralism to operate in the party there should be emergence of collective leadership and adequate level of consciousness of the members of the party. In course of his struggles, Comrade Ghosh created a band of professional revolutionaries and emerged as the personified expression of the collective knowledge of the entire party. CPI did not follow this process of formation of the party and hence could not develop as a genuine communist party. Even their base political line of national democratic revolution is wrong. The CPI(M) formed by splitting away from the CPI also continued the same process of thinking and working. Their line of the people's democratic revolution also does not reflect the objective reality in India.

Today when capitalism has entered into deep crisis it is polluting the society in all fields. Especially after signing of our government on the WTO agreement the attacks of our capitalist ruling class have become unprecedented on all sections of the people. Under this suffocating condition people in general are searching for a way out. And that way is nothing but anti-capitalist socialist revolution for which the SUCI built up by Comrade Ghosh is strenuously working.

Jharkhand : The Jharkhand State Organising Committee of SUCI solemnly observed the 5th August, the memorial day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh at the Study Centre of Marxism-Leninism and Shibdas Ghosh Thought at Ghatsila.

In the morning, the Red Flag was hoisted by Comrade Ranjit Dhar, Central Staff of the party and the floral wreaths were placed at the feet of the statue of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh by Comrade Ranjit Dhar, Comrade Hem Chakraborty, Secretary, Jharkhand State Unit of SUCI and Comrade Malay Bose, the In-charge of the Ghatsila Study

Centre. The portraits of the great leaders of the world proletariat, Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin, Mao-zedong and Shibdas Ghosh were also garlanded. A Guard of Honour was also presented to the Great Leaders by the Komsomol Unit of Singbhum.

In the evening, a memorial meeting was held at the Assembly Hall of the Study Centre which was presided over by Comrade Hem Chakraborty, Jharkhand State Secretary. Comrade Ranjit Dhar, the main speaker, in his speech said that imperialism-capitalism is facing an all out crisis and begetting unprecedented unemployment, price-rise, uncertainty in life, drastic curtailment of education and waves of filthy culture which is destroying our socio-cultural life and the old human values which we inherited from our great predecessors of Indian Renaissance. The ugly face of individualism which is acting as a stumbling block in the way of development of revolutionary movement, values and character in our society, is a product of moribund capitalism. So, without overthrowing this worn out capitalist system, we cannot aspire to open the gateway of unhindered development of the people as well as of the science, culture and society. So, it is the call of hour to engage ourselves in the struggle for developing movements conducive to our goal of anti-capitalist socialist revolution and build up real revolutionary character on the line of the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, who concretised, developed and enriched Marxism on our soil.

Bangalore : "Many NDA partners

accuse the involvement of the PMO in the recent UTI scam and the involvement of the BJP leadership in corruption has clearly torn asunder the morality mask of the BJP. The Prime Minister's threat of resignation is only a blackmail tactic to stick to his chair," said Comrade Manik Mukherjee, Central Staff, SUCI while addressing the memorial meeting of Shibdas Ghosh held on 5th of August at UVCE Alumni Association Hall, Bangalore.

Comrade Manik Mukherjee said, "On the one hand the Central BJP government is vigorously pursuing the policy of globalisation to further the interest of the Indian bourgeoisie that wants to become a partner of the imperialist forces and share the world market and on the other with the sole aim of ideologically emasculating the oppressed people, the BJP-led government is proposing to impose Astrology, Paurohitya and such other blind faith in education that were long back discarded by the Indian Renaissance movement.

Comrade Mukherjee said that inspite of the tremendous media hype over the Agra Summit, the result was zero as the ruling class of both Pakistan and India do not like to resolve the issue due to their own class interests. Further, American initiative in this summit has to be seen in the background of USA's severe contradiction with EU and Japan and its bid to contain China that has prompted America to make India its trusted ally as the leader of the South Asia.

The President of the meeting Comrade K Radhakrishna, State Secretary of SUCI said, "When from the past two months, 22 districts of the state are severely affected by

drought leading to mass exodus of people from the villages, the S. K. Krishna government of the State had not even made a proper request to the Central Government for assistance till recently. He made a scathing attack on the S. M. Krishna government for tall talk of making Bangalore another Singapore when the peasants along with their families are committing suicide one after another. He called upon the activists of the party to carry forward the thoughts of Shibdas Ghosh and organise powerful movements of the people, only alternative weapon in the hands of the people.

Patna : A memorial meeting was held on 5th August at Panchayat Bhavan, Patna. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Amriteswar Chakraborty, Bihar State Secretary, SUCI.

In his address Comrade Shivsankar, state committee member, SUCI, told that our society was passing through a phase of serious crisis. The number of unemployed is soaring high. Workers and employees of offices and factories are being retrenched. Democratic norms are violated at random. All these things are the product of the existing crisis-ridden, moribund capitalist society. Addressing the meeting Comrade Arun Kumar Singh, state committee member, SUCI, exposed the character of all parliamentary and pseudo-communist parties and urged the workers and supporters of the SUCI, to strengthen the party.

In his presidential address, Comrade Amriteswar Chakraborty mentioned the incidents of increasing mass support to the party and urged the party activists to give an organisational shape to this increasing mass support. He further urged the party workers to study

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Hiroshima Day observed on 6th August in Calcutta by the All India Anti-Imperialist Forum in front of the USIS, Calcutta. An effigy of Bush was burnt. The protest meeting was attended by Prof. Tarun Sanyal, Prof. Sunanda Sanyal. Prof. Gourishankar Ghatak presided.

Massive demonstration In Genoa Against Globalisation

In a historic expression of growing international solidarity hundreds of thousands of people from different countries took to the streets in Genoa, Italy, from July 20 to 23 to demonstrate their opposition to imperialist globalization and the G-8 summit held there. As they voiced their protests to mobilize public opinion on the burning issues and problems thrown up by capitalist-imperialist globalization, in different rallies, marches, demonstrations and sit ins etc. for three days, they were met with most vicious and violent response by the state and police, who shot a young demonstrator at point blank range and left behind a trail of blood with hundreds of people injured, hundreds more arrested and tortured. According to some internet reports more than a hundred persons still remain untraced, one of whom has just been found dead — a woman, strangled to death and thrown into a river. The events in Genoa, the violent and barbaric police attack on the legitimate protests, have ripped open the thin, deceptive veneer of parliamentary democracy and revealed the actual face of capitalism: that is naked dictatorship of rule of capital and its more and more ugly fascist character the more rotten and moribund the capitalist system becomes, even in the developed countries. The events expose the hollowness and the hypocrisy of the capitalist rulers' talk of individual's human rights. At the same time it has given the lie to the bourgeois media propaganda in our country, and by some confused intellectuals, that progress will come about through full implementation of privatization and liberalization which alone will pave the way for industrialization; that Marxism is outdated, dead, and things have come to such a pass here because of unrest, struggles and movements, whereas the western countries are advancing without hindrance on the path of prosperity because the people there have accepted globalization. The huge protests in Genoa powerfully illustrate that even in the west people in ever growing numbers are taking to the streets, to the path of protest movement against globalization.

The summit of the capitalist-imperialist leaders belonging to the G-7 i.e. the USA, Japan, Canada, Germany, France, Britain, Italy — of late joined by Russia to constitute the G-8 — claimed they would address the issue of global poverty and many of the concerns raised by protestors. But the actual preparations for the summit, the war-like preparations, the creation of

walls and wire fences around the venue and its fort-like protection as if the state were going to war against the people whose concerns it is said to address, tell an altogether different story. The story of policies being adopted in defense of unlimited corporate power to extract maximum profits no matter how devastating the effects for the people and civilization, and even the planet. An example of the latter can be seen again in US refusal to honour its agreement with other imperialist powers of the Kyoto Protocol which envisages a limited scaling down of greenhouse emission, as seen in the joint declaration.

Was it a democratic preparation to ensure a democratic functioning of the state? The bourgeois media, in our country as elsewhere, does everything to discredit and disparage the growing anti-globalization movement in the eyes of the people and to intimidate them with wildly exaggerated claims of violence planned by the protestors, and with outright falsehood, in order to justify the attack on people by the capitalist state and its police. Genoa surely proved no exception. But the police violence did not have the desired result. Rather protest against police violence, especially the shooting of a young protestor at point blank range during the demonstration, swept through the whole of Italy. In Milan alone more than hundred thousand people came out in protest and in

countless other cities tens of thousands protested and also in other countries in Europe. At the end of the 3-day anti-globalization protests in Genoa, police violence and terror grew to its most vicious, as police conducted raids at dead of night in the anti-globalisation headquarters, indiscriminately beating people — people who had secured police permission for their peaceful protests — with clubs, aiming especially at their faces and heads, that went on for several hours. They left behind blood spattered everywhere and teeth. There were many with serious head injuries, broken jaws etc. who had to be hospitalized, some of whom had to be operated upon immediately to save their life. The torture of hundreds of people, beaten, injured and arrested did not end there, but was continued for four days in illegal lock up before being produced in court. It created an outcry in the whole country and rocked the government of Berlusconi which however managed to survive a no-confidence motion in Parliament.

But such fascist police terror of the capitalist state has not been able to deter the demonstrators. Rather having brought many face to face with actual character of the capitalist state, it has strengthened their resolve to fight against globalization and social injustice. It has further intensified international solidarity among the youth and

people of different countries, especially the left and communist forces. But it would be illusory to imagine that all the demonstrators protest globalization out from class conscious point of view. Many are the disparate groups and aims of those who join in opposition to devastating effects of globalization. But what is truly heartening is that, according to internet reports, the Genoa events are spurring on debates among different sections and groups, and that the need has been felt for further mobilization and involvement of people at large in each capitalist country to fight against its own capitalist rulers, and to coordinate these struggles and movements of the people internationally with clear anti-capitalist-imperialist, socialist revolutionary line. For Genoa is not the end. Rather it has become a new rallying point for further and ever better organization of movement. When a revolutionary core will be able to give leadership to this growing movement, no force on earth can stop its onward march.

The fact that already the IMF-WB and Bush administration meeting scheduled to be held in Washington from end of September for 5 days has been reduced to two days in view of the announced protests, is significant: demonstrating the impact of the growing anti-globalization movement.

Significant Victory of Open School Students in Kerala

Open School Students in Kerala, after a mighty movement, attained a significant victory. Students were on strike demanding private registration for +2 course and to scrap the Open School System, introduced in Kerala for the first time following the delinking of pre-degree from the universities. In fact, it was the previous CPI(M)-led LDF government which introduced this informal and discriminatory system for those who did not get admission to +2 courses in Higher Secondary schools. This is mainly intended to streamline the education in tune with the distant education mode. It separated the whole +2 students into two streams. One is academic +2; another is open +2 as a terminal course which prevents students from going to higher studies.

Students realised this trap and organised under a 'Struggle Committee', namely 'Open School Students Action Council for Private Registration' with the direct help and

guidance of AIDSOS throughout Kerala. Hundreds of students took out marches in different districts against this discrimination and demanded winding up of the open school system, bringing the +2 examination and issuing of certificates under a single setup and to materialise all these sanctioning of private registration for the +2 courses which is a widespread parallel system of education prevailing in Kerala.

Day by day, students' participation in the movement increased. Everywhere action committees took shape. On July 13 hundreds of students from different parts of Kerala assembled before the University of Kerala headquarters and marched towards the state secretariat. The demonstration was led by Comrade T.J. Dickson, Action Council Convener and State Joint Secretary of AIDSOS. In front of the Secretariat, students held a sit-in-dharna which was inaugurated by B. K. Rajagopal, Secretary, Save

Education Committee and All India Vice-President of AIDSOS. Comrades M. Sreekumar, S. Mini, K. O. Sudheer, V. C. Vinodkumar, Manikandan and B. Vinod were also among those who spoke. Meanwhile, in Kozhikkode, more than thousand students gathered and demonstrated in the city which was led by Comrade Sreekumar, Convener, Action Council Kozhikkode District and inaugurated by Comrade Sreejith Sudhakar, State Secretary of AIDSOS.

Three days later, on 17 July Minister for Education, Mr. Nalakat Soopy made a declaration on the floor of the Kerala Assembly that the Government had decided to allow private registration for +2 courses. It is a significant victory of the students' movement in Kerala. Students celebrated the victory throughout the state. On 10th of August, a state level convention of parallel — private students was held in Trissur to give shape to further course of movement.

Movement Against DPEP Attains Victory in Kerala

Anti-DPEP movement in Kerala has entered a new phase making some significant achievements

Ever since the previous LDF government introduced DPEP, voices of protest began to be heard sporadically from many parts in Kerala. The entire time-tested educational set up was overhauled and radically changed taking huge loans from the World Bank and under its stipulations District Primary Education Project (DPEP) of World Bank was part of a programme to restructure the entire educational set up in the third world countries in tune with the process of globalization. It was ironic that a 'Left and Democratic' government headed by CPI(M) was to implement it.

The movement was spearheaded by Janakeeya Prathirodha Samithi (JPS), a people's platform for mass action against the anti-people policies of the rulers. The President of the Samithi is Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer and the General Secretary Dr. V. Venugopal, member, State Secretariat of SUCI. Many of the leading intellectuals and eminent personalities of the State have joined the Samithi as its leading figures.

The first phase of the movement was on the ideological plane. The JPS organised hundreds of debates throughout the State. Both the pro and anti-DPEP speakers were invited in those debates. Around 50,000 people directly attended such debates held during the period of 1997-98. From these debates people have been well aware of the futility and anti-education character of the Project and finally rejected it by not sending their wards in DPEP schools. Notably, DPEP was introduced only in government-run or government aided schools. So, only the poor people were affected by DPEP.

People's protest against DPEP got converged and consolidated at a state level Convention organised by JPS in Trivandrum on 20th February 1999. Chaired by Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer, the Convention was inaugurated by Dr. K. Soman, a renowned educationist and former Commissioner of SCERT (State Council for Education and Research Training). Attended by 1500 delegates representing Parent Organisations, JPS units and anti-DPEP Committees all over the state, the Convention demanded in clear terms "Withdraw DPEP totally".

On February 1st, 2001, thousands of parents rallied in a protest march to the State Secretariat Trivandrum, demanding the total withdrawal of DPEP. It was led by Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer himself who was joined by Dr. N. A. Karim (former pro-Vice Chancellor, Kerala

University), Pavanan (renowned rationalist and writer), K. Panoor (a leading fighter for the cause of Adivasis), Adv. Manjeri Sunder Raj, K.P. Khosala Ramadas (a reputed trade union leader), Dr. Nandiyode Ramachandran, Dr. K. V. Surendranath, Adv. P.A. Pauran, Fr. Abraham Joseph and many other eminent personalities.

In spite of vehement and widespread protest, LDF government was stubborn to continue DPEP. In the recent Assembly polls, LDF government was defeated. Besides its misrule DPEP was one of the main reasons why the people voted out LDF. The new Congress-led UDF government headed by A.K. Antony, sensing the people's mood declared that the UDF government would bring drastic changes in the DPEP. The JPS promptly responded, by making it clear to the government that nothing short of total withdrawal of DPEP will be accepted by the people. Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer wrote a letter to the Chief Minister in clear terms that the DPEP is to be totally scrapped. The government called a panel of educationists led by Dr. N.A. Karim for discussions. On the basis of the suggestions made by the educationists the government announced the formation of an Expert Committee to critically review the

entire curriculum, syllabus, and textbooks and evaluation system of DPEP and place recommendations. The said 12-member Expert Committee headed by Dr. A. Sukumaran Nair, former Vice-Chancellor of M.G. University, included several members from JPS with its General Secretary, Dr. V. Venugopal. As demanded by JPS, the government declared to cancel the decision of the previous LDF government to extend DPEP curriculum to the 8th Standard

and withdrew the new DPEP textbooks and decided to continue the erstwhile textbooks as per previous curriculum and syllabus.

Curiously, CPI(M), SFI and other pro-CPI(M) organisations have meanwhile been preparing to move in defence of DPEP rejected by the people's movement organised by JPS.

The JPS has again started a state-wide educational campaign to carry on the people's movement for the total scrapping of DPEP.

Haryana Students Achieve Victory

At the call of the Haryana AIDSOS students' movements are spreading against the BJP-VHP (Haryana Vikash Party)-led state government's anti-education measures like steep hike of fees, closing down of MA classes in 18 colleges, closing down of those classes where students remain below 30, etc. Several demands have been achieved.

As the first stage of movement student-parent conferences were held in various parts of Haryana against these measures. From 24th to 30th June demonstrations were held in Rohtak, Rewari, Mahadevagarh, Bhiwani, Gurgaon and Sonapat districts. On behalf of the demonstrations, memoranda of

demands were submitted to the Chief Minister, Vice-Chancellors and Chancellor. State level protest day was observed in almost all parts of Haryana. On this day students demonstrated at district headquarters wearing black badges.

On 10th July central students demonstration was held in Rohtak. From Jat College a large well-decorated procession marched towards the VC office. SFI also participated in the demonstration. At the VC office, Rohtak University, the protest march was converted into an open protest meeting. It was addressed by Comrades Om Prakash, President, Haryana AIDSOS, Ramesh Chander, Sudhir Kumar, Sunita Kumari, Rakesh Kumar, Naresh Kumar (former State Secretary of SFI), Binu Kumari (SFI). All speakers strongly criticised the anti-education, anti-student policies of central and state governments. A memorandum was also submitted to the VC of Rohtak University.

The rising students' movement compelled the BJP-HVP-led state government to withdraw some measures. Admissions will be provided to failed and compartmental students, classes will be set up despite student numbering less than 30. Also the date admission was extended.

Comrade Om Prakash appealed also to the other organisations to build up state level united students' movement.

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A victorious movement of AIDYO

It was a memorable case of people's movement attaining victory by shaking the lethargic administration from its slumber. A massive protest demonstration was organised by the Bangalore District Committee of All India Democratic Youth Organisation (AIDYO) demanding the reconstruction of a dilapidated bridge on which depend more than fifty thousand population belonging to about 10 villages. Every year 6 to 7 people get washed away whenever the water level of sewage carrying canal below increases. Hence increase of height of bridge had been a long standing demand of the people.

On 16th June 2001 a large number of people gathered at the DC's office, Bangalore Urban and raised slogans against the administration. Alarmed by this organised protest the DC agreed to make a spot inspection on 22nd June 2001 to assess the situation. On the day of the visit by the DC about a thousand people assembled at the bridge. Addressing the people the Vice-President of AIDYO, Comrade Vishnu Sabahith urged the DC to mobilise the funds of Rs.50 lakhs required to reconstruct the bridge immediately and demanded that the work be started on a war footing.

The DC gave public commitment that the work on reconstruction would start in the month of October 2001 and he also ordered the Pattanagere City Municipal Council under whose jurisdiction the bridge falls to spend an amount of Rs.25 lakhs from its coffers and the rest of amount of Rs.25 lakh be mobilised from MLAs and MPs' funds. Letters to the concerned persons have also been despatched to the effect by the district authorities.

This is a victory to the united struggle of the people. The 20-year old neglected project is now all set to see the light of the day.



SUCI observes HIROSHIMA DAY in Patna on 6th August last

Solemn Observance of 5th August

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time and again the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and mould their life accordingly.

Orissa : 5th August Memorial Day of the Great Leader of the Proletariat Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was held throughout the state in a befitting manner. The Orissa State Committee, SUCI, though decided to observe the Memorial Day through a state level meeting, but the unprecedented flood situation has compelled it to observe this occasion in different parts of the state. Accordingly, meetings, group sittings and reading of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's literature were organized everywhere.

A day long Study Class was held at Bhubaneswar. Comrade Uddhab Jena, member of the State Committee conducted the class.

A Memorial meeting was held at Delang in which Comrade Raghunath Das, member, Orissa State Committee addressed as the main speaker and Comrade Brajabandhu Pradhan presided over the meeting.

A Memorial meeting was held at Uttarpada M.E.School Hall, Angal, being presided over by Comrade Bhimsen Behera. Comrade Shankar Dasgupta, member, Orissa State Committee addressed as the main speaker. Comrade Nabakishore Pradhan gave the introductory speech. Leaders of different mass fronts like UTUC-LS, AIKKMS, AIDS0, AIDYO and AIMSS garlanded the portrait of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Memorial meeting was also held at Jashipur with Comrade Lalmohan Mohanta as president. Comrade Shanka Majhi gave the introductory speech. Comrade Shambhunath Naik, member, Orissa State Committee addressed the meeting.

On 6th August a Memorial meeting was held at Town Hall, Jajpur with Comrade Jagabandhu Baral, member of the State Committee as president. Comrade Binapani Das, member, Orissa State Committee addressed the meeting as main speaker.

Besides, Memorial meetings also were held at Saruabil mines, Sukinda, Jhumpan, Baipariguda of Koraput district, Rajgangpur, Bhandaripokhari, Cuttack, Jagatsinghpur, Pattamundai, Paradeep, Chandaneswar, civil and steel township of Rourkela, etc.

CPI(M) Goons Brutally Murder Comrade Hasem Khan

Another mass leader was murdered at Manirtat in Kultali, West Bengal on 31st July night by the CPI(M) criminals. A courageous leader in the peasants movement, Comrade Hasem Khan, above 60, member, South 24-Parganas District Sectt., SUCI and In-charge, Manirtat Local Committee, was a pillar of our party in South 24-Parganas. With this latest assassination, the number of leaders, leading organisers and activists of the South 24-Parganas district party, murdered by the CPI(M) in its 24-year misrule now tolls at a terrible 119, apart from the murders committed by the Congress in their regime.

The murderers selected the dead of night of the fateful 31st July to strike. The whole village was sleeping when the brother of a local CPI(M) panchayat pradhan and an armed gang, identified themselves as policemen called Comrade Hasem Khan to attend a meeting to resolve a local dispute. As a respected and popular mass leader Comrade Khan often used to resolve conflicts and disputes among the poor people. Without any shade of doubt as he opened the door, the CPI(M) criminals with police uniform pounced on him and hacked him

with choppers. Not being satiated, he was then shot at. Comrade Khan fell dead in a pool of blood. Comrade Amanulla, his son, tried to stop the murderers. He was also shot at. They then exploded bombs and fled.

As the news spread thousands of

immediate arrest of the culprits. The Addl. Police Supdt. was compelled to go there. He declared before the people to arrest the murderers within 2 days.

On 3rd August Comrade Hasem Khan's dead body was taken from the morgue to the ground of the Manirtat Panchayat. A massive gathering surrounded the place while he was buried in a solemn atmosphere. Before burial, floral wreaths were placed on him by Comrade Renupada Halder, on behalf of the 24-Parganas district secretary and State Sectt. member Comrade Yakub Pailan, who is very ill; wreaths



people came out in protest. People held spontaneous road blockades in Kultali and Jaynagar constituencies. Comrade Probodh Purkait, MLA of Kultali, Comrades Soumen Bose, Bidharn Chatterjee, Party Sectt. members and others rushed to the spot. Comrade Purkait demanded arrest of the criminals and immediate presence of the police Supdt. at the spot, or else deadbody would not be allowed to be removed. Then the Sub-divisional police officer, the Circle Inspector and the Officer-in-charge went to the murder-spot. Thousands of people gathered there became very agitated demanding

were also placed by Comrade Bidhan Chatterjee, Comrade Gopal Bose, member, South 24-Parganas district Sectt., Comrade Dipti Sarkar, district secretary, AIMSS, Comrade Deb Kumar Mondal, Komsomol, Comrade Amir Ali Gharami, AIDS0 and others.

On 12th August last the memorial meeting was held remembering departed Comrade Hasem Khan. Comrade Protiva Mukherjee, member, W. B. State Committee of the party addressed the memorial meeting, in tears.

**Red Salute
Comrade Hasem Khan**



A joint rally of TUs in Bangalore on 24th July against anti-employee moves and privatisation in Defence Sector, UTUC-LS contingent was led by Comrade M. S. Prakash, District in-Charge of UTUC-LS.

Bhopal : The Bhopal District Organising Committee organised a memorial meeting on 5th August in Bhopal. Comrade Ashit Mohanty conducted the meeting. Comrade J. C. Barai, Secretary, Bhopal District Organising Committee was

the main speaker. Comrade Barai dwelt on the life struggle of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in building up the SUCI, the genuine communist party on Indian soil. Comrade Barai said that when Comrade Ghosh realised that no genuine communist party had developed during

freedom struggle and so the fruits of the freedom movement was usurped by the Indian bourgeoisie, he did not hesitate a moment to take up the task of building up a real revolutionary party, essential for accomplishing revolution in India.

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