

# Central Committee's Appeal for broadest possible unity against danger of fascism

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Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary of our party sent the following resolution of the Central Committee in a covering letter to the General Secretaries of the CPI, CPI(M), CPI(ML), RSP, Forward Bloc, Lok Dal, BJP, SP, Congress(S) and Janata. The text of the resolution is given below:

The Central Committee of the SUCI notes with grave concern the growing fascist trend, in the socio-politico-economic and cultural field of the country, in unprecedented depth and dimension, and feels the urgent need to meet this grave situation.

The Central Committee notes with concern how the quick succession of events and draconian acts and measures of the Central Government in recent days starting from dismissal of Sikkim Government, military crack-down in Punjab bringing this State virtually under military rule, amendment of N.S.A. making it stringent, the application of Disturbed Areas Act, and Special Armed Forces Act giving enormous power to the police and Army to even kill any man, anywhere, including inside his house without any explanation, to enter into any house, any time without order from any authority under law, dislodging the Government of Jammu & Kashmir with the help of the defectors riding roughshod over the spirit of anti-defection law in the State under the shadow of Curfew and Army, re-enactment of the

Kashmir drama in Andhra Pradesh by dislodging N. T. Rama Rao Government in a more naked and autocratic manner and last but not the least, promulgation of most autocratic and draconian Ordinance like Terrorist. Affected Areas (Special Courts) Ordinance having such provision as to hold court in secret and without disclosing the seat of the court, depriving the accused of normal opportunity to defend and more alarming, to put the onus of proving innocence upon the accused by completely

throwing aside the hitherto practised basic principle of jurisprudence in our country, which is already applied in Punjab and some other places, have come as a death blow to the legitimate democratic rights and aspirations of the common people. Coupled with all these there is a growing sign of administrative fascism or constitutional dictatorship maintaining the facade of Parliamentary system holding its sway through introduction of committed judiciary, coterie rule in administration and creation of a band of servile Governors along with constant campaign in favour of Presidential form of Government and militarisation of economy; all done with a view to muzzle the

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## Comrade Nihar Mukherjee demands total army withdrawal from Punjab

Giving his reaction on the decision of the Central Government to withdraw military from the Golden Temple Complex in Punjab, Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary of our party has issued the following statement.

"It is incumbent on

the part of the Central Government to withdraw military, long overdue, not only from the Golden Temple Complex but also from the entire state of Punjab and to take other necessary measures in order to create a congenial atmosphere for and facilitate political solution to all the outstanding problems as early as possible."

## Police lathicharged students peacefully violating law in Calcutta

Firmly and calmly, in the midst of heavy and brutal lathicharge by the Left Front Government's police, the students of West Bengal proved once again that they are ready to rise up to the occasion, to give blood if necessary, to forestall the attempts of the ruling class to bring in all out fascism in the country. Although the demonstrators had come to protest mainly against the fascist steps of the Central Government along with some other demands

concerning the anti-people policy of the state government, the Left Front, despite its anti-Indira posture, did not fail to meet the demonstrating students with lathi. Comrade Sanjit Biswas, Secretary, WB State Committee, AIDS, Com. Asit Das Das, a member of the State Committee, Com. Apurba Banerjee and Com. Kartik Hazra, Secretaries of the districts of Murshidabad and Birbhum and many others fell injured. Com. Abdur Rauf Ahmed, Secretary of

Coochbehar district, Com. Kollol Kar and Com. Rashid Ali Sardar, DSO workers Calcutta and South 24 Parganas respectively are still in Hospitals in critical condition. Many others injured are under treatment outside.

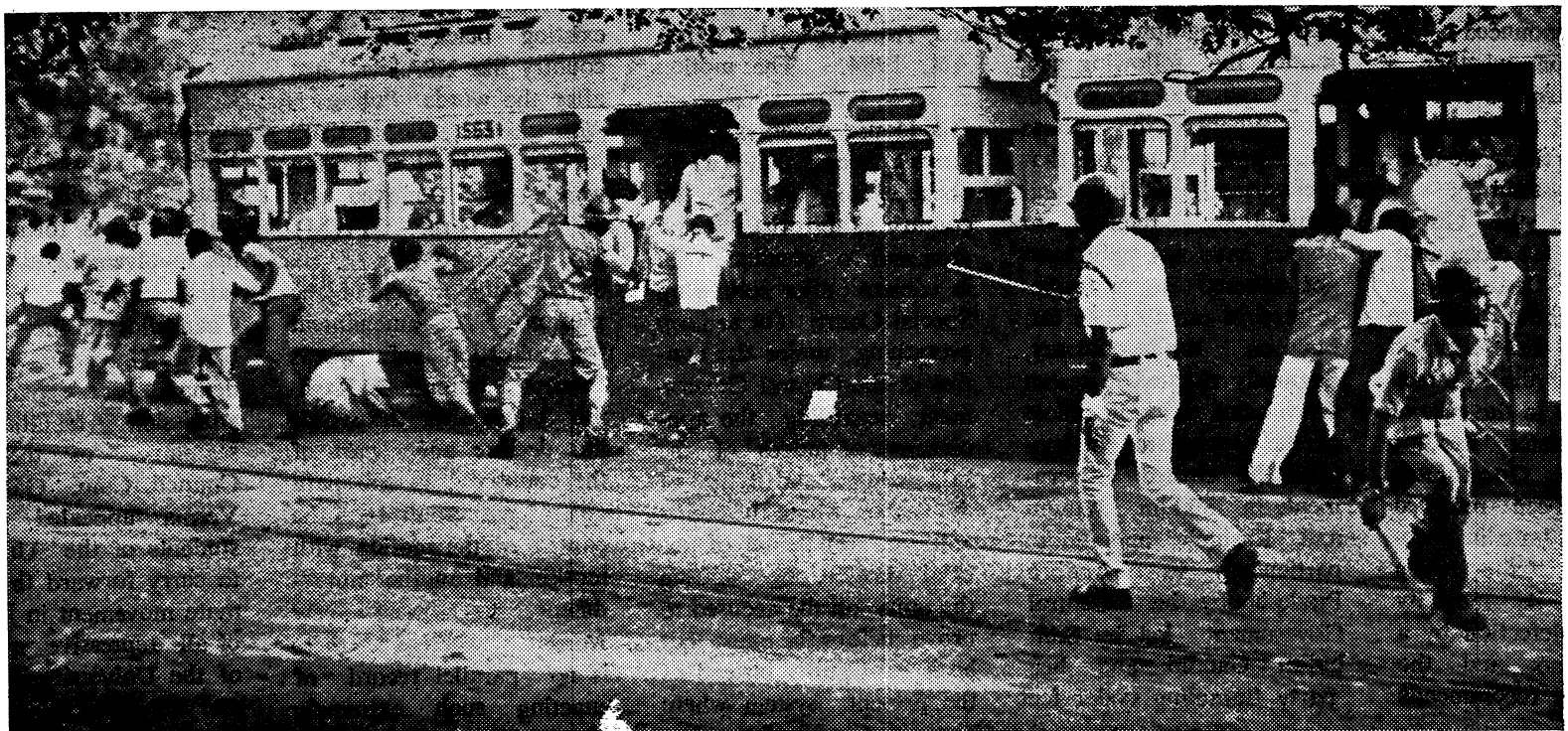
The students had assembled in thousands on the Calcutta University Lawn to join the rally on September 21 there and participate in the law violation at the call of the W. B. State Committee, AIDS against the proposed black

Central Education Bill, and the undemocratic Calcutta University (Amendment) Bill, 1984 and demanding immediate solution to the acute admission crisis at different levels of higher education.

In accordance with the decision of the All India Committee, AIDS, the W. B. State Committee had resolved to build up the the students movement within the state against the Central Education Bill while fighting the anti-people education policies

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Police denied lathicharge



# Comrade Debaprosad Sarkar's adjournment motion in West Bengal Assembly

21st September, 1984 the last day of the recent short lived session of West Bengal Legislative Assembly was a Non-official Motion day. Assembly proceedings of at least three motions on that day are worth mentioning for public consumption considering their political significance. While these motions were discussed in the House Congress(I) members were absent since they walked out of the House raising a point of order when the motions were aised.

At the outset we are referring to the motion moved by Amalendra Roy (R.S.P.), Horomohan Sinha CPI(M) and Bhakti Bhusan Mondal, F.B. urging the centre to ensure that the Governor exercise the power of dissolution not arbitrarily but on the advice of the Council of Ministers and on the basis of trial of strength on the floor of the Legislative Assembly. Salient portions from the text of the said motion are quoted below:

Whereas the convention of holding prior consultations with the Chief Minister of a State before appointment of a Governor in that State as enunciated by the Government of India on the floor of the Parliament on 23rd March, 1968 and 25th April, 1969 is being flouted in recent times;

Whereas the Emergent Conference in April 1968 of the Indian Speakers under the Chairmanship of Shri Sanjiv Reddy, the then Speaker of Lok Sabha, pronounced that "the question whether a Chief Minister has lost the confidence of the Assembly shall, at all times, be decided in the Assembly";

Whereas the Governor's Committee recommended that "normally a Governor should exercise the power of dissolution on the advice of the Council of Ministers. In the case of a Chief Minister heading a single party Government which has been returned by the electorate in absolute majority, if the ruling party loses its majority because of defection by a few members and the Chief Minister recommends

dissolution so as to enable him to make a fresh appeal to the electorate, the Governor may grant a dissolution. The mere fact that a few members of the party have defected does not necessarily prove that the party has lost the confidence of the electorate"; and

Whereas in this background removal of Governments anywhere in this country will be not only arbitrary but wholly against the norms, guidelines and conventions as settled by the aforesaid August bodies although all are ethically, politically, constitutionally and legally bound to act up to the same in the interest of the future of Parliamentary Democracy in India;

This House, therefore, requests the State Government to urge upon the Government of India to ensure that the aforesaid norms, guidelines and conventions are translated into action under all circumstances.

Since the motion in its aforesaid form without any reference and strong words of condemnation against the recent autocratic acts of toppling the elected governments in Sikkim, Jammu and Kashmir and Andhra Pradesh perpetrated by the Central Government led by Smt. Indira Gandhi, appears to be incomplete, vague and superficial Comrade Deba Prasad Sarkar, leader of S.U.C.I. in West Bengal Legislative Assembly moved an amendment suggesting that for the last paragraph of the motion the following new paragraphs be substituted.

"Whereas this House is constrained to note that the norms, guidelines and conventions, referred to above, have not only been not adhered to or implemented in practice so far, but on the contrary, flagrantly violated in recent times using the high offices of the Governors in toppling the elected Governments in Sikkim, Jammu and Kashmir and more particularly in Andhra Pradesh by the Central Government led by Smt. Indira Gandhi and her party trampling under feet

all norms of parliamentary democracy;

This House, therefore, unequivocally condemns those autocratic acts of the Central Congress(I) Government and requests the State Government to urge upon the Government of India not to repeat such dangerous game in future in the interest of minimum parliamentary democratic rights of the people and to ensure that the aforesaid norms, guidelines and conventions are translated into action under all circumstances."

One will be surprised to note that the mover of the motion did not agree to accept the aforesaid amendment moved by Comrade Sarkar and the amendment was lost when pressed to division. The Left Front members did not hesitate to reject the amendment by casting their votes against it. All honest, well-meaning and left and democratic minded people cannot but question the attitude of the left front members as to why they rejected the amendment of Comrade Sarkar casting their votes against it. Is there any earthly ground for rejecting the amendment in the party of the left front if they are really serious to oppose the fascist measures of Smt Indira Gandhi and her government?

Secondly, we are referring to the non-official motion moved by Comrade Debaprosad Sarkar urging upon the Central Government to repeal the draconian act, the Terrorist Affected Areas (Special Courts) Act, 1984. The motion reads as follows: "Whereas this House observes with grave concern that, (a) to declare any part of the country as terrorist affected area and to conduct trial in camera after setting up Special Court; (b) to keep everything under the control of the Central Government regarding the appointment of judges of the said courts and fixture of the venues where the courts will sit; (c) denial of natural justice by shifting the onus on the accused to prove before the court that he is not guilty instead of the present system where

the prosecutor is required to prove that his complaint is correct; (d) to declare any voice of protest against the ruling class in a class divided capitalist country like ours as a punishable offence; and (e) in order to concentrate unbridled power to suppress the minimum democratic movement the Central Government has enacted the Terrorist Affected Areas (Special Courts) Act.

Whereas this House, on the basis of past experience apprehends with concern, that the act will ruthlessly and indiscriminately suppress the legitimate democratic movements developed within the country and will strike at the root of the individual liberty and democratic right;

whereas the well-meaning and democratic minded people of the country have already raised their strong voice of protest and are going to organise resistance movement;

This House, therefore, to protect democracy and fundamental right of individual freedom urges upon the Central Government through the State Government to take effective step to repeal the Terrorist Affected Areas (Special Courts) Act and to amend the Constitution to debate those sections of the Constitution on the strength of which such draconian acts are enacted."

The aforesaid motion was passed unanimously with a minor amendment viz, the insertion of the words "to attack democracy by extending the purview of the existing black acts of the country like NSA etc," just after the words "observes with grave concern that" in line 1 of the motion which was moved by Sumanta Hira, CPI(M) and accepted by Com. Sarkar the mover of the motion. An amendment for insertion of words "except Jammu & Kashmir" just after the words "to declare any part of the country" in sub para (a) of paragraph 1 of the para 1 of the motion with motion and another amendment to insert new words "whereas there is no parallel record of enacting such extremely

repressive and undemocratic act since 1947" were moved by the SUCI member Comrade Probodh Purkait. Comrade Sarkar was ready to accept both the amendments of Com. Purkait. But since the members from the treasury bench vehemently opposed the amendments of Com. Purkait Com. Sarkar, in the interest of adopting a unanimous motion with the sole object of forging a broad based unity against the fascist attack led by Smt. Indira Gandhi, ultimately decided not to insist the House to accept the amendments of Com. Purkait.

A third non-official motion urging the Centre to enact a comprehensive act to ensure trade union rights, old age pension and jobs through out the year for landless labourers was moved by Kamakhya Ghosh, CPI and the same was passed with minor amendment moved by a SUCI Member. While supporting this motion, to expedite the proposed central enactment. Comrade Deba Prasad Sarkar moved another amendment requesting the State Government to enact a comprehensive model act as the part of the State Government in the interest of the landless agricultural labourers pending enactment of such act by the centre. This amendment of comrade Sarkar was likewise rejected by the Left Front by majority votes.

## AIDSO

### ALLAHABAD NEWS

In a statement issued to condemn the imprisonment of Com. Bipin Bihari, President, U.P. State Council of the AIDSO for a fortnight for his involvement in an agitation against the Vice Chancellor of the Allahabad University over a demand for expansion of admission facilities, the secretary of the State Council, Com. Gagannath Verma appealed to the students of the University to carry forward the legitimate movement in the face of all repressive measures of the University authority and the State Government.



## Central Committee's Appeal

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growing voice of people's protest and movement in its futile attempt to stave off the intense crisis of capitalism.

The Central Committee cannot fail to note in this connection that the ruling capitalist class and their hangers-on have been working overtime to bring in regimentation of thought, cause erosion of democratic values, norms, ethics, etc. making these qualities worst victims, dehumanise people and foster blindness and more the blindness, more the fanaticism, providing a fertile soil for rapid growth of fascism.

The Central Committee also notes the dangerous situation arising out of the growing menace of communalism religious and linguistic fanaticism, divisive tendencies, etc. in Assam, Punjab, Bhiwandi and elsewhere which is being whipped not only by the communal and parochial forces but also by Smt. Indira Gandhi, her party and Government involving even the administration. In fact, in order to hit at the base of the struggling unity of the common people so that they cannot resist any onslaught upon them unitedly, not only with the immediate aim to reap maximum dividend in elections, but ultimately to bring about all-out fascism in the country in their bid to extend the lease of this crisis-ridden capitalism, the Congress(I) Government representing the aggregate interest of the Indian capitalist class has been acting as the main architect of communalism, parochialism today apart from other rabid communal and parochial forces in the country.

In such a situation the need of the hour is to build up country wide mighty democratic movement of the people which alone can thwart the growing danger of fascism. help resist the draconian Acts and Ordinances and foil the sinister design of the ruling party and the class to entangle the people in fratricidal wars dividing them on communal and parochial lines.

The Central Commi-

tee of S.U.C.I. seriously feels the urgency of uniting all parties and forces ready to resist the growing danger of fascism. There may be some others who may agree even to the minimum of raising the voice of protest against fascism. The Central Committee emphasises the urgency to unite and join our strength with all of them.

The Central Committee of S.U.C.I. further urges upon all to build movement for the restoration, protection and extension of democratic rights of the people, restoration of democratic norms and values and strengthen the unity of the people which alone can help resist the growing menace of communalism and fascism.

## AIDSO NEWS

### Com. Chhaya Mukherjee's Statement

Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee, President, All India DSO, has in a recent letter, appealed to the various anti-Congress(I) students' organisations of the country to come forward for a united cuntrywide movement aga-

inst the increasing offensive launched by the Indira-regime at the Centre on the democratic rights of the academic community in general and university academic community evidenced, particularly in the present move of the

### KERALA NEWS

The advancing and heroic students' movement of Orissa has generated great enthusiasm among the students and the people of Kerala. Throughout the state, students hailed the movement in various forms such as meetings, demonstrations and class-boycot etc.

On August 16 last, a joint student meeting was held in Trivandrum which was addressed by the state-level

leaders of four anti-Congress(I) students unions namely Comrades P. Aryan (AIDSO), Kariyan Ravi (AISF), Abhilash Varghese (PSU) and K. Krishnakumar (ABVP) and presided over by Com. B. K. Rajagopal, Secretary, Kerala State Council of AIDSO. This largely attended meeting expressed severe condemnation of Mr. J. B. Pattanaik Govt's ruthless attack on the stu-

Central government for a Comprehensive Central Bill on Education.

Earlier, another letter was issued on behalf of the All India Council, AIDSO to these anti-Congress(I) students' organisations calling upon for a united All-India level campaign in support of the heroic student movement in Orissa.

dent movement and conveyed its whole-hearted solidarity with the struggling students and people of Orissa.

Again on August 31 last, a joint-meeting was held in Iqbal College, Trivandrum in support of the Orissa movement which was addressed by Com. Jabar (AIDSO), Com. Venu (PSU), Com. Deepu (RSO), B. K. Rajagopal, Secretary, Kerala State Council, AIDSO also addressed.

The successful observation of the Solidarity Day in support of Orissa students' movement on August '83 by the Kerala AIDSO has also greatly contributed to the large-scale mobilization of public opinion for the movement, throughout Kerala. The programmes included meeting, demonstrations, deputations etc. at various levels in different districts of the state. In Trivandrum a large student procession demonstrated before important educational institutions of the city and lastly handed over a memorandum to the Governor and the Chief Minister a copy of which was sent to the Chief Minister of Orissa.

In Quilon, the students of T.K.M. College of Art and TKM College of Engineering boycotted the classes in protest against the Burla tragedy. In Ernakulam, the students of M.A. College of Engineering also registered their protest.

The movement waged by the AIDSO all over the country against the Central Bill on education has now spread into the districts of Kerala. On 29th August last, demonstrations were held in the headquarters of several districts in the state under the aegis of the Kerala (Contd. on page 4)



Leaders of AIDSO, AISF, PSU, and ABVP addressing the joint rally in support of Orissa Students' movement at Trivandrum, Kerala



AIDSO organises rally against the Central Education bill in Kerala

## Massive Women's Rally in Calcutta



Massive Women's rally in Calcutta

March to Rajbhavan, under the banner of the Mahila Sanskritik Sangha (MSS), drew thousands of women from all walks of life on 10th September in Calcutta. It marked a protest demonstration by women of all ages, from all districts of West Bengal, against the fascist onslaught on democracy mounted by the Central Congress(I) government and the anti-people policies of the 'Left Front' government of the state.

Mothers, sisters and children from families of workers, peasants, middle class people rallied

at Subodh Mullick Square and from there started in a procession towards Raj Bhavan.

The police interfered on Rani Rasmoni Road to stop the procession of over five thousand women led by Com. Prativa Mukherjee, President of the organisation and a distinguished public leader, Com. Chhaya Mukherjee, Com. Menoka Basu Roy, Com. Krishna Sen, among others. A deputation of five members led by Com. Prativa Mukherjee handed over two memoranda, one addressed to the Prime Minister through the State Governor and the

other to the State's Chief Minister.

In the evening, Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, beloved General Secretary of the SUCI, addressed a

large meeting of mothers and sisters in the Mahajati Sadan hall. Explaining the true meaning of women's emancipation, in the light of teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, Comrade Mukherjee pointed out that this emancipation could come only along with the emancipation of all sections of the toiling masses from the capitalist exploitation and oppression. So women too had a positive role to play in the legitimate democratic mass movements on the burning problems of people's life in general and women's own special problems, in particular. At every stage in history, mothers and sisters had played a distinctive role for advancement of human civilisation, Comrade Mukherjee observed. He appealed to the mothers and sisters to strengthen and widen the mass base of the MSS, guided by the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

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State Council of the AIDSO. The demonstrators condemned in a voice the Central Government's moratorium on setting up of new colleges and universities and derecognition of some newly established institutions, in particular professional institutions, on the pretext of checking the system of capitation fees as contained in the UGS (Amendment) Bill, 1984. A dharna was staged in Trivandrum and a meeting was held in which Com. B. K. Rajgopal, secretary of the Kerala State Council addressed among others. A memorandum was submitted to the Governor, Chief Minister and the Education Minister.

Demonstrations were also held in Alleppey, Quilon, Ernakulum, Calicut, Palghat, Kottayama, Pathanam thitta and Idukki. The State Council has appealed to other students organisations to help build up a united movement against the Central Bill and for expansion of education facilities.

## Students Lathi-charged in Calcutta

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of the State Government. At the All Bengal Education Convention held on August 20, 1984, it was resolved to build up rallies from 8th to 15th September whereupon a state-level rally and law violation would be organised in Calcutta on September 21.

About ten thousand of students from all the districts of the state including six universities, hundreds of colleges and schools came in processions to the C.U. Lawn where a meeting was held with Com. Dipankar Ray, President, WB State Committee in chair. Com. Rabin Samajpati, Vice-president in his address called for a protracted student movement to thwart the fascist onslaught. Com. Sanjit Biswas, Secretary of the State Committee and the main speaker of the day elaborately showed how the proposed Central Education Bill has been designed to destroy whatever remnants of autonomy of the universities and

democratic rights of the students, teachers, and employees were there. Com. Biswas regretted that the leftist forces were not only failing to do so, the Left Front Government in West Bengal itself was adopting such policies as go to help the Central Government in pursuing its design. The undemocratic Calcutta University (Amendment) Bill, 1984 which not only not abolished the provision of the Governor being the Chancellor and other anti-autonomy provision of the 1979-Act, but now under the garb of making it more democratic sought to empower the syndicate, the executive body of the university with all the powers making the senate virtually a rubber stamp.

The demonstrators then marched in a big, well decorated and disciplined procession through the highways towards the Rajbhavan at Esplanade East, Calcutta, where they, under the leadership of Com. Sanjit Biswas, Secretary and Com. Rabin Samajpati, Vice President of the State

Committee and leaders of the different districts began to break peacefully through the police cordons violating the 144 Cr Pc order. And at once, the police turned to its tradition, instead of arresting the law violators and picking them into prison vehicle, started indiscriminate and violent lathi-charge, as a result of which large number of students were severely injured. In spite of the heavy pounding by lathi, all the students courageously continued breaking cordon in tidal waves and 3747 students courted arrest.

The next day, an All Bengal Protest Day was observed throughout the State to register indignation against this barbarous lathi-charge by the Left Front police on the peaceful movement, through gate-meetings, processions, street-corner meetings in schools, colleges, universities and localities.

## People of Andhra Pradesh Hailed

Congratulating the people of the state, B. Sreenivasa Rao, Secretary of Kurnool district organising committee of our party SUCI in course of a statement on September 17 last stated that the fascist attempt of the central govt to destroy all democratic norms and values has received a jolt in Andhra Pradesh.

The statement said, the growing danger of fascism has not been done away with. Naturally the struggle for restoration, preservation and extension of democratic norms, values and rights should not be stopped, rather be intensified, continued and led through to its end, till

democracy is fully restored, all the black and draconian acts like NSA, ESMA and disturbed area etc and black ordinances like terrorist affected area (Special Court) ordinance are repealed and the growing fascist danger is completely defeated.

To achieve this, the statement emphasised, the need for an all India united movement of all the parties and forces who are willing to restore democracy. It appealed to the people and to the left-democratic and opposition parties and forces to come forward for such an all India united movement against the growing attacks on democratic norms, values and rights.