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Workers must imbibe the noble ideology of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought and lead the struggle for emancipation from exploitation of man by man

— Comrade Provash Ghosh

(Speech delivered by Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), at the delegate session of the 20th All India Conference of AIUTUC in Bangalore on 6 January, 2013)

Comrade President and Comrade Delegates,

First of all, let me, on behalf of the Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist), the party of the Indian revolutionary proletariat, express my revolutionary greetings to the fraternal foreign delegate comrades, to the newly elected President, General Secretary, and executives of the All India United Trade Union Centre and all the delegates present here. This is the concluding session and soon the conference would come to an end. Although this conference would be over, there

ruling bourgeoisie not only resorts to violence to suppress working class struggles but plays all kinds of tricks, indulges in all kinds of deceptions to mislead the workers. These representatives of the bourgeoisie wearing the mask of labour leaders and under the camouflage of serving working class interest faithfully serve the class interest of their masters. The social democrats do it in a more cunning way with leftist vocabularies and Marxist jargons. Now these agents tell the workers: "This is not the time for agitation. If



Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C) addressing the Conference. Seated to his right Comrade Krishna Chakraborty and to his left Comrade K. Radhakrishna and Comrade Sankar Saha

ought to be augury of a new phase of struggle. What message will this conference carry to the exploited people of our country? Trade Union conferences are not rare in our country. But conference of this type is indeed rare. There are trade unions of the bourgeois parties, also of the social-democratic parties. They also hold their conferences. But those conferences are merely ritualistic and ceremonial in nature, simply reduced to grand feasts, picnic parties, with much pomp and grandeur. They spend crores of rupees on their conferences. Who finance them? Definitely not the working class. Why do the industrial houses, big business fund these so called Trade Unions? Because they are the trusted representatives of the bourgeoisie; in Lenin's language, chieftains to mislead and disrupt the working class movement. In the countries where bourgeois democracy is functional for a long period, the

you go for it, you will be sacked. Better accept retrenchment of some workers. Otherwise all will be retrenched. Do not go for strike. If you go, then the factories will be closed down etc. Better go for labour tribunal." It is not accidental that most of these leaders are known as 'Dalals' (agents of the owners) to the workers. Sometimes agitated workers batter these so called leaders to teach them a good lesson. But the revolutionary fighters organized under the banner of All India United Trade Union Centre and imbued with the teachings of great Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin, Mao Zedong and Shibdas Ghosh are engaged in a serious devoted struggle to educate, organize and rouse the working class in different parts of our country. For them, conference is a very serious programme. While conducting working class struggles in various places, in diverse

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SUCI(C) demands withdrawal of the cosmetic ordinance and calls for a comprehensive set of measures following due democratic process to curb crime and sexual violence against women

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C) issued the following statement on 2 February, 2013 —

It is disquieting and despicable to find that the Congress-led UPA government in brazen subversion of the barest precepts of democratic norms has unilaterally decided to issue an ordinance claimed to be against sexual assault on women bypassing, as usual, the parliament and leaving out most of the recommendations of the Justice Verma Committee set up after the gruesome gang-rape and murder of a 23-year old physiotherapist in Delhi in last December. It may be recalled that many political parties, women's organizations, eminent personalities and right-thinking people at large provided many valuable suggestions to the Verma Committee which accepted many of those. But the government without allowing any debate and discussion on the suggestions of the Committee and caring little to listen to the opinions of various quarters and democratic-minded people of the country hurried through a cosmetic ordinance particularly when the budget session of the parliament is slated to begin soon and also had taken care to see that most of the suggestions on bringing the law-implementation machinery under the purview of stringent legal provisions in case of any flaw, dereliction of duty or willful negligence are not covered nor does the question of sexual crimes by members of the armed forces being tried under ordinary criminal law (i.e., a review of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act), finds a place in it. The unusual haste and complete absence of transparency shown by the government in promulgating the ordinance only shows that the government is not at all keen to stop escalation of crime, violence and sexual assault on women and instead is in pursuit of an ulterior motive to give such a serious issue a decent burial under the camouflage of swift changes in penal laws.

We demand immediate withdrawal of this ordinance and call upon the protesting people of the country to close up their ranks and unitedly raise voice to compel the government to follow due democratic process to introduce a comprehensive set of measures including necessary amendment of law with necessary check and balance as per Justice Verma Committee recommendations to prevent the rising crimes against women and protect their honour and dignity.

Comrade Provash Ghosh in AIUTUC Conference**Unemployment, retrenchment, price rise, wage cut, wage freeze are endowments of crisis-ridden moribund capitalism***Contd. from page 1*

situations, they gather various types of experiences, encounter many types of difficulties. On the occasion of conferences like this, they assemble together, exchange their experiences, learn from each other and chalk out a plan of action not merely to keep in paper but for implementation in course of their day to day struggle. At this critical hour of our country, the revolutionary message of this conference must reach the working class and the exploited toiling people round the country. I am sure that as students of Marxism-Leninism-Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought, you will be discharging this responsibility in right earnest.

Insoluble crisis of capitalism

Comrades, it is known to you all what severe economic, political, social, cultural and ethical problems we are facing today, not only in our country but in other capitalist-imperialist countries as well. In fact, at the beginning of the last century before the First World War, Comrade Lenin, the great leader of the proletariat, placed before the working class of the world that with capitalism entering its moribund, decadent stage, that is the stage of imperialism, the period of progressive development of capitalism was over. After the Second World War, great Stalin said that whatever relative economic stability capitalism enjoyed before the First and Second World Wars had ceased to be in vogue. Few years after that, our leader and teacher Comrade Shibdas Ghosh explained that world capitalism was facing hourly crisis. Any measure taken by it to come out of the crisis is landing it in more crises. And today capitalism is facing crisis every minute, every second. USA, once called the engine of world capitalist economy, is today sinking deeper and deeper. Once, it was the biggest creditor country. Now it is reduced to the biggest debtor country in the world. US economy is surviving on loans and debts, gasping in ventilation. It is sinking into the Pacific Ocean. Same is the case with other powerful western imperialist countries. They too are sinking in the Atlantic Ocean. Threat of massive economic recession and depression are haunting them. In a recent session on how to avert serious fiscal problems, the US economists admitted that whatever measures they are suggesting are only

temporary as they are unable to find any permanent solution. The capitalist economy is facing an insoluble market crisis. Its market is shrinking and would continue to shrink. Because, market means purchasing power of the people and the poverty-stricken unemployed multitude of people is virtually having no purchasing power. The ruling capitalists are only eying maximization of profit. Maximization of profit means maximization of exploitation. Maximization of exploitation is generating spiralling unemployment, triggering massive retrenchment. So, the purchasing power is falling rapidly and market is getting squeezed. This is the market crisis faced by the capitalist class today. Almost all the capitalist-imperialist countries are suffering from the problem of sovereign debt. According to latest available figure, the sovereign debt of USA has climbed to 16 trillion dollars. India is also faced with huge unprecedented fiscal and current account deficits. So, all the bourgeois states are maintaining themselves on huge debts and market borrowings. That is the position of all imperialist-capitalist countries. This crisis is severe and unprecedented. That is why we are facing retrenchment, unemployment problem, tax hike, price rise and curtailment in education and other facilities. This is going on continuously and is ever increasing.

Obtaining scenario of Trade Union and people's movement

Under these circumstances it is a historic responsibility of the working class to involve themselves as well as all sections of oppressed people in proper struggle. That is the urgent need of the hour. Few years back, there was some scope for the trade unions to demand for wage increase, better service conditions, permanency of work, job security, medical relief, house rent and such other benefits. So, the struggles were conducted on those economic demands. But now even that scope is being squeezed. Today, the workers are being retrenched on a massive scale. So, the need is to stop that retrenchment. There is no permanency of job. Employees and workers are either appointed on contract or temporary basis. Wage cut, wage freeze are rampant. All benefits and facilities earned through arduous struggles are now being withdrawn, one by one. Industrialists are given free hand to

violate agreements and labour laws. Even to form a union has become difficult. Yes, the agents of the bourgeoisie can form unions. But if there is any attempt to form any union to serve the interest of the working class, organizers are harassed and even sacked. This is the present situation and at this hour you cannot resist this onslaught, cannot achieve a single demand without a well-organized sustained militant movement. And who can develop such a movement? Only a trade union equipped with Marxism-Leninism-Comrade Ghosh Thought, the most revolutionary thought of the era. We need to understand this. This is one side of the picture.

There is another side of the picture. There is a spurt of people's movements round the imperialist-capitalist world. Even in America, we find a tremendous surge of movement which has become famous as 'Occupy Wall Street movement'. There was no leadership, no prior well organized preparation. Spontaneously the movement burst forth and lasted for 7 long months. The American rulers were visibly shaken by that. In Europe, continuous strikes of workers and other sections of toiling masses are frequently paralyzing the entire administration. These strikes have not been organized by any revolutionary party. Problems of life are so unbearable that the working class is pushed to movement, to protest and to struggle. In our country also, we are witnessing resistance to forcible land acquisition by people, militant outbursts of the working class against injustice and oppression, the most recent one of which was in Gurgaon. And a few days back, we saw a spontaneous massive upsurge of anger-ignited people in Delhi against gruesome gang-rape of a young girl when the city was in grip of shivering cold of winter. The police fired tear gas shells, used water cannons, resorted to brutal lathi (baton) charge but could not bend the protesters including the large number of young women who swelled in numbers, braved all attacks and remained firm on their demand for justice. The movement inspired people round the country to come out in the streets and rise in protest. The movement is still going on. In this case also there was no call from any political party or anyone else. But, people were so furious against not only the ghastly crime on that hapless girl but also

the escalating all-out attacks on their life and livelihood that they spontaneously exploded in protest. Already the bourgeois media is worried and commenting that this resentment is against the government, the system, the structure of parliamentary democracy, the judiciary and the existing law and order machinery. So, the media is advising the government to settle the matter at the earliest and ensure that the movement subsides immediately. Sparks of movement are visible all around.

How to lead working class struggles to logical culmination

Who can give an organized shape to these spontaneous movements? Only a leadership armed with Marxism-Leninism-Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought can do that. As great Marx and Engels had once pointed out, capitalism produced its own grave-diggers. Who are those grave diggers? Definitely, it is the working class. Working class is supposed to dig the grave of capitalism-imperialism. Working class cannot do it automatically. It does need a weapon to dig the grave. That weapon is Marxism and it needs to be acquired. It is to be understood and mastered properly. Science of Marxism was further enriched and developed by Engels, Lenin, Stalin, Mao Zedong and Shibdas Ghosh. It is developing continuously in keeping pace with life, with the emergence of newer and newer phenomena, problems and further advancement of science. With newer discoveries of science, Marxism as a scientific philosophy is also developing further and further. The class consciousness of the working class should also develop accordingly. Without ideological strength, they cannot dig the grave of capitalism. Everything comes into being, develops and then goes out of being—this is the law of nature. This law which operates automatically in nature also operates in society but differently. Any law operates differently in different domain. One, therefore, has to study the particularity and peculiarity of operation of a given law in a given domain. In nature, there is no existence of consciousness to obstruct or accelerate any change. But in society, human consciousness exists to play its role. In a class divided

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All India Women's Conference organized by AIMSS marks history in women's movement

29th – 31st January 2013, the people of Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, were witness to a unique event, the 3rd All India Conference of Women organised by All India Mahila Sanskritik Sangathan (AIMSS). This Conference came in course of massive struggles by women all over the country on various issues. AIMSS, an instrument of struggle of Indian women held this conference with a view to preparing women for a powerful, organized and arduous struggle to acquire their rights and chalk out the path of their emancipation.

Pre conference preparation

To host the 3rd All India Women's Conference AIMSS Kerala State committee formed state level reception committee. This committee was formed with Justice V. R. Krishna Iyer as the chairman, Dr. N. A. Karim, former pro-VC of Kerala University and renowned educationist, K. P. Kosalarandas veteran trade union leader, Kanai Kunhiraman, the world famous sculptor and Lalitha Mathew as Vice Chairpersons and Shyla K. John as the secretary. Over a thousand of renowned writers, artists from different fields, social activists, teachers, doctors and many other important individuals of the state were members of the committee.

Pre-conference programmes started from 25th January, 2013. Inauguration of the media centre at the venue of conference by Smt. Vimala Menon, a renowned social activist, organisation of an artist camp led by the famous sculptor Kanai Kunhiraman, Inauguration of 'Sthree sakthi' exhibition which dealt with the role of women in the building up of history by Smt. B. Valsalakumari, retired Principal Secretary of the state, inauguration of exhibition of the paintings created in the artist camp by Shri Kanai Kunhiraman, presentation of 'Kadha prasangom', a special art in Kerala, through which the life struggle of great scientist Madam Curie was depicted by Prof. Vasanthakumar Sambasivan, 'Jyothi Sthree Sakthi Vismayam', a magic show by the famous magician Gopinath Muthukad, Poet's meet, a dance drama, women's karate demonstration were a few of the various programmes.

29th January 2013 – Open Session

A mood was set in at Thiruvananthapuram, much before 29th of January, 2013 to strengthen the women's cause which is the crying need of the hour. A massive

procession with participants from 20 states started from Palayam – Martyrs' square and reached Puthari Kandam Maidan, Ayyankalinagar. As the procession marched through the streets, emotional slogans vibrated in the atmosphere – 'Down with crimes on women', 'Stop female foeticide and infanticide', 'punish the criminals severely', 'down with Trafficking of women', 'Stop Obscenity', 'down with alcoholism and drug menace' etc.

Puthari Kandam maidan which has a history of struggle was ready for the documentation of another historic struggle of women. Thousands of women and also men and different sections of people

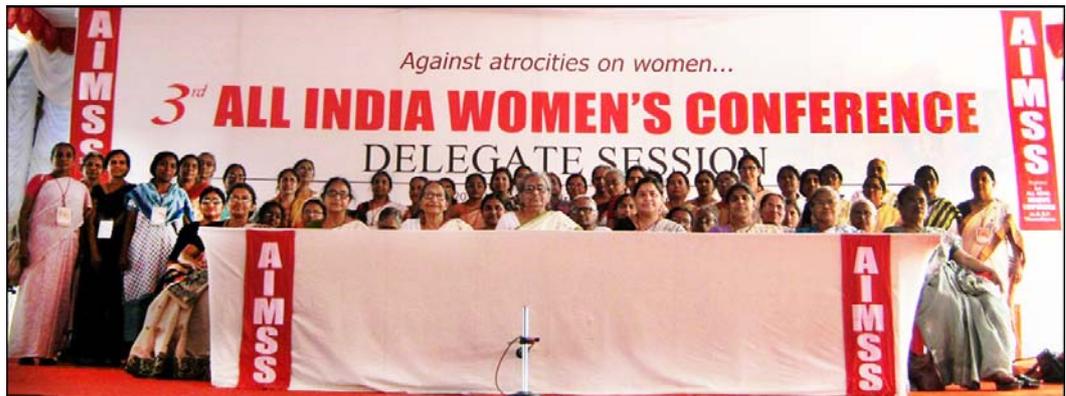
of crimes committed against them.

Inaugurating the conference, **Justice M N Venkatachaliah**, former Chief Justice, Supreme Court of India, former Chairperson and National Human Rights Commission said: "It's impossible to imagine how we have treated our women down the ages. And sometimes some anthropologists say that tribal societies are much better in treating their women and respecting them. The other day, people poured into the streets in Delhi and various other places, they fought. And it was a very heart warming response. Men, young men particularly, came into the streets for the sake of this girl who was dishonoured and killed. They conveyed this by writing on the wall that governance had collapsed. People had lost their faith in the governance of their country. "I think we must in this country, have a board "Respect Women! Respect Women! Respect Women!" in every

protest agitation in Delhi are a silver lining in the darkness. The support we are getting from people everywhere gives us strength to work for the cause of women."

Justice Suresh Hosbet, former judge of Bombay High Court and a noted Human Rights activist, was one of the guests of honour who spoke on this occasion. He quoted Justice Krishna Iyer who had said "India can never march towards a grand future, until all its women are free from suppression, inhibition and unjust disability." He was sceptical about laws bringing in justice. He said that violence against women constitutes a violation of the rights and fundamental freedom of the women. He condemned the globalisation policy which has devastating effects on women. He stressed on the necessity of a social change.

Comrade Manik Mukherjee, member, Polit Bureau, SUCI(C) and General Secretary, All India Anti



Dais at the delegate session : Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee, President AIMSS and Comrade H.G. Jayalakshmi with newly elected All India Committee members of AIMSS

from Thiruvananthapuram and other districts of Kerala had gathered there. The open session started with progressive songs presented by different cultural troupes from different States.

Welcoming everybody on the dais and the women gathered in huge numbers with his deepest warmth, **Dr N A Karim** said that the conference is held at a time when the whole nation is deeply agitated and profoundly disturbed by the developments that took place in the national capital. The old primitive feudal values have not disappeared. And the values that the new capitalistic culture has generated add to our problems. So cruelty to women has taken an institutionalised form in this country. The AIMSS has been in this field for the liberation of women and to put a stop to all kinds

street corner, every railway station, every bus stand, school and college. The rights of women are on mere paper. Everybody takes those rights for granted. I think time has come for all of us to think of our posterity."

Dr H G Jayalakshmi, General Secretary, AIMSS, in her introductory note said "it is such an occasion when the problems of the women are on the rise. This calls for a determined, organized battle against all crimes against women. The problems of women are from womb to tomb. But now people are up in arms against crimes as we have all witnessed. The historic movements of Nandigram in West Bengal against land grab, of Orissa against POSCO, of 50,000 women in Andhra 'women against liquor', of Kerala against all sorts of atrocities on women and now the

Imperialist Forum (AIAIF), delivered a brief but valuable speech on the issue of women's emancipation. (His speech is given separately.)

Dr Nirupama Bargohain, renowned litterateur, Assam, praised with pride the old great tradition of independence of Assamese women. Unlike other states there was no dowry system. Women were very much respected and there were no atrocities on women. But now the things have changed. For the last few years there are cases of molestation of women, dowry deaths, trafficking of girl children and rape. India is not a safe place for women. Dr. Bargohain suggested that our girls be taught martial art in the schools so that women could protect themselves and resist molestation by men.

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All India Women's Conference

Valiant fighters pledge fight against all exploitation

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Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee, President, AIMSS, presided over the programme. In the background of the Delhi incident which shook the whole country she exposed the role of the central and state governments in patronising gambling, drugs, obscenity, pornography, alcohol etc which demoralise the youth and lower their cultural standard. She stressed the need of a powerful cultural and social movement throughout the country involving men and women together to change this situation. She added that AIMSS is organising movements throughout the length and breadth of the country for emancipation of women based on the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, foremost Marxist thinker and great leader of the proletariat. She hoped that the delegates would go back and build up the organisation with renewed vigour and strength and develop democratic movements with just demands against crimes on women.

Delegate sessions 30 and 31 January, 2013

At the beginning of the delegate session, AIMSS flag was hoisted by Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee and the Martyr's column was garlanded by All India leaders of AIMSS. A presidium with Com Chhaya Mukherjee as president, presided over the entire proceedings. Homage was paid to the many fighters who had departed in the past 8 years since the last conference. The whole house remembered with reverence Comrade Nihar Mukherjee who had guided AIMSS since 1976 till his death. The conference paid its condolence to NIRBHAYA – the victim of gang rape at Delhi and also addressed the gathering on 31st January and provided the AIMSS activists a guide to action.

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), addressed the concluding session of the Conference and called upon the delegates to unleash a powerful movement to fight out all the injustices and discrimination heaped on them by all the exploitative systems and patriarchy and move forward to establish a socialist society which alone can guarantee equality and dignity to women. (His speech will be published later.)

The resolutions on the ideological line of AIMSS, extending support to the socialism

in DPRK and their courageous fight against sinister US imperialist machination, organizational report giving accounts of many successful movements conducted by AIMSS were adopted unanimously. A new 72-member Council was elected with Comrades Chhaya Mukherjee as the President and Dr. H. G. Jayalakshmi as the General Secretary.

Thought provoking seminars 1. Women against communalism

Justice Suresh Hosbet and Dr Khadija Mumtaz, Professor of Gynaecology, Calicut medical college, as also a creative writer spoke on the topic touching upon, inter alia, the gory aspects of communalism, the role paid by the rulers in inciting communal riots and the valiant fight of women against this evil. Dr Sudha Kamath, vice president, AIMSS presided over the seminar.

2. Women in Social Progress

This seminar which threw light on how women have contributed in various ways to social production and social progress, was presided over by Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee and the resource persons were Dr. Radha, educationist and social activist, Kerala, Dr. Nirupama Bargohain and Dr. B.R. Manjunath, President, AIDYO.

3. Women against Imperialism

With the ongoing imperialist attacks all over the globe, it was apt that a session was dedicated to the role played by women in fighting this evil. Presided over by Dr. H.G. Jayalakshmi, the seminar had a volley of distinguished speakers like Ms. Leilani Dowell from International Action Centre, USA, Ms. Parveen Akhter, General Secretary, Socialist Women's Forum and Ms. Jannautul Firdous from Bangladesh, Ms. Sita Pokhrel, Convenor, All Nepal Women's Association (Revolutionary), and Laxmi Pun (revolutionary journalist from Nepal), Ms. Ryu Kum Ran and Ms. Ri Kyong Zim from Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee, DPRK. All of them discussed about the anti-imperialist struggles in their countries and the active involvement of women in them. Comrade Manik Mukherjee explained how 'Occupy Wall Street' movement in America went directionless and did not continue since it did not have a correct leadership. Following these, there was a lively interactive session with the delegates from abroad.

Excerpts of the speeches of Fraternal Delegates from abroad

Ms. Ryu Kum Ran, Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee, DPRK

Ms. Ryu Kum Ran said that since the women's priority plan of their government, the DPRK has provided the rights as a must and made women the rulers of their destiny, they are enjoying freedom to creatively participate with great care, protection and benefits of the society. During the last 60 years after the declaration of law on gender equality the women participated in the political activities with the right to elect and to be elected along with the men and enjoy the proper position in all fields of social and cultural life and play their role effectively. She fully supported the Indian women's movement for justice.

Ms. Sita Pokhrel – Convener, All Nepal Women's Association (Revolutionary)

Ms. Sita Pokhrel appreciated and said that the persistent struggle of AIMSS for the emancipation of women was a great hope and inspiration for the oppressed and exploited people in India and also the world including Nepal. They too were on the streets to protest violence against women in Nepal. The feudalistic thinking, male chauvinism and perverted capitalist culture were fundamentally responsible for backwardness of women, she opined.

Message of Ms. Elena Everett, Worker's World Party, United States of America

The treatment, degradation and violence against women in US in many ways mirror the experiences that women face around the world Ms. Elena Everett felt. She believed that by naming and recognizing their shared experiences, they could build together greater unity in their fight for socialism and fight against patriarchy, discrimination in the workplace, economic insecurity, trafficking and gender violence.

Ms. Leilani Dowell, Workers World Party, United States of America

Ms. Leilani Dowell was of the opinion that Capitalism has heightened the oppression and exploitation of women through their labour and the commodification of their bodies. The neo-liberalist policies of the U.S. and other imperialist countries have brought



*Dr. Mallika Sarabhai performing at
the AIMSS Conference*

the lowest wages to women around the world and have made them subject to sexual assault and murder. She called on to wage a war against imperialism and capitalism.

Ms. Parveen Akhter, Socialist Women's Forum (SWF), Bangladesh

Ms. Parveen Akhter, said that SWF works to demolish the class stratified capitalist social system, the discrimination, torture and oppression caused by patriarchal mentality and the various religious dogmas and strives towards building an oppression free society. She suggested an increase in communication, cooperation and exchange of views among the left progressive and democratic women's organisations of south Asia.

A unique cultural event

On 29 January Dr. Mallika Sarabhai, the danseuse of international repute mesmerised the gathering with the combination of Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi effectively adopted to convey the social message of fight against women's subjugation by the patriarchal society. 'Pratignya Panchali' a Yakshagana styled all women dance drama interpreted in a new form the mythological character of Draupadi was performed by Karnataka Kala Darshini team. Dollu kunitha, a popular drum dance, folk form of Karnataka, that provides a spectacular variety and complexity of skills, was performed by an all women team from Karnataka.

The conference ended with a firm resolve to carry forward and intensify the women's struggle for emancipation along the correct revolutionary line.

Comrade Manik Mukherjee at All India Women's conference

Resolve to continue your struggle with grit and determination

President of this Open Session and respected Justice Venkatachaliah, respected Dr. Karim and other dignitaries on the dais,

From every corner of India, the militant delegates of women's movement have gathered here. First of all, I convey my heartfelt revolutionary greetings to all of you present here. Today, many respectable dignitaries have placed their views, given their valued opinions here. You have heard them all. I know that AIMSS has been fighting for a long time to establish the legitimate rights of women, protect their honour and dignity and bring about their ultimate emancipation. This is the only organization in India, which, I am of firm belief, can show the correct path of emancipating womenfolk from the ruthless all-pervasive capitalist exploitation. Nobody can deny that India today is not only a capitalist country but has already become an imperialist power. Naturally, the ruling Indian capitalist class and its subservient governments both at the centre and in the various states are on a spree to encourage rotten culture of decadent moribund capitalism-imperialism. In all the capitalist-imperialist countries of the world, there is mounting torture and assault on women including rape, gang rape. Their modesty is outraged everywhere. Dishonouring dignity of women has posed a serious question before this civilization. But the question is, why? I would draw your attention to a particular phenomenon. You are aware that there is a menacing rise of alcoholism, drug-addiction, pornography, sex-perversion, spread of obscenity and vulgarism through TV, films and other media and spurt in sex crimes. But, instead of containing all these, the ruling class and its governments are mute spectators, if not indulgent abettors of this rapid spread of cultural degeneration and perversion. In fact, they are, overtly or covertly, encouraging this so that the moral backbone of the people particularly the youth is destroyed, without leaving any trace of ethics and moral values in them. There is a definite motive behind it. Pressed under the grinding wheel of capitalist oppression, common people are bleeding white, afflicted with various ills. Young people are not getting jobs. Retrenchment, joblessness and soaring price-line of essential commodities are making their life unbearable. They are gripped by total frustration. They are coming to know that no

government in this capitalist system can guarantee them any job, can offer them a good, respectable life. Doomed to such a life condition, in absence of any source of income to make both ends meet, not only the youth, even a good number of toiling masses — workers, peasants, middle class — are being forced to adopt unethical means just for bare survival. A depravity is devouring their mind. As a result, crime and violence against women are increasing. So, the root lies in the exploitative oppressive outmoded capitalist system.

The attitude of the government towards this escalated crime against women is unhesitatingly condemnable. Just a month back, there has been an unprecedented turmoil throughout the country centring round the most brutal gang rape and killing of a 23-year old girl in Delhi. This spontaneous virulent outburst of people's wrath compelled the central government to do something to assuage the feeling of the people. The government constituted the Verma Committee to recommend remedial steps, mainly changes in penal law. But, before that, the government made all possible attempts to disperse the agitating people in Delhi by resorting to indiscriminate lathi charge, firing water cannons and tear gas shells and later suspending transport and closing entry to main thoroughfares. But, it did not deter the agitating masses which consisted of a large number of youths particularly young girls nor did the agitation subside. Ultimately, the government had to yield and form the committee. The committee has come out with its recommendations no doubt but has expressed pain that it did not receive necessary help from the government. Except allotment of one room, no other infrastructural support was extended to the committee. So you can well understand the attitude of the government. It was forced to form one committee but it did not want that at all. The committee has recommended certain measures so that police administration could extend some justice to the women. Anyway, it is essential that police remain vigilant against crime on women and initiate necessary steps to haul up the culprits and prosecute them under suitable law so as to mete out stringent punishment. But please remember that only change of law or some toning up of administration would not abolish crime and violence against women. In order to arrest the spiralling of such crimes, it is imperative that the women along with right-thinking conscientious

menfolk build up powerful organized movement. But the question of eradication of this crime and assault on women is inextricably linked with the question of overthrowing the capitalist system, the root of all evils. Remember, in our country and for that matter in any other capitalist-imperialist country, the women, besides ruthless economic-political-cultural exploitation, undergo an additional exploitation, the exploitation of patriarchal society. They suffer from patriarchal oppression and discrimination. So women must establish their rights through movement, through development of militant struggle against the bourgeois government, against the ruling capitalist class and only in course of that, they would be able to achieve real emancipation from the gruelling oppression they are suffering from. In my opinion, AIMSS has been preparing and organizing women since long for releasing struggle against social injustice, injustices imposed by the government and the state. This is the only women's organization which can show the path of emancipation. All other such organizations, which often talk of women's issues and make some show of movement, are only interested in creating vote banks for their respective political mentors. They do not seriously believe in equality of women. Also we should not forget that the question of dignity is related with the dignity of men as well. In a society where women's dignity is dishonoured and butchered dignity of men is equally besmirched and slayed.

So my appeal to all of you is that after going back from this conference, you should organize proper conscious movement. You must tell women why and how they should join the movement, build it up step by step, to achieve the desired objective of putting an end to this oppression and repression. And I sincerely believe that in the delegate session, the delegates will take firm resolve to squarely face the problems with grit and determination and will plunge into developing countrywide powerful mass movements on the burning problems of life and particularly the movement to uphold the cause of the women. I have seen and you also know, whenever there is a surge of legitimate people's movement in any country, the menfolk, the youth



Comrade Manik Mukherjee addressing the Open Session of Women's Conference by AIMSS

turn into different human beings vibrant with struggling spirit and valour. We have seen how in Tahrir Square of Egypt, young boys and girls spent night after night to sustain their movement against autocratic rule. But there was no incident of molestation or even passing any indecent remark against any girl. This is the ambience created by movement, a cultural milieu that fosters spirit of life, not debauchery. Even during the historic movement of Nandigram in West Bengal, we have seen this completely different approach of the struggling youths towards life. What I try to show is that when a just struggle against a just cause surges forth, the environment becomes congenial not only to prevent any crime on or indecency towards women but to release a fight based on higher ethics and morality against all such cultural, moral degradations.

I should not take more time because there are some cultural events to follow. But I must make a mention of the attitude of the government towards this conference. One fraternal woman delegate from USA has been denied visa. Hence she could not come. And the delegates from Bangladesh have been given tourist visa on the condition that they would not participate in the conference, not even sit on the dais. See the attitude of our government, the government of imperialist USA. Why this attitude? Because they know that it is a different type of conference, AIMSS is a different type of organization. AIMSS is a revolutionary organization and it is mobilizing people to overthrow this exploitative system. So comrades and friends, I should end my speech here. I appeal to you that from this conference, you should take up certain programme of movement and that way you will spread this organization all over the country. I congratulate the organizers of AIMSS and other people who are present here. With these words, I conclude. Thank you all.

Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya at the 7th Congress of UCPN (Maoist), Nepal

Pays salute to historic struggle of Nepalese people, pledges solidarity

Beloved Comrade Pushpakumar Dahal, President of this august gathering, and Chairman of the Unified Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist), Beloved Comrade Baburam Bhattarai, Hon'ble Prime Minister of Nepal, Beloved Comrade Narayanjee Karjee Shreetta 'Prakash', Hon'ble Deputy Prime Minister of Nepal and The toiling people of Nepal assembled here,

I am here to represent the Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist) at this august inaugural open session of the 7th Congress of your party. Your party has earned a distinct position in our mind and in the minds of millions of people of not only our country but also the whole world by leading a powerful revolutionary struggle of the people of Nepal which brought down an autocratic monarchy backed by the imperialists in general and the capitalist government of India having deep rooted imperialist designs and an expansionist attitude towards the neighboring small countries. We, therefore, on behalf of the Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist), salute the brave, very brave people of Nepal and the Unified Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist), the brave leader of this revolutionary overthrow of an autocratic monarchy, for achieving this astounding success in an extremely uncongenial international situation dominated by the imperialist power, more particularly the US imperialists and at a time, when international reaction is wreaking havoc in the world. Your armed democratic movement resulting in abolition of an autocratic monarchy has dealt a powerful blow to the forces of international reaction.

Comrades and assembled friends, we also firmly believe like you that whatever might be the severity of setback the international communist movement has suffered from, this is a temporary phase, just a passing phenomenon. In no time, international communist movement will overcome this phase as Marxism-Leninism is a comprehensive science, rather the science of all sciences, an invincible ideology, most advanced philosophy of the era and therefore its ultimate triumph cannot be resisted. A s students of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, Founder General Secretary of SUCI(C) and one of the foremost Marxist Thinkers of this era, we realize that rearing of ugly head of modern revisionism represented by renegade Khrushchev and his cohorts, soon after the death of Comrade J.V Stalin, great Marxist

philosopher, leader and teacher, is the very basic cause and the root factor of this setback. And it is this modern revisionism that gradually paved the way for reemergence, re-grouping of the defeated bourgeoisie and the Trotskyite forces within former Soviet Union, who having established link with the capitalist-imperialist forces of the world, sneaked into CPSU, the revolutionary vanguard of working class of Soviet Union, and ultimately engineered counter-revolutionary takeover of USSR. Comrades and friends, we are of the firm view that modern revisionism is nothing but infiltration of bourgeois ideology within the communist movement. It is also to be remembered that the unfortunate trend of mechanical thought process in place of dialectical thought process which made its



Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya, member, Polit Bureau (2nd from left) and Comrade Arun Singh (3rd from left) invited guests from SUCI(C) at the 7th Party Congress of UCPN (Maoist), Nepal from 2 to 7 February.

way into the international communist movement long back and as a result of which dialectical interactions and intercurses between leaders and cadres within a communist party and among the communist parties of different countries ceased to exist, also largely contributed in the emergence of this venomous modern revisionism. What we have seen later is that this modern revisionism did not remain confined only within the erstwhile Soviet Union; it spread its tentacles in all the former socialist countries of Eastern Europe and thereafter in China and in Vietnam. And in all these former socialist countries, due to the same root cause, that is, penetration of modern revisionism, counter-revolutions were staged and socialism dismantled. There is no denying the fact that this very modern revisionism did not remain confined there. It soon gripped the revolutionary working class movement of the world and robbed the latter of the revolutionary fervour and determination.

We therefore strongly feel that to expedite the process of

strengthening working class struggle through out of the world and bringing to an end forever the exploitation of man by man by ushering in scientific socialism, the first phase of communism as was envisaged by great Karl Marx, international communist movement must be freed from the pernicious grip of modern revisionism. This is the foremost task of the genuine communists of the whole world today.

Comrades and friends, we strongly feel that to attain this historic noble objective, a fearless, uncompromising ideological struggle will have to be released within the international communist movement to remove even the last vestige of modern revisionist thoughts and thereby raise the level of communist consciousness to a newer height. Allow me to draw

your attention to one of the crucial and vital points Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our beloved leader, teacher and guide and one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of the era till his last breath had again and again emphasized and urged all the communist brethren of the world to take due note of and act accordingly. He called upon the

genuine communists to realize that the urgent need of the hour is to attain higher communist consciousness by way of complete identification of the self with the society, complete merger of individual interest with the social interest thereby eliminating even the last vestiges, the very source of vile thoughts of bourgeois individualism which is proving to be a very dangerous, vile ideological phenomenon inimical to the growth and development of the revolutionary world working class movement. This should be at the core of our revolutionary struggle.

With this paramount task in view we are of the firm opinion that rejuvenation of world revolutionary movement, the international communist movement is inseparably linked up with the twin tasks of (1) firmly containing the increasing brutal acts of aggression of the US imperialists and their naked interference in the internal affairs of different countries, and (2) developing close ties and concerted actions of the genuine

communists of the world.

It is also being felt by us that development of united powerful anti-imperialist militant peace movement throughout the world directed against the imperialists, more particularly the US imperialists combining all the freedom and peace loving people of different countries with genuine communists of every country at the core would constitute the effective bulwark against the sinister imperialist machinations. At the same time, it would open up an excellent opportunity for continuous dialogue, interactions and exchange of views among the various communist parties on all relevant matters which, if conducted in the due dialectical process, are sure to lead to forging a firm unity of the communists at the international level. We truly believe that your party and our party can together play a decisive role in advancing this strategic line at this critical juncture.

Before I conclude, I would like to once again convey to you our great admiration for the heroic battle that you have fought and won with single-handed effort and devotion. By this, you have also provided the world working class revolutionary movement with newer vigour, strength, newer conviction, the very assurance that revolution is inevitable, that Marxism-Leninism lives forever. It is a fact that from your heroic revolutionary struggle, we have learnt many things and would like to learn many more from your struggle and experience. Surely we stand very much benefited. We firmly assure you that in your march forward towards your final goal of establishing a socialist society in accordance with the teachings of Marx, Engel, Lenin, Stalin and Mao Zedong, to free yourselves from all sorts of exploitation of man by man, you will receive our unstinted support and co-operation as had been the case all through in the past. We will try to buildup powerful movement inside our country so that the government of India desists from intervening any way into the internal affairs of Nepal. We firmly believe that the freedom loving people of India without exception will be with us. We whole heartedly wish your historic 7th Congress a grand success. With revolutionary greetings to the revolutionary people of Nepal, I conclude here.

Inquilab Zindabad

Long live Marxism – Leninism

Long live Proletarian

Internationalism

Long Live the Unity Between the people of Nepal and India

Comrade Provash Ghosh in AIUTUC Conference

Trade Unions allegiant to bourgeois outfits and social democrats are misleading working class movement

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society, while the owner in the production relations consciously obstructs any change of the system, it is the responsibility of human core of the productive forces, i.e. labour power to be conscious of and recognize the necessity to accelerate the process of development by changing the system, outdated and outmoded following inexorable course of law and hindering progress. Today, capitalism is not only decadent and moribund; it is gasping in its death throes. But capitalism will not die automatically. Urgent need of the hour is that labour power should discharge its historic responsibility. So long as labour power is not properly equipped ideologically, politically, organizationally and culturally, the problems of life in every sphere—economic, political, social, cultural, ethical, moral—will be intensified more and more. Dying capitalism will remain like a stinking corpse polluting the entire society. So working class must be made equipped to dig the grave of capitalism. We must understand it.

Comrade Lenin taught us to organize trade union movements as schools of communism, to develop trade union movement as a struggle for socialism. He explained to us that without revolutionary politics trade unionism is basically a bourgeois politics. So the urgent need is to develop trade union movement as a revolutionary movement. It is the task of the revolutionary leadership of the trade union movement. And this task is a very difficult one. Politically unconscious workers would understand their economic problems. They would find interest in economic demands and respond to such issues. But spontaneously they do not understand the need of political struggle. At this critical hour, need to make them understand the importance of revolutionary political struggle and develop it in right earnest is supreme.

Comrades, Lenin had also taught us that scientific socialism as a concept comes from without. This concept, this theory, this idea, does not come from within the trade union movement spontaneously, automatically. Trade union movement by itself can at best achieve some economic demands; at best can fight for some trade union legislations. It cannot go beyond that. For scientific socialism, study of science is necessary. It is

necessary to understand how dialectical materialism has been developed as the science of all sciences by scientifically correlating, coordinating and generalizing the particular laws operating in particular branches of science, as the guiding philosophy of bringing about revolutionary transformation of the society. And to have a proper grasp of dialectical materialism and imbue the working class with this invincible weapon, what is necessary is a brand of declassified revolutionary intellectuals. For understanding scientific socialism, what is necessary is proper study of the philosophical, social, historical and economic theories, study based on the science of dialectical materialism. And this is the role of the revolutionary vanguard. Since this revolutionary consciousness does not automatically germinate within the trade union movement, it has to be brought from outside this trade union struggle. Only those who have been able to delink themselves from the propertied class not only economically, but also politically and culturally, to engage their entire talent and power of understanding to find out the correct path of social transformation, and thereby imbued with the correct concept of scientific socialism through proper scientific approach and outlook, can discharge this responsibility. Once they are able to grasp the truth, they would need to communicate it to the advanced section of the working class and develop them intellectually for building up revolutionary working class movement. So it is a very difficult task. Our trade unionists must understand this. Although it is very difficult to form a union, still if you can form a union and achieve some economic demands and by that become popular among the working class; it will not serve the purpose. The question is whether we have been able to educate the working class on the basis of Marxism-Leninism- Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought. Success ought to be measured based on that touchstone alone. It must be understood that way.

Attack of capitalist globalization

This task is also very difficult in the period of capitalist globalization, in this era of imperialism today. Faced with unprecedented market crisis, the

multinationals introduced the vile scheme of globalization raising a slogan that the concepts of nationalism, national territorial barrier and national sovereignty have all become backdated. What is relevant and valid is the concept of a global market without any trade barrier. All the global institutions of world imperialism-capitalism like UNO, World Bank, IMF, WTO as well as the imperialist-capitalist states have been made subservient to this newly-fangled theory of globalization. Protagonists of capitalist globalization do not bother for democracy, freedom, human rights, human interest, ethics, moral values or anything civilized and humane. Their sole object is to maximize profit by exploiting the worker as human raw material, squeezing out his last drop of blood and crushing him under the grinding wheel of ruthless oppression.

As capitalism has become global, production is global. So is also the labouring class. The capitalists-imperialists are boasting of exploration of space through advancement of science and technology, but are encouraging and inciting revival of all obsolete obscurantist feudal thoughts, spiritualism, idealism and religiosity among the workers and common people to keep them arrested in the abyss of darkness, confuse, mislead and divide them. The oppressed people are made to believe that since they had committed sins in previous birth, so they are languishing in abject poverty. It is god, the divine almighty who is deciding everything. Everything is pre-determined, ordained by god. If you protest, you would act against divine order, divine will and thus commit sin again. In our country, on the one hand, there is widespread encouragement to the preaching of holy scriptures and epics like the Gita, Qur'an, Bible, Ramayana, Mahabharata, and fomenting of religiosity, casteism, communalism and parochial fanaticism, while on the other hand there is large scale attack of rotten capitalist-imperialist culture, of crude self-centrism, individualism, pornography, and vulgarity, an approach towards life bereft of any ethics or morality. See how Mohan Bhagavat of arch communal RSS and his ilk have been commenting on the menacing rise of crime on women. They are advising women not to cross the *lakshman rekha*. You all know the

story of the Ramayana where *Sita* was abducted by Ravana when she crossed the *rekha* or chalk mark put by *Lakshmana*. In other words, they are asking the women to stay indoors in the kitchen and bed rooms while rapists and criminals like Ravana would roam around unchecked. This is India. This is the stand of the ideologues guiding the main opposition party of the country.

Revolutionary consciousness must dawn upon the workers

And most of the workers are still under the influence of such leaders. That is why our task is to free them from the pernicious influence of such ruinous philosophical thoughts and convince them to accept philosophy of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought and rise against capitalism. It is a matter of very serious, difficult and painstaking struggle. Mere shouting slogans like "Down with capitalism", "Build up socialism" will not do. Workers must understand what is capitalism, what is imperialism, why is this gruelling exploitation, how are they exploited. They must be educated that this class division and exploitation is not eternal, that first human society was classless, then due to some definite historic reasons society was class divided. Following inexorable social law, slave society came first, then feudal system, then capitalism. And again following the same law, first socialism and then communism are sure to come. These are to be taught in a language that workers can understand and get firmly convinced.

Marx in his celebrated work *Capital* had pointed out that capital consists of two parts, constant capital and variable capital. By variable capital, capitalists purchase labour power. Labour is used in production of commodities. Surplus value or profit is generated by unpaid surplus labour. Value of labour power is calculated by the cost of maintenance of the worker and his family. During Marx's time, unemployment was not so much. The worker was in a position to bargain for the wage he needed to maintain himself and his family. But today, when unemployment is ever-increasing, nobody is in a position to bargain. The worker is bound to work with whatever paltry a sum is offered as wage. So, need-based

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Class conscious trade union leaders must enlist workers showing courage, doggedness, valour, determination and spirit of supreme sacrifice as promising organizers

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Wage is now an empty word. Oppression is severe. In such circumstances, workers are to feel that just and legitimate demand for need-based wage cannot be achieved without conducting the struggle for overthrow of capitalism. Workers must be educated philosophically, ideologically, politically and culturally. In the factories, there should be discussion on Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought in a language, in a manner understandable to them. Again I say that it is a very difficult task. There must be innumerable classes, schools of the workers. Alongside, informal talks also should go on. During the study classes and informal talks also, there should be discussion on national and international situations, on what is the difference between bourgeois trade unionism and proletarian trade unionism, between social democrats and proletarian trade unionism, why workers in all walks of life are to be united. You cannot impart political education merely by speaking some words, delivering good emotional agitating speeches or raising some slogans. Relentless ideological discussions are necessary. This ideological struggle demands arduous efforts with immense perseverance and patience. When the workers are in the midst of a struggle, there develops a spirit of sacrifice. That time, they develop a mind to listen as well. That is the time for imparting proper education also. So when there is a movement based on economic demands also, that is the time when a spark of political consciousness even in rudimentary form gleams in their mind. That is the moment when we can educate them. This education must be continuous, both in formal and informal manners. We also need cultural units among the workers, music squads and drama groups to promote alternative healthy culture. You have enjoyed one such performance here yesterday night by the young comrades of the host state. While developing workers' struggle, you must show them the immediate objective and ultimate objective of the struggle, how both can be interlinked. The workers must be taught that they ought to struggle against all oppression, exploitation and injustices. They may fail in a struggle, yet they must fight, must

protest against any injustice like a true human being having self-respect and dignity. They may die in this struggle, but they will die with honour. But ultimately their fight would not be abortive. The workers who fought for 8 hours working a day, the workers who fought for trade union rights, the workers who fought for Paris Commune—they all failed in their efforts during their life time. But ultimately those fights had paved the way for future victories.

Our trade union leaders and activists should not forget to give emphasis on ideological struggle, formation of struggle committees and enrolment of volunteers conducive to conducting sustained struggles before launching any movement. The workers must be kept abreast of the struggles which are going on in both our country as well as other countries so that they could learn from those struggles. In the vortex of struggle, ordinary workers who otherwise are indifferent to social problems and apathetic to politics also become active and demonstrate fighting spirit. Of them, a section shows courage, doggedness, valour, firm determination and spirit of supreme sacrifice. Identify who are those belonging to the latter category and promptly enlist them as your promising organizers. Do not miss it. You must ensure collective body functioning at all levels. Do not forget that the habit of individual decision making is a bourgeois vice inimical to proletarian culture. It is not enough that your individual decision is correct. It is also equally important to have the decision examined and approved collectively before conclusion. Remember the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh that we cannot put an end to capitalist individual ownership without putting an end to our sense of private property and private property mental complex, property habit and individualism.

Our trade union leaders must know how the workers fought during Paris Commune, Russian Revolution and Chinese Revolution. During Russian revolution, the workers fought in the factories, in the barracks. Our trade union leaders must think that way. No doubt they should certainly know the prevailing labour laws. That is a bare minimum necessity. But only that much would not do. Even

belonging to the revolutionary party only would not suffice. The task imperative of the trade union leaders is to properly communicate the most advanced understanding of Marxism-Leninism - Shibdas Ghosh Thought to the most backward sections of the workers. We must strive for that. People are going through unbearable suffering. Soon, they would explode in movement. But in absence of correct leadership, these movements would not meet with success. So, there would be frustration. Again they would burst into movement and again the movement would fizzle out. Such would go on.

Science of Marxism is a verified truth

Next point is that we will have to explain to the workers that path of emancipation as laid down by Marxism-Leninism - Shibdas Ghosh Thought is not just confined to theory. It has been proved in practice. The achievements of Soviet socialism and Chinese revolution bear glaring testimony to that. Our workers must know what Soviet socialism provided to the Russian workers. Why did Bernard Shaw, Romaine Rolland, Rabindranath Tagore, Netaji Subhas, Einstein and other luminaries who were not communists hailed socialism, why they so highly respected Lenin and Stalin. It is true that through counter-revolution, capitalism has come back in Russia and has been established in China. When no one could identify the reason for this painful setback, it was Comrade Shibdas Ghosh who, based on the teachings of Marxism-Leninism, provided the answer. This is not the house to discuss all these in details. But one thing I tell you — no new idea, no new ideology can achieve complete success in a short time. Even those who preached religious ideas, who were considered to be the messengers of god, those who preached Hinduism, Christianity and Islam; they also could not succeed in short time. It took hundreds of years for a religion to gain acceptance. It was a cycle of alternate defeats and successes. This is how they went before achieving final success. If we start from the advent of renaissance, it took more than 350 years for the bourgeois democratic revolution for final victory. Compared to that, socialism existed only for around

70 years. Religion did not abolish exploitation. It only replaced the slave system by feudal system, i.e. one type of exploitation by another type of exploitation. Similarly, bourgeois democratic revolution replaced feudal exploitation by capitalist exploitation. But socialist revolution is a revolution to end exploitation once for all. It is a revolution to fight and end exploitation of man by man spanning over thousands of years, starting from the slave system to capitalism. Compared to that, 70 years of socialism is too short a span. We know that the working class scored political victory in the Soviet Union. In the field of economy also, the bourgeoisie in Russia was almost on the verge of elimination. But it was not possible to eliminate capitalism completely in the superstructure, in the realm of ideology and thought. As Lenin had pointed out, it is very easy to make a revolution successful, but it is very difficult to protect revolution after its success. He said that the strength of the enemies increases tenfold, hundredfold after revolution. Stalin in the last years of his life spoke of this danger of attack of bourgeois ideology in the realm of superstructure and raised serious points on this issue in the 19th Congress of the CPSU. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh pointed out that the Soviet Union faced attack of bourgeois thought and culture, menace of bourgeois individualism in the realm of superstructure which led to revisionism swamping the leadership of CPSU. Counter-revolution was engineered by revisionism aided and abetted by the imperialist powers. No doubt this has been extremely painful.

Paris Commune succeeded only for a few months. Marx and Engels drew important lessons from that. Soviet socialism lasted for 80 years; its dismantling also has provided important lessons to us. We should know that. Dismantling of socialism in Russia followed by other socialist countries of East Europe and of late in China has generated severe frustration among the exploited masses. This is further aggravated by the incessant bourgeois propaganda that socialism has failed. To clear this confusion, it is necessary to have proper political education.

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Comrade Provash Ghosh in AIUTUC Conference**Emancipation lies in revolutionary overthrow of oppressive capitalism***Contd. from page 8***Workers must equip themselves ideologically, elevate their standard**

Workers must be taught that if they remain confined within their own place of work, department or factory, then that would narrow their outlook and hinder the desired growth of working class unity. Workers of a particular industry must develop a broader outlook, develop fraternity with the workers of other industries and other sections of the toiling people. Steel workers must be prepared to fight for the cause of the textile workers. Indian workers must be prepared to fight for workers of Europe. This spirit must be developed in them. Multinationals who engineered the scheme of globalization are dividing the workers. To buttress their narrow sectarian class interest, the capitalists and multinationals are fomenting national jingoism and various kinds of divisiveness like chauvinism, racialism, communalism, casteism, regionalism, ethnic strife and so forth. This sinister design is to be defeated combining fight against all these pernicious influences with day to day economic and political struggles. That is the urgent need of the hour. Comrades, you are aware that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had shown that because of historic reasons, the deprived, oppressed working class of India are broadly classified in three categories and this needs to be taken due cognizance of while developing working class struggles here. To remind you of that, I shall read out the relevant portion from his works: "Like in other relatively backward countries of the world, the working class in our country too is divided into three categories. One, whose relation with the rural peasant life has not yet been completely severed. This section is bringing into the working class movement superstitions, religious bigotry, fanaticism, orthodoxy and other rustic habits of rural life. The second section of the working class comprises those who, owing to the pressure of economic exploitation, have been gradually pushed to the stage of workers and slum dwellers from lower middle class families. Though reduced to working class economically, their mental affinity with the middle class people has not yet been severed completely. This section brings into the working class movement the petty bourgeois sentiments and vacillation, individual opportunism, ego-

centrism, individualism, liberalism, economism and all other sorts of opportunism. In the case of the last section of the working class, all links with the urban middle class people and the rural peasant society have been totally cut off. Although very small in number, they are the most revolutionary section among the proletariat in our country, and so most desperate in nature. But it should be borne in mind that so long as they do not grow really class conscious, that is, so long as they do not develop revolutionary consciousness, this desperateness is bound to be aimless and the influence of bourgeois individualism, which has today reached a vulgar stage in society, is very much there in them. The contradiction between the mental make-up of these three sections constitutes the inner contradiction of the working class." (*)

We should properly grasp this important teaching of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. While working among the working class, we have to fight all these three trends that hamper the revolutionary movement among the workers. Without fighting these trends you cannot acquire proletarian culture defined by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. As Marx had pointed out, workers cannot change the world unless they change themselves first. Working class does not exist in isolation. It is in the midst of bourgeois environment, bourgeois culture and bourgeois outlook. These all are corrupting the working class, constantly polluting them with vile thoughts of individualism, opportunism, selfishness etc. Based on the teachings of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought, we will have to fight all these out. This is the urgent need of the hour. Workers must be vigilant against bourgeois intrigues and designs. Class conscious workers must understand with what catchy slogans, with what tricks the bourgeois and social democratic leaders are misleading the masses and the working class. They must understand the economic-social and cultural background of the petty bourgeoisie and the middle class. Class outlook demands that. They must be educated that way.

And as students of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought, we must realize that it is not easy to achieve victory. Supreme sacrifice is necessary. Big hurdles have to be overcome. A prolonged arduous struggle is necessary. Strategy and tactics of revolution must be

understood by the workers and the common people. We should undertake our job of educating the working class in such a way that it becomes understandable to them. Once they realize the truth, their faces would glow in conviction that they would be able to achieve revolution and open up the road to emancipation. This struggle demands higher revolutionary character, morality, doggedness, ideological understanding, firmness and discipline. All these are necessary. Comrades, I shall not prolong my speech. Again I shall read an appeal of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh before you.

Comrades you know that our great leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh passed away in the year 1976. What he told in 1974 I shall read out before you: "Indian revolution is on the threshold of emergence, and nothing of worth remains of this society — this you should realize. No longer can the ruling class give it any lease of life with any palliatives whatsoever. The Indian society is in the throes of birth. Only, it suffers from want of people's organized conscious political movement, from want of a genuine revolutionary party with that minimum of necessary strength with which this ferment for revolution in the people, this situation ripe for revolution can be led into an organized protracted powerful war for revolution. In entirety the objective condition for revolution is ripe, with all its ingredients and ammunition. The people yearn for a change. The ruling class has nothing else to bank on, except the military muscle of this old order. They count also on people's ignorance and political confusion, but that is not of any major importance. The reality puts so much pressure on the people that no confusing logic and delusions of religion can hold them back. Once the tide of revolution breaks out, no argument will succeed to prevent the onrush of the masses. Then the ruling bourgeoisie will be left with but one weapon to deploy against revolution — the military, police and armament. But when a country, a people stands up erect and takes to battle on the correct revolutionary line under the correct leadership, can it ever be stopped with military power? the objective situation in India is ripe for revolution. What is lacking?.... It is that genuine revolutionary party, based on the correct revolutionary political line, ideology and comprehensive

revolutionary theory with the minimum necessary strength. There is that party, it has developed — only it lacks in that strength with which it can channelize the outbursts of people's agitations into the correct course on a definite revolutionary line for protracted battles." "Out of discontent of workers, peasants and all exploited masses, revolution will again and again try to surge ahead in waves after waves. In waves after waves it will try to burst forth. The contradiction within society will deepen and sharpen many times more, calling for radical transformation of this order. It will beseech our consciousness, it will appeal to humanity that revolution is the necessity. Still, revolution will not come, again and again it will recede, it will go astray, and reaction will again and again gain by that — revolution will not see the light until the revolutionary party emerges, capable enough to lead revolution." (**)

This he said in 1974. What was truth at that time is far more true today. Again let me recall his appeal to the workers in the year 1967: "You are the workers, creators of this civilization. This civilization is in the throes of deliverance, it begs of you for deliverance. Not only your own emancipation, on you depends deliverance and emancipation of the entire mankind." (***)

The leaders and activists of AIUTUC are to ask themselves whether they would respond to the clarion call of our departed leader only when they can respond positively, this conference becomes successful. Let me end with the historic words of Great Marx and Engels: The proletariat has nothing to lose but their chains, it has a world to win. Before I conclude, my thanks to the leaders and workers of the host state and as well leaders and activists of AIUTUC for their commendable untiring effort to make this conference successful.

Red salute to you all,

Red salute to the
great leader of the proletariat
Comrade Shibdas Ghosh
Long live Marxism-Leninism-
Shibdas Ghosh Thought
Long live proletarian
internationalism.
Long live AIUTUC

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IACC denounces the blatant act of aggression by Israel against Syria

In a statement issued on 1 February 2013, Comrade Manik Mukherjee, General Secretary, IACC said: The International Anti-imperialist Coordinating Committee (IACC) denounces the blatant act of aggression by Israel against Syria. Without any provocation the Israeli warplanes violated the Syrian airspace and bombed targets inside Syria, killing and injuring innocent people. This is a brazen attack on the sovereignty of a nation and a clear violation of the United Nations Charter. Israel is guilty of nothing short of war crime. The imperialists have been hatching a conspiracy to destabilise Syria and oust the present rulers and in their place install their own puppets in the seat of power. The Israeli aggression is a part of this nefarious design. IACC calls upon all the countries of the world to roundly condemn the criminal aggression of Israel in league with the imperialists. Through all these years Israel could go on wantonly perpetrating such heinous acts because it enjoyed the solid backing by the imperialist powers, principally the United States. IACC urges the freedom-loving people all over the world to unitedly protest against the imperialist conspiracy and the heinous acts of aggression and to organize movements to force the imperialist powers to withdraw their support to Israel. Only by organizing global militant anti-imperialist movements shall we succeed in containing the imperialists and in forcing them to stop their acts of brigandage.

Slum dwellers in Ranchi resist HEC effort towards eviction

On 2 February 2013, as the HEC officials in Ranchi issued in newspapers eviction notice for the slum dwellers in the HEC areas, Basti Bachao Sangharsha Samiti (BBSS), a mass committee formed at the initiative of SUCI(C) workers organized a resistance movement in front of the HEC gate. A huge mass meeting was held there addressed by leaders of the BBSS including Comrade Sidheshwar Singh, secretary, SUCI(C) Ranchi district committee and one of the founders of BBSS, as well as leaders of different other political parties. Later, on 4 February, the HEC officials accompanied by a huge

RAF and police force along with bulldozers and water canon came down to the area to demolish the slums in bypass road areas. More than ten thousand people including women, children and old from 28 slums stood round the clock under the banner of BBSS resisting the attack for 3 successive days. People's firm stand and wrath forced the HEC officials and the administration to stop their eviction drive. Comrades Sidheshwar Singh, Keya De, member SUCI(C) Jharkhand state organizing committee and also one of the founders of BBSS and other leaders took part in the demonstration.

Against price-hike, entry of big capital in retail trade and new pension scheme, and demanding social security of all workers, minimum wage of Rs. 15,000, enhancement of gratuity with abolition of ceiling on bonus and PF and other burning problems

AIUTUC calls upon workers to make successful

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Comrade Lamghare veteran party-organizer passes away

Comrade Dada Lamghare, veteran organizer of SUCI(C) in Nagpur district of Maharashtra breathed his last at Bangalore on 5 January last. He had gone to Bangalore to take part in the 20th All India Conference of AIUTUC, when he suddenly became seriously ill and had to be removed to hospital. He succumbed there despite all efforts of the doctors.

Comrade Lamghare employed in a plywood factory at MIDC at Nagpur, did not have much of formal education, but developed indelible conviction that anti-capitalist socialist revolution was the only road to emancipation of exploited poor and middle class people. Relentlessly he translated this conviction into practice in his life struggle. His demise caused immense loss to the Party, workers' movement and his family.

To pay tribute to this departed comrade, a memorial meeting was organized at Nagpur by the Party. It was presided over by Comrade Madhab Bhonde, eminent organizer of the Party in the Nagpur district. Comrade Ranjit Dhar, Polit Bureau member of the Party and the main speaker in the meeting expressed his deep respect to Comrade Lamghare. He pointed out that Comrade Lamghare was notably one among the few comrades who under the leadership of Comrade Madhab Bhonde, held the banner of the Party high in the difficult situation of Nagpur. It could not have been possible without a strong sense of class consciousness. By virtue of that, Comrade Lamghare could take up Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's thoughts in his life. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh laid out that independence did not bring emancipation of the masses from exploitation. It required another revolution, the working class revolution against the present capitalist system for which it further required the leadership of correct revolutionary party of the working class. It was through the concrete struggle on Leninist principle and methodology of party formation that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh founded SUCI(C) as the genuine revolutionary party of India, which Comrade Lamghare accepted wholeheartedly.

Secondly, as Comrade Ranjit Dhar added, there is the question of culture. Marx had said that workers must change themselves first, to change the world. Precisely, this change implies freeing oneself from the private property mental complex. Since bourgeois system is based on private ownership, it cherishes individual leadership. On the contrary, socialist system is founded upon social ownership, and so the concept of leadership it upholds is that of collective leadership. In that system, interests of the society, revolution and revolutionary party become one and the same. It is on the strength of this realization, that one must wage struggle to free oneself from individualism.

Comrade Ranjit Dhar further elaborated that there may crop up differences of opinion in the party. But those should be non-antagonistic. It implies that through these contradictions between opinions the unity will be further cemented inside the party, the relations more cordial. Comrade Dhar concluded pointing out, that Comrade Lamghare was an ordinary factory-worker. He did not have high-level of formal education. But he had the touch and tenor of this culture. We can pay our tribute to him in a proper way only if we can consciously carry on our struggle to acquire this culture which Comrade Lamghare bore.

The meeting ended with the *Internationale*.

Red salute to Comrade Dada Lamghare!



Comrade Ranjit Dhar addressing the memorial meeting of Comrade Dada Lamghare at Nagpur

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