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## Launch of missile Agni-V

# Force Indian bourgeois government to stop mad arms-race immediately

Successful test-firing of nuclear-capable Agni-V, a high-power Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) which covers a range of more than 5,000 km and thus brings the whole of Asia, 70% of Europe and other regions under the striking envelop of Indian Army has been greeted by the ruling quarters and their apologists with raucous celebration and saber-rattling rooted in chauvinist hyper-nationalism. All the mainstream political parties, bourgeois media and of course the Congress-led government have virtually vied with each other in lavishing praise on Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) for such a “scientific achievement” which, according to them, has propelled India into an elite group of nations like US, Russia, France and China possessing such advanced technology. With a battery of

nuclear-powered missiles and sophisticated weaponry, India has now emerged as one of the most formidable military powers in the world. So, there is euphoria in the ruling circle.

### **Whopping rise in military expenditure**

But is there any cogent reason for the countrymen to be part of the jubilation? This sophistication of armament is taking place at a time when the teeming millions are reeling under gruelling capitalist oppression. Unbridled price rise, massive retrenchment, mounting unemployment and lack of rudimentary healthcare-education-civic amenities are wreaking havoc in their life. Deprivation and denial of bare necessities is dooming them to a subhuman life condition. Millions including children are dying of starvation and without

treatment. Scream of the hungry is rending the air.

But to everyone’s dismay, the government which calls itself civilized is in no mood to mitigate people’s hardship. Rather in the name of fostering economic reforms, it is merrily descending upon the strangled countrymen increased fiscal attack in the form of curtailment of budget towards various schemes, withdrawal of subsidies from food, agricultural inputs and fuel and so forth. While the government pleads resource crunch for all these anti-people measures, it does not seem to have any short supply of funds for raising defence expenditure by leaps and bounds every year to, among other things, acquire latest sophisticated lethal weapons either from domestic production or through import and also allowing a sizeable portion of this budgetary allocation to be

misappropriated by a corrupt nexus within military and government administration as has of late been revealed by no other else than the Chief of the Army himself. The ruling monopolists and their appendages contend that India must build up superior defence capabilities to combat possible foreign aggression. There cannot be, according to them, any compromise with the question of the country’s defence. Riding on this argument, the Indian bourgeois government has been increasing its military budget by huge margin. This year, defence budget has been raised to as high as Rs 1, 96, 687 crores which means India’s military spending has risen more than fourfold since 1998. This very Agni-V project has incurred a whopping expenditure of Rs 25 billion (2500 crores or US \$499 million) just for construction.

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## “Within SUCI (C), there is a living relentless struggle for acquiring higher character and human essence”

— Comrade Provash Ghosh

*[This is the English translation of the speech delivered in Bengali by Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI (C), at the 65th Party Foundation Day meeting on 24 April, 2012, at Shaheed Minar Maidan, Kolkata. The responsibility of error in translation as well as inadequate representation, if any, solely lies with the Editorial Board of Proletarian Era.]*

As you all know, every year we organize mass meetings on our Party Foundation Day on 24 April. In these meetings organized in 24 states including West Bengal, myself and my revolutionary compatriots of the Polit Bureau and Central Committee try to analyze the prevailing national and international situations in the light of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought. Last year, we could not hold any central meeting here because our comrades were busy with the assembly elections which were on the anvil. But we did conduct hundreds of meetings in the villages and towns. Here at

Shaheed Minar Maidan, we had our last foundation day meeting on 24 April, 2010. But the political situation obtaining that time was totally different from the situation prevailing now. That time, it was the 34th year of uninterrupted CPI(M) rule in the state. Against that rule, people were bursting forth in protest. Those who are aged are aware that when the CPI(M) came here to power in 1977, ours was the only voice of opposition. The CPI(M) was then moving with an understanding with Congress. We had said that by trampling underfoot even the barest precepts of leftism, the CPI(M) was posing a

great danger to class and mass struggles.

### **Treachery of CPI(M)**

In undivided India, West Bengal was the citadel of left-democratic movement. It is from this soil that revolutionary leftism and left alternative to Congress surged forth centering Netaji Subhas. Following this leftist tradition, a tide of communism swept across India under the impact of Russian and Chinese revolutions. Usurping that, the undivided CPI came to the fore in 1950s and had wielded influence upto a definite period of 1960s. Though the undivided CPI and later the CPI(M) never grew as real communist parties, yet they had then a role in left-democratic movement. At that time, our Party

with revolutionary political line was also in alliance with them in the united democratic mass movement. Once the British imperialist rulers dreaded the undivided Bengal and the city of Kolkata. Because, there were voices of protest, struggles against injustice that used to spread later throughout the country. It used to be said that “What Bengal thinks today, India thinks tomorrow.” This was true in every field—knowledge, patriotism, science, art-literature, struggle. Nehru once remarked that “Kolkata is a city of procession and nightmare.” Same opinion was held by the monopolists like the Tatas, Birlas and others. The Congress could not douse the fire of this struggling spirit of Kolkata. It was the CPI(M) who took the

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# Propping up bugbear of foreign aggression to elicit people's support behind increased militarization

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It is also worth noting that India is the world's largest importer of arms today.

## Why this militarization keeping people starving?

Before finding an answer to the obvious question as to why is this mad spree of militarization keeping people starving, it is necessary to understand what is the class character of the country which is going for such massive arms built up. Because, in a class-divided society, no state, no government can be supra-class. And it is the class character of the state which is the determinant factor. As was shown by great Lenin, it is imperialism which generates war, attacks foreign countries, instigates arms race and intends to perpetrate a war psychosis throughout the world. It is the class need of the capitalists-imperialists today mired in acute insoluble market crisis endemic of the system. As pointed out by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, Founder General Secretary of SUCI(C) and one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of the era, there is continuous shrinkage of consumer product market because of depleting purchasing power of the people inevitable in capitalist mode of production where motive is to earn maximum profit. In order to somehow stave off the growing market crisis, the imperialist-capitalist states, as an alternative and with a view to creating an artificial market lay emphasis, among other things, on military production, manufacturing of arms and other war materials by raising the bogey of the country being in danger. The state then becomes the buyer of those military hardware. For that reason, the bourgeois government subserving class interest of the bourgeois state hikes defence budget, increases tax burden on people and curtails expenditure on public utilities and services. This is how the capitalist-imperialist countries are dovetailing the whole economy with the military economy to artificially stimulate demand for basic industrial goods like steel in the country. The more acute the crisis, the more militarized is the economy. Even this militarization of economy is unable to save capitalism from crisis. After temporary stimulation, capitalism is plunging into yet bigger a crisis. It is for this reason that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had said in regard to militarization of economy that "it is much like a

drowning man clutching at a straw... militarism is aggravating the capitalist contradictions and crisis further...leading to an unbridled arms race." (SW Vol. II p45) And it is the common people who are bearing the brunt of this mad pursuit of gaining military firepower by the capitalist-imperialist powers. And then, in order to justify this escalated militarization of economy solely purported to buttress heinous class interest of the oppressive ruling bourgeoisie, the ruling imperialists-capitalists require to pose a bugbear of foreign aggression, generate within the country war jingoism and hyper-nationalism. All kinds of concocted rationalizations, subterfuges, pretences and degenerative logic are extensively propagated with the help of their pliant media and propaganda machinery to hide the truth.

## Politics of military aggression and arms race

The politics of increasing arms race and nuclearization of weapons is stemming from the necessity for increased militarization of capitalist economy. The imperialist superpowers led by US imperialism have triggered a mad arms race not for self-defence but for launching war of aggression on foreign lands on fraudulent grounds and threatening, intimidating and blackmailing relatively weaker countries to bend before their diktats. The very motive behind huge stockpiling and modernization of arms is aggression of foreign territory whenever there is a scope or flaunt brute military might to grab foreign market (short of direct aggression). This is how they buttress their hegemonistic design and extend sphere of influence in pitiless disregard for human life and with readiness to kill millions of civilians in the "enemy" country. History would vouch for that. Of late, the illegal occupation of Iraq, mounting hostilities on Afghanistan, orchestrating regime change in Libya by aggressing NATO forces, continuous threat of military intervention in Iran and North Korea bear eloquent testimonies to the rabid war-mongering of the US imperialists and their associates. At the same time, this brigandish attitude of the US-led imperialist powers to bring the whole world under their domination is providing scope for an escalated arms race and hostility which is ruinous to people's interest.

On the other hand, socialist

economy does not suffer from market crisis as there is no question of making profit by exploiting anyone. So, socialist countries do not need to enter the mad arms race, attack foreign land or war. Erstwhile socialist camp led by Soviet Union had always opposed war and espoused peace. In order to prevent the imperialists from precipitating war, it had to maintain its arms supremacy with clear declaration that it was for the purpose of 'deterrence' and it would never be the first to use arms. It is worth recalling in this connection that the socialist camp under Stalin's leadership, to free the earth from the horror of war, gave call for complete and all-out disarmament including full nuclear disarmament. Stalin as a giant revolutionary leader knew that it was ultimately the people's power which would be decisive in defending a country's integrity and sovereignty. History corroborated to this. The humiliating defeat of Nazi Germany at the hands of Soviet Union and the inspiring victory of the Vietnamese people against the brute military might of Pentagon, are glaring examples. But the imperialists did not agree to the proposal of total disarmament for obvious reason. It was imperialist US who was first to use nuclear bomb to kill lakhs of innocent citizens and render the survivors either crippled or infected with genetic disorders or deformities. Even in Vietnam and Iraq wars, the US imperialists have used lethal weapons containing radioactive elements to kill innocent people. So, strengthening the arsenal for aggression and mass destruction is the class agenda of the capitalists-imperialists. It is for this reason that the question of class character of the state assumes so importance.

## Patriotic people defends motherland against aggression

There is another pertinent point. Even if it is assumed for argument's sake that a relatively weak capitalist country is under threat of attack from a powerful imperialist country, can there be any justification of strengthening the armoury by keeping people semi-starved, semi-clad? Can a mercenary army of a capitalist-imperialist state who works for fabulous remuneration, easy availability of all kinds of parks and amenities and is reared and geared to safeguard the anti-people class interest of the rulers, cannot be expected to defend the country against foreign aggression

even if provided with sophisticated weaponry? Those who are students of history know it cannot. To defend the motherland, it is essential to depend on blazing patriotism of the countrymen and supporting world opinion. Effective resistance could be provided only by the people of the land based on granite-strong unity, imbued with true patriotic fervour and aroused by higher and nobler ideology. Entire people would then virtually turn into defenders of sovereignty of their motherland and take up arms to beat back the aggressors as was seen in Soviet Union during German aggression and in Vietnam's war against the US imperialists. Indian people need to seriously ponder over this aspect. Has the Indian Government ever made it clear which country or countries it is apprehending aggression from? Only in a customary fashion, they keep on projecting the lingering border disputes with China and Pakistan in an exaggerated manner as if a war would break out in no time. This bugbear is purported to spread a kind of fear-psychosis among the people and use this as a decoy to elicit their approval to galloping rise in military expenditure. Militarily, Indian capitalist state is extremely powerful today. It is now among the handful of countries possessing ICBM and nuclear bomb and therefore, the argument that it is vulnerable to foreign aggression is not tenable. It is on this premises that the issue of India's joining the arms race has to be examined.

In this subcontinent, on the pretext of being attacked by each other, the ruling bourgeoisie of both India and Pakistan have been upgrading their military power without relent. This sort of missile launching is likely to give a further boost to the arms-competition in this region and accentuate war-psychosis and tension. Already Pakistan has announced stepping up their military preparedness. Expectedly, capitalist China has reacted to test-fire of Agni-V by saying that India was being swept by a "missile delusion", but stood "no chance in an overall arms race with China" and would "gain nothing by stirring further hostility". China, it is pertinent to iterate once more, has turned into a capitalist-imperialist country after counter-revolution brought about by the revisionists in league with the capitalist-imperialist camp and is also a participant in this arms race

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## Comrade Provash Ghosh on 24 April

# 34 years of CPI(M) rule has turned the state into a wreck

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responsibility of doing that from 1977 and did discharge that responsibility efficiently. Masquerading as Marxist and under the garb of leftist vocabularies, the CPI(M) in true demonstration of its compromising social democratic character ruthlessly crushed class and mass struggles in this state. Lenin once said that those who are agents of the bourgeoisie in the working class movement and confuse the workers and toiling masses with Marxist vocabularies and revolutionary slogan-mongering, are more dangerous than the traditional bourgeois parties. Unless these forces are defeated and isolated, working class revolution cannot be successful. After being saddled in power, the CPI(M) has played this condemnable role more nakedly and thereby secured the confidence of the ruling monopolists and industrial houses. It never allowed any kind of people's protest, any mass movement or class struggle to take place. The streets of Kolkata and other towns and villages were then soaked with blood of our comrades who came forward to build up movements on pressing demands of the peasants and workers, against price rise, fare hike, abolition of English from primary education and so forth. 157 of our leaders and cadres have been murdered by the CPI(M). No other party had so much of casualty then. For organizing democratic movement against the anti-people policies of the CPI(M) government, 56 of our leaders and cadres were implicated in false cases and sentenced to life-imprisonment. Framed cases have been slapped on 1,100 more workers. The CPI(M) had created such a suffocating situation in the state on fascistic line. No one dared to talk openly even at home. They feared that if they speak against the CPI(M), they would be subjected to severe torture and assault, might be prevented from cultivating land, face social boycott and even not allowed to stay in the locality. Right from sale and purchase of landed property, buildings, flats to admission in schools and colleges, matrimonial affairs—everything was controlled by the local CPI(M) activists and leaders. They used to control corrupt nexuses of panchayets-administration-police-anti-socials-promoters-contractors-industrial houses-big business-corporate sector in both rural and urban areas. There was an unwritten rule that unless one is connected with the

CPI(M), one would not be appointed as vice-chancellor, professor, teacher or even class-IV staff. Transfer, promotion in government offices were all controlled by the CPI(M) state headquarters at Alimuddin Street, Kolkata. Such a suffocating situation was created by the CPI(M) in West Bengal. We had to fight that. The CPI(M) had liberally invited foreign capital to this state. Representatives of US Chambers of Commerce, British Chambers of Commerce, German and Japan industrial houses used to frequently visit Alimuddin Street CPI(M) office or the state secretariat at Writers' building. On the other hand, the ruling Indian monopolists like Tatas, Ambanis, Goenkas and others profusely blessed the CPI(M) for pursuing such a pro-monopolist pro-corporate line. No threat accrued to them from the CPI(M) band of Marxism neither in the past nor at present. Rather, they found in the CPI(M) a most trusted beneficent friend. It is on all this that CPI(M) had based their rule. At one time, we alone protested against this out and out anti-people rule of the CPI(M) facing attacks and repression. Initially, people used to watch our agitations from the roadside, feared to participate directly but lent tacit support. Fighting for over 18 long years and facing assault by the CPI(M), we could rouse the conscience of the West Bengal people in support of re-introduction of English at primary education and against the move to abolish pass-fail system. We were the first to knock at the door of the educationists and intellectuals. We appealed to the eminent personalities like Dr. Sukumar Sen, PremendraMitra, Dr. Pratul Gupta, Dr. Sushil Mukherjee, PramathanathBishi to come forward in protest against such a ruinous move of the CPI(M) government to cripple education. They responded to our call and a massive education movement developed in the state. First Bangla bandh against the misrule of the CPI(M) was at our call in 1990. We had organized as many as 15 successful bandhs against anti-people policies of the CPI(M) government. This is the history. In this way, our party based on Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought created an environment of movement against the anti-people policies of the CPI(M). This had pressed panic button for the domestic and foreign capital as well as their servitors like the Congress-BJP-CPI(M). On the other hand, it



*Comrade Provash Ghosh on 24 April in Kolkata*

inspired people to be drawn into the vortex of movement. In this backdrop, the historic Singur-Nandigram movement had surged forth and sent waves round the country. It is from this movement that the demand for ousting CPI(M) from power was raised.

### **We harboured no optimism about TMC rule**

In this backdrop, our meeting on 24 April, 2010 had taken place. Now, it is 2012. We have a Trinamool Congress (TMC)-led government in place of CPI(M) government. People of West Bengal expected a lot from the new government, sincerely hoped for a marked change in governance. They are all frustrated today. Question is raised as to where is the desired change? Was what is seen expected from the new incumbent? I want to remind you in this connection that it is true we supported the TMC in the election to defeat the CPI(M). But at the same time, we made it amply clear that if the TMC came to power, the change desired by the people would not come about. It cannot come. We had clearly stated that since the Congress-led government at the centre, the various state governments run by different regional parties, as well as the CPI(M), BJP are all working in the class interest of the domestic and foreign monopoly capital, the TMC also has been formed in the interest of regional capital in collaboration with the national bourgeoisie. It is also a bourgeois outfit. So, the way the Congress and the CPI(M) governments had worked in the class interest of the ruling bourgeoisie, the TMC government would be no different to that. Before coming to power, the TMC had showered a bagful of promises, talked of bringing a golden era to the state. But, we had

categorically stated that we did not believe in all these promises. No fundamental change would be brought about. A change of government does not mean change of the exploitative social system. In order to eradicate the basic problems of life, it is imperative to change the capitalist system, capitalist state. We had stated that if the TMC leadership would make an honest endeavour, it would at best make the police-administration neutral to some extent, curb a bit of corruption in the rationing system, stop bribing in the government offices and restrain police to some extent from crushing democratic movement. But, then there were two big question marks—"if" and "honesty". In other words, we did not express any sureness nor did we harbour any optimism.

Only 11 months have rolled by since the TMC had assumed power. And already people are wondering if this was the change they had desired. What marked the CPI(M) misrule continues unabated. Denied remunerative price of the produce, peasants are committing suicide, child deaths are mounting because of malfunctioning of the hospitals, women are increasingly falling victim to rape and molestation, high-handedness of the syndicates of real estate promoters is nakedly manifest, the ruling party's control over police and academic institutions is being firmed up, criminals and anti-socials are thumping around, corruption-price rise-smuggling-black marketing-women trafficking-kidnapping are on the rise. Of late, there have been quite a number of incidents of persecution of principals and professors. Fiats are issued against the media for criticizing the government. There is no change whatsoever at any front. Naturally,

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## Comrade Provash Ghosh on 24 April

# Savage fascistic attack of CPI(M) on Singur-Nandigram movements cannot be forgotten

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questions are being raised as to what was desired and what is being experienced. One may also ask why did we, despite understanding this to be rather inevitable, appeal for voting for the TMC to defeat the CPI(M). We had done so in accordance with the then prevailing political situation.

### **Backdrop of SUCI (C) —TMC unity**

You all know that since 1977, we have organized a number of movements against the misrule of the CPI(M). We have fought both the Congress and the CPI(M) in the elections. But, till last election, we never called for dislodging the CPI(M) from power. It is only after the fascistic attack on Singur-Nandigram movements that we gave the slogan—'CPI(M) must go'. Our unity with the TMC first grew in the interest of the Singur-Nandigram movements. It was our Party who first built up movement in both the places. People of Singur and Nandigram know this. Even the media is aware of that. But they never brought it to the fore. The people of West Bengal are also aware that the media does not cover any of our news. Just a month back, we had organized a mammoth Parliament March in Delhi on the burning problems of people's life. We had collected over 35 million signatures in support of the movement and handed over the same to the central government. But, barring a few lines in one of the newspapers, no one else has covered such a historic march which the eyewitnesses and well-informed circles called the biggest rally by any leftist force, singularly or in combination. Just the other day, one journalist in his column has mentioned that our Party had initiated the movements at both Singur and Nandigram. When we took the initiative for developing the movements, the TMC leaders and cadres expressed willingness to join. We found that on our singular strength, we might not be able to resist the attack of the CPI(M) on these movements. The TMC had a sizeable mass following. So, if the support of that mass could be mustered, the movements would be strengthened. The TMC then had a halo of a big party. It was enjoying the backing of the media in a big way. If we alone try to steer the movements, the media would not give any coverage even if the

CPI(M) launches murderous attacks on the movements. But the TMC belongs to their camp. So, if it remains in the movements, the media would go to the spot and cover the event. The TMC would virtually act as an umbrella. It is for this reason that we formed an alliance with the TMC to save and strengthen Singur-Nandigram movements. The CPI(M) as a servitor of the class interest of domestic and foreign monopoly capitals was then the main enemy in the state. Likewise was and still is the Congress at the Centre. In the circumstances, we were guided by the principle of using the biggest opposition party and relatively less dangerous a force to democratic movement against the main enemy. This political line was long back explained by great Lenin in his celebrated work 'Left-wing communism — an infantile disorder'. He categorically said that howsoever temporary, vacillating or non-dependable the said force may be, use it to the extent possible. Lenin-Stalin-Mao Zedong—everyone had followed this policy guideline in an appropriate situation. We too forged unity with the TMC based on the same policy guideline. Yet, we had told them that it would not be a party-party unity. We would develop people's committees as instruments of struggle and work together within those committees. The TMC initially did not agree as it never went for building any people's committee hereinbefore. Earlier, when both the CPI and the CPI(M) were in the anti-Congress movements, they too never agreed to the formation of people's committees. Because, what the vote-based political parties dread most is the conscious, organized, and active role of the people in the movements. They only want that the people remain confined to some agitational forms of movement so that they could usurp the grievances to reap electoral benefits. Not only the fighting people of Singur-Nandigram, even the larger masses of the state know that had we not been in those movements, nothing tangible would have happened. Because, the TMC is no force of movement. So far, it had done nothing except organizing some isolated processions, squatting and hunger strikes. That is why, it could not realize any of the people's demands. It is for this reason that the CPI(M) is so infuriated

with us.

### **We had severe difference of opinion over Singur**

In any case, under our pressure, the Singur Committee for Protecting Agricultural Land and the Nandigram Committee for Resisting Eviction from Land were formed. But, at various stages of the movements there were severe differences of opinion between our Party and the TMC. What Singur is facing today was not inevitable. When the police went to Singur for forcibly acquiring fertile farmland, we had resisted that by organizing the women and peasants. Despite brutal torture by police, peasants did not part with their land. At that time, the TMC chief suddenly resorted to a hunger strike at Esplanade area in Kolkata. The media gave huge publicity to her. An impression was sought to be created that this hunger strike of her would resolve the problem. Even at Singur, the TMC leaders tried to convince the peasants that there was no need to face police atrocities anymore. The hunger strike would settle everything. Had the TMC not acted in that manner, it would have been impossible for the Tatas and the CPI(M) to erect wall along the grabbed land. We had then openly criticized this stand of the TMC through a handbill. But, we did not have that organizational strength at Singur to safeguard the movement singlehandedly. Even at the mass meeting on 5 August last, I had said that now when the TMC is in power, what prevents it from demolishing that wall? This is a legitimate demand. The CPI(M) and Tatas had forcibly occupied that land by applying an old law enunciated by the British imperialist government. Now, the peasants can legitimately claim that land back. Police is now under the control of the TMC. What is the problem then? Once the refugees who came from erstwhile East Pakistan (now Bangladesh), had taken hold of lands in Jadavpur-Tollygunge area of Kolkata. There were movements for giving them title to these occupied lands and the then Congress-led government was forced to concede to that legitimate demand. Then, the refugees had occupied others' lands. But at Singur, the lands belong to the peasants. They are asking for giving their own lands back to them. But the leaders would not allow that because they do not want to invite

the wrath of not only the Tatas but the entire corporate sector. The TMC leadership itself is responsible for this. Earlier, they needed votes. Now, the elections are over. So, Singur is no more of any concern to them. But, they could not do the same at Nandigram where our organizational strength was relatively much larger. The TMC leadership also understood that if they do not follow the approach suggested by us, they would not be able to do much there. Moreover, the people of Nandigram were not only going to lose cultivable land but even their home and hearth. So, they desperately carried out the militant struggle till the end. But, the savage attack that the CPI(M) and its government descended upon the Singur-Nandigram movements is unprecedented in the history of this country. Even during the food movements against the Congress government in 1959 and 1966, the police opened fire and killed many. But at Nandigram, CPI(M) not only used bullets but mass rape as means to crush the movement. Twice, it precipitated this savagery with their criminals and anti-socials. In the black morning of 14th March, 2007, the CPI(M) criminals clad in police uniform carried out an unprecedented savage attack on the struggling villagers. Many were killed, hundreds inflicted grievous injuries and maimed, small children were butchered, torn apart in front of their mothers. In addition and over and above the barbaric killings, numberless women were mercilessly gang-raped. But the CPI(M) chief minister defended the action by saying that the struggling peasants were paid back in their own coin. He said this with rare retributive arrogance; not even a trace of regret was seen on his face.

### **Beastly savagery at Nandigram**

The next operation was in November, 2007. At that time, the CPI(M) encircled Nandigram from all sides, did not allow any media to enter there and thus completely cut off the area from rest of the world. Then they let loose selected police personnel and anti-socials to run amuck on the villagers. They fired indiscriminately to kill innocent villagers, disposed of the dead bodies, to hush up the number of killed, raped mother in front of the son, wife in front of the husband. In fact, a beastly savagery raved wild

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## Comrade Provash Ghosh on 24 April

# Before elections, SUCI (C) dismissed illusion about TMC government turning the state 'gold-faced'

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throughout the day. And after all these, the CPI(M) chief minister and other leaders claimed that there is rise of a new dawn at Nandigram. During the Singur movement, the CPI(M) chief minister had warned that he would not allow anyone to harm the Tatas even in the least. So loyal had been the CPI(M) to the Tata house. People of the country can never forget this savage act of the CPI(M). Such barbarity was never seen in the history of democratic movement of the country. Neither the Congress nor the BJP had resorted to such mass killing and mass rape simultaneously to crush democratic movement. We could understand that if the CPI(M) continued to be in power even after all these, it would be more despotic and crush democratic movement with more violence and bestiality. So the CPI(M) must be punished and ought to be dethroned in the interest of democratic movement. At that time, ouster of the CPI(M) from governmental power emerged as a demand of democratic movement. Before entering into an alliance with the TMC at the state level, we had gone to the RSP and Forward Bloc leaders, even contacted the Naxalites to forge a broader unity against the CPI(M). The RSP and Forward Bloc leaders told us that though they endorse our views, they were unable to quit the ministry. The Naxalites also did not agree with our proposal. Under the circumstances, since continuation of CPI(M) rule was destined to spell more danger for democratic movement, we, spurred on by the necessity to thwart it, sat with the TMC leadership with an alliance proposal. We gave them three conditions: our alliance would fight against the anti-people policies of both central and state governments, would maintain equidistance from both the Congress and the BJP and would not attack Marxism-leftism. The TMC leadership immediately agreed to the conditions. We knew why they accepted all our terms. Because, they needed us at that time. True that by fighting elections alone, we never got a sizeable vote. But we do have a prestige in the state. People count us as an honest pro-movement party. So, if the TMC gets us as an alliance partner, it would give them dividend in the hustings. We too knew that. Yet our endeavour was to commit them to the extent possible. If they break the commitment, they would be exposed before the people.

### **The bourgeoisie accomplished twin objectives with CPI(M)**

Besides that, we had another objective. In the last 34 years, the CPI(M) had nakedly worked in the interest of capitalism. While the domestic and foreign capitalists effusively praised them for that, the bourgeois media had tried to bring home to the aggrieved people that what the CPI(M) was practicing was Marxism-leftism. Stalin and Mao Zedong were just like the CPI(M) leaders. Thus the bourgeoisie had accomplished two objectives with the CPI(M). On the one hand, it used the CPI(M) to crush left-democratic movements, class and mass struggles while on the other hand, it showcased the heinous activities of the CPI(M) to malign Marxism-leftism. This was also needed to be stopped. Moreover, the CPI(M) had sought to create a false impression that by dint of their performance during the 34 years of their rule, they had turned West Bengal into a bastion of leftism. Alongside, in the name of leftism, the CPI(M) leaders were turning the left-minded people in their periphery into opportunists and made them utterly corrupt by connecting them with various wings of administration. In this process, they were polluting and corrupting the force of leftist movement by way of distribution of privileges in the form of jobs, promoting business, contractor business, grant of permits and licences and so forth. This too was to be stopped. Wearing a cloak of Marxism, the CPI(M) pushed the fervent youth of Bengal who once shook the base of British imperial rule and helped creating a tide of left movement in the 1950s, into abyss of degeneration by widespread promotion of liquor, gambling, online lottery, obscenity and sex-perversion. There was a pressing need to arrest this slide of the youth force.

### **It was necessary to unmask TMC**

It was also necessary to unmask the character of the TMC. The bourgeois media relentlessly propagated that the TMC was the only alternative to the CPI(M), only force to confide in. If saddled in power, the TMC would do a lot of positive things. The TMC would show the path. Such an impression was created by confusing the politically unconscious masses of the people. Since the TMC was in the opposition, this illusion was persisting. So, we wanted to show

the people what the TMC would do if it assumed power. The same way, we once desired that let CPI(M) be in power so that the people could learn from experience what kind of Marxist-leftist this party is. Likewise, the TMC is getting exposed today. This was much needed. We were also aware that the larger section of the masses who having become disgusted with the CPI(M) opted to vote against them was not pro-Congress or pro-rightist. They were common people. Many of them were left-minded. We could not afford to let this broader anti-CPI(M) mass get within the fold of the TMC. Under our pressure, the TMC leadership had to honour at least one commitment till the end. Upto the assembly election, they could not attack Marxism or leftism. We did not allow them to do so. Had we not arrested the TMC within that commitment, the TMC-Congress alliance would have transformed the entire election campaign into a saga of maligning Marxism-leftism. That would have caused much confusion among the people. But we could prevent that. These are the reasons for which we had supported the TMC during the election. At the same time, we made it amply clear that our support would last upto the election. Thereafter, we would sit in the opposition. The TMC had offered us ministership after the polls. But we rejected the offer. We said we are a party of movements and in that sense a party of the street. We would continue building up movements. As we had organized movements against the CPI(M) government, so would we against the TMC government as well. We made this line very clear before the election. Ours has been a call to the people to fight against injustice, embrace the path of movement. We do not practice politics of deception and falsehood. Our political line is clear and transparent. For example, in the assembly election, the TMC left only two seats to us for contesting. Industrial houses, big business, FICCI had convinced the TMC leadership that the strength of SUCI (C) inside the assembly should not be allowed to increase. Every attempt should be made to see that SUCI(C) did not win even those two seats. And strings were pulled from behind to defeat us in one of our ever winning constituencies. We had openly bared this conspiracy before the people.

We have been the first to organize protest demonstration

against the TMC government. The disappointing performance of the TMC government has become a matter of public talk everywhere. People desire that there be protests, movements against the TMC government. In response to people's wishes, we have been organizing such movements and would continue to do so. Last year, this TMC government announced abolition of pass-fail system upto class VIII in the schools. This is a policy of the central government which the erstwhile CPI(M) government had also adopted. But under pressure of democratic movement organized at our initiative, they did not dare to introduce the same. For long, we had been conducting a scholarship examination for class IV students under the aegis of an independent Primary Education Board. The government had long back discontinued conduction of such examination to test the merit of the students at the end of primary school. Lakhs and lakhs of students appear in this scholarship examination organized by us. This time when the TMC immediately after assuming power declared abolition of pass-fail system upto class VIII, our student organization, AIDS, launched a protest movement. On 8 September last, a massive rally of several thousands of students took place in Kolkata. This was the first protest rally against the TMC government and it was organized by us. You all know how a sinister attempt was made to show this rally in the wrong light. Since there was massive participation of students, quarters of vested interest unleashed a false campaign that we had kidnapped some of the school students and forced them to join the rally. There was much din and bustle over it. A fiat was issued prohibiting school students from participating in meetings, rallies or processions. We boldly countered it by showing that the entire freedom movement was a movement of the students. Centering on our rally, the TMC also raised a hullabaloo that school students should not take part in politics. But the people were not carried by their false propaganda. Apart from this, we have been conducting movements on the demands of the workers and peasants, against rising power tariff, against the public-private partnership formula — a euphemism for privatization — in

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# Deluge of 'Development' is for corporate sector, not toiling myriads

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the healthcare sector that the CPI(M) had introduced and was continued by the TMC. Our movements would go on.

### **Difference between CPI(M) and TMC**

We know that the TMC would also attack democratic movements, rob democratic rights. But even if they want, they cannot do that to the extent the CPI(M) had done. They lack the skill of deceiving and knavery that the CPI(M) possesses. The TMC is faction-ridden, loosely held and indisciplined. So, it cannot muzzle the voice of protest or crush protest movements as dexterously as can the CPI(M) as a bureaucratically centralized party. The honest general masses of the people who rallied behind the TMC at the grassroots level out of their disgust with the CPI(M) are now moving away. In their place, the anti-socials hitherto nurtured by the CPI(M) are crowding the lower rung of the TMC. In such a situation, the CPI(M) is making efforts to stage a comeback. They are waiting for the 'bright days'. The bourgeoisie too wants the CPI(M) to gather strength so that they could be used at the time of need. You all have been witnessing what a farce is going on in the CPI(M) centring on so-called 'purification'. Lenin had said that the hallmark of a genuine communist party lies in its candid admission of its mistakes, trying to understand what led it to commit those mistakes, making efforts to identify the precise reasons for the mistakes and openly trying to rectify those mistakes in the correct way. There is not even a trace of this lesson in the CPI(M). On the contrary, the CPI(M) leaders are telling their workers that had not the SUCI(C) brought the TMC to power, they would have been returned for another term. We are so powerful that because of us, the heavyweights of the CPI(M) were routed in the hustings by the minnows of the TMC! In fact, it is the CPI(M) who deserves 100% credit for bringing the TMC to power. They only made the people enraged and hostile. And I have already discussed why we had supported the TMC in the election.

### **Why this tragic fallout of politics**

Now you find the TMC doing exactly the opposite of what they used to say before the election. Earlier, you had the same experience with the CPI(M). This is

a common feature in every state of India. Before election, there is a deluge of promises. But once the election is over, there is a complete somersault, whether it is Congress-led government at the Centre or any of the state governments run by the BJP or any other party. Why is this tragic fallout of politics? During the freedom movement of our country or in the days of the French Revolution, at the time of advent of bourgeois parliamentary democracy in Europe, politics had nobility, respectability. At that time, politicians were held in high esteem as honourable persons engaged in the work of the country and society. Politics meant serving and fighting for the country. It was revered as the noblest profession of mankind. Patriotism stood for honesty, self-sacrifice, sincerity and struggle. In our freedom movement, not only the revolutionaries, even the compromising Gandhites were respected for such qualities. Why then this abysmal slide of politics? The political leaders are found to be utter hypocrites and corrupt to the bone. They tell lies, practice deception and cheat people. There is not a single government which is free from corruption. Every day, newer scams involving thousands of crores of rupees are unfolding. It appears that everyone is vying with each other over corruption. The Congress, BJP, CPI(M)—all are mired in corruption. Now, the same allegation is made against the TMC. May be one particular minister himself is not directly involved in scams and frauds. But does he not know what his ministerial colleagues and party leaders are doing? All are in a mad competition of minting money through unlimited loot and plunder.

But this degeneration of politics is no accident or devoid of any reason. This is the fallout of subservience to utterly reactionary capitalism. In this connection, I would like to remind you of a valuable teaching of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. He said that both party and politics have class character. The society is divided between two opposite classes—the exploiting bourgeoisie and the exploited working class. So, whether it is the Congress with the tricolour, the BJP with the saffron banner or the CPI(M) waving the besmirched red flag—everyone is a servitor of bourgeois class interest. This vile bourgeois politics can beget seat of power, ministership, wide scope for embezzlement of money and opportunity to make fortunes through corruption. But it

is devoid of ideology, ethics and morality. The spectacle is the same throughout the bourgeois world. You would not find Abraham Lincoln or Jefferson in America, Rousseau or Voltaire in France, Locke, Burke or Mill in England. Likewise, you would not find the heightened characters of our freedom movement in today's India. When capitalism in its rising period in Europe fought against feudalism, it had a progressive character. The bourgeois democratic revolution had then a progressive role in advancing the society. Same was the case with our country during the struggle against British imperialist power for freedom. At that time, nationalism, humanism was progressive, revolutionary. They provided character, endowed human essence. For espousing these ideals, one then had to face incarceration. But today the situation is totally changed. Capitalism is now in power. It is the ruling national bourgeoisie who is exploiting the people. Indian capitalism has given rise to monopoly, multi-nationals and has acquired imperialist character. This had happened in Europe and America long back. So, whoever would serve this oppressive reactionary capitalism-imperialism, work as its lackeys in the political arena, survive on the crumbs of it, is destined to be corrupt and degenerated. The Congress, BJP, CPI(M), SP, BSP, DMK, AIDMK, BJD, TMC—they all are the political managers of the ruling bourgeoisie. As the industrial houses have business managers, similarly these parties are their political managers to run the government in the bourgeois class interest. Just the way the contractors compete with each other for bagging orders, these parties too contest against each other for securing power.

### **Why are people deceived repeatedly?**

What is election today? Is it anymore "by the people, of the people and for the people" as it used to be in Europe or America in the days of advent of capitalism? Now, the word "people" is substituted by the word "monopolists". So election today is "by the monopolists, for the monopolists, of the monopolists" or "by the exploiters, of the exploiters, for the exploiters". Vote today has become a game of money-muscle-administrative-media power. How lavishly can one spend, how best can one use police-administration to one's advantage, how extensively can one engage anti-socials—these

only determine who would win, who would become main opposition. Is there any semblance of democracy? Democratic verbiages are now confined in the pages of books or in the speeches of the cunning vote-seekers. Democracy now lies in the unbridled loot and plunder by the ruling bourgeoisie. There is no democracy for the people. What is the reason behind it? Comrade Shibdas Ghosh used to repeatedly say with a heavy heart that people of this country have shed so much of blood, put up so many heroic fights, made so much of sacrifices, embraced martyrdom in multiples; yet the desired emancipation has not come by. Right from Kshudiram, so many vibrant youths and students courted death smilingly. They did not come from the families of the Tatas, Ambanis or Jindals. They were children of middle-class and poor families. You know about Pritilata Waddar, the immortal martyr of Chhattagram armoury raid movement during freedom struggle. She belonged to such a poor family that after her martyrdom, her mother had to run the family by working as a midwife. Bhagat Singh too was from an ordinary middle class family. Why could the entire fruit of political independence be usurped by the national bourgeoisie? Because, the people were misled by the mainstream news media of the then time. The newspapers controlled by the British imperialists and the Indian national bourgeoisie then backed the compromising rightwing leadership and Gandhiji. Though Gandhiji was a very honest person, he unknowingly had represented the class interest of the aspiring Indian bourgeoisie. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had shown that Gandhiji was suffering from the fear complex of armed revolution. After Russian revolution, the Indian bourgeoisie was scared of armed insurgency. This was the cause of Gandhiji's opposition to armed revolution. The Indian national bourgeoisie wanted the British imperialists to go so that it could capture the state power. It would be the rule of the Indian national bourgeoisie with labour-capital relationship in production. This class aspiration of the Indian national bourgeoisie worked behind Gandhiji's humanistic belief of everyone being equal despite class-division. That is why, Gandhiji could not accept Kshudiram. Great litterateur Saratchandra had said that Gandhiji is surrounded by the merchants and businessmen; he

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# Luminaries of the past could never dream of such a squalid mess in independent India

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fears revolution and socialism. Netaji Subhas had remarked that the millionaire industrialists, the landlords and landed gentry were posing as patriots because they became Gandhites. Netaji Subhas was the symbol of revolutionism. So, he was forced to quit the post of Congress President. At that time, Gandhiji was worshipped as descendant of god. How many of the countrymen knew the precise difference between Gandhiji and Netaji Subhas? Gandhiji did not want the order of Bhagat Singh's hanging to be annulled. How many knew that Gandhiji once said: "Even if I was assured that we could have independence by means of violence, I should refuse to have it. It won't be real independence." This is history. The predominant thinking among the countrymen then was that since they did not understand so much of intricacies, it was better to let the leaders decide the course without raising any question. It is for this reason that the uncompromising revolutionary trend and Netaji Subhas could not come to the forefront of the freedom struggle. Under the leadership of the Congress, the Gandhites effected transfer of power through compromise with the British imperialists and established capitalist rule in the country. Still, it is in vogue and we all are experiencing the disastrous consequence of that.

In this state of West Bengal, who was projected as alternative to the Congress in the parliamentary politics? The CPI(M). The bourgeois media gave massive publicity to the CPI(M) and people blindly rallied behind them to oust the Congress. Then, the TMC was blindly supported by the West Bengal people as alternative to the CPI(M) because the same bourgeois media widely backed the former. Despite extending support to the TMC, the caution that we sounded about them received no media coverage. So, my appeal to you is — still there is time, please learn from this bitter experience. Please understand politics, be aware of the class character of each of the parties, do not get carried away by the media propaganda or false promises or deceptive slogans or colour of any party. Wearing khaddar (a typical Indian fabric symbolic of nationalistic feeling during the freedom movement) is no proof of real patriotism, saffron

dress does not *ipso facto* denote a monk nor does a visit to Mecca make one a saint. Once, people of this very country had lamented with such utterances out of severe pain. So, please do not run after numerical strength. You might well be deceived. Number often misleads. We too can betray you. Even after telling so many things, we too might deviate from our principles in the days to come. This might happen if you are not alert. So, mere lamentation is of no use. It is necessary to learn from the history. Please cultivate politics, keep your eyes and ears open. Otherwise, you would be deceived repeatedly.

### **Capitalism is killing conscience**

I want to draw your attention to another pertinent issue. A section of bourgeois intellectuals and economists are claiming that socialist economy has failed. Capitalist market economy can only deliver the goods. But are their eyes shut to the objective reality? What is the condition of world capitalism? USA, the chieftain of world imperialism-capitalism is mired in insoluble market-crisis endemic of the capitalist system. Once it used to give loan to others. Now, it is the biggest debtor country in the world. To meet the routine expenditures, the US government is increasing its borrowing limit. Industries are closing down. Unemployment is soaring. The situation has come to such a pass that the US government is trying to stop import of cheap labour from India by hiking visa fees and pressurizing the US companies to stop outsourcing of jobs. The entire Europe is suffering from sovereign debt crisis. There too, inflation, recession, unemployment and retrenchment are spiralling with every passing day. Despite frantic effort, neither US nor Europe are able to come out of economic depression. The much-trumpeted market-economy is now sucked into the quicksand.

### **Marxism-Leninism alone can bring emancipation**

What triggered this crisis? The answer can only be provided by Marxism. When world capitalism was in the stage of advancement and no one was familiar with the terms like market crisis, recession, closure, retrenchment and so forth, Marx by applying the science of dialectical materialism showed that

capitalist market would cease to be buoyant. Capitalism itself would generate crisis, hinder industrialization. Because, in capitalism, it is the working people or, to be precise, the purchasing power of the working people, which constitutes market. But the capitalists cannot maximize profit without exploiting the workers, without usurping the surplus-value (value of unpaid labour) of their labour power. So, the purchasing power of the workers falls and despite having need, they cannot buy their requirement. Consequently, the market shrinks. Look at US or Europe. There is no demand in the market. The ruling monopolists are trying to artificially stimulate demand by introducing credit-driven economy. Still, they are unable to revive the market, rather inviting further crisis.

And in our country, all the vote-based parties are crying hoarse over 'development'. But you know what is happening in the name of development. Yes, there has been development, but for whom? Four Indian monopolists feature in the list of top 10 rich in the world. According to the latest statistics, the total wealth possessed by these four monopolists is above Rs 9, 00,000 crores (900 billion). First ten rich families of India are owners of Rs 12, 35, 000 crores. The number of billionaires in dollar terms (i.e. wealth worth Rs 5, 000 crores) is also going up fast. Even a sizeable number of the members of parliament supposed to be people's representatives, are billionaires. On the other hand, 85 crores of people out of an approximate population of 110 crores do not earn more than 20 rupees a day. This is the spectacle of development! Millions, even women are pouring into the cities from the rural areas as migrant labour. They do not have any shelter. Most of them stay in shanties or on the footpath. The leaders observe the country's Independence Day on 15 August, Republic Day on 26 January with much fanfare in star hotels. And the footpath dwellers along with street dogs scavenge food from the leftovers thrown into the dustbins. Starving parents are selling their daughters to the flesh traders. Women-trafficking has become a roaring trade. Millions are dying of hunger and malnutrition, without medical treatment. Unable to bear the pain of poverty, lakhs are committing suicide. If this is development, what would then be

decline?

Only the monopolists, corporate sector and the multi-nationals are amassing huge wealth. Prosperity is lavished on them only. Moreover, Indian capitalism is now entering into strategic partnership with the US imperialists. Because, as per Leninist formulation, in course of development, Indian capitalism has now given birth to finance capital, developed imperialist features, turned totally reactionary. India is now an imperialist state who is trying to emerge as a superpower by joining hands with the US rulers. It is launching Agni-V, an inter-continental ballistic missile by spending over Rs 25 billion while starving mothers with their kids on the lap are begging for a morsel. In whose interest is this militarization? Is it that China, or Pakistan, Sri Lanka or Bangladesh are laying in wait to overrun our country? The fact is that this high-cost militarization is in the interest of the ruling monopolists. Because, in order to become a superpower by increasing its suzerainty, it needs hefty military muscle. Already Indian corporates are massively investing capital overseas, purchasing industries in Middle-East, South-West Asia, Africa, Europe, Australia and even America.

### **CPI(M) considers Indian capitalism as progressive**

The CPI(M) leaders, however, consider this Indian capitalism as progressive. In their recently concluded party congress also, they have persisted with the theory of people's democratic revolution. People's democratic revolution means revolution to overthrow imperialism-feudalism under the leadership of the working class in alliance with the "progressive" national bourgeoisie. If this kind of 'Marxist' analysis is to be accepted then Lenin cannot be called a revolutionary. Because, he gave a call for anti-capitalist socialist revolution as soon as the bourgeoisie had assumed state power though in economy, capitalism was very weak and feudal operation was quite prominent. And today the CPI(M) is branding Indian capitalism which has already acquired imperialist character as progressive. In reality, this is a sheer opportunistic line. By referring to this theoretical formulation, they once unite with the Congress in the name of

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# Renaissance stalwarts hailed socialism as the aspired social order

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resisting communalism and then join hands with the BJP on the plea of combating autocracy. This is how they paved their way to governmental power in Kerala and West Bengal at the same time. They too are pandering to vote-bank politics, casteist politics. In Kerala, they created a new district for the Muslim people simply to secure minority votes. During the last assembly election in West Bengal also, the CPI(M) was trying to pose themselves as saviour of the minority Muslim population by dangling carrot of various sops. The TMC is now doing the same thing. Overwhelmed by the peril of the *Imams* (Muslim priests), the TMC leadership has declared special allowance for them. Now, the *Purohits* (Hindu priests) are demanding allowance. Now, this squabble between the *Imams* and the *Purohits* would continue. Everything is for harvesting electoral benefits. In every state, all the parties are now indulging in vote-bank politics fomenting the differences over caste, creed, religion, region and language and thereby mounting attack on the democratic unity of the people.

### Capitalism is debasing politics

Capitalism had long back crossed the stage of free competition and after attaining the stage of monopoly and finance capital, has given birth to multi-nationals. These multi-nationals (MNCs) are now undeclared emperors of the world. The entire wealth is concentrated in their hands. They have no concern for any state or nation. Their sole objective is to earn maximum profit. For that, they are ready to give up their respective national identities. It is for this reason that poverty, starvation deaths, unemployment, retrenchment are menacingly rising throughout the world including our country. This very capitalism today is turning the politicians into crooks, liars and hypocrites and cheats. Except power and shameless subservience to the ruling capitalists, they are not bothered of anything. Decadent moribund capitalism is destroying even human essence. Where is that Europe which once held aloft the banner of humanism, produced stalwarts like Shakespeare, Victor Hugo, Emil Zola, Tolstoy, Turgenev and Dostoevsky? Is there any ideology before the youth in Europe? Now,

the school children are to be provided with contraceptives. Boys and girls in their early teens are involved in sexual relationship, becoming sex slaves. Demand is being raised for legalizing homosexuality, as well as live-in relationships. Love, affection, marital life – all have become illusive and elusive. No one is taking the responsibility of old parents. No one is there to take care of the tiny children. As if nothing other than wild self-willed enjoyment and entertainment is worth in life. Unless the ethical-moral backbone is broken like this, imperialist-capitalist oppression cannot continue unabated; imperialists cannot aggress and occupy foreign lands. The Europe which once fascinated Rammohan and Vidyasagar has now gone into perpetual oblivion. Similarly, is any individual responsible for the utter degeneration of the youth of this country? The youth would be fervent, would derive courage to fight against injustice if the moral fabric of the country is intact. Once, the cultural milieu of the freedom movement had endowed this ethical-moral strength to the youth. Today that ethical-moral structure has totally crumbled. Tracing the course of bourgeois nationalism, the Indian national capitalism has come to power. Now, the same capitalism is oppressing and repressing, destroying human essence. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had said that the ruling capitalists know they would not be able to crush people's protest movement, muffle voice of dissent if the immortal characters like Kshudiram, Bhagat Singh, Pritilata, Chandrasekhar Azad and Asfaqullah Khan remain living in the people's conscience. So, the ruling capitalism intends to demolish the moral backbone, turn human beings into beasts. That is why rape, female foeticide, honour killing, dowry deaths are increasing by leaps and bounds. A 60 year old is raping a three year old child; a 22 year old youth is molesting a 66 year old lady. A husband is selling the newly-wed wife on the very night of marriage. This kind of human beasts are being produced by capitalism today. Could such things happen in the 1920s-30s? Were there not youths then or teenagers in the country? Did not they have physical urge? But did they consume liquor in open public place, behave indecently, tease and abduct the girls? No, this was not

there because human essence and human conscience were alive in the country. The luminaries, political leaders and revolutionaries were then the ideal of the youths. Could Vidyasagar, Vivekananda, Deshbandhu Chittaranjan, Netaji Subhash, Lala Lajpat, Balgangadhar Tilak, Saratchandra or Nazrul ever dream of such a post-independent India? Do any of the parties have least of concern about this abysmal cultural-moral degradation? Rather, they all are patronizing this cultural pollution and moral degeneration. With so much of pomp and grandeur, 150<sup>th</sup> birth centenaries of Rabindranath and Vivekananda are being observed by the governments and other bourgeois quarters. But these are all rituals. No one intends to bring to the fore the lessons to be drawn from their life struggle and contributions. Only selective references are made to some aspects of their thoughts which suit the vested interest. But, the teachings worth emulating are carefully obfuscated. Spiritual preachings of and analysis of Vedanta by Vivekananda are only highlighted because these suit vested class interest. But where is that Vivekananda who said: "I count them guilty of betraying the poor, oppressed men and women in millions, whose earnings minted out of the blood, sweat and tear they rake up as means to support their education, who wallow in the muck of extravagance yet not spare even a thought for these poor people. So long as those millions of this land will remain plunged in ignorance, these blood suckers will rest assured of living in style on the earnings of the poor masses, not caring to take a look at them. Each of them I count a traitor." Would the highly educated disciples of Vivekananda who rush to Belur Math and Dakshineswar to garland his photograph ever recall the above lines? On the aforesaid yardstick set by Vivekananda, how would they rate themselves? Are they familiar with that Vivekananda who observed: "The suffering multitude of this land are asking for bread, just bread, in a voice stricken with hunger. Bread is what they are asking from us, and we are doling out chips of stone. Holding out the virtues of religion to souls who are in angst of hunger, or explaining to them the high points of philosophy is to abuse them with humiliation." Are they acquainted with that Vivekananda who remarked that

"What to call a country where millions upon millions keep body and soul together by feeding simply on flowers of *mohua*, with some thousands of monks and a few thousand *brahmins* together sucking their blood, never yet giving a hand to better the lot of these poor masses. Is it a land to live in, or is it a hell to suffer? Is this religiosity, or is this devil's dance?" No, they are not because they would be in trouble then.

A section who claims to be admirers of Rabindranath is busy in academic discourses on how much he has written about nature, cycles of seasons, love and spiritualism. Are they aware that Rabindranath at the fag-end of his life was agitated to see the crisis of capitalism, had written fiery poems denouncing imperialism and fascism? Moreover, as he was a man of stature, he did not feel any qualm in admitting that because of the "limitation of the precincts of his life style", he could not connect with the life of the peasants, fishermen and weavers and get to know the pain they carry in their heart. "Exiled in the world of fame" and placed in the 'elevated rostrum of life', his views were cramped within the choked passage of a "narrow window". They have no clue whatsoever as to why did he express this heart-rending pain. This Rabindranath is unknown to the sickening sycophants.

### Understanding the worth of the past luminaries—must for grasping Marxism

On the other hand, cult of Vidyasagar and Saratchandra is virtually extinct. They are totally absent in the pages of the dailies, weeklies or monthlies. It was Vidyasagar who in mid-nineteenth century emphatically stated: "That the Vedanta and Sankhya are false systems of philosophy is no more a matter of dispute". So, his recommendation was to prescribe such books of Western philosophy which would free the students from the impact of Vedantic philosophy. Knowing fully well that Vidyasagar was a non-believer, Ramakrishna Paramhans, known to be the preceptor of Vivekananda, had gone to his house to pay respect. All the leading lights of the Indian renaissance and front-ranking leaders of the freedom movement held Vidyasagar in high esteem. In the words of Rabindranath, "Not kindness, not erudition, the real

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# Historic Delhi March augured countrywide movement against anti-people policies of governments

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greatness of Vidyasagar's character was his indomitable manhood, undying humanity". Such a heightened character like Vidyasagar has been relegated to the abyss of oblivion. The same has happened with Saratchandra, the great revolutionary humanist litterateur. Even Rabindranath had confessed that what he could not do in the field of literature was done by Saratchandra. Saratchandra could enter into the innermost recess of people's heart and thus had a universal acceptance in the country. A personality like Romain Rolland also held that Saratchandra was the greatest litterateur of the time in Bengali language. At that time, Saratchandra had observed by seeing the crisis of capitalism: "I had had this experience etched upon me for whole life, this experience of how much heartless a creature could the greed of the rich for riches make out of a human on the pretext of keeping to civilised norms. ... Civilised souls possibly have taken it too well to heart that until men are brought down to the level of animals, no beastly acts could be extricated from them." He also said, "Death of men does not hurt me much as do extirpation of humanity". The capitalist rulers are trying to erase these blazing characters like Saratchandra, Pritilata, Kshudiram, Bhagat Singh, Nazrul and others from people's mind. It is Comrade Shibdas Ghosh who had exhorted us to cultivate the life and struggle of these luminaries of the past and learn from that. Otherwise, he said, we would not understand him or Marxism. He also said that he had learnt from them and then embraced Marxism as truth. That is why we bear in mind the teachings of all the luminaries of our recent past including the revolutionaries. We want true posterity of vibrant death-defying youths like Kshudiram, Pritilata, Bhagat Singh, Asfaquillah to surface and hold aloft the banner of anti-capitalist revolution.

### All roads must lead to scientific socialism

In order to get rid of the obtaining harrowing situation, what is needed is anti-capitalist socialist revolution. And to accomplish that revolution, it is imperative to imbibe Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought. You know that a section of intellectuals derive pleasure by denigrating socialism. If they are to

be considered as intellectuals, then we must conclude that Romain Rolland, Bernard Shaw, Einstein, Rabindranath were no intellectuals at all. Are these self-proclaimed intellectuals aware of history? Extremely perturbed to see the fascist face of capitalism in Europe, Rolland had said that he was totally unanimous with the aim and objective of Soviet socialism and so long he was alive, he would remain an ardent supporter of Soviet socialism. He also added that if Soviet socialism is destroyed, then not only the Russian proletariats would be turned into slaves but individual freedom and social freedom of the whole world would be in jeopardy. In 1950, just a year before his death, Bernard Shaw had stated that only those countries that would move fast towards communism have a future. Einstein maintained that socialism was the only way to emancipation and life. They were not communists but last voice of humanism in Europe.

Now, let me come to Rabindranath Tagore who, as you are aware, had spent most of his life in writing poems and songs on the beauties of nature, seasons, love relationship and also religious hymns. But the very same Rabindranath, towards the end of his life, had a conscience-biting on witnessing the crisis in civilization. He had said: "I had at one time believed that the springs of civilization could issue out of the heart of Europe. But today, when I am about to leave the world, that faith has deserted me. I look around and see the crumbling ruins of a proud civilization strewn like a vast heap of futility." Why was that? Because, he was frightened to see fascist imperialist Europe, not socialist Europe. Rabindranath who was a believer in non-violence and for that reason, could not support the revolutionaries had in the last phase of life written a poetry with as blazing a lyre as follows: -

Vipers are breathing poison all  
around  
Voice of peace, tender, will sound  
a jesting whisper.  
Before I'll take leave,  
I call out to all,  
who, to take to fighting the  
monster,  
are readying themselves in every  
home.

Whom did he call vipers?  
Surely, he did mean the imperialists-

fascists. Just before death, he gave a call to fight these snakes and said that mellifluous benign peace talks would prove infructuous. It is clear which path he wanted the fighters to adopt. During his visit to Soviet Russia in 1930, he wrote that though the slogan of equality-fraternity-liberty was raised in France, it remained to be operative there. But in socialist Soviet Union, there was a spree of activities to make that slogan an objective reality. Please also note that in 1939, just two years before death, a person like Rabindranath excitedly wrote to Shri Amiya Chakraborty: "Witnessing the new face of humanity in that hallowed land, its many shortcomings notwithstanding, I was elated and optimistic. Never did I find such a permanent fount of happiness and expectation anywhere in human history. I am aware that Russia has established this new era on the foundation of a tremendous revolution, but it was a revolution against the most cruel and powerful vice of mankind. To that extent, this revolution was a prescript for atonement for age-old sins... The new Russia is striving to uproot a huge deadly shell from the heart of human civilization and that is what is called greed. The yearning that springs up by itself: May their sincere endeavour find success!" He was not a Marxist. But, restive at the sight of despotism of imperialism-fascism-capitalism and out of his confidence on Soviet socialism, he had uttered these words. There is no dearth of functions organized on the occasion of birth and death anniversaries of Rabindranath. Last year was the year of observance of his 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary. But everywhere, the sole emphasis is on musical soirees, recitation and presentation of dance dramas. None of these so called admirers carry the pain of Rabindranath, feel any necessity to respond to the appeal he made before death.

Now, I refer to another stalwart of our freedom movement. He is Netaji Subhashchandra. He observed that in the nineteenth century, the most significant contribution of Germany towards human civilization was Marxist philosophy. In the twentieth century, Russia had enriched human civilization and culture by accomplishing proletarian revolution, installing a proletarian government and acquiring

proletarian culture. In Haripura Congress, Netaji said: "While the whole world is in the grip of the imperialists, our only hope lies in Soviet socialism." In Tripuri Congress, he observed: "So called democratic Great Britain and France have been colluding with Italy and Germany to wipe out Soviet Union from the world politics." Even when the Indian National Army (INA) courted defeat at the hands of the British forces during the last phase of the Second World War, he reposed great confidence on Soviet Union and said: "If there is a single personality in Europe on whom depends the future of all European nations for several decades, it is Marshall Stalin." None of these great men was a Marxist. Yet, they all had profound respect for socialism.

### Socialism—the only way to emancipation

On earlier occasions, I have discussed the reasons behind dismantling of socialism in Soviet Union. I would not enter into that discussion today. But let me reiterate once again a very important point. No great social movement achieved final victory in just fifty to hundred years. It took ages for the religious preachers to establish the doctrines of religion. There have been crests and troughs in their journey. Victory was followed by defeat, then again victory, again defeat—such had been the arduous course. Many of them had to pay with their life. It is claimed that they were representatives of god. But they too could not disavow the laws of history. Starting from renaissance, it had taken over 350 years to successfully achieve bourgeois democratic revolution. But neither the religious movements nor bourgeois democratic revolution was a movement for abolishing exploitation of man by man. One form of exploitation was replaced by another form of exploitation. But the struggle for establishing socialism is a struggle for emancipating the society from thousands of years of exploitation right from the days of slave-master society to feudalism to capitalism. For that, 70 years of socialism is a small period of time. But in these 70 years, socialism had shown what an exploitation-free society is. There was no starvation in socialism, no unemployment or retrenchment, no

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# Strengthen SUCI(C), the real revolutionary party

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closure, recession or inflation. Education and healthcare were free. There was perfect unity and harmony among all sections of the people irrespective of class, creed, ethnicity, region or religion. Men and women enjoyed equal rights. Standard of living of the entire masses of the people was continuously going up. Could any of the bourgeois countries provide all these? By waving the flag of parliamentary democracy, the bourgeoisie plundered the colonies and semi-colonies, perpetrated two world wars and brought fascism. Waving the flag of democracy, the US imperialists have occupied sovereign Iraq, are devastating Afghanistan, launching wars of aggression on many countries and manufacturing lethal weapons. Did the Soviet Union attack any country? Rather it stood as bulwark of world peace against imperialist war machination. Marx-Engels-Lenin-Stalin-Mao Zedong-Comrade Shibdas Ghosh—all of them had shown that socialism is an intermediary phase in transition

from capitalism to communism. If the correct path is followed in socialism, reaching the stage of communism will be expedited. But, if there is deviation, capitalism would stage a comeback through counter-revolution. Because, in socialism overthrown capitalism weaves ploys clandestinely to regain power. Exactly that has happened in both Russia and China with the backing of the foreign imperialist powers. Stalin and Mao Zedong had warned about the danger of counter-revolution before their death. But the leaders and cadres of the communist parties as well as the people at large could not remain alert about and foil that conspiracy as a kind of complacency had overwhelmed them all. So, there has been a catastrophe. Socialism has been dismantled. This is extremely painful. Had Romain Rolland, Einstein, Bernard Shaw and Rabindranath been alive today, they would have been awfully shocked and hurt.

Let me remind you of another episode from Rabindranath's life. He was in death bed when Germany

attacked the Soviet Union. Initially, the German army was occupying Soviet territory. He was restive lying on the hospital bed. The newspapers carried the news of retreat of the Red army. Enraged and agitated, Rabindranath threw away the paper. Prashanta Mahalanobis had narrated this incident. The day Rabindranath was to be operated upon, the good news came that the Red army was advancing. There was a glow on his face. "Yes they will, they definitely will defeat fascism", asserted he. Are those who spit venom against Marxism and socialism and yet call themselves admirers of Rabindranath, fit to be called intellectuals?

**Only socialism can guarantee the right to live with honour and dignity**

Only Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought can show the path of emancipation. From that conviction, strengthen our Party. Build up people's struggle committees in the factories and establishments, among the peasants,

youths, students, women and all sections of the toiling masses in the villages and towns. Cultivate revolutionary politics. Prepare yourselves for the anti-capitalist revolution. Be engaged in the struggle for acquiring higher ethical and cultural character and human essence. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had said that the very kernel of revolutionary politics is higher standard of character. Many of you praise our workers as honest, courteous and dedicated. What is the source of that? The source is Shibdas Ghosh Thought, the revolutionary politics he had bequeathed us. In our Party, there is a relentless living struggle to acquire higher revolutionary character and culture. We have been developing the Party in that process. We would continue to do so. We have started widespread movement against the central government. The historic Delhi March on 14th of last month marked the beginning of that. There will be movements in every state. In this state, we shall build up movements. We seek your all out cooperation. With this, I conclude today.

## 65th Party Foundation Day observation round the country

### Surat, Gujarat

The fervent rally on 28 April from Udhana railway station that ended at R D Nagar Vegetable Market on Dindole Road of Surat to hold a mass meeting marked the 65th Foundation Day of the SUCI(C) held in Gujarat. **Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee**, Central Committee member, was the main speaker in the meeting. Comrade Mukherjee emphasized the grim fact of moribund capitalism's utter bankruptcy in every sphere of life which called for building up mighty democratic movements and class struggles conducive to anti-capitalist socialist revolution. But the ruling class fearful of revolution had been erasing the memory of great humanists and great freedom fighters while at the same time it was drowning the whole country into base instincts through spread of pornography, dragging the youth into drug addiction and alcoholism. Comrade Mukherjee showed how the capitalists' attitude of earning maximum profit had been gripping the whole society resulting in erosion of higher values, fratricidal fights, blood letting conflicts in families, even murders. This self-centred mentality could only thrive as because the BJP, Congress, the so-called left parties, in fact all

parties in the corridor of power were protecting capitalism, encouraging degraded culture for the sake of pelf and power from the ruling capitalist class. This calls for accomplishing socialist revolution and uprooting the moribund capitalism by developing people's committees as instruments of mass and class struggles to lead those ultimately to their logical culmination — the socialist revolution.

The meeting was presided over by Comrade Dwarika Nath Rath, Secretary, Gujarat State Organising Committee.

### Delhi

Earlier **Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee**, member Central Committee, also addressed the Party Foundation Day observance by the Delhi State Organising Committee at a public meeting held on 24th April, 2012 at Burari Chowk, Burari. Comrade Pratap Samal, Secretary, Delhi SOC and Comrade Manjiv Chaurasia, member, Delhi SOC also spoke on the occasion. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Pran Sharma, Secretariat member, Delhi SOC.

### Badlapur, UP

Foundation day was observed at Bahadur Singh Auditorium at



*A part of the gathering of Party Foundation Day Meeting at Agartala, Tripura*

Badlapur, UP on Sunday 29 April. It was presided over by UP State Secretary Comrade V N Singh and conducted by Office Secretary Comrade Jagannath Verma. **Comrade Satyawan**, member, Central Committee and Haryana State Secretary addressed the meeting as the main speaker. In his address Comrade Satyawan pointed out that SUCI(Communist) was founded by the great Marxist philosopher, teacher and guide, the great proletarian leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh of this era, along with a few compatriots. That party has now spread over 23 states of the country and is engaged in class and mass struggles raising people's voice on various burning problems of their life. In many countries of

the world too, the working class movement is finding direction from the Comrade Shibdas Ghosh thoughts. Capitalism is giving rise to all sorts of problems. Price rise, corruption, unemployment have become sky-high. Our very right to live is being attacked; human essence is being destroyed. The need of the hour is to overthrow this capitalist system which is responsible for all this. For that, the working class party of the country, SUCI(C) must be strengthened, Comrade Satyawan appealed.

### Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh

A public meeting was held at press club, Hyderabad on 29th April, 2012 on the occasion of 65th

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# Escalated militarization of capitalist-imperialist state is inimical to people's interest

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no more for 'deterrence' but for expanding market and orbit of influence. The India and China as two powerful capitalist-imperialist forces are vying with each other over market and supremacy. More is the military spending by anti capitalist-imperialist country, more will be the woes and wails of the suffering people. It may be mentioned in this connection that some quarters have expressed happiness over the reaction of the US government. They are elated to find that the US, which is issuing repeated threats to Iran and North Korea for increasing nuclear capabilities and also had earlier pressed India to suspend Agni test-flights in 1994 and 2003-05, has not reacted unfavourably to launch of Agni-V and praised India's non-proliferation record. There is nothing surprising in it. India is being increasingly drawn into the US's 'China containment' strategy in Asia. The US imperialists want India to possess required military might to become a formidable force and counter China which is posing serious challenge to US imperialist interest and supremacy in South-east Asia. On the other hand, ruling Indian bourgeoisie who has already assumed imperialist character is nurturing aspiration to emerge as a regional superpower. So, it is more and more tilting towards US imperialism. Likewise, all the capitalist-imperialist regimes are always in conflict and contradiction with each other over market and at times such conflicts turn into confrontations as well. Military might often help in prevailing over the opponent in such occasions. Clearly, therefore, this mad arms race has nothing to do with the interest of the common people either in India or in Pakistan, China or US. It is not for the country's defence but for grabbing market.

## Launch of Agni-V is inimical to people's interest

This is the crux of objective and fallout of growing militarization of economy in the capitalist-imperialist states. It is clear that such militarization by spending astronomical sums from public exchequer and thereby snatching the morsel of the millions is brazenly against people's interest. It is only meant for perpetuating a war psychosis which, in case of excess, might trigger war also. So, what is there for the people to be elated about? Rather, it should be a matter of concern for them that ruling

Indian capitalism which it needs to fight and overthrow by revolution is building military muscle. Lest this truth dawns upon the toiling masses, the ruling Indian bourgeoisie and its servitors are setting up an imaginary enemy to overplay the so called question of defending the country from foreign aggression and are in the midst of a raucous celebration over test fire of Agni-V.

## Treachery of the pseudo-Marxists

It is pertinent to mention here that not only the known bourgeois opposition, even the pseudo-Marxists like CPI (M), CPI had joined the bandwagon in hailing the launch of Agni as a grand success. Both of these parties had been ecstatic in the same way when India experimented with explosion of nuclear bomb. CPI (M), it may be recalled, had issued a press statement on 12 April 1999 to rejoice in successful test of Agni-II missile and stated that it "marks an important stage in the development of intermediate range ballistic missiles by India. CPI (M) has been advocating the development of India's independent missile technology without succumbing to US pressures against it." Camouflaged behind so called concern for succumbing to US pressure, theirs has been a shrewd attempt to lend credence to the sinister motive of the ruling Indian capitalist class of fostering national jingoism to hide its heinous agenda of becoming a military superpower. To appreciate an arms-related project aimed at strengthening the oppressive power of an exploitative capitalist country like India and to perceive the success of the scientists in the 'missile launching' which aids and abets India's imperialist aspirations is an abject betrayal to the case of the people and holds out the fact that masquerading as Marxists-leftists, both CPI (M) and CPI in conformity with the treacherous policy of the compromising social democratic forces are virtually working as direct agents of the oppressive ruling Indian bourgeoisie. That is the reason, the bourgeois circle determined to malign Marxism-Leninism which only can unravel truth and show people the path of emancipation, is projecting these sham Marxists as representative of leftism so that people derive a totally incorrect notion about Marxism-leftism and put everyone, right and left, in the same bracket. Conscious people must understand

this and free themselves from any illusion whatsoever about these pseudo-Marxists who shamelessly clapped in the parliament in support of induction of Agni-V in the arsenal of Indian bourgeois state.

## Demand total disarmament including nuclear disarmament

In this backdrop, when mutual contradictions among the capitalist-imperialist powers are soaring to increase possibility of outbreak of war and holding people into ransom, this mad arms race and war mongering must stop. So must stop deceiving the people with misleading slogan of foreign aggression to justify diversion of mind-boggling sums from public exchequer for increased militarization of economy. In the absence of mighty socialist camp that worked as bulwark of peace against war, the capitalists-imperialists should not be allowed to be unbridled in their war mongering, overlordism and brigandage based on brute military power. The blood-sucking capitalist-imperialist rulers cannot be given licence to turn this world into an armoury of destructive weapons, horror and holocaust.

Otherwise, human civilization will be under threat of being perished. And it is only the politically conscious anti-war peace-loving people who can put up effective resistance against this deadly war machination of the capitalist-imperialist powers by developing well-coordinated organized anti-imperialist militant peace movement round the world. If such a worldwide anti-imperialist movement surges forth and intensifies, it would create effective pressure on the capitalist-imperialist war merchants and force them to retract from the ruinous path. From this platform of anti-war peace movement, demand must be raised for not only nuclear disarmament but total disarmament to free the world from the scourge of war. It is the people who should speak the last word and not the exploiters, oppressors, felons and killers. As a part of this desired surge of people's movement, the Indian people should also unequivocally raise their voice against the Indian government's increasing shift towards escalated militarization and armament by building up anti-imperialist anti-capitalist struggle and refuse to be carried away by the hoodwinking overtures of ruling capitalism.

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Foundation Day of the Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist). **Comrade K Radhakrishna**, member, Central Committee of the Party addressed the gathering as the main speaker. Comrade Radhakrishna said that in our Party we observe this day as a Pledge day to rededicate ourselves for the cause of revolution that is to strengthen the only revolutionary party of our soil the SUCI(C). Founded sixty four years back by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, an eminent Marxist philosopher of this era, the Party's strength has increased manifold today entirely depending upon people, advancing and flourishing without any support from any quarter, particularly from media. Even the recent massive Parliament March on people's burning issues, the biggest ever left rally in Delhi was totally blacked out by the media. Not only in the country, progressive sections of different countries of the world including Russia and America are being attracted towards the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and are

publishing the works of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in their respective languages. At the end Comrade Radhakrishna appealed to everyone to rededicate themselves to the cause of party, revolution and class and develop themselves as true disciples of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and discharge his behest.

Comrade K Sridhar, Secretary, Andhra Pradesh State Organizing Committee of our Party, dealt briefly on the situation in AP and appealed to the people to come forward to develop powerful mass movements against anti-people politics of the government. Comrade CH Murahari, Secretary, Hyderabad District Organizing Committee presided over the meeting with State Committee members Comrades BS Amarnath, K Sudheer, G Lalitha, S Govinda Rajulu and Ch Prameela present on the dais.

## Neyvelli, Tamilnadu

The 65th Party Foundation Day Meeting, organised by the

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Tamilnadu State Organising Committee of SUCI(C) was held at Neyvelli Township on April 29, 2012. Comrade A Rengasamy, Secretary, Tamilnadu SOC presided over the meeting. **Comrade C K Lukose**, member, Central Committee, SUCI(C) and Secretary, Kerala State Committee of SUCI(C), was the main speaker who started the meeting with the garlanding of the portrait of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Comrade A Anavarathan, member Tamilnadu SOC, translated Comrade Lukose's speech into Tamil. Comrade P Narayanasamy, member of the Tamilnadu SOC, also spoke. A whole day photo-quotation exhibition was held close to the venue of the meeting with focus on the recently held March 14 Rally in Delhi.

In his speech, Comrade Lukose explained how Comrade Shibdas Ghosh hardly in his teens, had realized that true emancipation of Indian people could be gained only if the working class came to power overthrowing the British imperialists. Based on this realization, he released intense socialist struggle covering all aspects of life, and following Leninist methodology of communist party formation founded SUCI(Communist) as the genuine communist party in India. In course of that he had applied Marxism-Leninism concretely on Indian soil, and had made significant contributions to the science of Marxism-Leninism, providing analysis and guidance on various national and international issues including modern revisionism.

Comrade Lukose then said that the tremendous success of the last Parliament March, made it imperative that all comrades, supporters and sympathisers of the Party equipped themselves politically, ideologically and culturally so as to be up to the task and live up to the expectations of people.

Comrade Lukose also hailed the heroic struggle being conducted by the people against the Koodankulam Nuclear Power Plant, as also by nearly 15,000 contract workers at the NLC (Neyvelli Lignite Corporation) fighting for years. He condemned the virtual state terror unleashed on the Koodankulam movement by the central and state governments.

### Mumbai

In Mumbai, a public Meeting

was organized on 25 April 2012 at RC Maruti High School, SEEPZ Road, MIDC, Andheri (East), Mumbai. The meeting was presided over by Comrade A K Tyagi, Secretary of Mumbai Unit. Comrade Dwarika Nath Rath, Secretary, Gujarat State Organizing committee of SUCI(C), was the main speaker deputed by the Central Committee. Comrade Rath elaborated the historical need of formation of SUCI (C) as the genuine communist party on the soil based on Leninist model. He also explained how Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, in course of concretizing Marxism-Leninism in the concrete situation of India, elaborated, developed and enriched the treasurehouse of Marxism. He appealed to strengthen the Party in Mumbai, as well as in entire Maharashtra, on the strength of the correct base political line and higher proletarian cultural standard set by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Other speakers were Comrades Kumar Kulshresthra and Jairam Vishwakarma, both Organizing Committee members of Mumbai Party.

### Sagar, MP

MP State Organizing Committee observed the Party Foundation Day on 24 April through a rally held in front of Tili High School at Sagar. Comrade Shankar Dasgupta, Staff Member and deputed speaker from the Central Committee addressed the rally as the main speaker. He highlighted that Marxism-Leninism is not just a philosophy for bread and butter. It is the most advanced philosophy of life based on science, accepting which and releasing an arduous struggle on its basis covering all aspects of life, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great Proletarian leader attained the lofty communist character and proletarian culture. We must also wage such struggle in our life to pave the way for the anti-capitalist revolutionary change in the country. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Ramavtar Sharma, member, MP SOC and was addressed also by Comrade Umapasrad, Secretary MPSOC. Comrade JC Barai, member SOC conducted the proceedings.

### Agartala, Tripura

Tripura State Organizing Committee observed the Party's 65th foundation day on 27th April at Agartala, through a mass meeting, presided over by the state secretary

## International Anti-imperialist Coordinating Committee voices its solidarity with working class actions on May Day

*Comrade Manik Mukherjee, General Secretary, International Anti-imperialist Coordinating Committee (IACC) has issued the following statement on 30 April, 2012 :*

On May Day the working class is going to organize demonstrations, protests, blockades across the world to fight against the exploitation by the capitalist class and assert the workers' rights. Today capitalism is in the grip of a severe and irresolvable crisis and the capitalist economic system is on the verge of collapse. In a desperate bid to somehow wriggle out of the impending doom the capitalist class is bent on throwing the entire burden of the crisis on the workers by resorting to retrenchment, wage cuts, scrapping welfare benefits, and curtailment of hard-won rights. Pushed to the wall the working class is fighting back demanding economic justice and an end to inequality and rapacious corporate greed. Rallies and demonstrations are planned all over the world on May Day. In USA, in continuation of the Occupy Wall Street movement, a General Strike is planned in New York City and protest actions in 125 US cities. Students are given a call to come out of their classes and join the workers protests. There was a time earlier when May Day was celebrated as a festival. Now as the capitalist exploitation is becoming intensified May Day has emerged as the occasion for the working class to redeem its pledge for advancing the struggle for overthrow of capitalism and emancipation of the people from exploitation. IACC voices its solidarity with the May Day protests in all parts of the globe and on this historic occasion recalls the clarion call of Marx and Engels, given 160 years ago, "Workers of the World, unite!" "The proletarians have nothing to lose but their chains. They have a world to win!"



*A part of the gathering on Party Foundation Day at Guna, MP*

Comrade Arun Bhowmik. Comrade Rabin Samajpati, Secretary, Jharkhand State Organizing Committee was the main speaker. He explained how Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our leader, teacher and guide, with his handful of comrades-in-arms embarked on a unique socialist struggle covering all aspects of life which was unthinkable today when the Party had become an all India

Party, depending on people's contribution and developing mass movements on the base political line of anti-capitalist socialist revolution.

### Guna, MP

The 64th Anniversary of Party Foundation Day was observed on 29 April at Guna, MP, in a mass meeting addressed by Comrade Pratap Samal, Secretary, Delhi State Organizing Committee.

### Alipur Central Jail, Kolkata

The comrades of our Party, the SUCI (Communist), who have been imprisoned over the years on fabricated charges observed the Party Foundation Day at Alipur Central Jail, Kolkata along with other inmates on 24 April. Presided over by Comrade Bansinath Gayen, the meeting was addressed by Comrade Probodh Purkait, distinguished mass leader and former MLA.