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## Iraq War and Occupation

# Elevate Iraqi freedom struggle into global movement against US imperialism

In the annals of human history, Iraq war and following occupation of that country, are sure to find their place as one of the most deceitful, barbaric and condemnable events perpetrated by the US imperialism, the war monger which made its headway in the post-second world war global scenario. It was, at the same time, ably and shamelessly assisted in Iraq by its faithful lackey, the British imperialism in particular. Iraq war and occupation, on the other hand, have also registered unbending patriotism of a war-ravaged, brutally bruised nation that refuses to the red-eye of a vile and demonic enemy. The long and winding course they have followed and are continuing to, thus demands close observation and scrutiny from the peace and freedom-loving people of the world. We begin with the darker side.

The aggression is launched on the false pretext of Iraq producing and possessing weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and Saddam

Hussein, the President of Iraq having links with fundamentalists and terrorists, a falsehood that was exposed in all investigation by the UN inspecting teams, even before the first gun was fired. It is blue-printed, engineered and carried through by Bush, the American President and his coterie, of which latter most of the members have been subsequently accused of limitless corruption, be it illegally grabbing the right to exploit the rich reserve of Iraqi oil, or making money out of the 'food for oil' programme, or even leaking out information of the CIA and such others. The British counterpart, Blair and his administration are also held guilty of similar charges and crimes. Together they have carried out a war in which the US imperialist devil with the British hirelings riding on their wings, have pounced upon innocent people of Iraq unsparingly butchering and maiming tens of thousands of children, women and old. They have ruthlessly devastated the land of

Iraq and its infrastructure, even hospitals, schools, colleges, water supply system and the like with a view to reaping profit out of the reconstruction projects. Neither have they left out the invaluable heritage treasures of the ancient human civilization, fondly preserved by the Iraqi people; they have destroyed these, plundered and pilfered them as souvenirs of their

aggrandizement. They did not stop at the aggression only. They have occupied the land and set up a puppet regime. When Iraqi people started united resistance all over the country, freedom fighters sacrificing their life, the occupying imperialists have carried out fresh onslaughts on civilians; smashed down villages after villages taking resort to carpet

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## Separate Telangana — in whose interest ?

A demand for carving out a separate Telangana state by bifurcating the existing state of Andhra Pradesh which came into being after a prolonged struggle by the Telegu speaking people to secure a linguistic state, has been raised by the Telangana Rashtra Samiti (TRS), a newly born political outfit led by K. Chandrashekhara Rao, labour minister in the Congress-led UPA government at the Centre and a former deputy speaker of Andhra Pradesh assembly during the Telegu Desham Party (TDP) regime. Rao left the TDP a couple of years back and along with some dissidents from the Congress and other parties formed the TRS on separate Telangana plank.

Slogan of separate Telangana  
— Not new

Demand for a separate Telangana is not new. Earlier also in late sixties, a 'Jai Telangana' movement on the same issue was launched by some forces inciting narrow sectarian sentiments but after few aspirant bourgeois leaders steering the movement could, riding on the Telangana sentiment make their way to the corridors of power, the movement gradually petered away. It is noted that though the TRS is trying hard to revive the issue by fanning up same parochial feeling, so far the move is not found to be eliciting that encouraging a

response from the Telangana people. So, before we proceed to examine the merit of separate Telangana demand on the anvil of facts and logic, it is essential to recapitulate in brief the history of emergence of Andhra Pradesh based on linguistic consideration through a series of movements the Telegu speaking people spearheaded in the post-independence period.

Formation of linguistic  
Andhra state

Before independence, the Congress leadership had to take cognizance of the eagerness of the

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SUCI Calcutta District Committee protesting on November 12, 2005  
against the joint Indo-US air exercise

# Against divisive machination and fundamentalist sway

## Iraqi resistance must work as one man for one end

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bombing to brutally crush the resistance of freedom-loving heroic Iraqi people, all with the motive of consolidating their neocolonial domination and exploitation. Still unable to curb that resistance movement, they are indiscriminately throwing thousands of Iraqis behind bars in the dungeons of Abu Ghraib or other prisons where they perpetrate inhuman rather ruthless, sadistic, bestial torture on the prisoners. Unable to face the still undaunted Iraqis, the American and British imperialist occupiers and their puppets have incessantly hatched intrigues and conspiracies to bring communal and racial cleavages among the Shias, the Sunnis and the Kurds of Iraq, masterminding and triggering fratricidal communal riots. In the whole process tens of thousands of innocent Iraqis have lost their lives; more than two thousand American and British soldiers too have died. In the face of determined resistance, the occupying mercenaries, brandishing their arms thousands of kilometers away from home, have started losing morals and are even pushed to near-rebellion state. Reportedly there have also been cases of attacking superior officials by American soldiers themselves, a trend identified as the 'Vietnam Syndrome'.

Saddam-trial, assembly election, constitutional referendum all bear indelible marks of imperialist machinations to make them fiascos

To cover up their crime of barbarous transgression of the sovereignty of a country, the imperialists have arrested Iraqi leaders, including the President of a sovereign country, Saddam Hussein. They have put him to namesake of a trial, have waited for a long time to set up a fabricated right ambience for it. They have trained up a set of judges for months together and tutored them for conducting the trial to a pre-set end. The chairman of the training sessions of the judges have to spend so many words to convince the world that the trial is "not a show", the verdict of holding Saddam guilty nor a "foregone conclusion", the judges are not "western tools". Yet even before the

trial has taken its pace, he finds that the judges will impose a death penalty. Two of the lawyers in the defence team of Saddam have already been mysteriously murdered; at least in the second case it was alleged that the shooting was carried out by an armed group in government vehicles, with US-led occupation forces bearing some responsibility. The plea of other defence lawyers to shift the trial to a neutral venue like the Hague, on security grounds, is simply avoided and turned down. Even the first prosecutor at the international Criminal Tribunal for Former Yugoslavia, have unequivocally opined "... how you can have a fair trial in this atmosphere of insecurity". He has added that the trial should be moved elsewhere. All this amply proves what a mockery of trial it is going to be! An election of the Assembly and a 'constitutional referendum' were held in January and October this year respectively. The ambience was the same in the two cases. The national assembly is elected on a miserable turn-up. The referendum has taken place at gunpoint in polling centres with newly built concrete barriers topped with concertina wire, amidst overnight curfew, raids through cities by the US and puppet forces under cover of darkness, sealing of country's borders, ban on travel among the provinces and even a ban on all civilian vehicles at places like Mosul; all this to put up to the world that the Iraqis are accepting the democracy, American rulers want them to. Candidates of the election were carefully screened by the US rulers and even not named publicly ahead of the elections, with a view to ensuring a set of representatives who would stand for the interest of the US. The election and the referendum were such fiascos that even responsible US officials were declaring the result before the events, as Condolizza Rice, the US Secretary of State, could foresee confidently that the Shias were going to win the referendum on the Iraqi constitution. In effect these were, thus, mere rigged electioneering processes meant to install a reign to defend the interest of the unlawful occupiers and at the same time to divide the country on communal

and racial grounds bringing cleavage among the Shias, Sunnis and the Kurds. Matters did not end even there. Even under the vicious grip of neocolonial powers, the Iraqis did reflect their freedom-loving, broadly secular attitude in the constitution drafted by their assembly elected in the parliamentary election of January last. It was worked out by Shia, Sunni and Kurd negotiators together, which pronounced that 'social justice is the basis of building Iraqi society'. The draft spoke for Iraqis' full rights to health care, free education and total ownership of the country's natural resources, including oil. 'All natural resources are owned by the people. The state shall preserve and invest in them well': the draft guaranteed.

The guileful Bush administration, which have already betrayed their inability to contain the Iraqis by force and which have totally destroyed the Iraqi public sector and pushed unemployment to 70%, have picked up the US ambassador to Iraq, Zalmay Khalilzad and used him to overhaul the entire draft of the constitution. 'Social justice' is replaced by a commitment to 'reforming the Iraqi economy' to ensure 'complete investment of its resources' in a 'modern' way, thus handing over the precious Iraqi oil to Bush's corrupt corporate coterie to make that oil subject to 'modern techniques of market principles'. Commitment to health care and education is made to be conditioned by compulsion to involve private sector and by the provision of being 'within limits of the government's resources'. The US-mutilated draft went to the extent of subjecting women's rights to male supremacy and mullah-filled courts. Thus in place of a draft prepared by the Iraqis themselves, the people of the country were asked to vote for a draft made by a hireling at the behest of the US imperialists and their ancillaries, the World Bank and IMF. We have already indicated under what kind of security measures, even such a fiasco of a referendum took place to ensure some pre-determined result.

The aggressors did these ignoring every bit of criticism and adverse opinion the world over. The

US imperialism have used the UN as the rubber stamp on their designs of aggression and occupation. They have put all sorts of saddles to the media to prevent truth from coming out. Yet people of the world could never accept the falsehood and barbarity of the war-monger US and UK imperialists, from whatever news have trickled out of that country. They show that Iraqi people, with a firm-rooted tradition and love for freedom have heroically fought the occupiers and their puppets, facing all repressions and losses bravely. The resistance they have put up, have torn apart all calculations and dreams of imperialist occupiers and their puppet Iraqi fortune-seekers. The occupying mercenaries as also their puppet hirelings spend sleepless nights for fear of attacks from Iraqi fighters. In USA itself, arrival of coffins with bodies of American youth every day has triggered mothers of that country to question their rulers. With tall claims and promises of the Bush administration of containing terrorism and ending this extravagant war in a whisk, having been proven to be empty words, the American people at large are expressing their indignation and resentment. Both Bush and Blair are fast becoming more and more unpopular on their respective soils, Bush reportedly reaching the lowest of his career or Blair meeting with an ignominious defeat in the Parliament. Common toiling people of the world, too, are not falling back to register their disapproval. Massive demonstrations with unequivocal call for end of the war and occupation rocked countries of the world, including America, Britain and other imperialist countries themselves. At this point, however, we need to ponder over a few questions cropping up on the issues of Iraq, its occupation and particularly its resistance movement.

Unfortunate weaknesses creeping into the Iraqi resistance movement

The Iraqi resistance movement stood firm against the imperialist occupiers. To start with and for a long time, the people fought like one man. In spite of letting loose all kinds of repressive measures, the

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# Worst imperialist belligerence and undaunted resistance must end in total drive-out of enemy from Iraq

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occupiers could not bring the resistance movement under control. Even they could not find out lackeys to serve them. But unfortunately with time, we could note from whatever small amount of information came out of the country, that there were certain trends developing in the movement itself. There were betrayals, particularly from within the privileged sections of the Iraqi society and fortune seekers, from amongst whom the imperialists could pick up their lackeys who clamoured for democracy in a chained, barbed and devastated country. Apparently there were also cleavages among the freedom fighters, attesting to the fact that a section of the Iraqis was falling victim to the imperialist conspiracies and machination towards bringing about cleavages in Iraq on communal, ethnic and other grounds. From outside that country, we can only hope that the freedom-loving Iraqi people will again be able to muster their strength combining all sections of patriotic people and develop one single struggle on broadly secular outlook and principle to drive the enemy out of that country.

To add a few more details to observations on these unfortunate trends, we may mention that at times the resistance movement appears to adopt such forms that are affecting Iraqi people themselves; common Iraqi people are being found to die at the hands of Iraqis only. Obviously such twists and turns, if they are so, are prone to give rise to people versus people sort of situation, which if allowed to grow more is sure to weaken the movement from within. Imperialists, and the US imperialists heading the list, are notorious for their belligerence as also guiles. Overlordism on one hand and intrigues and conspiracies on the other, merely form the two integral sides of their policy of ruthless neocolonial exploitation in this modern world. It is the task of freedom-loving, democratic-minded people to remain vigilant against these. It is true that the Iraqi resistance to US-UK neocolonial occupation is continuing unabated. It presents a courageous and determined defiance of belligerence and overlordism of a much more powerful enemy. But the trend of

its being polluted with the new element of fratricidal strife, even bloodshed, is really there, it will cause only the occupiers to rejoice at. The US-UK imperialist combine has been trying frantically to give effect to their conspiracy at dividing the Iraqis on religious community and ethnic grounds. The design is palpable: reduce Iraq, once one of the most powerful countries in the Arab world, to a disintegrated, disunited, mutually hostile weakened entity, dependent on imperialists. But it should be admitted and remembered by the fighting people of any country, not excluding Iraq, that no imperialist conspiracy can find shape, in the face of a resolute, determined people fighting under not just a brave, but a wise, correct leadership which does not allow people to fall victim to imperialist designs. The Iraqis are proud possessors of a fighting past; they have proved their mettle. People of the world would sincerely look ahead to see that they foil such designs of US-UK combine in their country. The Iraqi resistance must continue on one point agenda of driving the occupiers totally out of their country with the help of one strong united struggle bringing people, irrespective of their Shia, Sunni or Kurd or similar identities into one combination. It must shun with the sporadic terrorist activities taking toll of common Iraqis and must develop into a sustained organized struggle concentrating upon and directed entirely to the common arch enemy of the brave Iraqis, namely the US imperialists, the occupiers and their lackeys and puppets. It must develop itself into a struggle of the kind the world saw in Vietnam, the struggle which shook the American imperialism and forced it to accept the most ignominious defeat in their history in the hands of weaponless, resourceless common people of that country.

Further, in spite of all slanders and lies from the US imperialists and their lackeys, people of the world are also aware that Iraq, even under Saddam Hussein, did not encourage fundamentalism. This was reflected even in the draft constitution that had been prepared by the Iraqi assembly. It is true that it was the imperialist machination that is going to change this colour in

the constitution. But people of the world now find that certain fundamental forces are trying to fish in the troubled water and in fact, may have made some inroad into people's hard-earned efforts. Unfortunately for the freedom-fighters, it appears from outside that the nefarious plans of divisive efforts of fundamental forces may be gaining some strength, quite likely with the over or covert support of the occupiers and their puppet rulers. The Iraqis must realize, at least the world expects earnestly them to, that increase in the influence of these fundamental forces will only strike at the root of the keeping the all-embracing character of the resistance movement. Instead it will indulge in and degenerate into terrorist activities, in turn, giving way to people-versus-people conflict. Naturally such eventuality will only help create confusion and division among the people themselves, with meaningless ineffective loss of innocent lives. The effect will also dilute and weaken the international appeal of the Iraqi resistance movement it has already earned by virtue of resolute efforts. On the other hand, the aggressors, the occupiers and their puppets, on their part will make use of the situation to launch fresh slanderous campaign within and outside the country and renewed military offensive against the Iraqi resistance. So it is the Iraqis themselves who are to keep their eyes open to see that their resistance movement remain broadly, free of fundamentalist bent.

**Hands off Iraq : cry to reverberate over the world**

To end with, we must spend a few words for ourselves, the people of the world outside Iraq. We feel, it is our bounden duty to realize that in this world without the socialist camp, in which the world imperialism headed by the US imperialism have come out with all their teeth and claws, the Iraqi resistance movement has stood out as a remarkable feat of fighting oppressed people. History of the last few years includes the belligerent US imperialism carrying out aggressions over one country after another: Somalia, Kosovo-Yugoslavia, Afghanistan and then Iraq, to name a few. Everywhere

they have repeated the same acts of deceit, treachery, butchery and overlordism. It is in the deserts of Arab that the US imperialism appears to have met with the dust storm of resistance. If the Iraqis can keep their morals, unity and courage together, the US imperialism and their lackeys are likely to face further upsets and worries. We the people of the world have to realize that the Iraqi resistance is not just the fight for regaining national sovereignty and independence of that country. It forms an integral part of the global militant anti-imperialist peace struggle, which is nucleating in this or that country in the mammoth expressions and demonstrations of peace-loving, democratic-minded people. The success of the Iraqis is the success of these movements of the toiling people of the world too, for their failure will only make the war-monger imperialists, headed by the US imperialists to carry on their plunder and aggression more ruthlessly. So we face the task of extending unstinted fraternal support to the heroic Iraqi people to help them fight head high till they can wrest victory and drive the occupiers out of their country. We must also be vigilant and put pressure on the governments of our own respective countries so that they do not recognize, in lieu must boycott the puppet government of Iraq in every respect to create all out pressure on them and their master, the US and UK imperialists. We must force our governments to stop any and every kind of support to this unjust war and sever all the connections with the US and UK imperialists perpetrating heinous crimes of annihilating a nation to satisfy their greed for oil, money and power. They must take measures to compel the UN to expel the country so long as it is being reigned by the agents of imperialists in disguise. We sincerely hope the Iraqi people will continue their march to regain independence united as one man fighting for justice and truth. Our own task will remain to develop militant mass movements in one country after another, the world over, organizing all sections of freedom-loving people with unequivocal demand "US - UK imperialist combine and their lackeys : Immediate Hands off Iraq!"

# Movements in states

## AIDSO carries on fight against commercialization and privatization of education

As a part of the sustained and protracted movement of the AIDSO against commercialization and privatization of education, in the state of Andhra Pradesh, the State Committee of the organization conducted a massive students' rally on 28th September, 2005 in Hyderabad. The rally raised slogans against anti-people educational policies of the central and state governments and demanded a comprehensive pro-people legislation on professional colleges, as well as enhancement of budget allocation for education. Comrade S.Govindarajulu, State President, AIDSO addressed the rally. After the rally there was a dharna which was addressed by Comrade M.N. Sriram, All India Vice-President, AIDSO. Comrades B. Narasimhulu and S. Jani Basha, State Vice-President and State Secretary of AIDSO respectively also spoke. A state level programme of numerous meetings, discussions, debates and campaigning in colleges was also undertaken.

## Demonstration against anti-people government policies

Under the auspices of Baipariguda Block Unit of the SUCI a massive demonstration was held before the Block Office, Baipariguda in the district of Koraput on 6th October, 2005. More than one thousand people consisting of tribal peasants, youths, and women of 11 Gram Panchayats traversing 40/50 kilometers distance across the hilly terrains took out a rally in the Block town demanding withdrawal of increased prices of petrol, diesel, stoppage of eviction of tribal peasants from their land, issue of BPL cards to the poor families, stopping opening of liquor shops as well as stopping torture by the postlice and forest officials on the poor people, construction of pucca roads through the villages, providing irrigation to the farmers and supply of drinking water, desisting from privatization of health sector and others. After the rally a public meeting was held before the Block Office gate. Speakers criticized the anti-people policies of the central and state governments alike and called upon the people to develop

sustained mass movements in the whole of Koraput and Kalahandi districts against the inhuman exploitation by the officer-contractor-sahukar nexus in the region. After this, a Memorandum was submitted before the District Collector through the BDO. The movement was led by Comrade Surya Bisoi, Dhanasai Barik, Narendra Khillo, Basu Khora and Rama Gadaba.

## AIMSS protests verdict of Delhi High Court on the lowering of marriageable age of girls

In a recent statement, the All India Committee of All India Mahila Sanskritik Sangathana (AIMSS) expressed shock over the judgment of the Delhi High Court sanctioning marriage of girls at the age of 15 itself. The judgment, AIMSS maintained, would virtually help the revival of old feudal custom of marrying girls at an early age and thereby destroyed democratic norms, practices and values regarding marriage on the one hand while on the other encouraged adolescent infatuation in a section of young people leading to anarchy. So, the AIMSS demanded of the central government to pass a legislation immediately prohibiting marriage of girls below the age of 18 years and making violation of it a cognizable offence.

## Protest Dharna by SUCI at Bellary

A protest dharna demanding regular and proper door-to-door supply of cooking gas, uninterrupted power supply and others, was held by the SUCI Bellary district committee on October 20 last in front of the District Collector's office at Bellary. Comrade K. Chandrasekhar, the District Secretary, Comrade M N Manjula, member, Bellary District Committee and others vehemently criticised the state government for its anti-people policies and negligence of the district administration. A memorandum was submitted to the District Collector's representative, who ensured a meeting on these demands. The meeting took place with the heads of the concerned departments and a delegation from the party as invitees on October 25. The concerned officials as well as the Mayor of the corporation

assured and finally took immediate steps to ensure regular and immediate supply of cooking gas, water and power.

## Memorandum to the Chief Minister of Tripura

On October 31 last, the Tripura State Organising Committee, SUCI submitted a memorandum signed by thousands of common people to the Chief Minister demanding, inter alia, repeal of electricity rate-hike, abolition of VAT, repeal of anti-education Nodal system and programme of introducing automatic promotion upto class XIII, banning on-line lottery, checking of starvation deaths and large number of deaths from malaria and gastro-enteritis, incidence of increasing number of rape even of children, and teen-agers and their murder and stoppage of corruption in every sphere of government administration starting from the highest echelon of the state.

Before submission of the charter of demands, a big well-decorated demonstration traversed the city through fares from Colonel Chowmohani to Jaynagar Bus stand. After receiving the memorandum from the SUCI delegation comprising of Comrades Subrata Chakraborti, Sephali Bhowmick, Ajit Das and Bivulal Dey, the Chief Minister assured them of taking steps regarding some of the demands while he refused to accept some other involving government's policy decision. While addressing the mass demonstration at Jaynagar Bus stand, Comrades Shibani Das and Babul Banik said, the government had increased electricity rate by 67 per cent and price of pipeline gas by

Rs.80/-, or 37 per cent at one stroke. The government has handed over Hapania District Hospital to private businessmen, hiked fees in government medical college even surpassing that in private medical college and people there are passing sleepless nights under the terror of mafias in towns and terrorists in villages.

## North Zone Camp of AIMSS

A 2-day zonal camp of Northern States namely Delhi, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh was held at Delhi on 5-6th of October, 2005. Activists of AIMSS of Delhi and Madhya Pradesh and representatives from Haryana, Rajasthan and Punjab took part in this ideological training camp.

The All India President of AIMSS Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee, All India Vice-President Comrade Veenapani Das and the All India General Secretary Comrade H.G. Jayalakshmi conducted the discussions in the camp. Comrade Krishna Chakraborti, member, Central Committee of the SUCI explained the delicate struggle of life to be faced by the organisers of AIMSS. He appealed to the activists to conduct this noble all-out struggle to become good fighters in the struggle for emancipation of women. He also showed how the struggle for emancipation of women is inseparably linked up with the revolutionary struggle of the proletariat for overthrowing capitalism to establish socialism.

The camp was presided over by Prof. Subodh Sharma, President of the Delhi State Organizing Committee of AIMSS.

## November Revolution Day observed at Nagpur

The Great November Revolution accomplished in Russia under the leadership of Comrade Lenin showed it to the world that the toiling people imbued with the revolutionary ideology and consciousness could capture the state power and establish scientific socialism and thereby could achieve freedom from the shackles of capitalist-imperialist exploitation.

On the strength of Leninist teaching Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the founder General Secretary of SUCI, pointed out that to ensure social progress, the proletariat can retain their hold over the state power only if they can keep the communist ideological struggle continuously on. Otherwise, revisionist leadership or the

capitalists overthrown from the state power could again destroy the state machinery established by the proletariat. Exactly that has happened in the Soviet Union, China and the East European socialist countries. Toiling people thus need to keep constant vigil against the sham Marxists and must strengthen the correct revolutionary party.

On November 7, on the occasion of the 88th Anniversary of the November Revolution, at Bhure Bhaban at Nagpur, Comrade Madhab Bhande, the SUCI District Secretary, Comrades Bijendra Rajput and Chetan Giri, leaders of the AIDSO placed this view in their speech. Comrade Rabintra Shakre presided over the meeting.

## Assam State Committee on the latest political situation

The extended meeting of the Assam State Committee of the SUCI held from 14th to 16th October, 2005 at Guwahati, under the conduction of Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya, member of the Central Committee of our party, in course of a statement issued to the Press while discussing the latest political situation of the state said, inter alia, as a result of the exploitative rule and ruthless exploitation of the capitalist class, the life of the people of Assam, too, along with the rest of the country has been subjected to serious crisis. On the other hand the parochial forces have unleashed grievous attacks on the minority people of the state. This attack, resulting in the scrapping of the IMDT Act which remained as the legal safeguard of the minority people, has brought about serious insecurity in the lives of the minority community.

In a situation like this, to safeguard the lives and livelihood of the tortured minority people by restraining the parochial forces and to shield them against harassment

by government and other forces when the very urgent task calls for building up an united and strong democratic movement under the leadership of the Left parties of the state the CPI and CPI(M) are, in fact, extending all kinds of support to the parochial forces.

As against this, taking advantage of the helpless condition of the minority people the communal minded fundamentalist forces have got a chance to project themselves as the saviour of the tortured minorities and gearing up to launch a new party in the name of protecting the interests of the harassed minorities; the helpless and oppressed minorities too finding no suitable alternative and failing to realize the real character of this attempt, are coming forward in some area to support this move.

We want to remind clearly that attempts like these in no way will mitigate the serious danger they are faced with. On the other hand, this will bring about polarisation and communalisation in the state politics.

## Law violation programmes at Bhubaneswar and Puri in Orissa

At Bhubaneswar a massive law violation programme was held by the SUCI Orissa State Committee. Several thousands of workers, peasants, agricultural labours, students, youths and women courted arrest in front of the Secretariat in the capital of the state. They included SUCI state committee members Comrades Sambhunath Naik (MLA), Binapani Das, Raghunath Das, Dhurjati Das, Chhabi Mohanty, Sadasiv das and others. The demonstration protested against the state government's policy of handing over rich and precious land and natural resources of the state to monopoly houses and the MNCs, at throwaway prices, of freely sanctioning license for opening 200 liquor shops in the state, of introducing users' fee and Pay clinic system in government hospitals, exorbitant fee hike in educational institutions, privatisation of power sector and hike in electricity tariff

and petrol and diesel prices, and others.

A Law violation programme was also taken up by the Undivided Puri District Committee SUCI and AIKKMS at Puri on October 7 last. It was led by the District Secretary SUCI, Comrade Raghunath Das, district committee member Comrades Ajay Kuanr, Batakrushna Swain and other leaders. The demonstration demanded underground drainage system in Puri town to properly drain out waste and rain water, deepening of the Chilka Lagoon, job for unemployed throughout the year instead of the so-called 100 days employment guarantee scheme, restoration of the old Orissa State Electricity Board withdrawing privatisation, imposing ban on all sorts of obscene films and advertisements, ban on sale of wine and other intoxicants, stopping privatisation and commercialisation of education etc.

## UTUC-LS holds State Conference in Haryana

The second state conference of UTUC-LS, Haryana was held at Sonapat on 23rd October, 2005. Comrade Satyawan, State Secretary. SUCI inaugurated the open session of the conference. Comrade Achintya Sinha, one of the Secretaries of the All India Committee of UTUC-LS was the main speaker and Comrade Hari Prakash, State Secretary. UTUC-LS, Haryana presided over the open session. The conference was attended by hundreds of workers and employees of different

other hand, social democratic or compromising forces and bourgeois trade unions have completely shunned the path of movement even in the wake of increasingly severe attacks on the life, livelihood and hard-earned trade union rights of the working people. Revolutionary trade union was necessary even for these movements, let alone the emancipation from exploitation. UTUC-LS working with revolutionary politics based on Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's thought has all through opposed the anti-



Comrade Achintya Sinha addressing at UTUC-LS Conference in Haryana

factories, brick kilns, PWD, engineering, construction, quarry, minerals and chemical industries and agricultural workers from 10 districts of the state.

Addressing the open session Comrade Achintya Sinha held out the devastating effects of the new economic and industrial policies since the nineties of the last century. All ruling parties and alliances pursued these disastrous policies whether it were the BJP or United Front government, or the present Congress-led and CPI (M)-CPI supported UPA government. On the

people, anti-working class policies. It was thus necessary, Comrade Sinha added, to strengthen this organization. He called upon workers to build, develop, strengthen and advance UTUC-LS in the state to fulfill the responsibility bestowed by history.

A 12-member state executive committee and 21-member state council were formed with Comrade Satyawan as State President, Comrade I.S. Rathee and Zile Singh as Vice-Presidents, Comrade Hari Prakash as State Secretary and Comrade Ved Pal Dangi as treasurer.

## AIDSO victory in Ravenshaw College Students' Union Election

AIDSO candidates won the posts of President, Vice-President, Asst.-Secretary and other four posts by wide margins defeating ruling BJD and Congress candidates in the students' union election of Ravenshaw College of Orissa. This result is the outcome of the sustained students' movement conducted by AIDSO on burning educational problems of the institution and the state. It may be recalled that the recently elected President was among the six of our comrades most unjustly rusticated by the college authority last year.

# Putative change of fortune eluded Telangana people in linguistic anchor

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country's people to have separate homogeneous provinces based on language and gave indications that the provinces in the post-independence period would be formed accordingly. But once political freedom from the alien rulers was achieved and independent sovereign modern bourgeois Indian state was born, the Congress leaders who assumed governmental power did not take up the matter in right earnest. The Telegu speaking people were constrained to see that the existing composite Madras state inhabited by both Tamil and Telegu-speaking communities was retained as it was. This caused simmering discontent among the Telegu people who in keeping with their aspiration for a separate linguistic homeland began agitation to realize their demand. In the meanwhile, C. Rajagopala Chari, the then chief minister of Madras state proposed a Krishna-Pennar Water Project to divert Krishna river water. A Khosla Committee was constituted to look into the possible outcome of the project. The Telegu people had apprehended that the project, if implemented, would seriously affect water distribution in the Andhra region. Findings of the Khosla Committee vindicated their apprehension. This added further momentum to the movement for separate state of the Telegu speaking people. At this juncture, Potti Sriramalu, a Gandhian, began hunger strike on October 19, 1952 in Madras and ultimately courted death on December, 15, after continued fasting for two months. The news of Sriramalu's death rocked the Andhra region into a violent and severe agitation for immediate grant of a separate Telegu-speaking state. Finally, Government of India conceded to the demand and a separate Andhra province consisting of the eleven districts of Rayalaseema and coastal Andhra was formed on October 1, 1953 with Kurnool as capital.

On September 18, 1949, merger of Hyderabad dominions into the Indian Union was announced and after 1952 general elections, first popular ministry took charge of the Hyderabad state. But most of the people of Hyderabad and Telangana region were Telegu-speaking and

with establishment of separate Andhra in 1953, they revived their cherished urge for a greater Andhra (Visalandhra) state with the merger of Hyderabad and newly formed Andhra State. In December, 1953, the Government of India constituted a States Reorganization Commission with Syed Fazal Ali as the chairman to examine the issue of reconstituting the states based on language. The Commission also opined in favour of a greater Andhra Pradesh. After lot of deliberations and turn of events, Andhra Pradesh was established on November 1, 1956, by merging nine Telegu speaking districts of Hyderabad and Telangana area with the then existing Andhra State comprising eleven districts of Rayalaseema and coastal Andhra, and Hyderabad became its capital. Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy, who later rose to the position of the president of India, became the first chief minister of this greater Andhra Pradesh. With this ended the phase of struggle of the Telegu speaking people for creation of a Visalandhra state on linguistic basis.

## Desired linguistic Andhra Pradesh brought no relief

It obviates to say that the Telegu speaking people who succeeded in realizing a separate homeland of their own through movement, expected the new arrangement to fulfil their urges and aspirations, improve their economic condition, uplift their social life and foster a spate of developments to sweep the region. But what has been their experience? Though some selective developmental activities were undertaken initially at some urban pockets and cities, the vast rural areas remained ever deprived. After set up of a few industries in certain select pockets, no further progress was made. Rather, the existing units are now being gradually closed down. The benefits of the limited developments and industrialization, whatever came about, did never percolate down to the common people both in urban and rural territories. Relatively backward and geographically disadvantaged areas like Telangana and such other parts in the state continued to be criminally neglected and deprived. Most of the populace here depend on agriculture for eking out a

livelihood. Yet, let alone an integrated programme for agricultural development, barest possible measures to ameliorate the life condition of the peasants have not been taken up. This particular region of Andhra is prone to natural calamities like flood and drought. But there has not been any initiative on the part of either the central or the state government to contain the fury of these natural disasters and save life and property of the people. While Chandrababu Naidu, the former TDP chief minister, was trying to elicit accolades for modernizing Hyderabad city and carving out a distinct space in the Information Technology map of the world, his government made no attempt to at least estimate availability of ground and surface water so that a comprehensive water management policy could be formulated and implemented with a view to insulating backward Telangana and other regions from the devastation of recurring flood and drought as well as improving the irrigation facilities to help the poor peasants in engaging to productive tilling of the land. Denied any source of income, food, shelter, transport, healthcare, drinking water, education, the oppressed and repressed people of Telangana and other disadvantaged zones of the state who once fought to realize linguistic greater Andhra Pradesh, are nonplussed to find putative change of fortune eluding them as ever. Unable to bear the assault of appalling poverty and torment of hunger, thousands of peasants round the state of Andhra including Telangana are committing suicide. In fact, incidents of peasant suicide in Andhra are highest in the state. Of late, even jobless weavers of Andhra have also been indulging in mass suicides. Reports of parents selling children, women drawn into flesh trade are pouring in everyday. While the vast multitude of Telegu-speaking toiling people are being ruined and pauperized, grueling under ruthless economic oppression and dying of starvation, a handful of rich, the owners of big industries and the landed gentry who speak the same Telegu language are amassing huge wealth, enjoying luxury and abundance. Retrenched workers, unemployed youths, starving peasants, semi-clad mothers, woe-

be-gone fathers are staring at the abyss of darkness wondering why is their life condemned to such suffocating and sub-human an existence in a Telegu speaking exclusive state they themselves once craved for.

## National scenario – no different

But it is not that such plight and penury blight only the people of Telangana. Throughout the country, the life of the downtrodden people, irrespective of region, religion, caste, creed or ethnicity is wrecked by the ever-accentuating problems of wrenching poverty, unemployment, soaring price line, fiscal savagery, absence of any source of income and utter deprivation in every sphere. Everywhere closure and lockout, retrenchment and lay off, abolition of vacancies and extinction of new job opportunities plague the industrial scenario, both in public and private sectors. After globalization-liberalization, the situation has worsened further with rapid curtailment of workforce, removal of minimal job security, introduction of contract and casual labour at abysmally low wage and increased working hours. Same crisis is stalking the rural spectacle. The peasants are getting evicted from land, number of agricultural workers is skyrocketing and irrigation facilities are wanting. Poor farmers are not getting remunerative price for their produce. There is no work for the rural poor even for two months a year. Uprooted from the villages, those migrating to the cities to eke out a living are finding same distress and misery besetting the urban life. Even the last vestige of economic security has vanquished. Coupled with this is severe political oppression. Hard-earned civil and democratic rights are robbed away. Voice of protest is throttled. Democratic mass movements are ruthlessly crushed by police-military. The governments, both central and state, no matter which party or dispensation they are run by, are criminally callous and negligent towards providing even rudimentary relief to the common people. Side by side, a horrific sense of void has descended in

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socio-cultural life with fast erosion of human values and essence, ceaseless penetration of vulgar western imperialist culture of consumerism and sex-perversion and spread of divisive mentalities like casteism, communalism, chauvinism, parochialism, separatism.

## Capitalism breeding all maladies

But while the poor is becoming still poorer, crying out for bare subsistence, the coffers of a handful of rich is swelling. The contrast of overflowing affluence and grinding poverty is too vivid and on a spiral. Obviously, the question that stirs the mind is why is the picture so harrowing, so inhuman, so discriminatory? It is because of crisis ridden decadent moribund capitalism that strides the country like a colossus. It is the Indian capitalist class, an inalienable part of world imperialism-capitalism now in its death-throes, which stepped into the shoes of British imperialists following transfer of power through compromise and captured the state power in India. Since then, the Indian people, seeking emancipation from the fetters of alien rule, have been subjected to a yet more ruthless capitalist suppression in every walk of life. All the problems in economic and socio-political life, industry and agriculture, education and culture are stemming from this exploitative capitalist system. So long this capitalist rule continues, there cannot be even slightest mitigation of the hardship of any section, any community or any group of the toiling Indian people. Till the time capitalism is overthrown by revolution, there is no let up from this torture and torment.

Pending accomplishment of anti-capitalist revolution, the people have only one option, one weapon in their hand to press for and realize their just demands. That is to develop massive united democratic mass movement on the edifice of higher culture and ethics and under correct revolutionary leadership. There is no other alternative. Choosing any other path, traversing any other direction will end in a fiasco, inviting frustration and

despair. Seeking respite through the process of bourgeois parliamentary election or by bringing about a change in the government will be of no avail as the elections are now controlled by the money-muscle-media power and heavily rigged. It is the ruling bourgeoisie who pull the strings from behind to manipulate election results to decide which party or combination will get elected and rule the roost. People's choice or verdict hardly gets reflected in the poll results.

## Experience of new state formation

In the context of this stark reality, how prudent is it to expect that an administrative restructuring within the capitalist set up like creation of more number of provinces by splitting the existing ones will bring succour to the exploited people of a given region? What is the experience of the people of Andhra? Once they in pursuit of a better tomorrow filled the air with a cry for a separate Telegu-speaking state. Now they themselves find like all other downtrodden masses located within the geographical boundaries of different linguistic states that leave apart fulfillment of their dream for all round development, not even an iota relief is available to them. Rather there is deterioration in their life and livelihood everyday. Is it that the size of the state is coming in the way? In that case, the experience of the people who fell prey to the separatist-chauvinistic hues and carved out separate homelands for them through split of the existing linguistic states would have been different. Have the problems of the people of smaller north-eastern states like Meghalaya, Manipur, Tripura or the newly founded states of Uttaranchal, Chhattisgarh or Jharkhand been resolved or aggravated further? Could conferring statehood to former union territories like Delhi or Pondicherry or grant of so-called autonomy to a part of a state like the Bodoland in Assam or Darjeeling Hill Council in West Bengal, touch even a fringe of the problem? Such administrative divisions have only given rise to augmentation in the number of seats of power making room for vote-seeking aspirant political leaders including those

who spearheaded the separatist-chauvinistic movements by inciting the oppressed masses particularly the backward communities for engineering such splits. Rather the people have noticed with disgust that while they have been continuing to languish in abject poverty and wretchedness, there has emerged within themselves a 'creamy layer' which has been enjoying all power, position, privileges and fast accumulation of wealth and has become an appendage of the ruling class. And curiously enough, the aggrandizement of this 'creamy layer' is being projected by the power that be as a symbol of prosperity of the backward communities.

## Separate Telangana can be no exception

Under the circumstances, experience of a separate Telangana, if formed, can not be any different. Previously, the people of this region thought that merger with linguistic Andhra Pradesh would skirt their perils. Once with the vetting of Fajal Ali Commission greater Andhra Pradesh for Telegu people did come about. But in no time it turned out to be blight on the blithe spirit. Now the present Congress-led government at the Centre is talking in terms of a second State Re-organization Commission (SRC) to cleverly revive the issue once more. And Chandrashekhar Rao, the TRS chief, who is a member of the Congress-led central ministry, promptly withdrew support from the Congress-led Andhra Pradesh government to apply pressure on the Centre for expediting the formation of the second SRC and hasten creation of separate Telangana. The entire downtrodden people of Andhra have fresh in their mind how P. V. Narasimha Rao, Dr. M.Chenna Reddy, J. Vengala Rao, all of whom belonged to the Telangana area and often feigned to be so sympathetic to the need of improving the condition of the Telangana region, completely ignored the question once voted to power and saddled in the coveted chairs of chief minister and prime minister. All these Congress stalwarts once merrily pedaled the Telegu-sentiment to ride to power and nourish and flourish

themselves. Can the Telangana people expect any different a treatment in a separate Telangana state with similar power-hungry aspirant separatist leaders at the helm? Uneven economic development and neglect of backward areas are inevitable outcome of a capitalist system. So long capitalism exists, such disparities and discriminations would remain. Moreover, where is the end to such divisions if the pretext is continued backwardness? Within the Telengna region, the districts of Adilabad and Mahaboobnagar are most backward. So tomorrow inhabitants of these two districts might also raise the demand of a separate homeland of theirs by bifurcating Telangana state. Where would then one stop at? Keeping capitalism in tact, a mere split of a state cannot be of any ameliorative consequence. People must understand that by separating themselves from the others, they will gain nothing. Rather, it will weaken the solidarity of the toiling masses of a given state in their struggle against the common enemy. Unity of the people must be guarded as an apple of eye.

## Two major hurdles before democratic mass movement

So, as already stated earlier, neither administrative division of the states nor change of government through votes will alleviate the misery of the people. Capitalism has to be overthrown by revolution. Till such time, the only course left before the toiling masses restive for emancipation either in Telangana or in any other part of the country, is to build up massive united conscious democratic movement on the burning issues of life conducive to anti-capitalist revolution to force the governments yield to some of the legitimate demands and provide certain reliefs.

But there are two impediments before development of this cherished countrywide democratic mass movement in either Telangana or Andhra Pradesh or any other part of the country. Haunted by the fear complex of anti-capitalist revolution and conscious political uprising of the people, the ruling bourgeoisie, in order to misdirect people's wrath and indignation, is planting its

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agents to inveigle the masses with diversionary slogans of separatism, chauvinism, parochialism, regional autonomy and so forth dished out in palatable saucy base. The forlorn wretched people, in absence of adequate political consciousness, often get carried by these populist slogans, cause disruption in their own solidarity, land up in fratricidal feuds and conflicts, become frenzied and exhaust all their fighting zeal and energy running after illusion. On the other hand, under the leftist verbiage, the pseudo-Marxists like the CPI(M), CPI, in their lust for pelf and power, are now backstabbing the people's cause by openly collaborating with the ruling class and shunning the path of movement. Instead of rousing the people against ruling exploitative capitalism, the root of all evils, these parties are now asking the people to kneel down before the ruling class, abide by their dictates and live with a spatula of ignominy. Instead of alerting people against the menace of separatism, chauvinism, casteism, regionalism, the CPI(M)-CPI are now forging opportunist alliances with the Congress, TDP, TRS, Laloo's RJD, AGP, DMK or AIADMK to augment the number of MLAs and MPs and be comfortable in the cozy confines of the corridors of power. As against this politics of capitulation and perfidy of the pseudo-Marxists and

conspiracy of the divisive forces to drive a wedge among the various segments of the toiling people, the SUCI, as the genuine Marxist-Leninist revolutionary party on this soil is making every effort to develop the desired democratic movements over the burning problems of life. The toiling millions must initiate themselves into this movement rising above all sectarian considerations so that a surge of conscious people's struggle against capitalist onslaught sweeps the country giving rise to alternative political power of the people.

**Democratic mass movement only recourse**

People of Telangana, we are sure, will ponder over these questions and will not be vulnerable to the coaxing slogans of the separatist elements serving vested interest. They will not allow the agents of the ruling exploitative bourgeoisie to obscure their vision, muddle their thinking and disorient them from the correct course. Rather, they will come forward in bold strides to embrace the path of democratic mass movement to press for their legitimate demands along with the vast multitude of the toiling people of both Andhra as well as the other parts of the country and foil all the conspiracies and machinations of the power that be. Otherwise, the ruling bourgeoisie and its servitors will only have the last laugh!

## November Revolution Day observed in Guwahati

On the occasion of the 88th anniversary of great November Revolution, a public meeting under the auspices of the Assam State Committee of the party was held on 9th Nov'05 at Bhagabati Prasad Barua Bhawan, Guwahati.

Comrade Kalyan Choudhury, Secretary of the ASSAM State Committee of the party who addressed the gathering as main speaker, while highlighting the various teachings of November Revolution, pointed out the great impact which this revolution created amongst the working people world wide as a result of which through successful revolutions in different countries, a strong socialist camp emerged. Explaining in the light of teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, Comrade Choudhury elaborated as to how due to the deviation from Marxism-Leninism and usurpation of power by the revisionist clique after the death of Lenin and Stalin in Russia and Mao Zedong in China and their sustained activities, capitalism have returned through counter revolutions in those countries. Pointing that in this changed

international situation, the imperialists headed by US have unleashed naked political and economic attacks over the people of all the countries, Comrade Choudhury appealed to all to come forward to strengthen the line of building up strong anti-Imperialist movement conducive to the anti-capitalist Socialist revolution of our country.

At the outset, Comrade Surat Zamman Mandal, a member of the state Committee of the party while explaining the significance of the observance of this occasion, appealed to all the people to come forward to strengthen the revolutionary movement that the party is trying to build up uniting all oppressed people.

Comrade Jaynal Abedin a member of the State Committee who presided over the meeting, in his presidential speech explained the correctness of the political line of anti-Capitalist Socialist Revolution enunciated by our party in the light of teachings of November Revolution, appealed to the people to come forward to strengthen our party.



Comrade Kalyan Choudhury, Secretary of the Assam State Committee of the party addressing the gathering as the main speaker

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