

# Proletarian Era

## People deny BJP an absolute majority

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), issued the following statement on 05-06-24 on the result of parliament election-2024:

"The ruling capitalist class has again managed to install the BJP, its faithful servant, in power with the backing of huge money power, pliant administrative power and purchased media power along with extreme fuelling of Hindu communalism and casteist divides with the nominated Election Commission remaining an indulgent onlooker. Further, it is once again proved that the bogey

of 'free and fair election' is nothing but a deception par excellence! However, people of the country should be congratulated for denying the BJP an absolute majority.

This election presented a most horrifying picture as the contending bourgeois parties particularly the BJP in its bid to anyhow grab power has crossed all limits in mud-slinging, hurling nasty abuses, even in resorting to vulgar talks and

peddling unending deceit and utter falsehood.

This again proves that the much glorified bourgeois parliamentary democracy is reduced to a mummified skeleton and replaced by fascist autocracy. The CPI(M) as a social democratic reformist left party further disgraced itself by being lackey of alternative bourgeois combination shunning the path of united left struggle. People

need to understand that mere change of government will neither change their extremely poverty-stricken life and nor solve the burning problems they are reeling under.

Urgent need of the hour is to organize and develop class and mass struggles under revolutionary proletarian leadership on the edifice of higher culture, ethics and morality as a prelude to end ruthless capitalist exploitation."

## AIDSO Observes Country wide Protest on June 11 Against Widespread Corruption in NEET Exam



Bangalore



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## Tackling Climate Change : Science And Capitalist Politics

In last few years, people all over the globe are witnessing the menacing change of climate. The UK sweltered through its hottest June when mercury hit 40.3°C in Coningsby, Lincolnshire on 19 July 2022, the highest temperature in the UK verified by the Met Office. Paris recorded 45.9 degrees in June 2019. Delhi hit record 50.5 degrees last month. Rajasthan's Churu recorded 50.5 degrees temperature on 28 May last, the highest temperature of the season so far, marking "unprecedented" severe

heat wave conditions prevailing in north India. Most astonishingly, Una in hilly Himachal Pradesh recorded a temperature of 44 degree. In neighbouring Bangladesh, a severe heatwave saw temperatures climb above 43 degrees. Myanmar recorded its hottest-ever April temperature of 48.2 degrees.

The West African nations of Mali and Burkina Faso experienced an exceptional heatwave from 1 April until 5 April, with soaring temperatures above 45 degrees,

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## Fake Exit Poll Scandal: Alleged Stock Market Manipulation Exposed

The Opposition has alleged that a big scam has rocked the share market in India because fake exit poll predictions by quarters of vested interest incited people to buy stocks and related financial instruments on a large scale in anticipation of a big jump in the share prices once the BJP came back with a huge poll victory. Lured by that, many retail investors bought stocks on the eve of declaration of election results. The giant FIIs (Foreign Institutional Investors) also reportedly pumped in huge funds in Indian stocks. Following that, there was an artificial

boom and the Stock Market Index (which is the indicator of rise or fall in overall share prices) hit lifetime highs on 3 June, anticipating the exit poll results to be true. But once the BJP had a setback in the poll and failed to even get absolute majority, the market collapsed because big investors offloaded their holdings massively to book profits.

It needs to be explained in simpler terms. There are two share markets. One is called primary market (when a company floats new shares to raise funds) and the

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## Climate change

## Scientists have proved the present phase of abrupt climate change to be man-made

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triggering a large number of deaths. On the other hand, unprecedented downpour flooded the city of Dubai in predominantly desert area on 19 April last. Neighbouring Oman also witnessed heavy rains and flooding that killed at least 20 people. Earlier we had witnessed similar devastating flooding due to incessant rains in Chennai, Mumbai and Kerala. It has come to be known that surface temperatures of all oceans are warming at a fast rate. Global mean sea surface temperature has increased by 0.6° to 1.01°C from pre-industrial times. Surface warming has increased the evaporation rate, increasing the water vapour content in the atmosphere. A warmer atmosphere can hold more moisture, and dump it as extreme rainfall. This is the precise mechanism through which extreme rainfall and cyclones have increased over Arabian Peninsula and western and eastern coastal regions of India. The Indian Meteorological Department has forecast an unusually high number of heat-wave days from April to June 2024. High humidity often adds to the heat stress. It has been estimated that the areas under heat stress have gone up by 30% to 40% in the past 70 years. Heat-waves and humid stress will become more intense and more frequent over South and Southeast Asia during the 21st century. The maximum brunt will be borne by the poor and marginalized people, the slum dwellers in the cities, living in overcrowded tenements. High temperatures gave rise to devastating wildfires in Australia, Canada, southwestern United States, Spain, Portugal, Greece and many other countries. In India also the incidents of wildfires are going up because of heat-wave condition. The tribal people living in the forests are the worst victims. Thus, Climate change is one of the defining issues of our time.

### Why this severe climate change

Climate scientists have conclusively proved that rising global temperatures, caused by human-led greenhouse gases (GHGs) emission is responsible for extreme weather events around the world, including abnormal rise in temperature, intense rainfall and frequent and more powerful cyclones accompanied by severe and lethal thunders. While science is clear about the reality of climate change, some are skeptical about it, the so-called "climate-deniers". Climate

change refers to long term changes. Typically, a period of 30 years is chosen to define climate and describe its changes. Climatic conditions are driven by energetics in the atmosphere. Temperature is the most important and most commonly used parameter to characterize the atmospheric energy and thus the climate. Hence, much of the discussion on climate change is centred on temperature change in the atmosphere. The term global warming is often used interchangeably with climate change, though global warming is but one aspect, albeit the most important aspect, of climate change. What poses a problem for identifying climate change is the natural variability of weather in different time scales. This is the diurnal/seasonal/annual variability. Again, in some year summer temperatures are very high, and in another year the summer temperatures are milder. Because of this natural variability it is a daunting task to detect whether climate is changing and to elucidate its nature on a scientific basis.

### Global warming

It is pertinent to have a basic idea of the science behind global warming even if it sounds a bit technical. Reliable instrumental recording of weather parameters like temperature, humidity, precipitation etc. started from the middle of the nineteenth century. Now there are thousands of weather stations spread all around the globe automatically recording the temperature and other data 24x7 and transmitting them to a central station. Scientists subject the huge amount of data to rigorous statistical analyses to arrive at an average temperature of the globe or of a specified territory and construct a time-series to depict the variation of temperature with time. Analysis of the time-series curve indicates that the average global temperature has increased by 1.09°C from 1850-1900 to 2011 to 2020. It is to be noted that within this overall trend of increase, in short stretches of time, e.g. from 1876 to 1900 A.D., there has been slight decrease in temperature. On the other hand, the rate of warming since 1970 is higher than the rate before. The rate of warming over past thirty years is much faster than the average rate since the start of the 20th century. Therefore, the Earth is warming at a faster rate in the present time than before.

2023 has recorded the highest average global temperature in last

2000 years; it is about 1.48°C above the average temperature from 1859-1900, regarded as the pre-industrial baseline, and 1.18°C above the 20th century average. Each month from June to December in 2023 was warmer than the corresponding month in any previous year. The last nine years stand out as the warmest nine years in the instrumental data record. There is more than 50% probability that the global mean temperature in 2024 will exceed that on 2023. In India, compared to 1850, the temperature has risen by 1.18°C in 2023. The warming is non-uniform across the globe. Most land areas have warmed more than most ocean areas, and the Arctic and the high latitude regions are warming more than most other regions. This has got serious implications on global climate. The measurements indicate that the reality of global warming cannot be scientifically denied.

### Causes of Climate Change

The Earth has experienced many episodes of climate change in the past. But clearly, such past climate changes could not be human-induced because human beings had not appeared then. The natural climate changes took place on a geological time scale, that is, over hundreds of thousands or millions of years, while the human induced changes are taking place within 2 or centuries. Human induced changes are much faster than natural changes. Scientists are overwhelmingly of the view that the present phase of climate change is principally caused by emission of greenhouse gases (GHGs, comprising carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide and some other minor gases) due to human activities, primarily burning of fuels like coal, gas and oil. GHGs in the atmosphere lead to global warming because they trap the sun's heat in the atmosphere, and with increase in the GHG concentration in the atmosphere the atmospheric and the surface temperatures rise. Among the GHGs CO<sub>2</sub> is the most abundant (76%) followed by methane (16%) and nitrous oxide (6%); halocarbons and other gases are only 2%; methane has nearly 30 times more potential for global warming than CO<sub>2</sub> and nitrous oxide has nearly 270 times more, but the latter have very low concentration in the atmosphere.

CO<sub>2</sub> (Carbon Dioxide) emissions come majorly from burning fossil fuels (like coal) for electricity generation and heating, for transport and for manufacturing

and construction industry. The largest methane sources in India are livestock, predominantly cattle, and waste water. Other sources are coal mining, rice cultivation, biofuel combustions and landfills. Aerosols, which are suspensions of fine solid particles or liquid droplets released by the industry into the atmosphere can give rise to heating or cooling of the atmosphere, depending on their properties. Trees absorb CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere during photosynthesis, therefore deforestation and consequent land use change lead to increase of CO<sub>2</sub> concentration in the atmosphere. Loss of surface reflectivity, like loss of ice cover, (surface albedo) is also a factor causing global warming. And this process is further catalyzed by reckless emission of toxic gases from the factories (like what happened in Starlite Copper plant at Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu, in 2018) or utter neglect in disposal of industrial wastes. But who do so? The large industrial houses and multi-nationals with a view to keeping cost of production down for profit maximization and the pliant governments remaining as indulgent onlookers. Also disturbing ecological balance by mindless deforestation, loss of water bodies due to unplanned urbanization, wasteful tourism, and such other profiteering projects mainly undertaken by the corporate houses as well as the bourgeois governments also constitute a major factor for climate change. Increased precipitation in the mountainous areas also gives rise to glacial lake outbursts, floods and landslides, as happened in the Kedarnath disaster in Uttarakhand.

### Why is sea level rising?

Global sea levels are rising because of two factors. (i) Thermal expansion due to ocean warming, and (ii) melting of mountain glaciers and of ice sheets on Antarctica and Greenland. Global average sea level has risen by about 250 mm since 1980. Relative sea level around Asia has risen faster than the global average. Some of the small island countries face the prospect of submergence. Many coastal areas in India, particularly the Sundarbans and parts of the eastern seacoast are extremely vulnerable to the impact of sea level rise—coastal area loss and shore-line retreat. Agriculture is adversely affected, and millions of people are facing the spectre of displacement from their home territory.

### Extreme weather events caused by climate change

Global warming also leads to storage of more energy in the atmosphere and in the oceans. As a consequence, extreme weather events like heat waves, cyclones, excessive rainfall and flooding and

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# How Israel Defies ICJ Ruling and Global Public Opinion Amid Renewed Offensive?

Last December, South Africa launched an attempt at the International Court of Justice (ICJ), UN's top court to resolve disputes between states, to prove that Israel was committing genocide in relation to how it was perpetrating the war against Hamas in the Gaza Strip. It alleged that the way Israel had prosecuted the war was "genocidal in nature" because there is an intention to "destroy Palestinians in Gaza" The ICJ was set up to deal with disputes between the nations of the world relating to international law meaning laws that are agreed between nations, such as the Genocide Convention, a key measure agreed after World War II to try to prevent such mass slaughter again. Zionist Israel called South Africa's case "wholly unfounded" and "morally repugnant" and accused South Africa of bringing "biased and false claims". In January, the ICJ delivered an interim judgement one key paragraph of which was: "In the Court's view, the facts and circumstances... are sufficient to conclude that at least some of the rights claimed by South Africa and for which it is seeking protection are plausible." In other words, the Court by using the word "plausible" indicated that it did not conclusively hold Israel guilty of war crime and violation of precepts of Genocide Convention.

Naturally, it created a row. ICJ then issued a new order in end-May ruled by 13 votes to two, stating that Israel should: "Immediately halt its military offensive, and any other

action in the Rafah Governorate, which may inflict on the Palestinian group in Gaza conditions of life that could bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part." Headlines suggested this was an order to stop all military operations in Rafah—but some of the judges disagree with what it means. Five of the 15 judges published their own views. Three had supported the order and two had opposed it. Commenting on the order, Heba Morayef of Amnesty International, said: "A ceasefire remains the most effective means to alleviate mass suffering of civilians and ensure the ICJ measures, including its call for the immediate and unconditional release of hostages held by Hamas and other armed groups, can truly be implemented to prevent genocide against Palestinians".

Fiercely rejecting South Africa's claim, Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu said: "It is not we who have come to perpetrate genocide, it is Hamas. It would murder all of us if it could. In contrast, the IDF [Israel Defense Forces] is acting as morally as possible." How could Israel be so despotic as to override ICJ ruling and disregard global public opinion? The underlying reason is not that difficult to ferret out. As is known to all, Israel is virtually a front office of US imperialism and its allies in the Middle East. The U.S. offers practically unconditional financial, military and political support for Israel, which has

been occupying Palestinian territories since 1967. Israel is an undeclared nuclear power but has never faced any global scrutiny or pushback, thanks to the protection offered by the U.S. Israel is also the largest recipient of America's aid—it has received \$158 billion in aid from the U.S. since the end of the Second World War. Currently, Israel gets \$3.8 billion in military aid every year from the U.S., which accounts for



about 16% of Israel's total military budget.

Pertinent to recall that when HAMAS, the militant Palestinian outfit, could not but launch a counter-attack on Israel in self-defence on 7 October 2023, US President Joe Biden rushed to Israel to declare solidarity with the Zionist state. Mr. Biden described Hamas as "unadulterated evil" and stated that US "stands with Israel".

Since then, Israel has been bombing Gaza relentlessly and is currently carrying out a ground invasion in which more than 35,000 innocent Palestinians have already been killed. The U.S. has been careful not to criticize Israel even in the face of the latter's disproportionate attack on the tiny enclave of 2.3 million people of Gaza and Rafah in Palestine land. The U.S. has also vetoed a UN Security Council resolution that called for a humanitarian pause to Israel's attacks and voted against a resolution at the UN General Assembly calling for a humanitarian truce, which was passed with a landslide. Of late, when Israeli brutality has surpassed all limits, the US administration paused a shipment of weapons to Israel in May last to pretend its opposition to Israeli army's invasion of the southern Gaza city of Rafah. It was sought to be impressed upon that US was trying to head off a full-scale assault by the Israelis against Rafah, where hundreds of thousands of

Palestinians have sought refuge from fighting elsewhere in the Gaza Strip. But this pause of one delivery amounts to a very small percentage of the overall volume of weapons that Washington has been providing to Israel. This is just a drop in the ocean. Moreover, US President's call for a ceasefire and immediate stoppage of carnage in Rafah is also clearly a playing to the gallery.

As Israeli forces pushed deeper into Rafah just days after an airstrike sparked a major fire that killed dozens of Palestinians, the Pentagon rulers said that they believe Israel's actions in Rafah so far represented a "major ground operation" that has not crossed the President Biden administration's "red line" or and trigger a change in US stand in the Israeli pounding of Rafah.

This is the inner story of Israeli arrogance and its continued carnage in Palestinian land. It also needs mentioning that like UN, the ICJ as well as International Criminal Court (ICC), which prosecutes individuals for crimes, is also pliable to US dictums. We saw that in case of President Omar Al Bashir of united Sudan who refused to bend before US dictates. Making highly exaggerated reports of excesses by Sudanese government forces in Darfur, a Western part of Sudan, US and its allies created a widespread campaign of human rights violation and moved ICC to have him falsely indicted of war crimes and crime against humanity in the same way they had attacked and occupied independent sovereign Iraq under fraudulent pretext of President Saddam Hussein possessing Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMDs). ICC, in humble obedience, issued arrest warrant against the seating President Omar Al Bashir on 4 March 2009 and a second warrant on 12 July 2010. Ultimately, he was dethroned, and Sudan was divided into two parts.

This is the imperialist machination that is in operation throughout the world and fuelling wars against innocent citizens, suppressing rightful claim of independence of nations like Palestine, occupying foreign land at gunpoint, fostering racial and ethnic wars in various countries and subverting human rights with impunity.

So long as mighty socialist bloc was in existence, the imperialist sharks did not dare to do such anti-people anti-civilization activities. Now in absence of the socialist bloc, a united well-coordinated powerful anti-imperialist movement round the world can only be the deterrent to such imperious imperialist designs.

**On 1 June 2024, AIDS0 Delhi joined a protest demonstration, condemning the Israeli genocides in Rafah, and the whole of Palestine, under the banner of Palestine Solodarity Committee, held at Jantar Mantar. Comrade Shreya, secretary, AIDS0 Delhi, condemning the genocide in Palestine, also expressed solidarity with the students, scholars and teachers in America who courageously stood up in solidarity with Palestine and against the heinous designs of the US in backing up Israel to destroy Palestine.**



**AIDS0 Kerala State Committee organized a protest demonstration and meeting against the genocide perpetrated by Zionist Israel against the people of Palestine, on May 31 in Kozhikode. R. Aparna, AIDS0 Keral State Secretary, addressed the protest meeting**

## Climate change

## Climate change impacts economy also because it affects resource mobilization and productivity

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ecological and agricultural drought become more frequent and more intense. The European heat wave of 2003 was associated with never before experienced temperatures and led to thousands of death.

Warmer oceans provide extra energy to tropical cyclones and make them more frequent, and more strong. The Bay of Bengal is notorious as the birthplace of many cyclones. In recent years the frequency of severe cyclones have increased and they have become more intense and more destructive, e.g., Odisha Super-cyclone in 1999, Cyclone Nargis in 2008, Cyclone Aila in 2009, Cyclone Fani in 2019, Cyclone Amphan in 2020.

High atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> associated with global warming would lead to ocean acidification. Models also predict that warming would lead to oxygen depletion in large parts of the ocean. Methane hydrates on the floor of deep oceans would be destabilized by temperature rise and release methane to the atmosphere which would lead to further warming (feedback effect). Changes in temperature and resultant changes in chemistry of the oceans would have devastating effect on marine life, ocean circulation and global climatic pattern.

Warm air holds more moisture leading to intense rainfall events. Several localities spread all over the globe have witnessed excessive rainfall spread over a few days which cause extensive damage to homes and infrastructures and massive loss of life. Global warming is also leading to prolonged droughts in some areas, resulting in water scarcity, affecting agriculture and water supply. Such extreme weather events, devastate crops and livestock resulting in food shortages. The marginal farmers face ruination from such drought events.

Climate change adversely affects human health. Heat-waves increase the risk of heat related illnesses, heat strokes and deaths. Floods cause spread of water-borne diseases, while prolonged droughts may cause malnutrition and increase the spread of vector-borne diseases. Thus climate change adversely affects public health.

Climate change has also profound impact on the biosphere. This includes earlier timing of spring events like leaf-unfolding, bird migration and egg-laying; and poleward and topographically upward shifts in ranges in plant and animal

species. Climate change promotes loss of biodiversity through extinction of many species, and concurrently adaptive mutation and creation of new species. Scientists have warned about the possibility of abrupt climate change, in which gradual global warming triggers a sudden shift in the earth's climate, causing parts of the world to dramatically heat up or cool down in the span of a few years. Climate change impacts the economy also because it affects resource mobilization and productivity. A recent study in India has shown that *"one degree Celsius temperature rise has depressed economic growth by about 3.89% with substantial variations across states."*

### What does the future have in store?

The Earth is set on a course of global warming and consequent climate change. The scientific evidence also suggests that the present phase of warming started with the Industrial Revolution; since then human activity has put more and more greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. What will happen in future will depend on what economic strategies we adopt and what aggressive actions we take up reduce GHG emission. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has listed a number possible future scenarios for socio-economic development and the emission pathway in each. The emission characteristics and the future warming in the different scenarios till 2100 A.D. is given in the table below—

### Future warming for different emission scenarios

Scenario	GHG Emission Features	Estimated warming 2041-2060	Estimated warming 2100	Estimated average Sea Level Rise
SSP1-1.9	Very low emission Net zero around 2050	1.6 <sup>o</sup> C	1.4 <sup>o</sup> C	0.38 m
SSP1-2.6	Low emission Net zero around 2075	1.7 <sup>o</sup> C	1.8 <sup>o</sup> C	0.44 m
SSP2-4.5	Intermediate emission Current level till 2050, then fall, net zero not attained	2.0 <sup>o</sup> C	2.7 <sup>o</sup> C	0.56 m
SSP3-7.0	High emission Double by 2100	2.1 <sup>o</sup> C	3.6 <sup>o</sup> C	0.68 m
SSP5-8.5	Very high emission Triple by 2075	2.4 <sup>o</sup> C	4.4 <sup>o</sup> C	0.77 m

Thus, if we do not take any corrective steps the temperature is due to rise by over 4<sup>o</sup>C by 2100, putting the survival of civilization and human society at stake.

Scientists aver that 1.5<sup>o</sup>C to 2.0<sup>o</sup>C rise of global mean temperature is the maximum acceptable limit. Beyond 1.5<sup>o</sup>C rise the climate would become unstable, there would be more frequent extreme weather events, like severe drought, intense heat waves, devastating wildfires, powerful cyclones, bleaching of corals, disappearance of Arctic sea ice, ecosystem disruption, disastrous sea-level rise, disruptions in food production and crop failure and habitat destruction. If we want to keep the warming to the level of 1.5<sup>o</sup>C to 2.0<sup>o</sup>C, the current GHG emission must be reduced by 45 per cent by 2030 relative to the 2010 level, and the 'net zero' emission, that is when the GHG added to the atmosphere and the GHG removed from it becomes the same, must be attained by 2050. It is to be noted that CO<sub>2</sub> stays in the atmosphere for many years and even if the emission stops instantaneously just now the temperature would still continue to rise before it comes down.

### What can we do to tackle climate change?

Scientific research has established that there is a direct relation between the global average temperature and the concentration of GHG in the atmosphere. Thus, for 1.5<sup>o</sup>C rise in temperature from the pre-industrial value, the median value of CO<sub>2</sub> would be 507 ppm and for 2<sup>o</sup>C rise it would be 618 ppm. This is the total carbon budget. The average 2023 concentration of 420 ppm is close to these values. The difference defines the remaining carbon budget. To keep the climate change in check the target should be

Mitigation and Adaptation are the twin strategies to face the consequences of climate change. As there is a direct relation between global average temperatures and the concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, the key for the solution to the climate change problem rests in decreasing the amount of emissions released into the atmosphere, that is, reducing the carbon intensity of electricity generation. This can be done by transitioning to solar, wind and small hydroelectric power generation, making buildings and appliances more energy efficient, switching to electric cars and designing cities so that the people have to travel less. Along with it measures are to be taken to reduce the current concentration of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) by enhancing sinks (e.g. increasing the area of forests, developing carbon capture and storage (CCS) technology for carbon sequestration). Efforts to reduce emissions and enhance sinks are referred to as "mitigation". It has been suggested that to introduce carbon tax may provide incentive to the corporates to change over to emission-reducing technology. The revenue generated from the tax should be spent for welfare of the low-income groups.

Adaptation involves making adjustments to social, economic, and environmental practices to live with the damage caused by climate change. This includes building resilient infrastructure, developing early warning systems for extreme weather, planning for sea level rise, enacting new building codes so that houses are energy efficient or flood resistant, crafting new financial instruments to take care of losses due to climate-related disasters, promoting behavioural changes like shifting to new agricultural practices, promoting scientific research on tackling climate hazards etc. The metropolises have turned into heat islands as a result of global warming. Concrete multi-rises and asphalt roads get heated quickly and retain the heat, so that they do not get cool even in the night. The cities are 2<sup>o</sup>-4<sup>o</sup>C warmer than the surrounding rural areas. Some adaptation measures for such situations are, (i) to have more green cover (at least 20% of the total area), these may be tree lined streets, parks, grassy lawns, urban forests etc, (ii) to protect and expand water bodies, (iii) to have better insulated and ventilated buildings (iv) to have energy-efficient air-conditioners etc.

### Climate change and capitalist politics

Climate change is a global phenomenon, and the efforts to combat climate change and its

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## Stock Market Manipulation

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other is a secondary market (where shares listed on stock exchanges after primary issue change hands through buying and selling. Market capitalization of a stock means total value of the stocks on a given day (total number of listed shares multiplied by market price of each share; i.e. if total number of shares of a company A is 1000 and the buying price of one share is Rs 10, then market capitalization of that share is Rs 10,000). Stock Market index is a basket of select shares. For Example, Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) index (known as Sensex) is a basket of 30 shares. Rise and fall in market capitalization is captured in abstraction by these indices. It also needs to be understood that this buying and selling of shares in the secondary market has nothing to do with the economy of the country because change of hands in share holding is only within the confines of a closed chamber, so to say. It has no connection with any productive investment, establishment of job-creating industries or funding of public welfare schemes. Raising much hue and cry over market price of shares (meaning the secondary market) is a ploy of capitalism to hoodwink people.

The fluctuations of secondary market reflected in the upswing or downturn of the stock indices like Sensex are purely driven by speculation-calculations as to which share price might jump in future and which share price will fall. If one anticipates that a price of a share would rise in future, there is normally a tendency to buy that share. On the other hand, those who sell those shares expect the price to fall in future. So, they offload the same.

Next point is if more money is injected into the secondary market by way of acquiring shares at higher prices, too much money will chase a fixed number of shares and hence the average price or what we stated above, market capitalization, will surge. Hence there will be a boom.

Similarly, if there is large scale selling, prices will fall, and market will crash. Now market speculation by the punters is generally based on political developments, natural calamities, outbreak of war, etc. In the present case, it was given to understand that the BJP would return to power with a thumping majority and hence the economic reforms (meaning large scale privatization, more concessions to business houses etc.) would pick up further momentum. Moreover, if the banks lower interest rate, common people would switch their preference to stock buying instead of parking funds in the banks. So, market capitalization would increase, and secondary market would flourish.

Now, stock speculation is a roaring trade in capitalism. More capitalism is crisis-ridden because of its inherent laws (market crisis triggered by profit maximization of the capitalists by squeezing the common masses rendering the latter incapable of purchasing products because of growing pauperization), more is the reluctance of the capitalists to invest in productive industries. So, the idle capital in their hands is channelized into speculative stock market with a view to making quick gains without any hassles. The FIIs are conduits of giant monopoly houses and multi-nationals as well as their shell companies to invest in various stock markets of the world. If they find that Indian stock market would give them better benefits, they will come here. But in case the prospects are better in New York Stock Exchange, they will shift there.

What do the speculators do? They often seek to create artificial stimulation of the market by spreading rumours. They trap funds from common investors in the market. But these retail investors are not shrewd like them. So, when the speculators take the market to the peak by infusing more money and then suddenly switch selling button on a high scale, they make profit but the common retail investors suddenly find that the value of their holdings are dropping significantly. If



**Significant victory of AIDSO movement in forcing education authorities to allow 80% of non-CUET (Common University Entrance Examination) imposed by National Education Policy 2020**

some one had bought a share by paying Rs 50 in anticipation of the price being doubled in one month and then see the price having gone down to Rs 15, he suffers a loss of Rs 35 because he is caught unaware by the trickeries of the speculators.

In this backdrop, we are to view the allegation of the Opposition as the market having been deliberately heated by quarters affiliated to the ruling BJP. It is true that PM Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had advised people to "buy stocks before 4 June", suggesting that the market would surge after, anticipating a BJP victory. In May, Mr Shah told NDTV news channel in an interview: "Stock market crashes should not be linked with elections, but even if such a rumour has been spread, I suggest that you buy (shares) before 4 June. It will shoot up."

On 31 May alone, foreign investors indulged in this buying. And foreign investors, we know, can hide from dubious [tax haven country] Mauritius entities. But when the exit poll predictions went wrong, the speculators including foreign investors quickly sold their holdings and hence the average share prices tumbled wiping away as high as Rs 31 lakh crores of market capitalization, the brunt of which was largely borne by the retail investors. So, the allegation that an interested quarter deliberately spread fake exit poll results to create an artificial boom in the stock market and then defrauded small investors when actual results were out is not unfounded but does require a thorough probe.

## Technological advancement or retract?

India is making tremendous progress in technology, claim PM Modi and his cabinet colleagues. As example, they highlight advancement of space technology. Chandrayaan-2 and then its follow-on mission Chandrayaan 3 to demonstrate end-to-end capability in safe landing and roving on the lunar surface. India's Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM)-or Mangalyaan (Hindi for "Mars Craft")-arrived safely in Mars orbit-completing the technology test.

The spacecraft then spent eight years in orbit, returning science data and far exceeding its expected mission of six to 10 months. India has revealed four crew members who have been shortlisted to travel on the country's first ever human space flight scheduled for next year.

PM Modi also lauded the nation's journey from being a mere importer of phones to becoming the second-largest smartphone exporter in the world and claimed that the whole world watched India in amazement.

Similarly, India has completed the first flight test of a home-grown missile with Multiple Independently Targetable Re-entry Vehicle (MIRV) technology, PM had said last march. It is the latest development in India's nuclear-capable Agni missile series, named after the Sanskrit word for "fire", and part of a project launched in 1983, he added. PM Modi also said that he was "proud" about the launch of "the first flight test of indigenously developed Agni-5 missile with Multiple Independently Targetable

Re-entry Vehicle (MIRV) technology", in comments on social media platform X. Minister of Defence Rajnath Singh said on X handle that India had "joined the select group of nations" capable of the missile technology.

Commendable achievement no doubt! But what perplexes us all that if India has reached such a level of success in technology, how come the embankments of the rivers in the coastal areas are so fragile that they crumble like a pack of cards during every flow-tide when there is heavy rain or thunderstorms and threaten life, home and hearth of the poor people living in those places? Is it that our engineers and scientists are only adept in space and military technology or our government believes that thrust on these two areas are much more important than securing lives of thousands of impoverished hapless

Indians staying in inshore belts?

Similarly, in our country, the dams release water when they overflow in rain. This overflowing can be averted if there is regular dredging of the dams and rivers. Dredging techniques, it is relevant to point out, was discovered in early 20th century. But our governments have moved so much ahead that they have forgotten ancient discoveries which are still effective and can be fine-tuned with the help of scientists to deliver better results. So, most of the periodic floods in our country are man-made. So are droughts.

Obvious question is if technology cannot mitigate hardship of the impoverished millions-which is much easier than sending rockets to the moon or firing long distance missiles, can we call it technological advancement? Or it is to be seen as an utter failure?

## Climate change

## All protocols of reducing global warming are brazenly flouted by mighty imperialist countries

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adverse effects should also be global. This realization led to the establishment of United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change (UNFCCC) as an instrument for international negotiations. The annual Conference of Parties (CoP) is the supreme decision making body.

The developed countries have the historical responsibility for the present accumulation of GHG through industrialization using fossil fuels, while the developing countries suffering the worst due to climate change contributed the least towards GHG accumulation. For improving the quality of life the developing countries also aspire to tread the path of industrialization and hence increase their GHG emission. The idea of common but differentiated responsibility was accepted in the Rio Summit of 1992, which stated that the developed world would be required to bear the major brunt of emission reduction and to help the developing countries, through financial aid, technology transfer and capacity building, so that they can make a technology transition with less or no GHG emission and their right to development is not compromised. But the developed countries did precious little to reduce their own emissions or provide finance or transfer technology to the developing countries for coping with the adverse effects of climate change and transition to a low emission technology.

It needs to be pointed out that the developed world reaped all the benefits of industrialization, and it is their affluent style that is responsible for the present elevated GHG concentration. The contribution of the poor developing countries to the total GHG in the atmosphere is minimal, but it is they who are the worst victims of climate change. Similarly in all countries the poor, marginal people in the cities as well as villages are least responsible for CO<sub>2</sub> emission, but they are most affected by climate change, be it intense heat waves or droughts or storm surges or floods or coastal inundation. All policies to tackle climate change must keep the questions of equity, justice and fairness as their central concerns.

At the Kyoto Conference (CoP 3) in 1997 the developed world agreed to take on legally binding targets to reduce emissions, but the target set was a pittance and not enough. USA, a major emitter of GHG, did not even sign the Protocol.

In the following years several summits were held but the climate negotiations became so ossified that they became almost purposeless. No progress was made on reducing GHG emissions due to the intransigence of the developed countries about emission reduction; rather the GHG emissions of countries like USA, Australia, Spain, Canada progressively rose after 1990. While talks were going on in the CoPs, the global CO<sub>2</sub> emission rose from 22 gigatonnes (gt) of CO<sub>2</sub> in 1990 to 37.55 gt of CO<sub>2</sub> in 2023. There were acrimonious arguments between the wealthy nations and poorer countries about whose responsibility it is to address the issue of climate change, and how much support should be provided to the poorer nations to reduce their emission and to tackle the impact of climate change. India and China have the ambition to develop industry depending mainly on coal for power generation and their emission rose, though their per capita emissions were way below those of USA and Canada. The concept of historical responsibility, equity and justice in climate policy was thrown to the wind in the Copenhagen CoP 15 (2009). The Paris summit of 2015 adopted the goal of keeping the temperature rise below 2°C, preferably below 1.5°C., and called for rapid, deep and sustained reductions in global greenhouse gas emissions, reducing global carbon dioxide emissions by 45 per cent by 2030 relative to the 2010 level and achieving net zero emission around 2050. In the Paris summit it was accepted that the countries would declare their voluntary non-binding emission targets—Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC). The hollowness of the NDCs becomes apparent when we note that the cumulated value of cuts by the developed countries amounted to 0.8-1.8 billion tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalents, while the developing countries agreed to cumulatively cut 2.3 billion tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalents by 2020. Thus all protocols are on paper only with the mighty imperialist countries flouting the norms with alacrity.

Overall, it has to be acknowledged that these international summits have not done enough to initiate effective and sustained coordinated action across the globe to restrict global warming below a certain agreed threshold, based on justice, equity and fairness. Nor is the demand of the developing countries for financial aid to

facilitate transitioning to a low carbon economy effectively addressed.

### Indian scenario

India is the 7th most affected nation by climate change. A National Action Plan for Climate Change was released on June 30, 2008. It had 8 submissions to carry out the task, like National Solar Mission, National Water Mission, National Mission for a Green India, and National Mission for Sustainable Habitat etc. India's action plan against climate change was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Glasgow CoP 2021. It was declared that the country would reduce total projected carbon emissions by 1 billion tones by 2030, would meet 50% of its energy requirement by renewable sources by 2030, would reduce the carbon intensity of its economy by more than 45% by 2030, and would achieve zero emission by 2070. But there is a disjunct between promises and ground reality. The import of coal increased during the same period from 208.93 mt to 261.00 mt. Thus far from phasing out the use of coal, as envisaged in Glasgow CoP, India has boosted up its coal production. PM Modi's claim of expedient switch to solar energy is a hoax as there is a shortfall between the target and the installed capacity.

Moreover, to achieve net zero emission an important task is preservation and extension of the forest cover. The target was set up to create an additional carbon sink of 2.5 to 3 billion tonnes by 2030 through afforestation and reforestation. However, the new Forest (Conservation and Augmentation) Act of 2023 promulgated by the BJP government with a view to facilitating commercial exploitation of forest would lead to more diversions of forestlands. The Act exempts a host of infrastructural projects in forest areas from environmental scrutiny, and also allows some non-forest activities on forest lands, like running zoos and 'eco-tourism' facilities, as mentioned earlier. The performance of the Indian Government does not inspire confidence that it would be able to honour the promises made at Glasgow CoP.

### Global warming issue was conveniently skirted during electioneering

What was seen that such a serious issue found no place during the recent electioneering as all bourgeois petty bourgeois parties in their manifestos stressed on many other irrelevant issues which, they

counted, would fetch them vote. Installation of Ram Mandir found predominance in the BJP manifesto but not climate change. But our Party, SUCI(C), founded, reared and steered by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, an outstanding Marxist thinker of the era, did raise this issue with due concern. In the booklet authored by Comrade Provash Ghosh, our beloved General Secretary, and released as our Party's stand on the just concluded parliament election, there is a paragraph titled "What is behind the present-day extreme environmental crisis?"

In that paragraph, it was stated, inter alia, "*Why is the climate changing? Storms and cyclones are becoming more frequent. What is the reason? The scientists say that it is because the global temperature is increasing. Scientists have repeatedly warned that the concentration of greenhouses gases, carbon dioxide, methane and nitrogen oxide is increasing. This is leading to global rise in temperature. Because of this global warming the polar ice is melting, the Himalayan glaciers are melting. As a result sea-level is rising and large coastal areas are going under the sea. And the climates in different parts of the world are changing. In some regions there is excessive rainfall and flooding, in other regions severe drought and no sign of rain. ...the capitalists are doing nothing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In Northeast India, Uttarakhand and Kashmir the fragile natural balance is being destroyed for the sake of 'development'. ...Forests are being cut down and the native tribal populations are ousted from their habitat. Everywhere, be it the Andamans or the Sunderbans natural balance and biodiversity are being destroyed. Highways, factories and mines are being built in forest lands. All these are being done in the interest of the capitalists' profit. Let the world be destroyed, let civilization be annihilated, but the capitalists want their maximum profit. They are destroying the human civilization.*"

So our Party holds that what is urgently needed today is to build strong people's movements in all countries urging the respective Governments to be proactive both in the national and international arena in effectively combating the menace of global warming. In our country also, a powerful mass movement is to be spearheaded to force the government take necessary remedial steps in regard to menacing climate change.

## Spectacle of two Indias

### Scenario 1

a) Mormati Tripura (39), a tribal woman of Taraban Colony in Gandacherra subdivision, Tripura, gave birth to a daughter at home. The next day she sold the child to a couple in Hezamara for Rs 5,000, citing extreme poverty after her husband's demise five months ago.

b) Parents in different parts of the country are selling kids to child traffickers for Rs 500 in exchange of fake promises made by them who show them fancy dreams of their kids studying higher and earning well. Parents desperate to raise money for treatment of 16-year-old daughter allegedly sold their 12-year-old younger to a neighbour for Rs 10,000 in Nellore district in AP.

c) Incidents of familicide is on the rise. Unemployment and financial strain are huge risk factors for familicide. Men believe they are the breadwinners. They are considered the primary caretaker in terms of making sure that they have resources to feed their children and spouses. But when that does not happen, easiest way to escape prolonged hunger is to end lives of the entire family.

d) India reported a total of over 1.7 lakh suicides in 2022, nearly one-third of whom were daily wage earners, agricultural labourers, and farmers, according to the National Crime Record Bureau's (NCRB) report.

e) "We have no money, moneylenders are not ready to wait. What should we do? We can't even afford to take onions to the market. You are just thinking about yourself, Modi saheb. You must provide the guaranteed price for the produce... The finance guys threaten, and the patpedhi (cooperative society) officers abuse. Who should we go for justice?... Today, I am forced to commit suicide because of your inaction." Those were the words of Dashrath Lakshman Kedari before he committed suicide last year in Pune district of Maharashtra. His is one among the 1,00,474 suicides in the farming sector in the years (2014-2022) under the BJP rule, as per the recently released National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) report. This amounts to nearly 30 suicides per day in these nine years.

f) About 60% of India's nearly 130 crore people live on less than Rs 250 a day, the World Bank's median poverty line. And 21%, or more than 25 crores people, survive on less than Rs 166 a day.

g) 20 crore Indians sleep in empty stomach and 25 lakhs die every year out of hunger.

h) Around 100 crore poor in India, according to UNO, "are unable to afford even basic necessities to survive".

i) Approximately 4,500 children under the age of five years die every day in the country due to hunger and malnutrition.

### Scenario 2

Celebrating news of an engagement might normally involve a small gathering with a few friends and family. But the Ambanis are no ordinary family, and this was no ordinary pre-wedding party. The celebration offers a glimpse into the dizzying wealth of Asia's richest man, Mukesh Ambani, who put on the event to announce his youngest son Anant Ambani's engagement to longtime girlfriend Radhika Merchant, who is herself from another wealthy industrialist clan. The wedding itself, which isn't for several months, promises to be one of the biggest in recent memory. Running for three days, the event was characterized by displays of stunning jewellery, precious gems and daring couture pieces. The bride-to-be wore a pink Versace gown previously modelled by Blake Lively, and the estimated 1,200 guests were put up in luxurious tent accommodation with a legion of hair stylists, make-up artists and traditional Indian saree drapers on hand. The catering contract alone was rumoured to run to around £20m (Rs 11,41,96,22,468.29), while some reports put the total cost of the event at £120m (Rs 12,82,23,44,124.00)—about 0.1 per cent of Ambani's estimated \$120bn fortune. The event was so massive that the BJP-led Indian government, in order to obediently serve Mukesh Ambani very close to PM Modi, temporarily upgraded the local domestic airport in Jamnagar in western Gujarat so that it could accommodate the private jets arriving from all over the world. An Indian Air Force facility deemed militarily sensitive were used for such purposes, with pop-up desks for immigration and customs run at public expense.

Months after Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's son Anant Ambani had a traditional roka (engagement) ceremony with Radhika Merchant, the Ambanis are hosting another pre-wedding event, this time on a cruise ship traveling from Italy to France. Reportedly, 1,200 guests attended the final La Dolce Vita event in Portofino, and Ambanis reserved the entire seashore of Portofino for the second pre-wedding celebrations.

The second pre-wedding celebrations of the Anant and Radhika took place between 29 May and 1 June, and it was filled with top business tycoons from round the globe and celebrities including top Bollywood and Hollywood stars who marked their presence at the event. As per media report, the luxury cruise cost a whopping USD 900 Million (which is roughly Rs 75,09,39,75,000)

## Long-Term Harm Looms as RSS-BJP's Communal Rhetoric Intensifies Mutual Hatred

PM Modi, as is known to all, cunningly skirted all burning issues which are making people bleed white. Instead, he, as the chief campaigner of his party, the BJP, has uncouthly spewed communal venom to incite Hindutva fanaticism and polarize voters along religious lines. In fact, after first two phases of election, the BJP could sense that things were not going their way. So was needed to exacerbate Hindu communalism.

Alongside, PM Modi had no qualms to publicly utter white lies, and tried to create fear among the voters about "possible retaliatory actions" of the opposition, if they assume power. All such "floated apprehensions", needless to say, were imaginary and concocted. For example, in Banswara, Rajasthan, PM Modi said that the opposition, if voted to victory, would snatch mangalsutra (a typical necklace worn by Hindu married women as an auspicious symbol) from the Hindu women, confiscate the properties of the Hindus and distribute it among the Muslims. He repeated the same speech in many places later. He also said that if the opposition came to power, they would lock the Ram Mandir.

In support of his narrations, he said he found the shadow of Muslim League in the manifesto of the Congress. Earlier, he got a survey doctored by his pliant team of statisticians to show that the number of Muslims are increasing and would soon overtake the Hindus, thus instilling a false fear among the Hindus of being reduced to minority. Pertinent to recall that in Proletarian Era dated 15-03-24, we had shown with facts and figures that there is no evidence to support such an outlandish claim of the RSS-BJP. In the

immortal words of Mark Twain, "a lie can travel half way around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes". This is aptly befitting such a mischievous propaganda of the Hindutva brigade. But PM Modi did not stop at that. In Jharkhand, where a good number of people are Christians, he sought to drive a wedge into the unity between the Muslims and Christians by branding the former as intruders and accusing them of making tribal Christian girls victims of, what he called, 'love jihad'.

He made a big noise that so long as he is alive, no one would be able to seize reservation provision for the tribals and OBCs and gift it to the Jihadis (meaning the Muslims). He even went to the extent of deriding the opposition for conducting Mujra (a competition of obscene dance and songs), a street slang. Yet, when he found that there might not be many takers of his version, he finally declared that his birth was not through a biological process as he has been sent by the Paramatma (Almighty God) to develop India for another twenty years. What he wanted to impress upon the voters was that opposing him is tantamount to going against God and hence blasphemy. Finally, in order to remain visible even during the stipulated 36 hours of 'no campaign' before commencement of the final phase of voting, he, clad in saffron, went to Vivekananda rock in Kanyakumari accompanied by around 3000 policemen, surveillance helicopters, and a crew of adept camera persons to be engaged in divine contemplation (dhyam). Lest there should be any disturbance during his meditation, a radius of 5 kms around the site was totally

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*Coochbehar (WB) District Conference of the ASHA Workers' Union Affiliated to AIUTUC, was held amidst great enthusiasm on 27 May 2024*

## Gujarat electricity consumers protest installation of smart meters



**Victory:** In Vadodara of Gujarat there was a protest movement on 21 May to remove and stop installation of New Pre-Paid Smart Meters for power supply.

After that, All Gujarat Electricity Users Association submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister of Gujarat to

immediately Stop Installation of Smart Meter and Re-install the old Meter system as after installation of Smart Meter, electricity bills have gone up by 4 to 5 times.

The MGVCCL and DGVCL, two companies have decided to stop the installation of New Smart Meter, after demands were raised from various segments of people.

## All fascist autocrats claim that they are descendants of God

Riding on the crass communal Hindutva doctrine, the BJP had assumed governmental power. It left no stone unturned to win the general election for the third consecutive term following the same 'Hindutva' line and spewing anti-Muslim venom. From the grandiose 'inauguration' of Ram Mandir to the 'meditation' of PM Modi on the rock of Kanyakumari in media glare, the RSS-BJP piloted their campaign caravan steadily on this communal line.

During the election campaign, the BJP leaders have tried to pose PM Modi as an Avtar (divine descent). Sambhit Patra, spokesman of the BJP who contested from the Puri parliamentary seat, Odisha, claimed that Lord Jagannath is a Modi's bhakt (devotee).

But, PM Modi had left his sickening sycophants much behind when claiming that his birth was not through any biological process. "I am convinced that 'Parmatma' (God) has sent me for a purpose. Once the purpose is achieved, my work will be done. This is why I have completely dedicated myself to God", he said in an open public meeting as reported in the press. So, what he as a Prime Minister of the country had done so far, from exacerbating misery and penury of the common masses to

showing fortunes on a handful of business tycoons, were all as per the will of the Almighty. So, demonetization, GST, electoral bonds, PM Cares Fund, a slew of concessions and privileges to a few monopoly houses, mounting unemployment, spiralling price line, growing crimes against women, spurt in communal-casteist-ethnic divides, the three anti-farmers bills, stringency of black laws- all are justified, because Modiji was only implementing the agenda of the God as his special emissary.

But, he is not the first one to project himself as God's accredited representative. Adolf Hitler, the fascist dictator who unleashed ruthless terror round the globe and triggered devastating Second World War raising slogan of German supremacy, also claimed that he was sent by the God to carry out his mission that wreaked havoc in the entire world. He told, "Hence today I believe that I am acting in accordance to the will of the Almighty Creator: by defending myself against the Jew. I am fighting for the work of the Lord." The barbarous torture in the concentration camps of Auschwitz, Sobibor, Treblinka, or in the Jewish Ghettos, attacking one after another country with alacrity, were all acts of God! Now, Mr. Modi is following the footprints of Hitler.

## Mutual hatred and communal venom injected by RSS-BJP

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deserted, hotels and tourists and pilgrims banned. Not just that. His dhyana was live telecasted on Doordarshan and other channels.

Moreover, there was a full front-page advertisement on Ananda Bazar Patrika, the largest circulated Bengali daily, on its 1 June edition, on the day of voting in West Bengal with picture of Modi and the slogan 'once more Modi government', urging voters as responsible citizens aspiring for the development of the country to vote for Modi and press the button with the lotus symbol.

Expectedly, the Election Commission comprising hand-picked bureaucrats of PM Modi did not take any step against such brazen violation of electoral codes. It only showed to what low an autocratic party and its supreme leader can stoop to in order to cling to power. It is true that poll results of the places where PM Modi had taken communal slogans to the peak and peddled in such falsehoods have gone against the BJP. For example, much ado was made about Ram Mandir and modernization of Ayodhya. But in Faizabad seat under which falls Ayodhya, the BJP has been virtually trounced by opposition SP candidate. Why Ayodhya alone?

In entire UP, the BJP lost ground to the opposition. People of Banswara also did not get carried away by his cock and bull story and inflicted a crushing defeat to the BJP. So, despite all such dirty tricks, the BJP has failed to achieve single majority despite insolent claim of winning 400 plus seats (aab ki bar, charso par). Now, PM Modi is busy appeasing its alliance partners so that they do not desert him in future and his throne remains intact.

But the scar-marks he and his other party leaders have left in the people's mind is destined to keep the social milieu vitiated for long. Amidst the conservative section of the Hindus who tend to get swayed by the hymn of arch communal Hindutva, blind hatred against the Muslims would increase.

This would further exacerbate communal divide and impair social harmony. Pitting people against people is a ploy the oppressive imperialists-capitalists use to thwart united uprising of exploited masses against the exploitative system. Taking advantage of this planted divide and hatred, the ruling dispensation can engineer communal riots and fratricidal bloodbath any time anywhere to divert attention of the toiling masses from the real issues of their life. In such a milieu, people lose their rational mindset, seek to follow the hideous thoughts propagated by the ruling class and its servitors and thereby end up moving around the maze.

Eminent litterateur Saratchandra Chattopadhyay had once remarked that when the moral sense of the ruler and the ruled becomes the same, it engenders debacle. That is the moot point. What is needed today is a rational thought process, pursuit of truth, and cultivation of history based on scientific logical thinking, side by side with legitimate, democratic movements based on higher ethics and culture involving people from all walks of life. Then and then only people would be able to clearly detect how the ruthless exploitative ruling class and its lackeys are trying to poison their mind with rotten obscurantist thoughts, blind faith, religious fanaticism, persistence of mutual hatred and even insanity.



**All India Save Education Committee, Tripura chapter, organized a demonstration and then submitted a memorandum to the Director of Secondary Education in Agartala on 3 June last on non-fulfilment of the promises made during introduction of 125 primary schools in the state by the BJP government**

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