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**Long Live  
Historic May Day**

**May Day**



**V I Lenin**

Comrade workers! May Day is coming, the day when the workers of all lands celebrate their awakening to a class-conscious life, their solidarity in the struggle against all coercion and oppression of man by man, the struggle to free the toiling millions from hunger, poverty, and humiliation. Two worlds stand facing each other in this great struggle: the world of capital and the world of labour, the world of exploitation and slavery and the world of brotherhood and freedom.

On one side stand the handful of rich blood-suckers. They have seized the factories and mills, the tools and machinery, have turned millions of acres of land and mountains of money into their private property. They have made the government and the army their servants, faithful watchdogs of the wealth they have amassed.

On the other side stand the millions of the disinherited. They are forced to beg the moneybags for

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## 24 April raising a new milestone



**Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), addressing the massive gathering at Shaheed Minar Maidan, Kolkata, on 78th Party Foundation Day on 24 April**

In the abyss of dark and gloom appeared an epitome of light—the workers and peasants raising the banners of hammer and sickles to break the shackles of capitalist rule that chained the world. Posters displayed on the maze of city walls, exhorting the drifting mass of workingmen and women to unite and rally to wage resistance against the mounting assaults by the rulers on the exploited, oppressed, humiliated and downtrodden masses. The message that people had nothing to lose except their shackles and had a whole world to win. It was the message of the 78th Foundation Day of the SUCI (Communist).

Between the two battlements covered with red flags rises a huge high tower all draped in deepest red on which was imposed the solemn portrait of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the Founder of SUCI(Communist) and an outstanding Marxist thinker of the era. Surrounding this grand dais a teeming gathering at legendary Shaheed Minar Maidan, Kolkata, was listening with rapt attention to Comrade Provash Ghosh, the beloved General Secretary of the SUCI (Communist), in rapt attention. Comrade Provash Ghosh, based on the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, was dwelling at length on the national and international situation and how

to lead ahead the class and mass struggles to fulfil the cherished dream of accomplishing anti-capitalist socialist revolution to end forever exploitation of man by man. It was the Historic Day of April 24. Long 77 years back, on this day Comrade Shibdas Ghosh along with a handful of revolutionary compatriots founded the SUCI (Communist), as he could realize based on Marxist methodology of analysis that all the parties then claiming to be Marxist-Leninist including undivided CPI did not grow as true communist parties fulfilling all necessary conditions. The rally with countless exploited people from all walks of life had assembled at the venue from all the 23 districts of West Bengal disdaining scorching summer sun and unbearably sultry weather to take pledge anew of revolution.

The workers, the peasants, the downtrodden people of all walks of life as Comrade Shibdas Ghosh always urged, need to think deeply about the root cause of their ever mounting untold misery. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great continuer of Marx-Engels-Lenin-Stalin-Mao Zedong, made it very clear that it was the rotting capitalist exploitative system, that has been burdening the entire population with its own

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### **SUCI(C) condemns cowardly terrorist attack on tourists in Pahalgam**

**Strongly condemning the shooting down of tourists in Jammu and Kashmir on 22 April 2025 Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), issued the following statement on 23-04-25:**

"Along with the entire people of the country, we are awfully shocked at the murder of 28 tourists and injuring over a dozen by the Resistance Front (TRF), a shadow

group of the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), near Pahalgam in Kashmir in the name of retaliation of alleged "demographic change" in Jammu and Kashmir. We severely condemn this barbaric attack.

It also proves the failure of protection of the civilian population in Jammu and Kashmir by the central government in spite of huge military mobilization and claimed security measures.

We urge upon the Government to pay adequate compensation to the families of all the bereaved families and the injured and also look after proper rehabilitation of the affected families.

Alongside, we demand stringent punishment of all the perpetrators of this heinous crime. We also call upon all sections of people of Jammu and Kashmir and of the country to raise their strong voice of protest against this ghastly killing."

# Observance of 78th Party Foundation Day in different states

Comrade K Radhakrishna, Polit Bureau member, addressing in Kerala. On his left (front row) is Comrade Jaison Joseph, Central Committee member and Kerala State Secretary



Comrade Satyawan, Polit Bureau member, delivering speech in Gujarat



Comrade Saumen Basu, Polit Bureau member, addressing in Odisha. Seated 4th on his left is Comrade Shankar Dasgupta, Central Committee member and Odisha State Secretary



Comrade Swapan Ghosh, Polit Bureau member, addressing in Bihar



Comrade Chandidas Bhattacharjee, Polit Bureau member, delivering speech in Jharkhand. Seated third on the front row (right) is Comrade Rabin Samajpati, Polit Bureau member and Jharkhand State Secretary



Comrade Rabin Samajpati, Polit Bureau member, addressing in Rajasthan



Comrade Amitava Chatterjee, Polit Bureau member, delivering speech in Nellore, Andhra Pradesh seated on his left (4th) is Comrade B S Amarnath, Central Committee member



Comrade Sankar Ghosh, Central Committee member, delivering speech in Uttar Pradesh

Comrade Pratap Samal, Central Committee member, addressing in Madhya Pradesh. Seated on his left is Comrade Arun Singh, Central Committee member



Comrade Arun Singh, Central Committee member, addressing in Delhi



Comrade Subhas Dasgupta, Central Committee member delivering speech in Karnataka



Comrade K Uma, Central Committee member addressing in Telangana



Quotation Exhibition from Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and Pary Book Stall inaugurated by Comrade Gopal Kundu, Senior Polit Bureau member

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insoluble market crises leading to people's extreme pauperization and predicament. Therefore, the task history has enjoined the suffering mankind is to overthrow ruthlessly oppressive capitalism that is tottering on its last legs, through revolutionary upsurge and establish socialism under the leadership of a correct revolutionary party, what great Lenin did in Russia and great Mao Zedong in China by concretely applying the science of Marxism-Leninism in the concrete situations of their respective soils.

With this objective, through a very arduous strenuous seemingly impossible struggle, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, along with his six comrades-in-arms, founded the SUCI (Communist), the vanguard detachment of the revolutionary proletariat, built on Leninist model. The very vast India and a few young comrades led by a

revolutionary leader like Comrade Shibdas Ghosh started a stormy determined journey with their invincible weapon, the scientific ideology of Marxism Leninism. The sapling they sowed more than seven decades back with revolutionary audacity has grown into a gigantic tree with its branches spread throughout the length and breadth of the country. The 78th Pary Foundation Day has been observed in 23 states and union territories. The message the Day carried to every nook and corner of the country has been that only that intense class and mass struggles based on higher proletarian culture and morality and conducive to anti-capitalist revolutionary movement are needed to be developed under correct revolutionary leadership on a sustained basis to overthrow capitalism at the earliest.

The foundation Day observance meeting in Kolkata started with the song on 24 April

followed by the song on Comrade Shibdas Ghosh while the entire gathering stood up in reverence.

Earlier, an exhibition of invaluable quotes of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was inaugurated by Comrade Gopal Kundu, senior Polit Bureau member. The Central Committee statement condemning the brutal killings of the tourists in Kashmir and demanding arrest of the real culprits, whoever they are, their severest punishment, adequate compensation and rehabilitation for every family of their murdered and injured members, was first read out. Then a resolution condemning genocide carried by Zionist Israel backed by US imperialism and Russian war of aggression on Ukraine and demanding exemplary punishment to those guilty of brutally murdering Abhaya at R G Kar Medical College and recent conflagration in Murshidabad district, withdrawal of amendment to the Waqf Bill as well as restoration of the eligible teachers

in service, was placed by Comrade Manab Bera, Central Committee member and President of the meeting. Also present on the dais were, among other Central and State Secretariat members, Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya, veteran Polit Bureau member, whose recorded speech on the occasion was played in the Foundation Day meeting of Assam. In his long but penetrating speech, Comrade Provas Ghosh touched upon all important national and international issues, provided due political analyses of each of them.

He began his speech severely condemning the brutal terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Kashmir. While the central government had enveloped the entire Kashmir with military and para military forces, how could this tragedy take place, he questioned. It appears to be a part of the well planned conspiracy to divide Hindus and Muslims into two inimical camps that ruling

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## Trump's tariff war—a futile attempt to stave off growing capitalist crisis

Mark Twain once remarked that the music of Richard Wagner, the well-known German composer, theatre director and essayist, was "better than it sounds."<sup>1</sup> That ironic judgment might apply more aptly to the global capitalist world economy from the 1990s onwards. In much of the commentary of the time and in the near-term memories of most who lived through that decade, one heard the drumbeat of crises after crises, rising inequality between few super-rich and myriads of have-nots and regular breach of global economic and financial agreements by the US imperialist rulers in particular. After sad dismantling of Soviet socialism, the elated world imperialist-capitalist camp brought in the doctrine of capitalist globalization which, they claimed, would mark the dawn of a new age of 'free market economy' with no trade barriers that would entail an equitable prosperous society. The precepts of globalization stipulated increasing interconnectedness and interdependence of countries through free flow of goods, services, capital, information, and ideas. It talked of a free market economy with demolition of tariff walls. But so called 'free market economy' in the present stage of decadent, moribund and severely crisis-ridden capitalist economy is not free in any sense. But it took hardly any time for the bubble of so called free economy to burst with the global capitalist-imperialist economy, instead of staving off rising economic crisis, plunged into more severe crisis endemic of the system. And the mark of a decent burial to sweet-coated promises of capitalist globalization and demolition of tariff wall is in the recent announcement of imposing high duty on imported goods from China, Canada, Mexico and European Union by US President Donald Trump under the garb of making "America great again".

### Recapitulating the past GATT and WTO

Before we focus on Trump's propositions and retaliatory action by other countries particularly the rival imperialist superpowers like China, now along with Russia are turned imperialist after counter-revolution, it warrants to recapitulate the past developments particularly in the post Second World War situation when 1/3rd of the world embraced socialism. With imperialist-capitalist market thus squeezed, the monopolists of advanced capitalist countries had an urge to club up together to take better advantage of advanced technology and economy

of scale to maximize their profit exploiting the cheap labour and raw materials of the relatively backward capitalist countries in the process. It led to a kind of integration of the different advanced imperialist-capitalist national markets into a single international market through mutually agreed removal of protectionist barriers and increasing collaboration and joint ventures between the finance capital of the concerned countries. In the process, the General Agreement on Trade and Tariff (GATT) came into being in 1947. But, notably, GATT conferred sweeping powers under US Super 301 and Special 301 operationalized to US President to take, among others, tariff and non-tariff based retaliation upon all developed traditional imperialist-capitalist countries.

But, the post-war period had seen the rise of German and Japanese industries, which posed a challenge to the dominance of the US in the global market. In the 1970s, both Japanese and German firms made significant inroads into the US market, particularly in the automotive and electronics industries. This was driven by several factors, including the oil crisis, shifts in consumer preferences, improvements in manufacturing quality by the foreign companies and US's self-initiated entanglement in the Vietnam war. By 1970, West Germany's 10.9 percent share of total world exports closely approached the world market share of the United States, which stood at 13.8 percent.

In the 1980s, Japan emerged as the second largest economy in the world and many in the US feared they were about to be overtaken. After President Ronald Reagan took office in 1981, the US started pressurising Japan to open its market up to American companies and reduce the trade imbalance between the countries. That year, five countries—thus US, West Germany, France, the United Kingdom and Japan—signed the Plaza Accord, devaluing the US dollar against the Japanese yen and the German Deutsche Mark. Following that, temporarily US saw an increase in its exports (as currency devaluation lowers cost of import from the concerned country) and a lowering of its trade deficit with many Western European countries. But capitalist market crisis and mutual competition to grab increasing global market share did not ebb but aggravated further. In 1987, US imposed 100% tariffs on \$300 million worth of Japanese imports, effectively blocking them from the

American market. So tariff war went on full-throttle.

As stated above, following implosion of Soviet socialism and the socialist camp in early 1990s, the doctrine of globalization-liberalization-privatization was advanced by the imperialist-capitalist camp in the unipolar world as panacea to all economic problems and international trade disputes. As against GATT, World Trade Organization (WTO) was established in 1994. Whereas the GATT mainly dealt with trade in goods, the WTO and its agreements also covered trade in services and intellectual property as well as created new procedures for the settlement of disputes. It bears recall that Peter Sutherland, former Director General of WTO, famously declared in 1995 that the agreements signed at the Marrakesh meeting, organized in 1994 to formalize establishment of the WTO, were the "beginning of the fiercest trade war". His words have proved to be so correct.

### Current perspective

But WTO is now viewed as sclerotic as the imperialist superpowers refusing to agree to any dispute-settlement prescriptions. For example, new rules on agricultural goods trade has remained as a bone of contention. Secondly, China which has comprehensively ascended the technological ladder within global production networks, surpassing the US in innovation, is rapidly extending its global market and exports. Overtaking Germany and Japan, it is now posing serious threat to US imperialism in global trade. On the other hand, China where labour is very cheap (meaning more capitalist exploitation of the workers) has become the most sought after destination of outsourcing jobs and locating industries by the industrial colossuses and giant multi-nationalists even of US. Figures show that US goods exports to China is \$143.5bn. On the other hand, US goods imports from China totalled \$438.9bn. The upshot is that America's trade deficit with China was \$295.4bn last year. Chinese imports are also reportedly catering to around 33% of US domestic market needs. Though US, Mexico, and Canada have a strong economic relationship underpinned by the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), which replaced the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), US is a net loser. US had trade deficits of \$63.3 billion with Canada and \$171.8 billion with Mexico in 2024.

### Tariff hike declared by Trump as possible reprieve

It is in this background that US President Trump has imposed 25% tax on exports from both Mexico and Canada and an additional duty of 10% on Canadian energy. Trump has also announced raising import tariff up to 145% on Chinese goods. US also raised tariffs on imports from roughly 60 countries whom the US President described as 'worst offenders' and reiterated repeatedly that he would impose 100 % tariffs on BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) countries that seek to reduce the US dollar's dominant role in global finance. He has also threatened to impose a 200% tariff on wine, champagne, and other alcoholic beverages imported from France and other European Union (EU) countries as he has long been criticizing EU trade policies, described the bloc as "one of the most hostile and abusive taxing and tariffing authorities in the World, which was formed for the sole purpose of taking advantage of the United States."

### Retaliatory action by others

Expectedly, China and many European countries have also retaliated by raising tariff on imports of US goods. China has threatened of raising tariff wall to 84% on US Products. Also China which has been the biggest buyer of US agricultural produce, has also announced 10-15% dues on a range of US agricultural products. China also Canada responded swiftly, by imposing retaliatory 25% tariffs on \$30 billion worth of US goods. Mexico has also vowed retaliation. The European Commission decided on 12 March 2025, to impose a 50% tariff on American whiskey, in response to the US's 25% tariffs on steel and aluminum from the EU countries. The European Union (EU) also plans to introduce counter-tariffs worth \$28 billion on various US goods. So, the enchanting word 'free market' and amicable settlement of disputes through WTO have proved to be damp squib.

### India's timidity

When so many countries have been retaliating with counter measures by raising import tariff of US merchandise, India, bending before aggressive declaration of slapping high tariff on its key sectors such as automobiles and agriculture, is reducing the tariffs on US imports. Even in last budget, India proposed a reduction in customs duty on several US imports. Going two steps further Piyush Goyal, the Minister of Commerce and Industry has asked "domestic industries to identify sectors where imports from China and other countries could be replaced with American goods". In fact, there are hectic parleys on the

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## Tariff War

## So called free market theory of globalization proved a fiasco

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part of the Indian Government to persuade US administration to refrain from slapping heavy duty on Indian imports. Howard Lutnick, US Secretary of Commerce, openly asked India to lower its tariffs on American goods and even switch for Defence items from Russia to the US. As per reports, the US has asked India to remove tariffs on nearly all goods including agricultural products. If US succeeds in coercing India to allow dumping of US agricultural products on India, it would spell doom for the Indian peasants and bring disastrous effect on the food security of Indian people. It is also understood that US has long been pressurizing India, even at times on the floor of WTO, to wind up public distribution system, withdraw all subsidies on fuel and fertilizer and change the patent law. If such terms are accepted, it would mean India giving up its trade protections while getting hardly any concession in return. But the Indian government has a kind of compulsion as the ruling Indian capitalist class, aspiring to be a global superpower, cannot afford to antagonize US.

On the other hand, US needs India as an ally in containing China. So is the chemistry. But India's meek surrender to US pressure has been such that not a single word of protest was voiced by the BJP government when alleged illegal Indian immigrants to US were sent back in a handcuffed condition. Even Mexico had the gut to refuse a request from President Trump's administration to allow a US military aircraft deporting migrants to land in the country,

### Trump's tariff pause

Evidently this threat of tariff wall by US President is nothing but a ploy to bargain with his contenders in the global market and make them agree to a negotiated rate. And so, under directives of the ruling US multi-nationals, Trump has deferred tariff hike on goods from other countries by 90 days and gauging what move others, particularly, China makes next.

### Trump's fallacious logic

President Trump claims that tariff wall built by him would boost US tariff revenues by about \$300 billion, assuming demand remains unchanged—a fiction of highest degree. The income of US citizens has been plummeting because of rising prices compounded by huge retrenchment including 2 million government employees. 34 million Americans are suffering from hunger and 36.8 million are in poverty line. Hence purchasing power of US citizens is ebbing fast. And so, US

would be plunged in further stagflation situation. Stagflation—a feature of dying capitalism—is described as a situation in the economy where the growth rate slows down, the level of unemployment remains steadily high and yet the inflation or price level remains high at the same time. Can the buying power of the continuously pauperized US citizens like all other imperialist-capitalist countries remain constant, if not dipping further? In that case, how can demand be assumed to remain constant?

Further, demand for imports from regions affected by tariffs is likely to shrink as the US producers would attempt to source inputs from non-tariffed countries. Moreover, US consumes more goods than it produces domestically. As a result, its imports are almost always higher than its exports, resulting in a trade deficit.

Secondly, scuttling imports does not *ipso facto* boost domestic production. US companies are not equipped to right away meet the domestic demand. The businesses which rely on cheap imported inputs to make their products would simply pass on the brunt of hiked import tariff on to the end consumers. With the added tariffs on China, the sectors most likely to be impacted are in the consumer goods space, as well as manufacturing supply chains, notably for computer and electronics components. Escalated cost of production will bring in its wake further rise in price. It literally means that the common people—lower and middle class—would be burdened most by the concomitant effect of the new tariffs being imposed by President Trump in the form of costing jobs, igniting inflation, increasing a recession and also by shifting the tax burden away from the well off and thrusting it upon the poor and middle class.

Moreover, Trump's tariffs is destined to cause pain for both agricultural producers and everyday Americans because tariffs usually cause what's called a price wedge—a type of economic inefficiency that results in buyers paying more, and sellers earning less, than they otherwise would have.

Yet, Trump is set to pursue the same policy during his second term as well as it is ordained by the ruling US monopolists and multinationals notwithstanding the fact that similar policies he adopted during his first term of presidency in 2018. In December 2021, a review of the data and methods used to estimate the trade war effects through 2021,

## SUCI(C) condemns arrest of Medha Patkar, demands her immediate release

*Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), issued the following statement on 25-04-25:*

We vehemently condemn the arrest of Smt. Medha Patkar, a renowned social activist, and issuance of a non-bailable warrant against her in connection with a 24 year old defamation case.

We demand her immediate unconditional release.

**Comrade Suman, PhD scholar, JNU, and Vice-**

**President, AIDSO, Delhi State committee, contested as AIDSO Presidential candidate in the upcoming election in JNU, Delhi.**



concluded that "US consumers of imported goods have borne the brunt of the tariffs through higher prices, and that the trade war has lowered aggregate real income in both the US and China, although not by large magnitudes relative to GDP." In January 2022, a study from the US Department of Agriculture "estimated the direct export losses from the retaliatory tariffs totalled \$27 billion from 2018 through the end of 2019."

It ought not to be forgotten that capitalist market had shrunk considerably over share of which capitalists launched no less than two world wars which were also orchestrated for grabbing world market. Only the oppressed toiling masses of all countries would embrace further wretchedness because of this fierce trade war of the imperialist rulers aimed at profit maximization and outsmarting rivals in global trade.

### Marx's prognosis of capitalism vindicated

There is a temptation by imperialist superpowers particularly US to treat trade wars as bloodless, technocratic affairs-matters of tariffs and subsidies, not life and death. In January 2024, an IMF paper revealed that unexpected tariff shocks tend to reduce imports more than exports, leading to slight decreases in the trade deficit at the expense of persistent gross domestic product losses.

According to the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, tariffs imposed by the Trump administration have the power to drive up US core inflation (excluding food and energy) by upto by 2.2 percentage points. This shows that the US economy would go under further recession due to tariffs. In short, there are no winners in a trade war and US is set to be among the biggest losers of a further escalation of trade tensions.

As we have shown many times earlier in Proletarian Era, the crisis is not of any particular economy but of imperialist-capitalist economy as a whole where motive of production is

to earn maximum profit for the handful of capitalist owners and all policies are framed to that end resulting in growing pauperization of the oppressed millions.

As pointed out by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, Founder of SUCI(C) and an outstanding Marxist thinker of the era: "...capitalism which has no more scope for unhindered development of production...this capitalism ... is enmeshed in crisis...production is stopped, workers are retrenched ...there is no work...capitalism in no country is capable of bringing about uninterrupted expansion of the market"<sup>1</sup>

Further, "... though all the plans adopted by the bourgeois rulers are progressing ...yet the shadow of crisis is stalking all this planning all the time. They are emerging from one crisis only to plunge into a more complex and deeper crisis. The bourgeois rulers are thinking up various ways and means to extricate themselves from the recession with which they are seriously threatened today also. ...they will come out of the present recession only to prepare the ground for getting swamped in a more severe one still. Capitalism has no way to come out of this impasse today."<sup>2</sup> This is the truth about capitalist crisis.

This tariff war is also a desperate attempt to get some breathing time amidst mounting economic crisis of imperialism-capitalism. Rightly observed Marx and Engels in Communist Manifesto that "the bourgeoisie is unfit any longer to be the ruling class in society, and to impose its conditions of existence upon society as an overriding law. ...Society can no longer live under this bourgeoisie, in other words, its existence is no longer compatible with society."

1. On Cultural Degeneration and Unemployment Problem—Whither the Solution
2. Present Situation and Main Danger to Democratic Movement

# Shadow of CAA overcasts new Immigration and Foreigners Bill 2025

"India is not a dharmshala (alms-house). Under section 3, there is a provision for denying entry to someone who is a threat to National security. Now the blacklist has a legal backing", said Home minister Amit Shah while replying to the oppositions criticism against this stringent law brought for the foreigners through this Bill. While introducing the Immigration and Foreigners Bill 2025 in the Lok Sabha on 11th March last, he further said: "Parsis came to India from Persia and are safe here. Jews also came from Israel to India. Through CAA, we opened the doors for persecuted minorities". ...We welcome those who come for developing India, but be it Rohingya or Bangladeshi, if they come to create conflict here, we will act tough against them". This was the tone and spirit of Amit Shah while justifying introduction of the Bill.

All the major opposition parties unequivocally opposed this stringent Bill and ask the government to send it to Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) and Public Sector Committee (PSC) for further discussion. But the BJP government as usual did not pay any heed to that.

The question, therefore, arises why is this sceptic attitude or such assumed and apprehension about Rohingya and Bangladeshi infiltration before introduction of this Bill? How is the question of Rohingya or Bangladeshi relevant here? Is it because they are Muslims by birth? As per the doctrine of the RSS-BJP, Muslims are invaders, jihadis, terrorists and troublemakers. Therefore, they have to be handled toughly. That's why Shah made a reference to The Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 (CAA) in his speech while participating in the discussion on this controversial and stringent Bill.

## What is CAA

This act, it bears recall, was passed in Parliament on 11 December 2019 to provide Indian Citizenship for the persecuted refugees of religious minorities from Afghanistan, Pakistan and Bangladesh who arrived in India on or before 31 December 2014. The eligible minorities could be Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis or Christians. But the law does not grant such eligibility to any Muslim immigrant from these Islamic countries. In addition to that, the Act excludes 58,000 Sri Lankan Tamil refugees who have lived in India since the 1980s. The Act was the first time that religion had been overtly used as a criterion for granting Indian

citizenship to immigrants. As a pretext to exclude Muslims, the argument put forth was that they could not be victim of religious persecution in Islamic countries. This is flawed. For example, Shia Muslims have been regularly targeted by The Islamic State of Khorasan Province (ISKP), the Islamic State's (ISIS) affiliate in Afghanistan and the Taliban authorities have done little to protect these communities from suicide bombings and other unlawful attacks or to provide necessary medical care and other assistance to victims and their families. In spite of the severe internal and global criticism and intermittent protests throughout the country the BJP government has remained adamant over implementation of CAA.

## \*Salient features of the current immigration Bill\*

The Immigration and Foreigners Bill 2025 proposes a unified framework that would govern immigration, registration, surveillance, detention and deportation. The legislation also seeks to unify and update older statutes, such as:

- \* The Passport act 1920
- \* The Foreigners' act 1939
- \* The Foreigners' act 1946
- \* The Immigration (Carriers Liability) act 2000

This Bill is structured into 36 clauses distributed across 6 chapters, each addressing critical aspects of immigration governance in India. The chapters cover a wide range of subjects, including definitions and general provisions, the regulation and registration of foreigners, enforcement mechanisms, visa categories and conditions, the establishment and functions of key immigration authorities, and legal procedure for detention, deportation but no specific rights to the foreigners, which earlier was there in the Foreigners Act 1946.

Article 19 of the Foreigners Act, 1946, the foreigners were granted rights to a) Freedom of speech and expression b) assemble peacefully without arms c) form associations and unions d) move freely throughout the territory of India e) reside or settle in any part of the territory of India f) enjoy equality before the eye of law and h) study in any Indian educational institution.

The present Immigration Bill precludes above-mentioned rights. Therefore, the courtesy of showing hospitality to the foreigners has been banished. A new feature of this Bill is the proposal to form a National Immigration Authority (NIA) a statutory Apex body which will

manage a centralized digital database of foreign nationals, and everything related to immigration policy. Therefore, each and every foreigner will be under the vigil and digital surveillance of NIA.

## Restructured visa regime in the Bill

The Bill has categorized visas granted to foreigners as follows:

- \* **Business visa plus:** For long-term business travelers with fast-track clearance and simplified compliance.
- \* **Startup visa:** For entrepreneurs seeking to establish innovation-driven enterprises in India.
- \* **Skilled talent visa:** For professionals in priority sectors such as AI, biotechnology, renewable energy, etc.
- \* **Investor visa:** For foreign nationals committing substantial capital to Indian enterprises or infrastructure projects.
- \* **Transit visa and digital nomad visa:** Recognizing the evolving nature of global travel and remote work trends.

All visas, as is evident, are related to business, this way or that way, and of course for the benefit of the capitalist class mainly. This Bill is quite silent about social, cultural and political visas!!

## Immense power in the hands of immigration personnel

"No foreigner shall be allowed to enter into or stay in India if he/she is found inadmissible to do so, on account of threat to national security, sovereignty and integrity of India..... Provided further, the decision of the immigration officer in this regard shall be final and binding". (Immigration bill chapter 2 clause 3.1). That's why critiques condemned the Bill and said ".....the bill gave arbitrary powers to the Centre and made the decision of an immigration officer final and binding.... They further said the provision empowers immigration officers to seize damaged passports without clearly defining what constitutes "damage." This provision allows for arbitrariness gives immigration officers unchecked power to harass individuals by declaring their passport damaged and seizing them. Worse, there is no appeal against such decisions". (Indian Express 28.03.25) Provision is there in chapter 5 article 26 of this Bill stipulates that even a head constable can arrest any foreigner suspected of wrong doing and can be jailed for 2 to 7 years' as per section 58 of the BNSS 2023. Since there are no

immigration judges, the only recourse to impunity is to approach the High Court under article 226 of the Indian Constitution or petition in Supreme Court. Is it possible for the foreigners belonging to common or poorer section to go through all these detailed formalities? In other words, the Bill virtually vests arbitrary power in the hands of the government to prosecute anyone deemed to be foreigner for any action it considers improper or in detriment to the interest of the state.

## Punitive measures prescribed in the Bill

The Bill introduces robust punitive measures for violations of immigration norms in chapter 5. Any individuals arriving in India without valid documentation may face imprisonment up to 5 years along with a fine of rupees 5 lakh. The use of forged or counterfeit documents could attract imprisonment ranging from 2 to 7 years, accompanied by fines between rupees 1 lakh to rupees 10 lakh. Those who overstay their visa or breach visa conditions may be penalized with a jail term of up to 3 years and a fine of Rs 3 lakh. Additionally, individuals found transporting foreigners lacking proper documentation may incur a fine of Rs 5 lakh and risk of having their vehicles confiscated.

## Appeal to the toiling masses

Apparently, the Bill seems to be fulfilling the needs of providing adequate legal backing to immigration functions, its agencies and functionaries, helping in tackling the problem of illegal migration into India and facilitating tracking of movement of overstaying foreigners in India. But perhaps it is not so benign as it appears to be.

After going through the Bill minutely, it is evidently found to be over-stringent, too sceptic and excessively punitive to the foreigners and immigrants. The reference to the CAA while placing the Bill in the legislature smacks of some ulterior motive of the arch communal BJP government which is now in servile servitude of the ruling capitalist class. Under the cloak of streamlining legal framework, what seems to be the objective is to specifically harass religious minorities, both *bona fide* Indian citizens as well as immigrants. Secondly, everyone talks of illegal immigrants. But what is fostering migration tragedy and asylum seeking? What is driving the hapless refugees irrespective of race, religion or ethnicity, away from their home and hearth, evicted them from their motherland? They are no victims of any natural calamity- flood, drought or volcanic eruption. Then why is this dislocation and migration? A quick glance at the bare facts would reveal that they being made to desert their homeland because of inability to eke

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## May Day

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permission to work for them. By their labour they create all wealth; yet all their lives long they have to struggle for a crust of bread, beg for work as for charity, sap their strength and health by back-breaking toil, and starve in hovels in the villages or in the cellars and garrets of the big cities.

But now these disinherited toilers have declared war on the moneybags and exploiters. The workers of all lands are fighting to free labour from wage slavery, from poverty and want. They are fighting for a system of society where the wealth created by the common labour will go to benefit, not a handful of rich men, but all those who work. They want to make the land and the factories, mills, and machines the common property of all toilers. They want to do away with the division into rich and poor, want the fruits of labour to go to the labourers themselves, and all the achievements of the human mind, all improvements in ways of working, to improve the lot of the man who works, and not serve as a means of oppressing him.

The great struggle of labour against capital has cost the workers of all countries immense sacrifices. They have shed rivers of blood in behalf of their right to a better life and real freedom. Those who fight for the workers' cause are subjected by the governments to untold persecution. But in spite of all persecution the solidarity of the workers of the world is growing and gaining in strength. The workers are uniting more and more closely in socialist parties, the supporters of those parties are mounting into millions and are advancing steadily, step by step, towards complete victory over the class of capitalist exploiters.

The Russian proletariat, too, has awakened to a new life. It too has joined this great struggle. Gone are the days when our worker slaved submissively, seeing no escape from his state of bondage, no glimmer of light in his bitter life. Socialism has shown him the way out, and thousands upon thousands of fighters have thronged to the red banner, as to a guiding star. Strikes have shown the workers the power of unity, have taught them to fight back, have shown how formidable to capital organized labour can be. The workers have seen that it is off their labour that the capitalists and the government live and get fat. The workers have been fired with the spirit of united struggle, with the aspiration for freedom and for

socialism. The workers have realized what a dark and evil force the Tsarist autocracy is. The workers need freedom for their struggle, but the Tsarist government binds them hand and foot. The workers need freedom of assembly, freedom to organize, freedom for newspapers and books, but the Tsarist government crushes, with knout, prison and bayonet, every striving for freedom. The cry "Down with the autocracy!" has swept through the length and breadth of Russia, it has been sounded more and more often in the streets, at great mass meetings of the workers. Last summer tens of thousands of workers throughout the South of Russia rose up to fight for a better life, for freedom from police tyranny. The bourgeoisie and government trembled at the sight of the formidable army of workers, which at one stroke brought to a standstill the entire industrial life of huge cities. Dozens of fighters for the workers' cause fell beneath the bullets of the troops that tsarism sent against the internal enemy.

But there is no force that can vanquish this internal enemy, for the ruling classes and the government only live by its labour. There is no force on earth that could break the millions of workers, who are growing more and more class-conscious, more and more united and organized. Every defeat the workers sustain brings new fighters into the ranks, it awakens broader masses to new life and makes them prepare for fresh struggles.

And the events Russia is now passing through are such that this awakening of the worker masses is bound to be even more rapid and widespread, and we must strain every nerve to unite the ranks of the proletariat and prepare it for even more determined struggle. The war is making even the most backward sections of the proletariat take an interest in political affairs and problems. The war is showing up ever more clearly and vividly the utter rottenness of the autocratic order, the utter criminality of the police and court gang that is ruling Russia. Our people are perishing from want and starvation at home- yet they have been dragged into a ruinous and senseless war for alien territories lying thousands of miles away and inhabited by foreign races. Our people are ground down in political slavery- yet they have been dragged into a war for the enslavement of other peoples. Our people demand a change of political order at home- but it is sought to divert their attention by the thunder

of guns at the other end of the world. But the Tsarist government has gone too far in its gamble, in its criminal squandering of the nation's wealth and young manhood, sent to die on the shores of the Pacific. Every war puts a strain on the people, and the difficult war against cultured and free Japan is a frightful strain upon Russia. And this strain comes at a time when the structure of police despotism has already begun to totter under the blows of the awakening proletariat. The war is laying bare all the weak spots of the government, the war is tearing off all false disguises, the war is revealing all the inner rottenness; the war is making the preposterousness of the Tsarist autocracy obvious to all and is showing everyone the death-agony of the old Russia, the Russia where the people are disfranchised, ignorant and cowed, the Russia that is still in serf bondage to the police government.

The old Russia is dying. A free Russia is coming to take its place. The dark forces that guarded the Tsarist autocracy are going under. But only the class-conscious and organized proletariat can deal them

their death-blow. Only the class-conscious and organized proletariat can win real, not sham, freedom for the people. Only the class-conscious and organized proletariat can thwart every attempt to deceive the people, to curtail their rights, to make them a mere tool in the hands of the bourgeoisie.

Comrade workers! Let us then prepare with redoubled energy for the decisive battle that is at hand! Let the ranks of the Social-Democrat proletarians close ever firmer! Let their word spread ever farther afield! Let campaigning for the workers' demands be carried on ever more boldly! Let the celebration of May Day win thousands of new fighters to our cause and swell our forces in the great struggle for the freedom of all the people, for the liberation of all who toil from the yoke of capital!

**Long live the  
eight-hour day!**

**Long live international  
revolutionary  
Social-Democracy!**

**Down with the criminal and  
plundering Tsarist autocracy!**  
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capitalist class desires to thrive without resistance. Earlier, saints used to preach religion. Now starting from the Prime Minister, all bourgeois leaders irrespective of hues have become avoid preachers of religion. They patronize religious festivals as investments for election.

Comrade Provash Ghosh then referred to the brutal murder of Abhaya who came to know about rampant corruption in the healthcare system. This ghastly murder moved the common people so deeply that an unprecedented mass upsurge demanding justice had occurred. But justice still is eluding. He then talked of raging corruption in the arena of education in West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and other states. Decadent moribund capitalism and its servitors are all mired in neck-deep corruption. Inequality is growing. Only 10 percent of the entire population is the owner of 77 percent wealth of the country. On the other hand, the poorest 67% owns only one percent of the country's wealth. Exploitation of workers, peasants and other sections of the toiling masses is mounting.

Comrade Provash Ghosh said, the world capitalist economy is in the doldrums. The economy of rich capitalist countries like the USA

cannot survive without constant war to sustain militarization of economy. He painfully referred that no effective protest movement surged forth in the world particularly in the Arab world against continuing genocide perpetrated by Zionist Israel backed by US imperialism in Palestine. Because of the sad absence of the mighty socialist camp, it is the happy hunting ground for the imperialists to loot people in every country unabated.

Comrade Ghosh said, to change this predicament the need is to struggle to achieve anti-capitalist socialist revolution. People are to develop mighty movements conducive to revolution by developing people's struggle committees. Comrade Provash Ghosh made fervent appeal to save the children and teenagers from the vices this rotting society is generating. He emphasized that courage to fight against injustice imparts human quality and essence. It confers firmness of a character. Comrade Provash Ghosh ended his address by appealing to the masses to understand politics, judge who is right and who is wrong so that they are not repeatedly deceived by the vote-merchants and parties subservient to ruling capitalism. The meeting ended with rendition of the *Internationale*.

The full speech of Comrade Provash Ghosh will be published later.

# Flood of spurious medicines and skyrocketing of drug prices menacingly imperiling healthcare in India

India is now known as the largest global market for adulterated and substandard medicines. But why is this so? Is it merely due to a lack of government will, or is it the result of a deeper, collusive relationship between the government, administration, and the pharmaceutical mafia? This question needs serious contemplation. Deaths due to the toxic effects of adulterated medicines are increasingly common.

## Recent incidents

Recently, at Medinipur Medical College, in West Bengal, the death of a pregnant woman occurred due to the toxic effects of Ringer's Lactate saline produced by a Paschim Banga pharmaceutical company. The blame was pinned on the doctors, and about a dozen of them were suspended. Yet, the pharmaceutical company in question was not even summoned for questioning, let alone punished. Only after intense protests by social organizations like the Medical Service Centre, Service Doctors' Forum, and the 'Haspatal O Jana Swasthya Raksa Sangathan', the TMC-led state government was compelled to ban the medicines of the tainted company. However, shortly afterward, the same adulterated medicine was cleared by a state laboratory, how and why remaining unanswered. Before the dust even settled, the Central Laboratory reported that samples of the same Ringer's Lactate had failed quality tests.

It's important to note that in February-March 2024, the Karnataka government had already banned the same product due to a similar incident involving a maternal death. They even warned the West Bengal government. Still, these adulterated medicines continued to be widely used in the state. It also came to notice that expired medicines were recycled in the market by changing the expiry dates. As a result, the market is flooded with fake and substandard drugs, leaving the patients to suffer the consequences. Such incidents are galore across hospitals. Though deaths do not occur always, the adverse effects are often severe. Many substandard medicines contain less than the required amount of active ingredients or are made with inferior materials, rendering them ineffective. In the case of antibiotics, subtherapeutic doses are contributing to the rise of antibiotic resistance—a phenomenon having catastrophic effect on public health.

## Pharma companies knowingly adulterating drugs

What prompts the guilty pharmaceutical companies to produce and distribute such spurious medicines knowing fully well that it is tantamount to playing with the lives of the patients? Are they unaware of

the effects or the consequences? These companies, both in public and private sectors, are stated to have experts who are supposed to oversee quality control. The Research and Development departments are also expected to ensure proper composition of as well as raw materials required for manufacturing the drugs. It means that under instruction of the owners, they have simply okayed the medicines knowing fully well that those are substandard or adulterated.

## Flawed infrastructure and surveillance system

Even there are flaws in the infrastructure and surveillance mechanism.

**First:** almost no state in India has adequate laboratories to test drug quality. The few existing labs lack trained technicians and use outdated equipment. These labs can measure only basic parameters, often missing bacterial or chemical adulterants. Moreover, test reports often take 6-12 months to arrive. According to regulations, no drug should be used before the positive test report is received. However, in many government hospitals, drugs are used well before arrival of test results. If a drug is later found to have failed the quality test, the harm is caused to the patients who have been administered such medicines.

**Secondly:** expired medicines are supposed to be returned to the manufacturers within 90 days. In most cases, these drugs are instead funnelled into the black market, recycled with new packaging, and circulated.

**Thirdly:** in India, due to imposition of GST on drugs, states now often procure cheaper drugs from unknown manufacturers of neighbouring states. These drugs are poorly regulated and are often recycled from expired stuff. Even packaging is changed to hide the offence.

**Fourthly:** in a recent surprise visit by the Central Drug Control Office, adulterated and counterfeit drugs—some mixed with branded medicines—were found in several wholesale markets of West Bengal. This is an alarming trend. If fake drugs are passed off as under a reputed brand, it becomes nearly impossible to detect the fraud. Thus, the drug market in West Bengal and other states are flooded with fake and substandard medicines, causing grave harm to the patients and often the blame for non-recovery or fatality is put on the doctors.

## Mole in the system

It is pertinent to recall that in the brutal murder and rape of a young female doctor at RG Kar Medical College, Kolkata eight months ago,

that stirred the nation, the then college principal is alleged to have been involved in recycling expired government-supplied drugs, including life-saving antibiotics and saline. There is every reason to believe that the brutally killed doctor might have come to know about this malpractice run by a racket allegedly led by the principal and paid with her life. The case is still under investigation, and justice is yet to be served. Nevertheless, this illegal drug trade continues unabated across the state and the country.

Perhaps the most chilling reason behind this widespread racket lies in the revelation made by the Election Commission on 14 and 21 March, 2024, ahead of the 18th Lok Sabha elections. According to their disclosures, 35 pharmaceutical companies donated nearly Rs 20,000 crores to various vote-based political parties—the BJP, Trinamool Congress, Congress, and others—through electoral bonds. Of these, seven major companies had their drugs failing in the quality tests before they purchased the bonds. And yet, as if by magic, the impure drugs manufactured by them continued to be sold in the market. We are also witnessing an alarming trend where a drug which fails quality check in one laboratory of a state is eliciting approval from another laboratory against payment of hefty sum. But no action is taken against such laboratories which are passing adulterated medicines as uncontaminated.

## Unscrupulous nexus ruling the roost

In fact, a nexus of unscrupulous pharma companies producing spurious stuff, wholesalers and distributors involved in such a criminal act has been unearthed. But it is not clear if any proper punitive action is taken against them. It is a matter of shame that in terms of drug and baby food adulteration, India possibly holds the worst record in the world. One-third of the world's spurious medicines are stated to be originating from India, and the number is increasing with every passing day. It goes without saying that such a roaring trade cannot take place unless the governments—both state and central—are either passive onlookers or knowingly indulgent to such a crime.

## Deregulation of pricing

Until the 1960s, drug prices in India were strictly regulated. National pharmaceutical companies like Bengal Chemicals, Bengal Pharmaceuticals, IDPL, Hindustan Antibiotics, and Bengal Immunity produced high-quality

medicines at affordable prices. In other words, some check and balance system was in vogue and medical ethics was followed by the pharmaceutical companies. But once Indian economy began pursuing the prescriptions of globalization-liberalization-privatization, doctrine of global imperialism-capitalism in the unipolar world, especially after the 1995 National Herbal Policy, these national industries were deliberately weakened and shut down. Today, except for a barely-functioning Bengal Chemicals, all other public drug manufacturers have been closed. With globalization of Indian economy, foreign pharmaceutical companies entered the Indian market through 100% FDI in the then Congress regime. This had a direct impact on the 2002 National Pharmaceutical Pricing Policy prescribed that the span of price control over drugs and pharmaceuticals would be reduced substantially meaning the decision to decide drug prices will be mostly by the pharma companies themselves. All major pharma companies are now owned by multi-nationals whose sole objective is to maximize profit either by raising prices or compromising with quality and side effects. Naturally, the drug companies continued to hike prices year after year. In 2014, just before his US tour, Prime Minister Narendra Modi amended the Drug Price Control Order (DPCO) 2013, removing 108 essential drugs from price control, including medicines for heart disease, diabetes, cancer, critical antibiotics, and life-saving drugs. This process of

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deregulation of has been continuing. In 2024, price controls were completely removed by the BJP government, allowing companies to

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**Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), paying Red Salute to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, Founder of the SUCI (C) and an outstanding Marxist thinker of the era, at Shibpur Party Centre, on 24 April on the occasion of 78th Party Foundation Day**



**Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya, veteran Polit Bureau member, offering revolutionary tribute to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh on 24 April at Salt Lake Centre, Kolkata**

### Spurious drugs

## Recycling of expired medicines galore

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set their own prices as per their whims. As a result, drug prices started skyrocketing. Moreover, the government hospitals are supplying only about 16% of the required medicines, forcing patients to buy the rest from the open market at exorbitant price. As a result, people are being pushed into financial ruin. Statistics show that 70-80% of total healthcare costs in India are due to medicines. To meet these expenses, 40% of patients' families experience catastrophic financial shocks, and 25% fall from above-poverty-line (APL) to below-poverty-line (BPL) category.

### Pharma companies are having a heyday

Noteworthy is the fact that when most of the basic industries and manufacturing sector are facing increasing recession due to absence of market propelled by declining income of the buyers, it is a heyday for the pharma companies since medicines fall under the 'must buy' category. The pharmaceutical industry, under government patronage, have been reaping profits to the tune of whopping 300% to even 3000% on production costs. In 2025, the central government permitted drug companies to raise the prices of 748 drugs by nearly 2% through the Drug Pricing Authority. In 2022 and 2023, prices were increased by 10% and 12%, respectively. The prices of 8 life-saving drugs were hiked by 50% in October '24.

Alongside, unethical companies are minting sky-high profits by mixing adulterants and lowering quality of the drugs. Though they are

in crucial healthcare segment, human life and morality do not matter to them. For them, what matters is maximization of profit, anyhow and by any means-no matter if it kills or inflicts permanent disability on common people. And the government which is subservient to the class interest of the profit-monger ruling bourgeoisie acquiesces in the move because capitalism, in its present decadent moribund stage has become so reactionary and inhuman that it cares least about people's life in its hunt for maximizing profit.

### Drug mafias must be thwarted

Time has come for the conscious people along with ethical medical fraternity to join hands and build up a powerful joint healthcare movement in the country raising the following demands to the government with a view to be freed from the deadly grip of drug mafias.

1. Follow the Hathi Committee's recommendation and stop producing branded medicines. All essential and life-saving drugs must be brought under price control.
2. Revive national pharmaceutical industries, and manufacture most essential and life-saving medicines in government-owned enterprises.
3. Set a cap on profit margins for pharmaceutical companies to prevent excessive profiteering.
4. Ensure uninterrupted supply of essential and life-saving medicines directly through hospitals and health centers.
5. Strengthen drug quality control infrastructure by creating adequate facilities and recruiting qualified manpower.

**Demonstration in Agartala, Tripura, against hike of LPG price**



## SUCI(C) strongly protests banishment of Mughal Period from NCERT syllabus

**Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), has issued the statement on 29.4.25:**

We vehemently condemn the highly motivated decision of the NCERT to remove all references to the Mughals and Delhi Sultanate and add, instead, a chapter on dynasties that reflect so called Hindutva-ordained 'Indian ethos', references to the Maha Kumbh and flagship union government initiatives, and included two 'Jyotirlingas', the 'Char Dham yatra' and the 'Shakti Pithas' linked with Hindutva doctrine as "sacred geography" has been included in a clear move to saffronize education. Also, though Mughal emperor Babar has been branded as an invader, such has not been said about the British aggressors.

History is history and above one's likes and dislikes. Can anybody delete the period of British rule from Indian History? History is enshrined in the chapters of social development as indelible truth and just cannot be erased at the whims of any ruler. Depriving students of being acquainted with historical facts and instead injecting in them distorted concocted versions of history is not only a step to brainwash them with slanted stuff but also to serve the crass communal Hindutva agenda of the ruling dispensation.

We call upon all education-loving people of the country to rise in strong protest against such vile game of using academics as a tool to buttress heinous political agenda of the ruling bourgeoisie and its servile servitors and protect the interest of the students.

### Immigration Bill

## Courtesy of showing hospitality to foreigners banished

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out a bare living because of imperialist-capitalist oppression and repression, no matter which part of the world they belong to. Their plight is further exacerbated because of escalating tension, fear psychosis of anytime inflaming of sectarian, ethnic, national and religious clashes perpetrated by the ruling class and its lackeys in a bid to scuttle possibility of united resistance of the people against these imperialist-capitalist machinations and murderous acts.

We are reminded of the immortal lines of the famous poem 'Africa' by Rabindranath Tagore:  
*"Barbaric greed of civilization stood denuded in unashamed cruelty*

*Your wordless cries in mist stricken forests,*

*Muddied your dust mingled with blood and tears,*

*Trampled with spiked boots of demonic feet lumps of gruesome clay*

*Left eternal marks on your insulted history."*

Insane inhuman frenzied maniacs created by the ruling bourgeoisie are on a rampage, killing people with elan or forcing them to be displaced not only from their place of dwelling but even from their own countries.

It is in this perspective, that we need to view the new Immigration

and Foreigners Bill tabled in India. As we have been seeing, the BJP government under the mandate of the ruling Indian monopolists and multi-nationals, is also perpetrating and sustaining a fear psychosis, fraternal bloodbath, hatred among communities based on either religious or casteist-ethnic belongings. Often, tirades against the religious minorities are raised on this or that issue—NRC, or Babri Masjid, or Waqf Act amendment or Aurangzeb's grave or cow vigilantism and so forth. Who knows whether this proposed Bill if enacted, would be conveniently abused to buttress this heinous design. Under the garb of protecting national security, sovereignty, prosperity of business etc., a yet more hideous ploy might be in the process of being woven covertly. So is our caution: this Bill could well be a part of the governing principles of the fascist autocratic rule foisted on the country. Our appeal to the toiling masses is to remain vigilant and never take any promise or mellifluous words of the ruling dispensation at face value. And in order to foil such noxious conspiracies, oppressed people of the country need to build up mighty united organized sustained mass movement on the burning problems of life. Only pressure of such movement can compel the bourgeois government to be restrained in bringing draconian or questionable laws.

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