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R G Kar Hospital rape and murder facts and glimmer of hopes

The brutal rape and murder of a female doctor (PGT) inside the building that houses the emergency department (where patients come and go 24 hours a day) of R G Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata on 8 August night and the over-activism on the part of the College authorities particularly the then principal Dr Sandeep Ghosh (now suspended), his nexus members and the police to hush up all evidences to shield the culprits have awakened the conscience of everyone not only in this state but throughout the country, even overseas.

The incident

The crime scene was on the fourth floor, where indoor and emergency services for chest medicine are located, and there is constant movement of patients. There were three other junior

doctors, several nursing staff, Group D employees, and attendants working there, along with hospitalized patients. Adjacent to the crime scene were the doctors' room and the seminar room. The victim doctor stated to be very amiable, diligent and caring, had been on duty for 36 consecutive hours, to be exact, forced to work for such long hours

by the authorities. On that night, she had dinner around midnight with three male junior doctors. According to reports, she went to rest around 3 a.m. Her half-naked, mutilated body was discovered in the seminar room around 9 am the next morning. The college principal, Dr. Sandeep Ghosh, who is alleged to have long been running various illegal

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Protest rally against R G Kar Hospital gang rape and murder incident by doctors, nurses, paramedics, health activists, in Kolkata on 7 September

SUCI(C) on Supreme Court decision of 9 September on R G Kar Hospital crime

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary of SUCI(C) issued the following statement on 09-09-24:

"Junior doctors' movement demanding justice for R G Kar Medical College victim is most legitimate, which got active wide support from the people of our country and abroad as well. Supreme Court's decision is, therefore, disappointing as much expected justice is delayed and whether it will be totally denied will be revealed only in future. Meanwhile, the only course to achieve demands is to intensify movements in various forms."

In order to free the country from all out crisis, it is imperative to understand revolutionary politics

Comrade Provash Ghosh at 5 August meeting

[This is the first instalment of the speech delivered by Comrade Provash Ghosh, our beloved General Secretary, at the public meeting held in Kolkata on 5 August, the 48th Memorial Day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat. Responsibility of translation error and inadequacy of expression, if any, lies with the Editorial Board of Proletarian Era]

Last year, we had observed the birth centenary of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat, Founder General Secretary of our Party, an outstanding Marxist thinker of the era and our leader, teacher and guide, on this very day at Brigade Parade Ground in the presence of lakhs of people. 5 August is both

his birth and death anniversaries. Today, on his 48th Memorial Day, we have assembled here to recall some of his valuable teachings so as to determine our duties and responsibilities in the days to come.

Degeneration of parliamentary democracy

You have seen how the recently concluded parliamentary election was conducted. You also

know the result. First of all, I want to read out what Comrade Shibdas Ghosh said about bourgeois vote politics. He said: "Election is a bourgeois politics. If the people are bereft of political consciousness and conscious organization, the industrialists, big business and the reactionaries raise such a hue and cry, create such an environment by spending huge money that the common people are swayed away like a thatched grass." You have noticed that such did happen in the last parliamentary election also. This election has shown to what low bourgeois parliamentary election has stooped to, what a rotten uncouth character it has assumed. Who would be saddled in power in Delhi, who would grab how many seats by hook or by crook-there was a tussle over that. Nothing else was in consideration of the vote-seeking bourgeois and petty bourgeois parties. Instead of any political debate, they were involved only in mud singling and hurling invectives in vulgar language at each other. The ugliness of their behaviour during electioneering proved how degenerated bourgeois

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5 August 2024, Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), addressing the mass meeting in Kolkata, on the 48th Memorial Day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat

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Government-administration trying to hide the criminals by tampering evidence

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syndicates and various rackets, manipulating results to have his lackeys pass examinations without attending classes and sitting in the examinations, had, instead of taking necessary action forthwith, first questioned why had she gone to the seminar room alone so late at night. The assistant superintendent on duty called the victim's family and informed that their daughter was unwell. So they should come quickly to the hospital. Shortly after that, she again called them to say that she was seriously ill and was being taken to the emergency department. Later, the police called to tell her family that her condition was critical. Finally, the assistant superintendent informed the parents of the victim that their daughter had committed suicide. Evidently, these multiple versions of the authorities raised question whether they were covering up something.

In fact, they attempted to pass it off as a suicide and hurried to conduct a superficial post-mortem through their loyal forensic experts and cremate the body quickly. Meanwhile, the college authorities, with the active cooperation of the police, and under pretext of repair and renovation, demolished a significant part of the crime scene. But the protesting junior doctors compelled the authorities to stall the 'mysterious' renovation work. Then a large police force surrounded the hospital, preventing anyone, including the victim's parents, from entering. It was later revealed that several outsiders, including some pro-government medical leaders, had been present at the crime scene since the morning. Even her parents were made to wait for hours to have a glimpse of the dead body. Under pressure from the protesting doctors and nurses, the police agreed to conduct a post-mortem in the presence of a magistrate and with video recording.

However, after the post-mortem, the police, accompanied by a large force and the Rapid Action Force (RAF), hastily took the body to the crematorium. Even there, the body was cremated without the consent of the victim's parents. The father of the victim alleged that the Kolkata Police hurried the cremation process. Astonishingly, a ruling TMC leader from Panihati region had signed in the cremation certificate. The whole episode was fishy and smacked of a concerted effort to cover up a horrid crime.

Protests surged forth in no time

As the news of this brutal murder spread, medical associations like the Medical Service Center and Service Doctors' Forum, along with the junior doctors and medical students at the hospital, burst out in protests. For long, they have been protesting against gross mismanagement, absence of necessary infrastructure and safety measures, large scale corruption, open nepotism and domination of a powerful lobby have been behind the rapid deterioration of the government healthcare system in the state. This nauseous incident bore proof about the correctness of their allegations.

Eventually, this sparked further outrage. Junior doctors across the state began demanding justice and went on strike. Many senior doctors, nurses, health workers, and medical students joined the movement. Ordinary citizens, driven by their conscience, also started participating in large numbers. Kolkata once again became a city of processions, a city of rising up against injustice. And in no time, the movement spread across the country.

However, on the night of 14 August, while people across the state were holding night protests with the slogan "Reclaim the Night", hundreds of armed miscreants, backed by the ruling party, entered the R.G. Kar Medical College and vandalized the emergency department. They dismantled the protesters' stage and warned the junior doctors and nurses of dire consequences in case anyone opened their mouth. Their intention was to destroy the crime scene, but they mistakenly demolished the fifth floor instead of the fourth floor. All of this happened in the presence of the Police Commissioner of Kolkata, a large police force, and the RAF.

Government's attempt to tamper with evidence

The government's attempt to destroy evidence and suppress the movement through threat and intimidation only backfired. The movement intensified, leading to the formation of the 'West Bengal Junior Doctors' Front' to lead it. To quell public anger, the police arrested a notorious criminal, tried to frame him as the guilty. This man, Sanjay Roy, was actually a civic volunteer and a close associate of Dr. Sandeep Ghosh, the then-principal. He also had blessings of a local police officer. Roy was involved in shady dealings at the hospital, accepting large sums of money to get patients admitted and to provide medical care. He was also

alleged to have been a part of the racket trading illegally in hospital wastes.

Questions obviously arose as to how could a single person inflict such grievous injuries to the victim, as described in the inquest report. The report mentioned severe injuries in 18 places on the body, including a fractured ankle joint, broken hyoid bone and thyroid cartilage, bleeding from the eyes, bleeding from vagina—clear evidence of gang-rape and then strangulation to death. It cannot be the handiwork of one person. So there has been no taker to the theory that Sanjay was the lone perpetrator of the crime.

Moreover, it has come to light that even post-mortem was done after 4 PM overruling the stipulations in the medical directory though there is enough infrastructure for preserving dead bodies. Even the mortuary assistant was changed and someone close to the notorious 'coterie' was brought. Even there are contradictory versions about the dress of the victim. While one report says there was no cloth in the lower part of the body, another says the upper part was bare. It is also reported that a mobile phone was found under the carpet of the crime spot.

Customary gimmicks of the government

As public outrage continued to grow, the state chief minister and the TMC supremo suddenly became vocal for hanging of the arrested individual. Abhishek Banerjee, the second-in-command of the ruling TMC, advocated for an encounter killing. This raised further suspicions that the government was trying to suppress evidence and was not in favour of a detailed investigation to unearth the truth. If the arrested man was killed, it would put a lid on the investigation and others who are suspected to have been involved in this horrific crime and who supported them would escape unscathed. But this trickery did not work and protesting junior doctors, nurses, paramedics and common people including professionals from various walks of life stood firm on the demand for a proper and thorough investigation.

As a result, the movement is gaining momentum, raising questions about the role of the police and administration. Discussions are now surfacing about the possible reasons behind such a grave incident. Was this merely a case of rape and murder and then remove all evidences, or it was well-planned crime with many more 'powerful' figures

Comrade Kunal Biswas passes away

Comrade Kunal Biswas, former member of West Bengal State Committee, passed away on 4 August last at Calcutta Heart Clinic and Hospital after prolonged illness. He was 75. He was initiated into the Party in late 1960s and performed very important role in developing various important students' movement, movement against transport fare rise and education movement. He also played a very important role under instruction of the West Bengal State Committee in building up the electricity consumers' movement. He was very amiable and a very able organizer. In his demise, the Party lost a valuable comrade.



Red Salute Comrade Kunal Biswas

involved in hatching the conspiracy? Is it that the victim had come to know about the raging corruption, scandals and other thriving illicit activities and hence was the need to gag her voice for good?

Rampant corruption and crime plaguing state healthcare system

As we mentioned above, various corruptions within the health department are already coming to light. Syndicate rule dominates not only at R.G. Kar Medical College but in the entire health department. One of the key figures of this racket is Dr. Sandeep Ghosh, along with a handful of junior doctors closely connected with the ruling party like Dr. Avik De, currently a PGT at SSKM Hospital; Dr. Birupaksha Biswas, a Senior Resident at Burdwan Medical College; Dr. Mustafizur Rahman Mallick, House Staff at Midnapur Medical College; Dr. Sushanta Roy, Vice President of the West Bengal Medical Council; and Dr. Shyampada Das, the personal doctor of the chief minister, are among others. This nexus is commonly referred to as the infamous 'North Bengal lobby'.

This syndicate has been corrupting the healthcare sector for years, demanding huge sums of money from MBBS students to pass or receive honors degrees, sometimes extorting as much as five to seven lakh rupees from each student. Professors were also pressurized to fail genuine and even studious students unless they fattened the purse of the 'lobby'. On the other hand, the students currying favour with the 'lobby' either because of giving bribes or being instrumental in operationalizing various 'projects' of the syndicates run by the 'lobby', were not needed to sit for the examination or

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Glimpses of invaluable teachings and exemplary life struggle of Great Mao Zedong

[In the last issue Proletarian Era dated 1 September 2024, we had published the first instalment of this article. Here is the second and final instalment.]

Revolution can break out only when both subjective and objective conditions are fulfilled

Marxist-Leninists know that success of revolution depends on fulfilment of essential pre-conditions, both subjective and objective. As a result of the continuous onslaughts of an exploitative class rule, the suffering of the people spirals,

uprising, armed struggle and in a specific situation, it is imperative to mobilize widespread and popular mass support in favour of revolution. The revolutionary party of the proletariat as the vanguard of the revolutionary proletariat class, no doubt, spearheads the proletarian revolutionary struggle but the party members and the activists constitute

from the malady of revolutionary impetuosity. They will not take pains to do minute and detailed work among the masses, but riddled with the illusions, want only to do big thing. This is remnant of Putschism (i.e., relying on a small section of masses and attempting to series of local uprisings.) (SW. Vol. II, p-107)

Hence, based on the teachings of Great Lenin and Mao Zedong, it needs to be understood that proletarian revolutionaries do not need to terrorize people to ram home political advantage or scare them to join revolutionary struggle. They possess invincible weapon of Marxism-Leninism to win over people to the side of revolution. While organizing the people on the platform of legitimate democratic movement to press for burning demands of life, the communist revolutionaries, through sustained, painstaking philosophical-ideological struggle, raise their political consciousness to rouse them on the basis of the appeal of the noble ideology.

Historic Cultural Revolution

In order to comprehend the immense significance of the historic Cultural Revolution of China, it is needed to first take into cognizance the then world political situation. Usurpation of power by modern revisionists led by Khrushchev after death of Stalin in 1953 and marked revisionist-reformist deviation among leadership of many other communist parties, the revolutionary working class movement which received a tremendous boost after victory of Soviet Union over fascist axis and one third of the world turning socialist, received a jolt. Although CPC leadership at the outset joined others in hailing the declaration of Khrushchev leadership in the 20th Congress of CPSU, Mao Zedong, though a bit late, understood the perniciousness of the step to malign Stalin and said: "As for the sword of Lenin, hasn't it too been discarded to a certain extent by some Soviet leaders? In my view, it has been discarded to a considerable extent....Now you have abandoned Stalin and practically all of Lenin as well, with Lenin's feet gone..First, we protect Stalin..." (Speech at the second plenary session of the eighth central committee of the CPC) Stalin gave a call in the 19th Congress of CPSU for releasing an

intense and all-out ideological struggle, involving the entire party from the lowest level with the aim of completely wiping out the evil tendencies and influences of bourgeois ideology and anti-communist groups. But, before he could roll out concrete steps in this regard, he passed away and the counter-revolutionaries taking advantage of the lowered ideological standard of the leaders, workers and cadres of different categories of the party usurped power and the process of reversal ensued. Warning about establishment of capitalism if revisionist line is pursued, overtly or covertly, Mao said "...do classes exist in socialist countries? Does class struggle exist? We can now affirm that classes do exist in socialist countries and that class struggle undoubtedly exists. Lenin said: 'After the victory of the revolution, because of the existence of the bourgeoisie internationally, because of the existence of bourgeois remnants internationally, because the petty-bourgeoisie exists and continually generates a bourgeoisie, therefore the classes which have been overthrown within the country will continue to exist for a long time to come and may even attempt restoration. ...Old cadres must also study these problems and be educated. Otherwise a country like ours can still move towards its opposite. Even to move towards its opposite would not matter too much because there would still be the negation of the negation, and afterwards we might move towards our opposite again. If our children's generation go in for revisionism and move towards their opposite, so that although they still nominally have socialism, it is in fact capitalism'" (Speech in 1962)

Mao was deeply concerned at the way the Khrushchevite leadership shelved the decision of the 19th Congress of CPSU to elevate ideological-cultural standard and instead adopted a whole complement of retrograde measures in the economic, political and cultural fields led to an accelerating downhill slide, the USSR landing in total disaster. Mao correctly noticed that modern revisionism was sneaking not only into the CPC but even among some of its front-ranking leaders. These leaders including front-ranking leaders like Liu Shaoqi and Deng Xiaoping were also undermining dictatorship of the proletariat as well as need of intensifying class struggle in socialism. Refuting the proposals of the capitalist-roaders about stressing

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Tribute to Great Mao Zedong

Comrade Provash Ghosh offering Red salute at Shibpur Party Centre. 9 September



poverty, deprivation, unemployment, destitution, misery soar sky-high. All these coupled with the endemic crisis of the prevailing economic system and the concomitant instability automatically create favourable objective condition. But mere creation of favourable objective condition does not, ipso facto, make a revolution successful. Subjective condition, too, has to be fulfilled and both must coincide. Ripening of subjective condition presupposes adequate preparation and favourable disposition on the part of the toiling people at large to hasten the process of revolutionary transformation of the society.

And only a correct revolutionary party built up in the process of Leninist principles and armed with correct revolutionary theory covering all aspects of life can raise the political consciousness of the people to this level and impel the vast masses on to the path of revolution by unleashing an all-encompassing socialist movement, organizing the people through painstaking ideological struggle, steeling them in mass and class struggles and decisively enlisting their support in favour of revolution. So, emergence of a correct revolutionary party with a correct revolutionary theory covering every aspect of life is an essential pre-requisite for maturing the subjective condition.

So, before going in for a direct

only a small section of the toiling masses. They themselves cannot bring about revolution unless the larger sections of the toiling people rally behind revolution. That is why Lenin said, "Victory cannot be won with the vanguard alone. To throw the vanguard alone in the decisive battle, before the whole class, before the broad masses have taken up a position either of direct support of the vanguard, or at least of benevolent neutrality towards it, and one in which they cannot possibly support the enemy, would be not merely folly but a crime. For this, the masses must have their own political experience." (Left Wing Communism an Infantile Disorder) Mao Zedong also observed that a revolution does not take place just because a party decides to have it. A revolution comes about only when tens of millions of people decide that it is of no use in going on living as before. To quote his words: "Communists must always go into the whys and wherefors of anything, use their own heads and carefully think over whether or not it corresponds to reality and it is really well-founded; on no account should they follow blindly and encourage slavishness." ("Rectify the Party's Style of Work" SW Vol. III) He also warned: "Some comrades, disregarding the subjective and objective conditions, suffered

Comrade Mao Zedong

Proletarian revolutionaries do not terrorize people or scare them to join revolutionary struggle

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on market economy and anyhow increase production, Mao gave the slogan "Politics in Command" during Cultural Revolution meaning that all programmes and policies in socialism including economic policies to increase production have to be formulated in keeping with Marxist policy and directives under dictatorship of the proletariat. Any deviation from that would inevitably imperil socialism.

Mao correctly apprehended that unless such revisionist trends, tendencies and deviations in thought, approach and practice were defeated through an intense ideological-cultural movement, it could not only set the stage where vices of all forms witnessed in capitalist societies could flood socialist China and pose a great danger to the CPC or the socialist system of China but endanger the entire world communist movement as well.

It is in this backdrop that Mao took the decision to launch the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution. Programme of Cultural Revolution was purported to release this all-important ideological-cultural struggle along with struggle for rectification on a gigantic scale involving not only the CPC and its leadership but the entire masses of the people. Since revisionist deviation was noticed in a big way among some of the front-ranking leaders of the CPC, Mao wanted that one and all including the leadership should be subjected to fierce criticism so that they could in the dialectical process of criticism and self-criticism, rectify themselves. In September, 1965, at a meeting of the standing committee of the Polit Bureau, Mao forewarned saying "What are you going to do if revisionism appears in Central Committee? This is highly likely. This is the greatest danger." So was his call, "Bombard the Headquarters." In an editorial on 6 January 1967, Renmin Ribao (Peoples' Daily), the organ of the CPC, wrote: "The Proletarian Cultural Revolution is aimed not only at demolishing all the old ideology and culture and all the old customs and habits, which, fostered by the exploiting classes, have poisoned the minds of the people for thousands of years, but also at creating and fostering among the masses an entirely new ideology and culture and entirely new customs and habits—those of the proletariat." When Mao launched this gigantic movement, he virtually had no prominent leader by his side. Having grown old and suffering from Parkinson disease, he even lost the power to speak properly. Yet, his unflinching commitment to revolution and firm determination to save Chinese socialism from deviation, he took this great risk. When almost no one in the world endorsed this move, it was Comrade Shibdas Ghosh who highly applauded Mao's initiative as magnificent.

Finally, the scale and momentum of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, the tremendous drive and momentum and boundless wisdom of the working people manifested in the movement far exceeded the imagination of the revisionist-reformist leaders like Liu Shaoqi and Deng Xiaoping whom Mao called capitalist-roaders and representatives of the bourgeoisie in

the party. Facts proved eloquently that Mao Zedong Thought became a colossal moral power once it took hold of the masses. As a result, the revisionist line pursued by Liu Shaoqi was defeated in 1969 and all revisionist-reformist leaders of the CPC Central Committee including Liu Shaoqi and Deng Xiaoping were ousted from the party. But Mao issued a warning to the communists of posterity saying that though "...struggles against the capitalist-roaders in the Party is the principal task, but not the object. The object is to solve the problem of world outlook and eradicate revisionism..." "The old Social Democrats in the past decades, and modern revisionists in the past dozen years or so ... have formed a group of anti-communist, anti-people, and counter-revolutionary elements against whom we are waging a life-and-death struggle. ...If world outlook is not reformed, then although 2,000 capitalist-roaders are removed in the current great Cultural Revolution, 4000 others may appear next time...The struggle between the two classes and two lines cannot be settled in one, two, three or four Cultural Revolutions...So, we must keep in mind the uprooting of revisionism and strengthen our capability to resist revisionism any time." (People's China) And then he said on 15 April, 1969 that "We have won a great victory. But the defeated class will continue to struggle..." (Selected Readings) These very words of Chairman Mao clearly bring to the fore what he envisaged when he spoke of unleashing such a gigantic Cultural Revolution.

Yet, in a tragic twist to history, in almost a repeat of what happened in post-Stalin Russia following take over by revisionist Khrushchevite clique, the ousted revisionist leaders led by Deng Xiaoping, who opposed Cultural Revolution, managed to stage a comeback and usurp power after demise of Mao Zedong and ushered in counter-revolutionary process to destroy socialism in China and ultimately turned it into an imperialist country. Thus, it was proved that Mao's apprehension was not unfounded.

Final words

It was Comrade Shibdas Ghosh who while hailing Great Cultural Revolution, also, as an ardent student of Marx-Engels-Lenin-Stalin- Mao Zedong, expressed concern about some of the basic theoretical questions in regard to the cause of emergence of and lethal attack by modern revisionism in socialism and redefining the

standard of a good communist in the backdrop of menacing rise of individualism, as well as the definite process of attaining the same, remained unresolved. He made it clear that "...when discussing about the Chinese Cultural Revolution, even while unstintingly praising it to be magnificent, I had referred to some serious shortcomings...But our party criticized the CPC from fraternal outlook with the object of strengthening Mao's correct leadership." (The Tenth Congress of the Communist Party of China, SW Vol. I) While applauding Mao's exhortation to genuine revolutionaries to learn to swim against the current, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh further said: "If the (Chinese) leadership cannot get over these weaknesses and shortcomings in conducting theoretical and ideological struggles, then the apprehension of the reappearance of the trend of revisionism in future, which they are attempting to weed out from social life, will remain" ... "and in absence of Mao Zedong and present leadership, revisionism may grow in the CPC and society in the very same way it grew in Soviet Union." (Cultural Revolution of China, SW Vol. I)

How prophetically true his words and forewarning have proved to be! If this analysis would have illumined the path and Mao Zedong Thought was supplemented by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought, what height could the class struggle in the realm of idea and culture attain and how decisive could have been the battle for dealing crushing blow to revisionism that Mao envisaged and tried to release through Cultural Revolution. Mao Zedong Thought and further developed Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Thought can provide the beacon in freeing communist movement from the grip of revisionism. We hope it would throw light upon a chapter of human history which the reactionaries of all shades frantically try to wipe out from the memories of the generation alive and yet to come.

Finally, recalling a great lesson from Mao Zedong: "It is not just a matter of understanding the general laws derived by Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin from their extensive study of real life and revolutionary experience, but of studying their standpoint and method in examining and solving problems." (The Role of the Chinese Communist Party in the National War, Selected Works, Vol. II, pp. 208-09) We earnestly believe that our tribute to great Mao Zedong, even if brief, will act as a counter move to the sinister efforts of the reactionaries-revisionists and will be an eye-opener to one and all progressive minded people of the world particularly the genuine communists. (Concluded)



Comrade Pratap Samal, Central Committee member and MP State Secretary addressing. Also addressed by Comrade Arun Singh, CC member (third from right)



Huge gathering in Bhopal, MP, on 29 August against crime against women, destructive education policy, privatization of power and water supply, etc.

R G Kar

Common people coming out in large number to the streets in protest

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even attend classes for passing out. Even mass copying in the examinations was facilitated against hefty payments. For MD/MS students, large amounts of money were taken to sign off their thesis papers. In the case of female doctors, some professors would sexually harass them by summoning them to their homes for thesis approvals. Moreover, various types of extortion were rampant at the college. Purchases worth crores of rupees were made without any tenders or quotations. Appointments, transfers, postings and promotion of the Medical College professors were also decided by that 'lobby' in exchange for lump sum payment with the state health department acting as an accomplice. Some doctors, due to family pressures, compromise with these health mafias, while others, who cannot meet their demands or refuse to compromise, face disruptions of their personal lives and are forced to work in distant areas for years.

Entire corrupt system was flourishing under the leadership of Dr. Sandeep Ghosh at R.G. Kar Medical College, and it was rapidly spreading

taken. The authorities often claimed their hands were tied due to instructions from 'higher-ups'.

Under pressure of protest of the junior doctors, senior doctors and enraged common people, Dr Sandeep Ghosh has now been arrested by the CBI. While this incident may be rare in the country, such corruptions are equally prevalent in other states. In Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Karnataka, and Kerala, no transfer is made without paying a fixed sum to health mafias. The same applies to appointments. Therefore, syndicate rule exists in other states as well.

Latest developments

Pertinent to recall that the Supreme Court had taken suo motu cognizance of the incident and directed the CBI who was entrusted with investigation of the case to find out the truth with due expediency. Though CBI in its initial report has confirmed complicity of Dr Sandeep Ghosh in all illegal and corrupt acts, it, in its hearing on 9 September, gave a week's time to CBI for furnishing further details thereby delaying the judicial procedure. Since one month has passed away and nothing tangible has happened in unravelling the truth behind the lady doctor's rape and



A People's Court in session seeking justice for R G Kar hospital victim

to other colleges. Dr Ghosh also is alleged to have been trafficking dead bodies, recycling expired medicines, encouraging necrophilia to feed porn-sites and even running a sex racket within the hospital. Culturally degraded junior doctors and medical students are handpicked by this syndicate. These individuals create a culture of threats in colleges and hospitals, bringing with them habits of drinking, drug addiction, and violent behavior. Wastes were being recycled illegally. Even the hostels are infiltrated, turning some of the brightest students into morally degraded individuals. Service Doctors' Forum repeatedly submitted deputations and protested to health authorities against this mafia raj reigning supreme. But no action was

murder, the supreme Court's decision has indeed disappointed the people at large. What is further, the Supreme Court bench headed by the Chief Justice directed the protesting junior doctors to resume duties by 10 September evening. But the doctors who found that justice has been still eluding them, have decided to continue their movement.

What is more despicable is that the state chief minister, just after the supreme court's directive, asked the fighting doctors and people to give up path of agitation. "If you stay on the roads every night, it will cause inconvenience for many people, especially the elders. There is a bar on using microphones after 10 p.m. which we have ignored so far. I will request all of you to get back to the

festival mood," she said. This exhortation has drawn scathing criticism from the protesting junior doctors and the broader section of the masses who are also spontaneously coming out in the streets in solidarity with the doctors. Even the lawyer defending the state government in the Supreme Court has alleged that 23 patients have died because of non-availability of treatment in the government hospitals as a result of the ceasework of the junior doctors. Refuting this allegation as false and malicious, the Junior doctors said that both emergency and out patient departments (OPDs) are open and they are also running Abhaya Clinics outside the hospitals. All senior doctors are attending OPDs. The junior doctors also challenged the claim of 23 deaths saying that they have enough evidence to prove the

in the states, to ameliorate any of their basic problems of life like price rise, unemployment, fragile healthcare system, crumbling of the very edifice of education as well as the rising crimes, atrocities against women, rampant corruption and overlordism of the ruling party-backed mafias and musclemen.

The accumulated grievances are bursting forth centring round the R G Kar hospital tragedy. Also it is important to note that the ruling dispensation is arraying its entire arsenal to dehumanize the masses particularly the youths and students who have been undergoing extreme ethical-moral-cultural degradation. The ruling class and its subservient governments have been rotting the society to the point where women are viewed as objects of consumption. So the base instincts are incited leading to soaring number of rapes



Massive rally by AIDSO in Kolkata, seeking justice for R G Kar victim and to save public education on 3 September

falsity of such a charge. In fact, the state government is responsible for prolonging the cesaework as it is not resolving the five most legitimate demands of theirs which includes justice for the victim, the resignation of the Kolkata Police Commissioner, State Health Secretary, Director of Health Education (DHE), and Director of Health Services (DHS), failing which they said they would continue the movement. In the meanwhile, people in gushes are taking part in different kinds of innumerable protest agitations like processions, night-long candle light rallies, 'lights off' at home, participation in people's courts in different parts of the state etc. This massive participation in protest movement even at the interior villages was never seen after independence.

It is clear that people have been disgusted with the failure of the governments, both at the Centre and

and gang-rapes across the country. The brutal rape and murder of a young doctor at her workplace-once considered safer than home-bears an eloquent testimony to that.

Sparkle in pervading darkness

Thus, today's movement is not only a demand for severe punishment for the real culprits of the R G Kar hospital crime but also a fight to dismantle the mafia rule that has entrenched itself in medical colleges and hospitals.

It is also a movement that has roused the spirit of protest against injustice and petrifying the society to eat into the very vitals of life. The massive public awakening in the wake of the R.G. Kar incident is a glimmer of hope, a sparkle in the pervading darkness. Let the suffering people throw away all hesitations and fears, join hands in movement against injustice and the young generation refuse to be emasculated from within and reflect a moral revival.



West Bengal State conference of Bank Employees' Unity Forum on 1 September, in Kolkata

Comrade Provash Ghosh Speech

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parliamentary politics is today. Same thing is happening during elections in USA and other Western countries. And at the same time, ruthless fascist oppression of bourgeois politics is going on in Bangladesh.

Fascism is firming up its grip keeping a facade of parliamentary democracy

Parliamentary democracy was first established in the USA. The protagonists of the American war of independence had once raised the slogan "by the people, for the people, of the people" meaning a rule of the people for them and by them. Later, this very America had killed lakhs of innocent citizens including women, children and the aged, by dropping atom bomb on Nagasaki and Hiroshima cities of Japan. Few years back, USA had invaded Iraq on fraudulent pretext and devastated that country. Also, they destroyed Libya and engineered large scale massacre in Afghanistan.

Right now, the USA is providing sophisticated arms and ammunitions to Zionist Israel to orchestrate genocide in Palestine. Already over 50 thousand Palestinians have been brutally killed and such slaughtering is still continuing there. So many schools, colleges and even hospitals have been razed to the ground. On the other hand, there is a scuffle between Russian imperialism and USA-led Western imperialism as to who would dominate in Ukraine. While Russian imperialists are mounting severe military assault on Ukraine, the NATO led by USA is backing the Ukrainian regime by supplying arms. In Ukraine war also, innumerable cities and villages have been destroyed and thousands of innocent lives snuffed out.

Imperialism needs war today. This need is not only for extending grip on other countries but to stimulate militarization of economy as well. There is not any world war but all these imperialist powers and many other capitalist countries of the world are directly or indirectly involved in these local, partial and large scale wars. American Congress is elected by the people. But that is also supporting such war machinations of the US imperialists. Russian parliament is also fully backing the Russian imperialists. The rot of parliamentary democracy is evident. Under the garb of parliamentary democracy, freedom is being butchered, people are being massacred. This is the face of parliamentary democracy today. There is parliament, but no democracy. What is in vogue is imperialism-capitalism and democracy-annihilating fascism. It is not the people but the capitalists-

imperialists who decide which party or combination would win the election and ascend to the throne. In our country also, we are witnessing this naked form of degenerated parliamentary democracy.

Way back in 1949, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had said that ruling Indian bourgeoisie was establishing fascism. He also showed the economic, political and cultural features of fascism. First the Congress had laid the foundation. Now the BJP is firming it up. At that time, the left parties did not believe this pointer by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Today, fascism is on everybody's lip. In fact, fascism is tightening its noose keeping a facade of parliamentary democracy.

Rising economic inequality is fallout of growing capitalist exploitation

In our country, talk goes the round that economic crisis is growing. In tandem is growing inequality. Even the media reports also say so. This is happening in all other imperialist-capitalist countries. But why is the inequality going up? They have no answer to that. Is it happening out of nothing? Is such soaring inequality an inevitability? Those affiliated to the ruling quarters are silent over that though they are expressing concern that rising inequality will engender chaos and anarchy.

It is implied in their concern that a popular upsurge in protest is in the offing. To forestall this people's upsurge, so many theories are being formulated, so many proposals are being mooted. But all are proving abortive. Long back, Adam Smith, a bourgeois economist, had shown that human labour is the creator of all wealth. One part of this created wealth goes to the owners of capital while the other part goes to the workers as wage. Marx said that Smith's sense of justice was based on injustice.

The worker is the creator of wealth and also capital. Then why should he not be the owner of the entire wealth? Marx had shown through mathematical calculation that the profit of the capitalists accrue by way of depriving the worker from his legitimate dues. Surplus value from which is generated profit is nothing but value of unpaid labour. The value of surplus labour power which the worker is denied constitutes the profit of the capitalist owner. This generates economic inequality. On the other hand, the worker who is so deprived of his legitimate dues is also the major buyer in the market. If his income goes on dipping, he cannot buy goods commensurate with his needs. He buys much less. So goods remain unsold and a market crisis ensues. As

a sequel to this, shutters are downed on the industries. Retrenchment takes place. Unemployment mounts. If capitalism is in existence, these crises will not only be generated but will go on increasing.

French Revolution had given the slogan of equality-liberty-fraternity. Where is that equality today? A handful of financial oligarchs own heaps of wealth. In our country, 1% (of population) of super-rich own 40% of the country's wealth. 5% super-rich has 60% of national wealth at their disposal. And the 50% at the bottom own just 3% of the wealth. 83 crore Indian earn only Rs 20 a day. 25 crore countrymen have a daily earning around Rs 166. Wealth of Mukesh Ambani, the richest industrialist in Asia, is a whopping Rs 10, 28, 544 crore. Just the other day, he spent over Rs 5,000 crore in the pre-marriage of his younger son. The

Observance of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day on 11 August in Raipur, Chhattisgarh. Speaking is Comrade Shankar Dasgupta, CC member



emperors and kings of the yester years including the Mughal emperors could not dream of a such lavish wedding ceremony. This grandiose function was attended by the industrial tycoons of both our country as well as foreign countries, the Bollywood stars, the leaders of various political parties including the TMC chief minister of West Bengal. Why? Because can those blessed and backed by the moneybags afford to be absent in such a function at the house of their master? So, you can see who are running the country. These monopolists only run the show. And all these vote-oriented parties are their servitors. So, while in power, these subservient parties serve their masters only. Wherefrom do these parties receive huge funding during the elections? That is provided by these monopoly houses and industrial barons.

Why do they give such fabulous sum to these parties? Because they want the government to be formed by one of these parties that should run as per their dictates. All ruling parties are thus obliged to serve the ruling bourgeoisie. The outcome of the elections are decided by the ruling bourgeoisie, not by the common people. In reality, the so called claim of free and fair election is a big deception.

Bourgeois parties want to grab power by feigning religious devoutness or distribution of freebies

Both the BJP and the Congress are bourgeois parties. The Congress

during its long tenure in the government had faithfully served the ruling bourgeoisie. Now the BJP is doing the same thing. Both of them claim that they are democratic. You will see this phenomenon in other countries also. In USA, the power shuttles between the Republican party and the Democratic party. In Britain, the two main contending parties are the Labour party and the Conservative party. Similarly, in our country, the two main parties vying for power are the BJP and the Congress. The ruling bourgeoisie once puts one of them in power while at another time its choice befalls the other party. When the government run by one of the two becomes too discredited before the people, the ruling class substitutes it with the other party. If one of these parties fail to get absolute majority in the election, the ruling class consents to forming a coalition

government headed by one of the major bourgeois outfits. This is happening in the elections every time. The common people do not rack their brains over politics. They say that they do not understand the complexities of politics. They only somehow eke out a bare living. Let the leaders decide which path politics will tread along. And during the election time, the people who otherwise are disinterested in politics follow the coverage of electioneering on the TV and print media, ascertain which party will give how much money for casting votes in its favour, who is distributing freebies like 'Kanyasree', 'Lakshmi's Bhandar', 'Ladla Bahen' and so forth. Based on all these, they decide whom to vote. The TMC first started 'Lakshmi's Bhandar' scheme in West Bengal. Now a slew of similar schemes have been introduced by the respective bourgeois governments in other states as well. If one party says it would pay Rs 1200 under any of such schemes, the rival party increases its commitment of payment to Rs 1500. In this regard, TMC can arrogate to itself the credit of showing the path to all. All these are schemes for securing votes. And the wretched people think that since they are not getting anything round the year, better to accept what is being offered during election. They are not aware that they have the right to get far more. So, they refrain from claiming more. They think they have been born poor. So they have to live with poverty and bear with all woes

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Ruling BJP is banishing scientific education and retrograding mental process by inciting medieval thoughts and religious blindness

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and wants. The TMC government has announced a grant of Rs 85,000 to all Durga Puja Committees (approximately 56,000 in number). Is it meant for worshipping goddess Durga? No, not at all. Actual objective is to woo the Puja Committees to its side so that they could be instrumental when worship of the god of vote would take place. You all are aware how this amount is spent. In fact, this grant finances indulgence of a large section of youths in various kinds of putrid acts like consumption of liquor, drugs,



Observance of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day, at Badlapur, UP, on 11 August. Comrade Swapnan Chatterjee, CC member, was the main speaker

gambling and such other things. Likewise, public money is misused to buttress narrow sectarian party interest. Contrarily, because of curtailment of allocation from the Centre, distribution of midday meals to the school children is suffering badly. But the government is least bothered about that. All such injustices are meted out in the name of religion. The Ram Mandir of the BJP or Rahul Gandhi's devoutness to Lord Shiva--everything belongs to the same category. All their devoutness is towards vote.

Reactionary bourgeoisie is using religion as opium

Also please notice another thing. In the country, there is rapid proliferation of a good number of self-proclaimed religious gurus or 'Babas' (god-men). Religious fairs, festivals, worship of various gods and goddesses are also increasing in number. Similarly, there is a rise in the Muslim religious functions also. It is true that being deprived of justice, the oppressed, illiterate, hapless millions seek remedy from an imaginary almighty god. They hold that the sins they had committed in the so called former birth are responsible for their present predicament. So they pray to god for being freed from such plight and penury in the next birth. This is a fact. If scientific rational thought does not dawn upon these wretched millions, there will be no rein on the growing religious blindness and backwardness. Hence the ruling party leaders who thrive on people's ignorance do not want an end to this mental retardation centring on blind religious faith. They want that the

people do not become enlightened with rational thoughts and remain enshrouded in religious darkness. In that event, the oppressed millions will not hold capitalism and its servitor parties responsible for all their woes, perils, privation, repression and exploitation. They will blame their own fate and will reconcile to all such sufferings as *fait accompli*. So the ruling BJP is removing whatever little of scientific education was still there in the academic syllabus and in its place is including medieval Veda-Vedanta, Manusamhita, Gita and such other religious scriptures

against which Rammohan-Vidyasagar had fought hard during renaissance period. The BJP wants that religious blindness grows more and more among the people. Then there will be no scientific method of analysis, no rational mind, no questioning mind, no protesting characters. Thus, difference between man and animal will be brought to naught. In that event, they will be able to run the oppressive rule without any difficulty and firm up foundation of fascism. Apart from this, the RSS-BJP have another ulterior motive. By inciting religious fanaticism, perpetrating religious division and spewing religious hatred, they want to set upon one religious community against the other in communal conflagrations thereby disrupt the unity of mass movement and create vote banks. The Congress, TMC and other constituents of the INDIA alliance chewing the cud of secularism go to the temples, mosques, churches and offer prayers with alacrity. But secularism means that there will be no place for religion in politics, education and social relationships. This had been endorsed by Netaji Subhas, Saratchandra, Rabindranath and many other renaissance stalwarts. As against that, the BJP is intensifying anti-Muslim hate campaign to create as well as augment Hindu vote bank.

Marxist viewpoint about religion

Though we, the Marxists, are atheists, we respect the religious preachers of the days of advent of religion. We also acknowledge with

respect the progressive role of religion in social welfare and advancement at that juncture of history. While bourgeois thinkers of the earlier period like Bacon, Lock, Hobbs and Spinoza rejected religion as 'aberration of history', Marx's historic utterance was "*Religion is the sigh of the oppressed creature, the heart of the heartless world and the soul of the soulless conditions, ... is at the same time the expression of real distress and also the protest against real distress.*" Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had further explained that religion then brought ethics and morality, discipline and sense of responsibility and obligation in the society. In the slave-master society, religion was a tool in the hands of the slaves in their rebellion against the slave-masters. The religious prophets of that time were manhandled, thrown into the jails and many were even killed by the slave-masters. In course of that, religion-based monarchical feudal rule was established by overthrowing the slave society. When this feudal-monarchical rulers oppressed and suppressed people in the name of religion, people again rose against that order and a new democratic republic or parliamentary democracy was established.

During the days of rising capitalism, the bourgeoisie brought the concept of secularism by fighting religion. But today, the reactionary bourgeoisie is using religion as opium for dousing people's conscience and divert their thought process. Has any of the priests of any temple, mosque or church raised any voice of protest against the surfeit of injustice-oppression-repression plaguing the society today? Some of these injustices and oppressions are even considered to be grave sins or misconducts even in the eyes of religion.

On the one hand, puja is going on in the temples, namaz is being offered in the mosques or prayer is being conducted in the churches. On the other hand, thousands and thousands of hungry people--men, women, children--are crying for food, wail of raped and assaulted women is rending the air. But the voice of the oppressed does not enter the abode of the deities. Even the religious ceremonies have also been reduced to some rituals, chanting mantras or singing hymns. And even these rituals are observed with the backing and in the interest of the capitalists and big business. Most of the religious shrines have huge wealth at their disposal. Contrarily, the religious preachers of the earlier period had to go starving for days.

Moreover, is there any discussion in the Veda-Vedanta,

Ramayana, Mahabharata, Gita, Quran, or Bible on the present day problems like unemployment, price rise, retrenchment, rising tax burden, hike in transport fare, crises of education and healthcare or rampant corruption which are wreaking havoc in people's life? Why is it not there? Because these problems did not arise at the time these scriptures or epics were penned.

People need to understand Marxism for emancipation from yoke of exploitation of man by man

So, neither following the path of religion, nor through degenerated parliamentary democracy, the desired emancipation would come by. Only by accomplishing social revolution based on Marxism, the scientific ideology, this cherished liberation from the yoke of ruthless capitalist exploitation can be brought about. Please bear in mind that by scientifically coordinating, co-relating, integrating and generalizing the particular truths discovered in the various branches of science like Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Botany, Geology, Geography etc., the doctrine of Dialectal Materialism or the philosophy of Marxism has emerged. So, as in every sphere of life, we can not but abide by the experimentally verified scientific laws, similarly Marxism also can not be disavowed. Marxism was the first to discover the laws governing social development--how slave society emerged out of aboriginal society, then came feudalism followed by capitalism. And following the same law would come socialism and then would be further elevated to communism. This course of social development, like any other branch of science, is law governed and not extrinsic bereft of law-governance.

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh has repeatedly said that we need to understand Marxism, not superficially but in-depth. Based on Marxist methodology of analysis, he showed that India is no more one nation, one class of people and one country. India is a class-divided country. On the one side is handful of oppressive super-rich ruling monopolists and on the other side are myriads of penurious starving workers-peasants-middle class. This is the nature of class division. Politics too is class divided. One is the politics of the oppressor and other politics of the oppressed. These two are antagonistic to each other. So, what is needed to be understood is who is pursuing which of these two class politics, which party is of which class. Will any party say before election that it would work for the ruling bourgeoisie? They all come in various disguises and say that they do not want anything but an opportunity to serve the masses. And because of such "serving" for years after years, the country has been consigned to a precarious condition.

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Distress of the masses are growing with the passage of time. This objective reality is not known to the common people. So they are being deceived repeatedly.

People need to acquire political consciousness to distinguish between right and wrong

All the ruling parties give lot of promises, feel no qualms in telling white lies. This party accuses the other of committing thievery and vice versa. One claims the other is corrupt while the latter makes the same allegation against the former. This is how two corrupt parties lock horn for deriving electoral mileage. People are unable to make out whether these parties belong to the oppressor or the oppressed. Fact is that they all are corrupt, all are money-launderers. In absence of due political consciousness, people are being deluded. During the freedom movement, people could not distinguish between the politics of Netaji and political line of Gandhiji. At that time, litterateur Saratchandra had clearly said that Gandhiji was afraid of revolution and socialism. The bourgeoisie haunted by the fear of working class revolution had backed Gandhiji. That is why the Gandhites, in the class interest of the British imperialists as well as Indian national bourgeoisie, had ousted Netaji, who believed in revolution, from the post of Congress president. People did not think it necessary to determine who was representing which class politics. So the inevitable has happened. Keeping Gandhiji in front, the bourgeoisie had assumed the state power.

I want to make it clear that none of you are outside the purview of politics. It is politics which decides the prices of items of daily needs including food articles. Politics only decides what will be the structure of educational system and the academic curricula, how will the healthcare system operate, whether one will get any job and what will be the wage and so forth. We need to procure both birth and death certificates. These are also controlled by politics. In fact, our entire life is bound within the confines of politics. In every walk of life, we are to abide by the framework of law. Otherwise, we are branded as law-breakers. These are all political issues. So no one is outside politics. Therefore, it is essential for all of you to understand politics. And to correctly understand politics, it is imperative to know Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought. Based on this noble ideology, you are to distinguish

between bourgeois parties of different hues and the genuine revolutionary party of the proletariat.

RSS-BJP opposed freedom movement and are destroying values of renaissance

During renaissance movement in India, Rammohan Roy clearly said that Sanskrit which had kept the people in the dark for 2000 years, should be banished. He also said that Vedanta does not recognize the objective world and hence its prescripts cannot create a modern society. He made it clear that to develop the Indians as modern citizens, they should be taught Natural philosophy, Chemistry, Anatomy, Mathematics. Vidyasagar before whom everyone had bowed their heads went a step ahead to declare that Veda-Vedanta are false systems of philosophy. He advocated teaching of advanced philosophy of the West by studying which students would realize the futility of Veda-Vedanta. What is needed, he emphasized, is a scientific bent of mind, a rational thought process. Hence we need an education system which would foster this kind of mindset. He further added that the pedants and those versed in the shastras held that what our ancient omniscient sages had said were all infallible, gospel truth. There cannot be anything otherwise. Vidyasagar opposed this and logically exposed worthlessness of such belief. He did not believe in god. Ramakrishna went to his house to pay respect and invited him to visit Dakshineswar. But Vidyasagar did not go.

Jotiba Phule of Maharashtra was another exponent of Indian renaissance. He once remarked that the very tolling of bells in the temples exhorts to embrace religious fads, superstitions and idiocy. On the contrary, bell ringing in the academic institutions signals germination of rational mind and scientific education. Which one would you opt for? These luminaries were the pioneers of renaissance. Today, the RSS-BJP are destroying the ideals of renaissance.

Hindu Mahasabha whose descendant is the BJP had staunchly opposed glorious freedom movement. Golwalkar, the mentor of the RSS, had clearly written in his 'Bunch of Thoughts' that *"The theories of territorial nationalism and of common danger, which formed the basis of our concept of a nation, had deprived us of the positive and inspiring content of our real Hindu Nationhood and made many of the 'freedom movements' virtually anti-British movements.*

Make SUCI(C) candidates victorious in Haryana assembly election to strength revolutionary left movement

Constituency	District	Candidate
1. Rohtak	Rohtak	Comrade Manisha
2. Kosli	Rewari	Comrade Ramkumar
3. Badshahpur	Gurgaon	Comrade Balwan Singh
4. Hisar	Hisar	Comrade Mehar Singh
5. Sonipat	Sonipat	Comrade Ishwar Singh Rathee
6. Rai	Sonipat	Comrade Devender Singh
7. Bhiwani	Bhiwani	Comrade Rajkumar Basia
8. Pundri	Kaithal	Comrade Baburam
9. Ateli	Mahendergarh	Comrade Omprakash

Anti-Britishism was equated with patriotism and nationalism. This reactionary view has had disastrous effects upon the entire course of the freedom struggle, its leaders and the common people."

This is out and out a reactionary thought. He equated anti-Britishism with territorial nationalism and then described those who move with the thought of Hindu nationalism and working in that direction as true patriots. And those who are not pursuing Hindu nationalism were traitors and enemies of the country. If one has to accept such an argument, then the revered freedom fighters, the brave martyrs are all to be called traitors and enemies of the country because they opposed the concept of Hindu nationalism. Can people of the country accept such a proposition?

The RSS-Hindu Mahasabha did not participate in 'Quit India' movement of 1942. When the Indian National Army(INA) led by Netaji Subhas was fighting the British soldiers in the frontiers of India, the RSS-Hindu Mahasabha advised the Hindu youths to join British Army. So, the BJP is a descendant of the RSS-Hindu Mahasabha who opposed freedom movement. Queerly, the same BJP leaders are now loudly proclaiming to be patriots. Do those who are basking under the RSS-BJP obey Netaji? Do they feel proud for our freedom movement? Do they respect Rammohan-Vidyasagar? Let them ask their conscience where are they leading the country to. You have seen to what extent the BJP spewed communal venom and spread religious hatred during the last election. Vivekananda was the last religious preacher who was honest and a great man. After him, there has been no honest religious preacher. It was not possible also. He called upon the youths of that time to join the freedom struggle. Many of you might not knowing that Sister Nivedita known to be his ardent disciple stood in favour of the

revolutionaries and helped them in many ways. For that, she was compelled to dissociate herself from the Ramakrishna Mission after Vivekananda's demise in 1902.

The firmness of Vivekananda's character was not rooted in the Vedanta but true patriotism and the spirit of nationalism. Do the RSS-BJP obey this Vivekananda? Vivekananda said: *"We want to take mankind to that end where there is no Veda, Bible or Quran but all works will be performed through integration of the Veda, Bible and Quran. we not only tolerate all religions but believe all of them to be true."* He further said that no religion ever advocated to bring down assault on other religions, no religion ever tolerated injustice, Then who is instigating people over religion? Not religion but the communal forces. I have reproduced what Vivekananda had said. Despite ideological difference, we respect Vivekananda. Vivekananda also said that if one has to draw lessons from the Ramayana and Mahabharata, then one can not raise ticklish questions as to whether Rama or Krishna had really existed or not. He further said: *"If I had a son, ... in course of growing in age he would have accepted Christ, Buddha or Muhammad, whoever he would have wished to. ...It is very natural that simultaneously with full freedom and without having any conflict, my son could be a Buddhist, my wife a Christian and myself a Muslim."* So, is it that Vivekananda did not believe in Hinduism? If one has to obey this Vivekananda, can one rally behind the BJP? The BJP claims it has discovered the birthplace of Rama. Is that place mentioned in Valmiki Ramayana? Will you find in Tulsidas's Ramacharitmanas that Babri Masjid was installed by destroying Rama's birthplace? But raising hue and cry over this bogus issue and thereby fanning up arch communal Hindutva, the BJP went to election. Are they not cheating the people? *(To be continued)*

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