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“Operation Sindoor”—many questions are unanswered

In his first public address since the cessation of 4-day long India-Pakistan conflict, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 22 May 2025 said that “Operation Sindoor) “launched by the Indian armed forces had forced Pakistan and its terror operators into submission. Those who had set out to wipe *sindoor* (vermilion) off the forehead of (Hindu) women had been “reduced to dust”. “*Ma Bharti’s servant Modi is standing here with his chest held high.*

Modi’s mind is cool, but Modi’s blood runs hot. And now, it is hot sindoor; not blood, which is flowing in my veins... The world and the enemies of the country have seen what happens when sindoor turns turns into barood (gunpowder)”.

“Operation Sindoor” is the name he has given to India’s military operation against Pakistan after the serene beauty of Baisaran, a picturesque meadow and tourist hotspot about six kilometers from the

resort town of Pahalgam, Kashmir, was soaked in innocent blood of tourists on 22 April last. A group of terrorists gunned down 28 persons, mostly tourists from various states of the country and injured over a dozen.

How could strict security be breached by terrorists?

Notwithstanding all brag and bluster of PM Modi in public meeting ostensibly to rouse national jingoism, first question that arises how could the armed terrorists enter

the spot bypassing the much touted high security of the Indian army and police. According to the eye witnesses, not a single policeman let alone any army personnel was seen at the place of occurrence of such a ghastly crime. After killing the victims, the culprits who are also stated to have been involved in 2023 Punch terrorist attack as well as 2024 Gagangir Gulmarg terrorist violence could also escape with ease and till date, after almost two

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SUCI(C) strongly condemns Israeli attack on Iran

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C) issued the following statement on 13-04-25; “We strongly condemn military attacks of Zionist Israeli rulers on Iran’s sovereignty which killed Iran’s Military Commander-in-chief, nuclear scientists and many civilians. It is evidently clear that this unprovoked attack was launched after being instructed and aided by US imperialist monster. Zionist Israel has already destroyed most of Gaza and killed thousands and thousands of people including children.

This genocide is still being continued. Israel backed by American Imperialism demonstrates clearly that it is least bothered about the possible catastrophe thousands of common people of Iran may face, because of radiation leakage due to bombing of nuclear sites. Now the war is being further escalated to fuel US military industry and intensify its overlordism in the entire region. This aggression is not merely against Gaza, Iran, Syria and Lebanon, it is a grave danger posed to the entire humanity.

We call upon all peace loving and anti-imperialist forces to combine and raise their voice against these barbaric aggression.

School of politics held at Ghatsila



The 'North India Regional School of Politics' was held at the 'Study Centre of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh's Thoughts', Ghatsila, Jharkhand from 11-14 June. Party activists from Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Gujarat,

Rajasthan, UP, MP, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Bihar and Jharkhand participated in this School. The School was conducted by Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary of SUCI(C).

Why Israel’s War on Gaza Meets Definition of Genocide—Rebuttal to Washington Post Article

This urgent and unflinching opinion piece titled “*The Crime of Our Time: Why Israel’s War on Gaza Meets the Definition of Genocide*” has been written as a direct rebuttal to *The Washington Post’s* June 4 edit page article, “*Why it’s wrong to call Israel’s war in Gaza a genocide.*”—*Proletarian Era* editorial Board

As the bombs fall and Gaza’s civilizational core is razed to dust, legal evasions and rhetorical gymnastics fail to obscure the moral, political, and empirical reality. This is not a “war” — this is destruction with genocidal intent.

In the charred ruins of Gaza’s hospitals and schoolyards, the word “genocide” does not appear as

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Plane crash due to lack of maintenance and negligence: SUCI(C)

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary of SUCI (Communist) issued the following statement on 13-04-25: We express profound grief and sorrow over the disastrous plane crash near Ahmedabad International Airport resulting in a large number of deaths.

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Victory of Electric Consumers’ movement

All India Electric Consumers’ Association (AIECA) and its various state chapters have long been conducting people’s movement in demand for scrapping the proposal of installing smart metres and reducing exorbitant power tariff. Under pressure of movement by All Bengal Electric Consumers’ Association (ABECA), West Bengal government has been compelled to issue a notice withdrawing proposal of installing smart metres. It has also decided to replace already installed smart metres with existing metres. This is a significant victory of powerful sustained mass movement under correct leadership. Now both AIECA and ABECA would spearhead movement to uninstall the smart metres already fitted in shops and commercial establishments.

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months, they have reportedly not even been traced.

Were earlier promises of cleansing terrorism hoaxes?

Secondly, it may be recalled that in a media interview a year back, PM Modi claimed that his birth was not biological; he was sent by god to fulfil a divine mission. So, bursting in self-eulogy is nothing new for PM Modi. But, if one is not acquainted with the developments in India during the last decade, one might well be carried away by such bravado and presume that “Operation Sindoor” has put the final nail in the coffin of terrorism as the Indian army, as claimed, had smashed the terrorist hideouts and grooming centres in Pakistan. But the question is has terrorism been really wiped out after “Operation Sindoor”? There is no direct answer to this. When demonetization was announced in 2016, PM Modi said that one of its three objectives was to stop terror-funding. Later, in 2019, in Pulwama district of the Jammu and Kashmir a vehicle carrying 40 Indian CRPF personnel jawans was blown into ashes, allegedly by terrorists backed by Pakistan. PM Modi and the BJP top brass claimed that Indian forces have conducted airstrikes deep into Balakot, the headquarters of Jaish-e-Mohammad terrorist outfit in Pakistan, sparking retaliatory raids and an aerial combat. India claimed at that time that its warplanes had hit the terrorist group’s training camp on the site and killed a large number of militants. But high-resolution satellite images reviewed by Reuters showed that a religious school run by Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) in northeastern Pakistan appeared to be still standing days after the claimed strike. Some local residents reported a crow, and a few trees were only damaged. In any case, that time also, we were told that terrorism was under control. And in fact, riding on the claimed Balakot air raid and “courage of striking by entering into the territory of Pakistan”, the BJP managed to hitch the country’s people with high-pitched success story of protecting the country from the machination of the enemy country, and won the election. When article 370, a clause of the accession treaty of Jammu and Kashmir, a princely state, to India after independence, was arbitrarily abrogated much to the chagrin of the Kashmiri people, it was told that henceforth, terrorism would not raise its ugly head. But alas! Despite all such mega-measures and periodic blowing the war-bugle against Pakistan, terrorism has not been vanquished.

“Operation Sindoor” —

claims and counter-claims galore

Then what is credence quality of PM’s claims and promises?

How the ceasefire was declared and what were the conditions?

Thirdly, PM Modi, his cabinet colleagues and army generals PM Modi have been claiming that circular military array of “Operation Sindoor” has forced Pakistan to genuflect before the Indian army and seek a truce. If that be the truth and the terrorists who orchestrated the heinous killing at Pahalgam were sponsored by Pakistan, one of the principal conditions of the armistice should have been to unconditionally hand over the culprits as well as all other terrorists nestling in its land to India. Has it happened? Was any such condition given? No. On the contrary, what was most surprising, if not shrouded in mystery, was that it was US President Donald Trump who announced on 10 May the fourth day from the time the war had commenced, that India and Pakistan had agreed to a “full and immediate” ceasefire following a “long night of talks” mediated by his country. Minutes later, the ceasefire was confirmed by both India’s Ministry of External Affairs and the foreign ministry in Pakistan. Trump even boasted of how he dangled the carrot of trade deals to stop the fresh round of fighting. If that be so, what have been the terms of ceasefire and how was that Pakistan bent before Trump’s conditions and not that of India’s? Also, what prompted India to instantaneously accept Trump’s dictates? Incredible paradox! Never heard of a third country head unilaterally announcing a ceasefire between two other warring countries. Why, despite President Trump having reiterated his meditation in enforcing ceasefire not less than 11 times, PM Modi is maintaining an eerie silence on this question?

Why did PM Modi avoid visit to Kashmir after Pahalgam killings?

Moreover, neither PM Modi nor any of his cabinet colleagues has made it clear why did PM Modi, after his return to the country cutting short his Saudi Arabia visit, not go to Kashmir and even remained absent in the all Party meeting over the situation. Instead, why did he choose to fly to poll-bound Bihar to address election rallies highlighting “Operation Sindoor”? Is it that his sole mission was to rake up pseudo-patriotism and foment Hindutva sentiment as Sindoor (vermillion) is

considered to be a sacred mark on the hair-parting of married Hindu women? Also, it is stated that PM Modi had intelligence input about a possible terror attack in Kashmir three days prior to the Pahalgam incident, following which he cancelled his own Kashmir trip. If that be so, why were the innocent tourists allowed to go visit Baisaran and that too without any security arrangement? Howsoever enthusiastically PM Modi and the BJP leaders might organize ‘Tiranga Yatra’ (tricolour rallies) round the country to highlight the success of ‘Operation Sindoor’, will not the families of those killed in Baisaran as well as the Indian families whose kith and kins succumbed to the counter missile attack by Pakistani army in the border area villages raise these valid questions?

Pakistani rulers are also equally deceptive

Same is with the Pakistani rulers who dupe their distressed countrymen with similar overdose of xenophobia against India and war cry. Pakistan, which is also an exploitative capitalist state predominated by the military and anchored on Islamic fanaticism, also retaliated with similar deportation of Indians in that country, sealing its airspace for the Indian flights and ports for Indian ships. Both sides are mobilizing armies across the border and surcharging the atmosphere with war-cry. Because the ruling capitalist class of both the countries have identical class interest and hence embark upon almost similar policies.

Another question. The army commanders of both sides have only been trading talks of achieving victory amid considerable misinformation and disinformation. In order to project their success in the armed conflict to the world, India claimed to have successfully destroyed nine major terror launchpads in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), targeting Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Mohammed, and Hizbul Mujahideen facilities. On the other hand, Pakistan army said of the Indian missiles have been intercepted and all Pakistan Air Force assets are safe.” Pakistani PM also claimed that some Indian missiles landed in India’s eastern Punjab and in Afghanistan and Pakistan has evidence to prove it. To project its success to the world, Pakistan has conferred the title of Field Marshall to its military head. At the same

time, Pakistani Prime Minister acknowledged that Indian missiles struck multiple locations deep inside Pakistan, including an airport in Rawalpindi and the chief of army staff of India admitted to have lost warplanes.

Who are the worst sufferers?

But point is besides military losses or gains, who are the worst casualties? Is there any scratch on Indian or Pakistani leaders? No. But, 26 Indian citizens and 20 Pakistani nationals, both staying near the border areas, lost their lives. The home and hearth of many have been pulverized. So, the question is are the common Pakistani or Indian people responsible for such terrorist acts? Then why should they be victimized when such wars break-up intermittently at the instance of the rulers? Also, what is discernible is that amidst claims and counter-claims of military success, the question of containing terrorism has been pushed to the back seat.

Why are facts shrouded in riddles?

In the meanwhile, another revelation has startled all. The India’s External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar informed a parliamentary consultative committee that Pakistan was alerted 30 minutes after “Operation Sindoor’s” first phase ended. This is another riddle. Are we then to believe that this war was through mutual consent or it was just a show-off to buttress any other agenda like ensuring electoral victory or diverting people’s attention from burning problems of life like horrendous price rise, mounting unemployment, growing inequality, soaring poverty, dwindling income and so forth. ‘Country is in danger. Saving it from the attack of the enemy is the prime task that relegates every other issue, howsoever pressing it might be, to the back’—this slogan of inciting national jingoism and pseudo-patriotism is an effective manoeuvre to rally the countrymen behind the ruling dispensation subservient to the class interest of the oppressive ruling monopolists in class-divided India. As pertinent questions remain unanswered, would it be incorrect to assume such an objective behind the displaying excessive enthusiasm over ‘Operation Sindoor’?

Why is India found to be isolated in global arena?

But questions do not end here. PM Modi has long been clamouring that kettledrum of India is being beaten round the globe. If that be so, how is that not a single country endorsed India’s stand in regard to ‘Operation Sindoor’? Why 7 all-

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West Bengal Teacher Recruitment Scam

a huge blow to government school education

Ananya Mondal's (name changed) hands did not shake as she held the termination notice. Not anymore. Her seven year service as a teacher of English in a state-run school near Kolkata, was terminated after Supreme Court ordered cancellation of the entire panel of 25,752 teachers appointed in 2016. Why, because, a mega scam in regard to appointment of teachers was unravelled. The aforesaid panel contained names of both eligible candidates as well as illegally included names through manipulation. No one from outside but the then state education minister, considered as no. 2 in the cabinet, the ruling TMC legislators, leaders and pliable officials of West Bengal Secondary Education Board secondary education were the fraudsters. Crores of rupees exchanged hands in providing school teachers' jobs through unfair means that included tampering with the documents, destruction of records, issuing appointment letters to those who did not appear in the eligibility test and what not. Because of these illegal appointees, Ananya, one face of the West Bengal School Service Commission (WBSSC) Scam –lost her livelihood overnight. Not because she cheated, but because a corrupt system, shielded by power that be, auctioned their futures. *"I studied. I passed. I earned this,"* she stated, the numbness giving way to a quiet fury. *"Corrupt politicians sold my future. Now they tell me to prove myself 'again'"*

The mega scam came to light when raids on the home of the then-Education Minister Partha Chatterjee, then General Secretary of the TMC, and his close aide, actress Arpita Mukherjee, yielded mountains of cash–bricks of currency stacked like building blocks of corruption–and jewellery, allegedly the spoils of the recruitment trade. The value of the recovered currency and jewellery were estimated to be over Rs 55 crores. Partha Chatterjee and Arpita Mukherjee were arrested. Though Arpita was granted bail after 857 days in custody, Partha Chatterjee is still in jail having been denied bail repeatedly. The dragnet widened, ensnaring successive SSC chairmen, key advisors, TMC MLAs, and youth leaders. Among the detained has been "Sujay Krishna Bhadra", a moniker chillingly close to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's own neighbourhood. This was not the first scandal. Earlier after the

Trinamool Congress (TMC) swept to power in 2011, we find a period marred by Ponzi schemes and bribery stings. The WBSSC scam, however, cut deepest, poisoning the well of education itself. Investigators unearthed a brazen marketplace: teaching posts, meant for the qualified, traded for cash. Thousands secured jobs not through merit but by bribing TMC leaders, MLAs, ministers, and complicit SSC officials. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) laid bare the rot: *"4,091 candidates submitted blank answer sheets (OMRs) yet were hired; 1,212 with dismal scores mysteriously vaulted over deserving applicants"*.

The deception ran deep into the machinery. The SSC outsourced the critical task of scanning and evaluating OMR sheets to a private firm, Nysa Communications, which casually sub-contracted the work further. The smoking gun emerged when the CBI seized hard disks from a former Nysa employee. Forensic analysis revealed manipulated data on servers – a digital fingerprint of fraud. This data held the key: it could clearly differentiate who earned their place and who bought it. For years, the Calcutta High Court and later the Supreme Court demanded the state government and SSC provide this very list, separating the "tainted" from the "non-tainted." But the state government refused.

Despite acknowledging CBI findings suggesting over *"19,000 teachers likely secured their jobs fairly"* (pointing to only around 5,300 suspect appointments), the courts faced a wall of state obstruction. In 2023, the Calcutta High Court declared the "entire" 2016 recruitment panel invalid. Upholding the ruling of the High Court, the Supreme Court, on 3 April 3, 2025, endorsed immediate termination of all 25,752 appointments ordered repayment of salaries hitherto drawn by the "tainted" with interest. No one could understand how the *bona fide* appointees could be penalized because of some *mala fide* candidates. A noted lawyer who is a CPI (M) MP pleaded for such a whole hog termination in the courts and found rejoicing after the verdicts. His stance directly contradicted the demands of his party's own teachers' and student wings protesting for the innocent.

However, the Supreme Court, might be following an afterthought,

stated that the School Service Commission (SSC) must hold retests by May 31st to fill posts by December 31st. Crucially, 'non-tainted' 'teachers'–but not non-teaching staff–were offered a cruel lifeline: reapply, pass the new test, and 'maybe' get their job back without lost service.

The ruling was a sledgehammer to thousands of honest lives. "Why must I pay for their sins?" demands Rajesh Sharma (name changed), a science teacher staring at defaults of loans he took to meet some requirement. "Passing once wasn't enough. Fail this new test after ten years, and I lose everything – my career, my dignity," he said and rightly so. The Supreme Court, invoking finality, offered little solace. Its principle – thousands of guilty may escape, but not one innocent should suffer – rang hollow for those caught in the crossfire.

Facing a firestorm, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee staged a spectacle. Summoning the terminated teachers and staffs to Kolkata's Netaji Indoor Stadium on 7 April, she declared "nobody will lose their job," and urged "voluntary service" by them to keep the schools running. The promise was nakedly empty, devoid of any legal pathway. Honest teachers saw it for the deflection it was. Their desperation boiled over. On 21 April, hundreds began a sit-in protest (gherao) at the SSC headquarters, their demand simple yet denied for years: "Publish the list proving our innocence." Public outrage swelled. Academicians, intellectuals, artistes, and crucially, junior doctors who had fought their own battles against the system, rallied behind them. Even basic water supplies were weaponised by the administration, cut off until demonstration was withdrawn.

The pressure finally forced the government to release a flawed "non-tainted" list–a chaotic, contested document that deepened the mess, not resolved it. The Supreme Court offered a minor revision, allowing "non-tainted" teachers to work until 31 December 2025–a stay of execution likely tied only to finishing the academic year, their professional death sentence merely postponed.

The political theatre surrounding the carnage reveals a system rotten to its core:

TMC: Architects of the Debacle: The party built on cries against corruption stands exposed.

Key figures like Partha Chatterjee were shielded within the government fold long after allegations swirled. The SSC, under TMC influence, actively stonewalled efforts to identify honest candidates, refusing the courts' repeated demands. Most damningly, it created 2,355 phantom posts beyond sanctioned vacancies –a brazen bureaucratic sleight-of-hand specifically designed to absorb illegal appointees. Why the relentless refusal to name names? The fear is palpable: revealing who paid bribes and, crucially, 'who took them', would trigger an uncontrollable political implosion.

BJP: Exploitation amidst the wreckage: The national ruling party, salivating at the prospect of unseating the TMC in 2026, feasts on the scandal. Its doublespeak, however, is breathtaking. The CBI, widely perceived as a tool of the BJP-led central government, failed in its most basic task: clearly identifying the non-tainted teachers using the very data 'it' recovered. Prominent BJP figures in Bengal today, like firebrand leader of Opposition, is a TMC turncoat having held senior TMC positions in 2016, overseeing districts where hundreds of fraudulent appointments later surfaced. Their convenient amnesia stretches credulity. Their track record offers no comfort: identical promises to reinstate sacked teachers in Tripura were spectacular *"jumlas"* (empty slogans), broken once power was secured. BJP-ruled states like Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh grapple with mirror-image teacher recruitment scandals. The VYAPAM scandal of Madhya Pradesh involving 13 different examinations conducted by the Vyapam or the Madhya Pradesh Professional Examination Board, for recruitment to government jobs and admissions to educational institutions in the State was unearthed in 2013. But those guilty of such a Goliath crime are still not arrested. On the contrary, over 55 people who reportedly had some link with the scam were found dead under mysterious circumstances. In UP, recruitment of 69,000 teachers is reported to be scammed.

As a result, the government schools in the state are on the verge of dysfunction. One institution in Murshidabad lost 31 of its 67 teachers overnight. Imagine a school for 10,000 students halved in staff.

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party teams had to be sent to 33 countries to explain India's viewpoint spending crores of rupees from public exchequer? Do not the countrymen have right to know what transpired during such talks with various countries? How is that while every country condemned Pahalgam terrorist killing, no one held Pakistan responsible for that? Over and above, while India is holding Pakistan as labour-room of terrorism, Pakistan has been made chairperson of the Taliban Sanctions Committee of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) in 2025. Pakistan would also serve as vice-chairman of the Counter-Terrorism Committee of the 15-nation UN body. US also invited Pakistan's Chief of Army Staff to attend the US Army Day celebrations on 14 June. If India enjoys a prime position in international diplomatic circle, as claimed by PM Modi and others, how could UNO with the approval of the member committees select Pakistan to such a coveted post? Moreover, Significantly, a high-level Pakistani parliamentary delegation, led by Senate Chairman and former Pakistan PM Yousuf Raza Gilani, has also concluded a visit to the UN headquarters in New York last month. Pakistan has also sent a high-level multi-party political delegation to New York, Washington DC, London, Brussels and Moscow, led by its former foreign minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, to canvas for support in its favour. Is it not a diplomatic setback for India?

Why this exacerbation of anti-Muslim hatred?

Another question which comes next is that why are the RSS-BJP and their notorious IT cell abuzz in anti-Muslim campaign after the Pahalgam massacre? Why are the monopoly-controlled mainstream (Godi) media over-projecting the Muslim angle of the terror attack and insinuating towards Kashmiri people for abetting terrorism? Why are Kashmiris living across India, especially students, have been reporting heckling, harassment and threats by Hindutva groups? Why, on 25 April, security forces brought down a three-storied home of the family of one alleged militant accused of involvement in the Pahalgam terror strike in a congested neighbourhood? Why did a BJP MLA of Rajasthan enter a mosque during Friday prayers, shouting "Jai Shri Ram" and placing a "Pakistan Murdabad" sign on the premises? Why was a Muslim Congress MLA of Madhya Pradesh issued death threats? Do terrorists have any fixed religion or ethnicity? If all Muslims are to be targeted for

“Operation Sindoor” has raised many questions

promoting terrorism, then why not all Hindus be branded as terrorists since so many Hindus are associated with terror-killing and violence? Graham Stains, an Australian missionary, along with his two minor children were burnt down in Keonjhar, Odisha, by the activists of Bajrang Dal, a constituent of Hindutva brigade. Gauri Lankesh, a rational journalist was gunned down by members of Hindutva group. Pragya Singh Thakur, a former ruling BJP MP, Lieutenant Colonel Prasad Purohit, Major Ramesh Upadhyay (retired), Ajay Rahirkar, Sudhakar Dwivedi, Sudhakar Chaturvedi, and Sameer Kulkarni have been accused by National Investigating Agency (NIA) for exploding bomb near a mosque in a Muslim-majority area during fasting month of Ramzan in Malegaon, about 200 km from Mumbai, in 2008. Also Ku Klux Klan, a Christian outfit professing white supremacy, has slaughtered many black Africans and Americans. Would anybody say that all Christians are terrorists? Do terrorists have any religion, race or ethnicity? Or they are simply terror-merchants sponsored by the imperialist-capitalist powers to intimidate people, precipitate divide among the toiling masses, fan up communalism-fundamentalism to blunt rational thought process and thereby stupefy people much to the glee of the ruthlessly oppressive imperialism-capitalism?

Glowing human spirit shown by the Kashmiri people

One more question remains unanswered. The Kashmiri people set an example of glowing human spirit and fraternal feeling after Pahalgam tragedy. The rescue of the survivors was done mainly by Muslims till the Helicopters arrived, and the injured were treated by a team of Muslim doctors. The local Kashmiris, the pony handlers, the auto rickshaw pullers and hotel owners (all Muslims) helped the travelers and decided not to charge them any money. Several tourists who were at the scene of the attack were shepherded to safety by their Kashmiri guides. A local horse rider, who counter-attacked the terrorists and tried to snatch the gun from one of them paid with his life. Tourists who returned from Baisaran were effusively praising the hospitality of the local people. "My driver *Musafir* and another man, Sameer—they became my brothers. They stood by me through everything, took me to the mortuary, helped

with the formalities. I waited there till 3 am...I have two brothers in Kashmir now. May Allah protect you both," a lady said to them as she left from Srinagar to Kochi, her hometown. On 23 April, the entire Valley observed a complete shutdown in protest of the Pahalgam attack. All educational institutions and business houses were shut. At Srinagar's city centre, Lal Chowk saw Kashmiri people were vehemently condemning the heinous act. The slogans of 'Hindu Muslim Bhai Bhai' (Hindus and Muslims are brothers) were in the air. With messages such as "Violence will never win", "Stop innocent killings", and "*Tourists are Kashmir ki jaan hai*" (tourists are Kashmir's lifeline) written on placards, the protesters raised slogans against the cowardly killings. "*It is not just an assault on our visitors, but an attack on the very identity and cherished values of Kashmir,*" remarked one Kashmiri man. Can the phenomenon of terrorism be curbed without the help of the Kashmiris? Who does not know that the Kashmiri people who was under a Hindu king in the then princely state consented to be accessed to India at the call of Sheikh Abdullah, their revered leader after British India was partitioned following transfer of power to the Indian and Pakistani ruling bourgeoisie.

This is the kind of amity, fraternity, solidarity and unity we cherish to witness among the masses—no matter which religion they profess, which language they speak, which ethnicity they belong to or which region they stay in the country. The sponsors of terrorists hoped to polarize Hindus against Muslims across India. Have they not failed in this regard as far as Kashmir is concerned. Is it not imperative that the rest of us to similarly rise to the occasion?

Yet, why the arch Hindu communal RSS-BJP and their affiliates have been raising anti-Muslim hatred to a high pitch and propagating that every Kashmiri Muslim is a terrorist? Will this not make the peace-loving the Kashmiri people unnecessarily hostile and nurture a feeling of alienation? Is it not necessary to encourage the anti-terrorist mindset of the Kashmiris which has been eloquently manifest after Pahalgam killing and involve them in the fight against terrorism?

Generation of war and sustaining war-psychosis is a sinister bourgeois machination

What is important is to be not

only appraised of but convinced that it is the ruling vested interest of both the countries who want dispute and war tension to sustain. But the oppressed common people, whose misery and poverty are on the spiral and who are the worst sufferers during outbreak of wars, never want any kind of armed hostilities to settle any dispute. Have the previous armed strikes succeeded in wiping out the terrorist activities? Is there any guarantee that terrorist activities will be permanently stopped after the latest military operation? Did the previous wars solve any of the contentious issues? These questions need to be seriously pondered over by anti-war peace-loving people.

Is there any other axe to grind?

Also, many look askance at another question. Is the RSS-BJP-Sangh Parivar have some other axe to grind by accentuating communal fury and trumpeting spectacular triumph of "Operation Sindoor"? First of all, is not creating war-psychosis a convenient ploy to divert people's attention from the burning problems they are reeling under, like mounting unemployment, price rise, growing inequality, soaring poverty, dwindling income and so forth? Country is in danger. Saving it from the attack of the enemy is the prime task that relegates every other issue, howsoever pressing it might be, to the back—this slogan of inciting national jingoism and pseudo-patriotism is an effective manoeuvre to rally the countrymen behind the ruling dispensation subservient to the class interest of the oppressive ruling monopolists in class-divided India. Secondly, is not the BJP has another interest, that is to consolidate its Hindu vote bank before the ensuing assembly elections since it is bankrupt in so far as other issues are concerned?

Truth that must dawn upon oppressed masses

Truth behind all such incidents, phenomena, divisive acts, mindless killing and orchestration of mindless violence, setting one community against another, using fiery rhetoric and incite mass hysteria about so called patriotic war is only one. Haunted by the fear-complex of anti-capitalist socialist revolution, an inevitability following inexorable law of social development and progress, the capitalist rulers and their servitors, whether in India or Pakistan or any other bourgeois country are desperate to thwart any sprouting of united powerful people's movement, rising above all divides and led by correct revolutionary leadership, which would be conducive to anti-capitalist revolutionary movement.

The Supreme Court in a ruling on 9 May last stated that the Central Government cannot direct any state government to implement the National Education Policy – 2020 as such decisions are outside its constitutional powers under Article 32. The apex court also dismissed a Public Interest Litigation seeking enforcement of the three-language formula in Tamil Nadu, Kerala, West Bengal or elsewhere. It is a significant victory of the Save Education Movement going on throughout the country to thwart operationalization of NEP-20.

The NEP-2020 was introduced at a critical time when the country was under a complete shutdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The policy which the central government projected as a national policy did not evolve by consensus following a countrywide debate and discussion involving eminent academicians, intellectuals and education-loving people. It has been a unilateral decision of the central cabinet. The government even did not place it on the floor of the parliament for discussion. Although education as a subject comes under the Concurrent List, the state governments were not consulted either while framing the policy. The central government as a mere show-off sought feedback from the citizens. But it hardly noted the concerns expressed by the teachers, students, guardians, and educationists.

The government claimed that the NEP 2020 was introduced to decolonize the Indian education system and strengthen it to meet the educational requirements of the twenty-first century. Far from addressing the real problems of education in the country, the policy attacked the foundational principles

Supreme Court nullifies right of Central Government to compel states to adopt the NEP-2020

of universal, democratic, secular, and scientific education which is the demand of the time and conduces to what the government said, “need of the twenty first century”. NEP 2020 exhibits a well-knit ploy towards privatization, commercialization, corporatization and saffronization of education; a blueprint for virtual annihilation of the education system of the government sector which is the class design of the ruling monopolists as per prescripts of capitalist globalization. Alongside, academic autonomy is subverted, and total control is centralized at the hand of the state through its pliant government at the centre. The features of the NEP-2020 clearly show that it militates against essence and purpose of education, development of a cohesive thought process and fostering a scientific rational mindset to develop thinking faculty. Moreover, it is poised to destroy value-based education which is necessary for man-making and character-building. And thus, education sector is being handed over to the private operators for selling as a commercial commodity at exorbitant cost which is not affordable by the common people. With various measures systematically adopted for making government sector education defunct, education will virtually be an exclusive preserve of the rich.

Our Party from the very inception has vehemently opposed introduction of NEP 20. It is our firm opinion that both the centre and the state governments should bear

the responsibility for funding education which should be run by the autonomous state boards with representatives from teachers, students, educationists, intellectuals and education-loving democratic-minded people. So, we have been fully supporting the education movement surging forth in the country under the aegis of a public committee named All India Save Education Committee and its state-level wings comprising academicians, intellectuals, jurists, journalists, litterateurs and other sections of the thinking people.

The BJP-led central government is also conspiring to introduce Hindi as the ‘third language’ in non-Hindi states like Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, West Bengal, or Tripura. Our Party had stated well back in the 1960s when the then Congress government first started to impose Hindi as ‘Rashtra Bhasha’ (National Language) that, “It cannot be denied that public opinion in our country is sharply divided on the question of selection of the official language of the Indian Union. The differences in opinion have, so far, expressed themselves mainly in the form of either Great-Hindi chauvinism or narrow local nationalism, both of which are highly detrimental to the cause of the unity of our people so essentially necessary for the end of the present suffocatingly exploiting regime and establishment of a new order free from all sorts of exploitation of man by man. In this ‘crusade’,

the saner section of the people who hold a correct view on the question have been ostracized, so to say. The essence of the Great-Hindi chauvinism lies in the attempts of the Government and the protagonists of the idea of Hindu-Hindi-Hindustan to ignore the differences in language, culture and way of life of the various nationalities that inhabit our country and constitute the present Indian nation, to delegate to other national languages a position inferior to that of Hindi which is no better than the language of a particular nationality like all other national languages, to create hurdles in the path of equal opportunities for the development of all the national languages in India by putting a premium on the development of Hindi through state help.” (Socialist Unity vol 2 no 2 new series June 1963).

The so-called ‘double-engine’ governments (which means BJP-ruled states) have been on a hurry to implement the NEP-2020. Even TMC-led West Bengal and CPI (M)-run Kerala governments have begun procedure for adopting NEP-2020. They are also closing down government schools and boosting privatization. The victory of the powerful movements against the semester system in MP, or FYUP in Karnataka, has established the fact that people’s struggle is the only solution and no legal battle can alone replace it. Need is to intensify the save education movement to such a level that the government, under pressure of movement, is forced to withdraw NEP-20. Judicial challenge may only be a complementary, but the decisive role has to be played by the people at large.

Teacher Recruitment Scam

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Headmasters now perform menial tasks, tolling bells between classes. The quality of education for countless students is collapsing in real-time. The financial and social ruin facing honest educators like Ananya and Rajesh is profound—house loans loom, families depend, futures evaporate.

Who benefits from this chaos? The answer whispers through the wreckage: private capital. As scandals like this systematically hollow out public education, creating vacuums of desperation, expensive private entities stand ready. If the state cannot run its educational institutions, let them hand it over to the Ambani,” observed a BJP MP, who till the other day was Calcutta High Court judge and ordered the termination of the entire panel. After

that, he quit and joined the BJP. The remark, casual yet devastating, laid bare the endgame. The Adanis, Ambanis, Birlas—the titans of Indian capital—need no conspiracy. They simply wait for the state to fail its children, its teachers, and its future.

The WBSSC scam is not just about stolen jobs. It’s the story of a generation betrayed—teachers robbed of dignity and purpose; students robbed of opportunity. It’s the unmasking of a political class across the spectrum, united only in their venality and their disregard for the lives shattered in their pursuit of power. As the classrooms of West Bengal echo with the silence of absent teachers and the hollow promises of politicians, the question hangs heavy: When the last bell tolls on public education, who will bear the guilt for burying its future?

Assam State Conference of AIDS held



AIDS Assam State conference was held in Tezpur from 31 May to 2 June 2025. Braving natural calamities like severe rain and cyclone, flood and road closure by uprooted trees, over 1000 delegates from various districts as well as fraternal delegates from Manipur, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura. Meghalaya delegates could not attend as the roads were closed down.

The conference was inaugurated by Comrade Kantimoy Deb, Polit Bureau member, SUCI(C)

and the first state secretary of AIDS. A recorded speech of Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya, veteran Polit Bureau member, SUCI(C), on the complex socio-political

situation of Assam and the entire North-East region was played. Among others who addressed the conference were Comrades Chandrelekha Das, Assam State Secretary, SUCI(C) and other state and central AIDS leaders.

The closing speech was delivered by Comrade Sourav Ghosh, President, All India Central Council, AIDS. A 40-member strong State Committee with Comrades Hillol Bhattacharya and Hemanta Pegu as President and Secretary respectively was elected.

CEO of NITI Aayog CEOs citing IMF's projections about India's GDP growth has claimed that India has already overtaken Japan and become the World's fourth largest economy. But, fact is that this is again a hypothetical projection. These projections may help the BJP Government to buzz in self-glory, but the bubble got bust, once the IMF representative declared that India is likely to reach the target of a \$4 trillion economy by the end of 2025 only.

We have said repeatedly that GDP growth does not mean a thriving economy as distribution pattern of wealth created in the country is not reflected in it. With inequality soaring with every passing day and the top 10% super-rich holding 77% of the total national wealth while 67 crore poorest half of the population saw only a 1% increase in their wealth, GDP growth is a misnomer. Equally fallacious is per capita income which is total wealth divided by total population. If the wealth of 16 people is equal to the wealth of 60 crore people, does per capita income which is merely a statistical average mean anything?

Secondly, India's external debt over the most recent nine years has risen 174%, while there has been a 100 percent increase in external debt during a similar period, i.e., between 2013–14 and 2022–23. External debt is a part of the government's total debt. Central government's debt was Rs 58.6 lakh crore (52.2 percent of Gross

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domestic product) as of March 31, 2014, which went up by nearly Rs205 lakh crore in 2024. So, India's government debt to GDP ratio was 81.29% in 2024. It means the BJP government led by PM Modi in course of building a *Viksit Bharat* (developed India) has burdened India's population four times under debt since 2014. On the other hand, while India, according to ruling dispensation, is having remarkable economic growth, about 60% of India's nearly 130 crore people are reported to be living on less than Rs 250 a day, the World Bank's median poverty line. And 21%, or more than 25 crores people, survive on less than Rs 166 a day. Unemployment has reached a pinnacle. Over, 24.76 lakh people have applied for 53,749 peon positions in Rajasthan, including candidates with PhD, MBA, and Law degrees, as well as those preparing for civil services. According to a media report, 3,700 PhDs holders, 50,000 graduates, 28,000 PGs have applied for 62 posts of messengers in UP police. The post requires a minimum eligibility of Class V. Post graduates were found to have applied for mortuary assistant in West Bengal. On the other hand, purchasing power of common people being pauperized every hour is on a steady dwindle.

So, a \$4 trillion economy has not solved any fundamental problem of toiling Indians. Rather their condition is going from bad to worse

Then what is there to rejoice over GDP growth or in a race to become third largest economy of the world?

On the other and, how 'rosy' is the picture if seen from the point of view of the ruling quarters? Rate of industrial production has dipped to 2.7%. as per National Statistical Organization (NSO). A noted economist has admitted that industrial production depends on demand in the market. But the demand is dwindling as people are having no purchasing power. FDI in India has reached an alarming low indicating that foreign industrialists find they have no prospect in India. The Indian corporates are also reluctant to make any new investment.

Accumulated capital is pumped in speculative stock market to stimulate an artificial jump which, as we have been reiterating time and again, is no indicator of economic growth but a sign of ailment. During demonetization in 2016, PM Modi claimed that black money would be unearthed, fake notes would be invalidated, and terror-funding would come to an end. Neither of these proved to be true. Black money is reigning. A former director of the CBI has said that the total black money in India is around USD 500 billion. (Rs 43.5 lakh crores). Counterfeit notes of Rs 500 denomination (excluding specified banknotes) detected in the banking system rose 37.35 per cent year-on-year (YoY) to 1,17,722 in

2024–25 from 85,711 in 2023–24, the highest level in six years (since FY20), the Reserve Bank of India's annual report showed in May last. And the deputy minister of Home affairs stated in the Lok Sabha on 9 August 2023, that in Kashmir alone, 793 incidents of terrorist violence occurred between 2018 and 31st July 2023. So what was the benefit of sudden declaration of demonetization which claimed more than 105 precious lives and saw 99% of currencies being deposited in the bank?

So, industrial production is down, unemployment is mounting, income of people is dwindling, demonetization was a flop, if not a hoax. Only the kitties of the industrial tycoons and a handful of billionaires as well as corrupt politicians and bureaucrats have swelled in course of march towards a \$5 trillion economy. A few fugitive business men stated to be close to the ruling BJP as well as PM Modi have fled the country by defaulting bank loans worth Rs 69,000 crores. Now RBI is stated to have lost hope of recovering that amount as the defaulter businessmen are having hey days in foreign countries. In fact, in last 11 years, as high as Rs 6, 36, 992 crores of bank frauds (a quantum jump of 416%) have been reported.

So, what can one conclude about incessant drum-beating of India making bold strides ahead to become world's third largest economy? Have your head in the clouds.

Gaza: The Crime of Our Time

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hyperbole. It arises from the ashes as a grim description of a reality too cruel for euphemisms. And yet, recent arguments — such as the Washington Post's "*Why it's wrong to call Israel's war in Gaza a genocide*" — attempt to smother that term beneath a mountain of legalistic hair-splitting, political misdirection, and cultural gaslighting.

But let us state the case clearly: if Gaza is not a genocide, then the word no longer has meaning. The International Court of Justice (ICJ), the world's highest legal authority on such matters, ruled in January 2024 that South Africa's case against Israel under the Genocide Convention was "plausible." That ruling alone demands that every responsible commentator confront — not deflect — the accusation with intellectual seriousness and moral clarity.

Instead, we are offered a defence that rests on three primary fallacies: that Hamas is solely to blame for Palestinian suffering, that

Israeli intent is military not genocidal, and that genocide accusations are politically motivated or anti-Semitic. Let us dismantle these, one by one.

"Hamas Defence" Is Morally Bankrupt

Apologists for Israel's actions routinely invoke 7 October 2023, when Hamas, they say, committed "brutal atrocities" against Israeli civilians, as the foundational justification for its subsequent onslaught on Gaza. Let us pose the question straight. Through decades, Zionist Israel with the backing of US imperialism has been oppressing Palestine people in various ways and pounding Palestine with all modern sophisticated weapons including chemical weapons. They are out to ethnically cleanse Palestinians and occupy the territory by sheer force. If they find "justification" of their brutal killing spree, do not the persecuted and lynched Palestinians have right to defence? So, if there is a retaliatory action, on what count that can be pretext of increasing military assault ten times on

Palestinian land? How can inhuman act of mercilessly killing children, obliterating entire families, razing hospitals into rubble, stopping all food and medicines sent by other countries as aid and relief material, from reaching the hungry half-dead Palestinian people be called anything other than genocide?

As of May 2025, over 37,000 Palestinians—mostly women and children—are dead, according to reports by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and corroborated by independent assessments by Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International. When entire families are erased from civil registries, when no schools remain standing in northern Gaza, when food and water are systematically denied to a starving population—what term better captures this war crime than genocide?

Genocide Is Not Merely a Body Count — It Is Intent

Genocide, as defined in Article II of the UN Genocide Convention (1948), is not simply the mass killing of civilians. It encompasses acts

committed "*with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group.*"

This includes killing, causing serious bodily or mental harm, and deliberately inflicting conditions of life calculated to bring about a group's destruction.

What more direct evidence of intent is needed than Israel's own ministers calling for the "erasure" of Gaza? Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich declared in November 2023 that "Gaza must be wiped out." Heritage Minister Amichai Eliyahu publicly mused about using a nuclear bomb on Gaza. These statements are not fringe; they reflect the ideological consensus of a Zionist cabinet that has systematically blocked humanitarian aid, decimated civilian infrastructure, and targeted entire families with precision-guided bombs.

The Washington Post's insistence on a narrow, clinical reading of "intent" ignores how structural genocide operates — not with a singular written order, but with the cumulative machinery of

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Recently, a video clip went viral on social media in which an employee of multinational tech giant Microsoft was seen protesting during the company's 50th-anniversary celebrations. While the Microsoft AI CEO Mustafa Suleyman presented the company's new AI products, Ms Ibtihal Abbousaad walked towards the stage and shouted, "*Mustafa, shame on you, shame on you..... Stop using AI for genocide.... You are a war profiteer. All of Microsoft has blood on their hands.*" Although the security personnel pushed her out brutishly, she daringly shouted, "*You claim that you care about using AI for good, but Microsoft sells AI weapons to the Israeli military. Fifty thousand people have died.*" She didn't stop there. She even threw a scarf onto the stage as a symbol of support for the Palestinian people.

Similarly, in another part of celebrations chaired by its top bosses, including Bill Gates and Satya Nadella, an engineer, Ms Vaniya Agrawal, of Indian origin, also raised a powerful voice of protest, declaring, "*50 thousand Palestinians in Gaza have been murdered with Microsoft technology...How dare you!... Shame on all of you for celebrating on their blood.*" Here, too, Vaniya Agrawal was forcefully removed from the meeting. Microsoft fired these two employees within days.

Earlier to these protests, a rally was held by the present and former employees of the company carrying a banner inscribing "Microsoft powers genocide." All these incidents clearly bring a fact into the limelight that the imperialist forces are using AI in their war designs in collaboration with multinational tech companies such as Microsoft and Google.

Modern warfare and AI

Numerous studies on the latest modern warfare are replete with the facts that both in the Russia-Ukraine conflict and Israeli air bombing on Gaza, Artificial Intelligence powered autonomous Aerial systems (UAS) are widely deployed. Even in the latest Indian military combat against Pakistan, AI played a key role in identifying the precise targets and coordinated strikes. AI-powered drones and unmanned vehicles can conduct surveillance and combat operations with minimal human intervention. It can also process vast amounts of data from various sources, including satellite imagery and onboard sensors, to provide real-time insights and enhance situational awareness.

Use of Artificial Intelligence in Imperialist War Machination —A Threat to Humanity

It offers advanced capabilities for functions like object detection, decision-making assistance, conversational interactions, etc. In a most devastating war on Gaza, the Israeli military forces, aided and abated by American imperialists, used a constellation of AI systems, including the 'Gospel' and 'Lavender' systems, with little or no human intervention. Similarly, Russia and Ukraine use AI tools to gain strategic advantages over each other.

Long back, the great Lenin pointed out that imperialism generates war, and war is a manifestation of the acute economic crisis of capitalism and intense contradiction among the imperialist forces for re-dividing the world market. As long as they could bargain for share of market among themselves through bilateral and multilateral negotiations, war is not an option. Even they adopt the tactics like pressurizing each other by way of imposing high tariffs as Trump is attempting to do. When all other options are in vain, they stoop to settle their contradictions through war.

So, military spending amounting to billions of dollars has become an endemic feature of all capitalist and imperialist countries. Earlier, they spent money on warfare infrastructure, such as guns, tanks, bombs, aircraft, missiles, etc. Now, with the advent of AI, the imperialists are transforming the nature of their warfare, pumping huge amounts of money.

According to a study, the military spending of the USA on AI nearly tripled from 2022 to 2023. The USA released an AI adoption plan in 2023, launching several AI initiatives. These initiatives include employing the Microsoft cloud computing platform known as Azure to provide cloud storage and AI services to the Israeli military since 2023. Since then, there has been a significant increase in the purchase of services from Microsoft Azure, supplying the military with greater computing and storage services. One investigation found that the AI models from Microsoft have been used for identifying targets for bombing in Gaza and Lebanon. Precisely for this reason, an advocacy group, "No Azure for Apartheid", formed by Microsoft employees and ex-employees, have been conducting a series of protests even to the extent of interrupting

events like the company's 50th-anniversary celebrations.

Like imperialist US and China, which turned into an imperialist power after counter-revolution and became a contending imperialist force, has also outlined its "Next Generation Artificial Intelligence Development Plan" and declared its aspiration to become the world leader in AI by 2030. Similarly, President Putin of Russia, another imperialist superpower following collapse of socialism has intelligently stated that "*Artificial Intelligence is the future not only of Russia but of mankind.... Whoever becomes the leader in this sphere will become the ruler of the world.*" Even other capitalist and imperialist countries, including India, are also committed to developing AI, especially in warfare.

The war field became the best laboratory for testing new technologies

In its heyday and progressive stage, capitalism patronized the development of science and technology to grow productive forces and overall human progress. The same very capitalism lost its progressive character and became reactionary in another stage of its development, that is, in the monopoly stage, because of its inherent economic law. Now, it is not only obstructing the growth of science and technology but also adopting the policy of selective use of specific technological inventions to minimize the cost of production and war machinations.

It is known to the whole world that when the Second World War was in its final stage, after the crushing defeat of Hitlerite Nazi Germany by the Soviet Red Army under the leadership of Great Stalin, American imperialists took the opportunity to test the efficacy of its newly developed nuclear weapon by indiscriminately bombing Hiroshima and Nagasaki, killing millions of

innocent people. Observing the use of nuclear technology for the destruction of the human race, great scientists like Albert Einstein, whose scientific contributions had indirectly helped in building the atomic bomb, deeply regretted stating that he had hoped science would uplift humanity, not destroy it. He also participated in the Russel-Einstein manifesto, a statement calling for international cooperation and nuclear disarmament.

However, the imperialist countries led by the US carried on developing a variety of lethal weapons to enhance their military might and establish their hegemony over the world in the post-Second World War era. Most sophisticated armaments like nuclear submarines, inter-continental ballistic missiles, anti-aircraft missile systems, etc., were built and tested in local and partial wars unleashed by the imperialists in different parts of the globe. The latest attempt was testing AI tools in the Gaza strikes and the Russia-Ukraine war.

AI indeed has the potential to transform every domain, such as education, health, communication, research, etc. AI algorithms can process and analyze vast databases in various fields to perform tasks quickly and effectively. However, like in the case of all other technological developments, AI is also driven and controlled by capitalists' profit motives.

As AI is being used in war profiteering by the imperialist forces, resulting in large-scale death and destruction, targeted explicitly against Palestinian women and children, as seen in Gaza, protests are mounting all over the world against companies aiding the current genocide. The colossal destruction in Gaza and the untold sufferings of the Palestinian people is shaking the conscience of every right-thinking person. Voices of protest are reverberating even in the most prestigious universities in the USA. The need of the hour is to develop a powerful anti-war struggle throughout the globe with the object of freeing science and technology from profit-driven tentacles of capitalism-imperialism.

SUCIC) on tragic Plane Crash

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In this era of privatisation spree where government property including service sectors like railways, aviation, road transport etc., are being handed over to the monopoly houses, Air travel is also becoming accident prone due to lack of maintenance and negligence.

A high level judicial enquiry should be conducted to find out the

reasons of this catastrophic for which the TATA group and DGCA should bear liability and exemplary punishment must be given to all those found guilty.

Even though no compensation is enough for the deaths of so many people, the airline authorities and the Central Government should provide appropriate compensation to the families of the deceased.

SUCI(C) slams stampede death during celebration of RCB's IPL victory

Comrade K Uma, Karnataka State Secretary, SUCI(C), had issued the following statement on 04-06-25:

The organizers of celebration event of RCB's victory are to be squarely held responsible for the massive tragedy of death of 11 RCB fans due to stampede that occurred at Chinnaswamy Stadium today.

Without making proper arrangements in the heavily charged atmosphere, with the express intention of just garnering maximum publicity from the massive frenzy created by IPL Season-18 victory by RCB, they arranged an ill planned celebration event, leading to the loss of 11 innocent lives.

The mainstream media, the huge money bags behind each of the franchisee cricket teams in the IPL, their insatiable greed for profits and

the social media are also equally responsible for causing enormous hype and frenzy about a tournament, that is only less cricket and more so called entertainment that led to this grave incident. What could have been a very happy and enjoyable event, turned out to be an unbearable tragedy. The Karnataka Government too in the urgency not to miss the train of publicity, hurriedly stitched up an event before the ramparts of Vidhana Soudha, is also an ill thought out arrangement that contributed to the tragedy.

The Karnataka State committee of Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist) deeply mourns the avoidable death of the unfortunate RCB fans and demands adequate compensation to the victims of the tragedy though that nowhere can really compensate the loss.

Movement for drinking and irrigation water in Rajasthan



At the initiative of AIKKMS and AIDYO, a continuous movement is going on in Jhunjhunu district of Rajasthan in demand for pure drinking and irrigation water.

A signature campaign was conducted and people are ready for an escalated movement to handover the demand memorandum containing thousands of signatures to the chief minister.

AIDSO organized opinion exchange session in Sikkim



AIDSO, Sikkim, organized an opinion exchange session on 11 June in Gangtok. Comrade Moni Shankar Pattanayak, International Affairs Secretary, AIDSO, was present in the programme.

Student Convention at Chattisgarh by AIDSO



AIDSO Chhattisgarh state organized a convention in Raipur on 25 May last overcoming many obstacles. From the convention, a 13 member strong state committee was formed with Comrades Niraj Lahare and Om Prokash Sahoo as President and General Secretary respectively.

Study Camp at Ghatsila by AIDSO, Odisha

A study camp was organized by AIDSO, Odisha, at Ghatsila Study Centre from 4-6 June. Around 400 delegates from 23 districts participated in it.



Comrades Ashok Mishra, former General Secretary, Sourav Ghosh, President, Shibasis Praharaj, present General Secretary, and Ajit Singh Panwar, Joint Secretary, AIDSO spoke on the occasion. Comrade Shankar Dasgupta, Central Committee member and Odisha State Secretary, SUCI(C), conducted the study class.

Genocide in Gaza

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state violence and ideological dehumanization.

Cultural and Civilizational Erasure Is Genocide, Too

The Washington Post disparages claims of "cultural genocide" as overreach. Yet the systematic targeting of Gaza's universities, archives, religious institutions, and media outlets — all hallmarks of a people's cultural identity — is central to the Genocide Convention's spirit, even if not explicitly codified in its language. The destruction of Al-Azhar University, the flattening of Gaza's oldest mosques, and the murder of hundreds of artists, journalists, and intellectuals are not incidental.

In the case of civil war in Bosnia, the International Criminal Tribunal ruled that destroying cultural sites and forcibly displacing people to permanently change the ethnic makeup of a region constituted genocide.

Empirical Evidence Is Overwhelming — And Growing

While the Washington Post

questions the reliability of Gaza's casualty figures, their argument collapses under scrutiny. 'The Lancet' journal—widely respected and peer-reviewed—estimated that total deaths, including those unrecorded, may exceed 1,86,000. Even the US State Department, long allied with Israel, acknowledges the catastrophic humanitarian toll. Famine, dehydration, and untreated wounds are now killing more than bombs.

In forensic terms, this is the predictable and intended outcome of policies that deliberately restrict food, water, electricity, and medicine. As the UN's Special Rapporteur Francesca Albanese observed, Israel's conduct constitutes a textbook case of genocidal practice: "a total siege, displacement of the population, attacks on shelters, and starvation as a weapon of war."

This is not accidental harm. It is the deliberate *infliction of conditions of life calculated to destroy.*

The Legal Process Is Underway — And It Matters

The Washington Post elevates

the caution of former UN officials like Alice Wairimu Nderitu, who declined to use the term "genocide" in 2023. But legal language evolves — and courts, not journalists, adjudicate genocide. Since then, the International Court of Justice has heard substantial evidence indicating genocidal conduct.

The International Criminal Court (ICC) has issued arrest warrants for both Benjamin Netanyahu and Yoav Gallant, alongside Hamas leaders—a symmetrical application of justice that the Post conveniently downplays.

The reality is clear: Israel is on trial at The Hague for genocide. This is not "activism," as the Post sneers — it is jurisprudence.

Anti-Semitism Smear Is A Dangerous Diversion

Finally, the Post veers into perilous territory by equating criticism of Israel's conduct with antisemitism. This is not only intellectually dishonest, but dangerously cynical. To conflate Zionist nationalism with Jewish identity is to weaponize Judaism as a shield for state violence. Many Jews — in Israel, the U.S., and globally —

have spoken out against this war. Organizations like Jewish Voice for Peace, B'Tselem, and Breaking the Silence argue vociferously that genocide is being committed in their name, and they reject it.

Real antisemitism exists and must be fought — but not by burying Palestinian lives beneath its accusation. To suggest that calling out genocide is an act of hatred, rather than a cry for justice, is to insult both Holocaust memory and international law.

The Moral Arc Must Still Bend

There will be no peace in Gaza until the truth is acknowledged — and the truth is harrowing. What began as a response to terror has become state-sanctioned extermination. What is unfolding is not simply a war, but the systematic dismantling of an entire people's right to exist — physically, culturally, and politically. To those who still equivocate: history will not absolve silence. The charge of genocide is not just plausible; it is pressing. If we refuse to speak its name now, in Gaza's darkest hour, then we surrender the term to history — and forsake the future of international justice.

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