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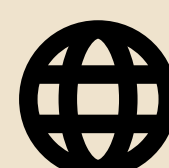
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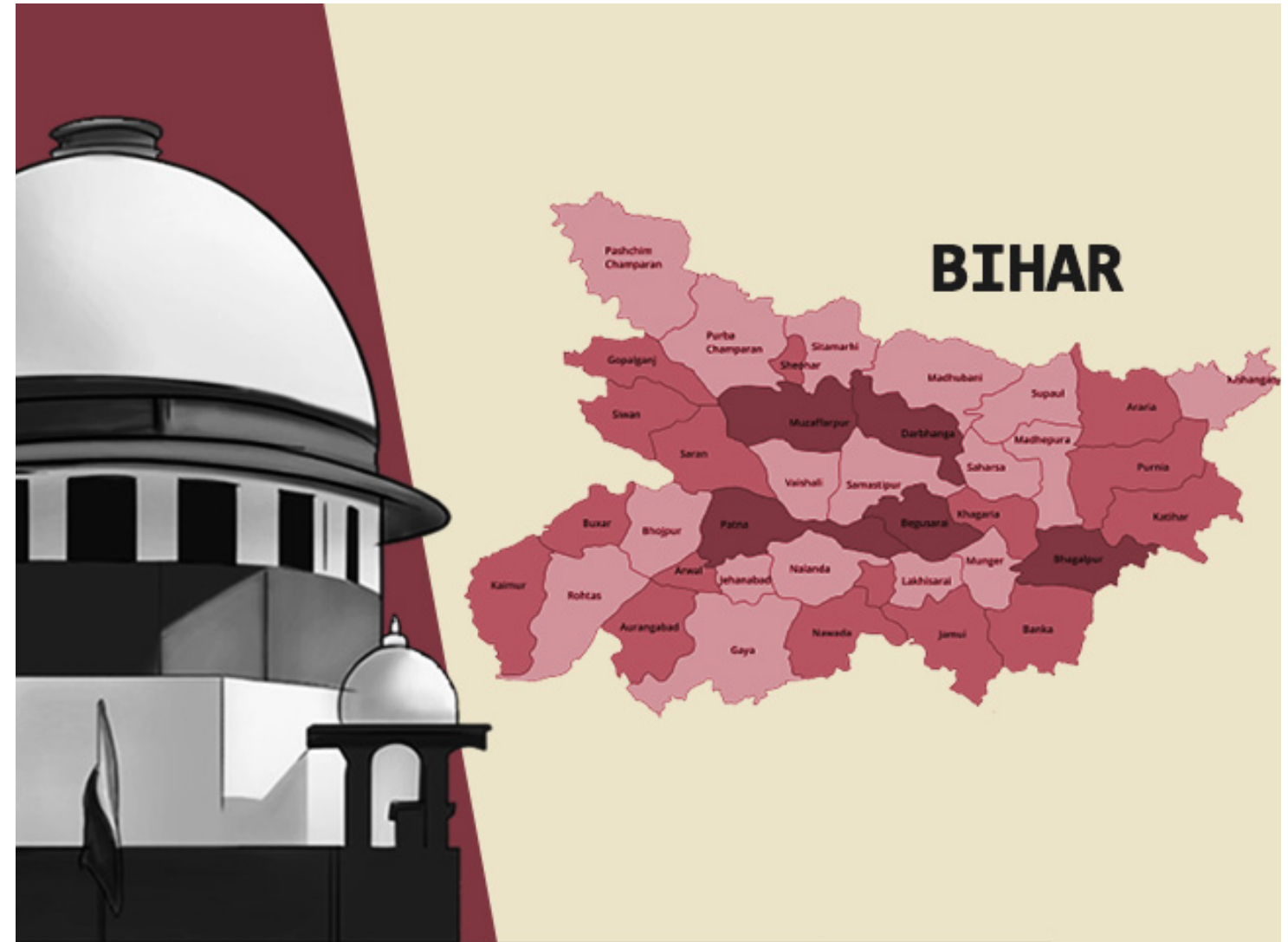


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Political Undertones of the Ongoing Bihar Caste Census

The first phase of Caste-based Census that commenced in Bihar on January 7, 2023, after collecting data on the total number of households in the state concluded on January 21, and the second phase in which data related to caste are to be collected will be held in April. While the Bihar government of the “Mahagathbandhan” alliance mainly representing post Mandal-era parties is eagerly waiting for taking advantage of the political gains from the caste-based census, the BJP, quite afraid of the potential damage from it, is trying to avoid the same by all means. As part of that, though the RSS/BJP, citing administrative difficulties, approached the Supreme Court seeking a stay on the caste-census process, the Court’s reluctance to interfere in the matter has added to the concerns of saffron forces.

The only caste census that took place in India was during the British rule in 1931 when available information on caste could be codified officially. After that, though demand for a caste census has been there from various quarters, the upper caste political leaders and bureaucracy who have monopolised the country’s wealth and government jobs were consistently obstructing such a move over the years. In order to appease lower caste leaders and ensure their support, though the BJP regime in 2018 announced the inclusion of caste as category in the 2021 census, it cunningly backtracked from that position without providing any explanation.



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Obviously, the immediate context that prompted the pro-Mandal parties and OBC leaders to go for a caste census in Bihar is Modi government’s constitutional amendment for the wholly upper caste-oriented 10 percent economic reservation and the recent endorsement of the same by the Supreme Court by a majority verdict. During the early 1990s, when backward caste reservation came in to being following the Mandal Report, RSS/BJP pitted ‘Kamandal’ against it through a vicious Hindutva polarisation leading to the demolition of the Babri Masjid by saffron goons together with Rao government’s executive order announcing 10 percent economic reservation in government jobs which the CPI (M) was also endorsed at that time. However the 9-member Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court struck down it interpreting the same as unconstitutional.



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However, it took almost three decades on the part of RSS/BJP through Modi.2 for establishing its complete stranglehold over the entire regime including judiciary to go again for the ‘unconstitutional’ economic reservation. Ironically, when the BJP leaders are attacking the Bihar regime for demanding an end to the 50 percent cap on reservation for ensuring the due share of OBCs in government jobs according to their population proportion, they are safely ignoring the manner in which the majority judgement of the SC has already sabotaged this Constitutional mandate.

No doubt, the RSS/BJP which is bent on upholding the interests of the minority upper castes is afraid of a caste census as it will not only expose the concentration of wealth and top bureaucratic posts held by the elite castes, but also the economic, educational and social privileges enjoyed by them. Definitely, the Bihar Caste Census along with its impact in the state, will have its repercussions on a pan-Indian level. It will create more hurdles in the ongoing saffronisation offensive of integrating many lower castes into the Hindutva-fold or Hindutva umbrella through what is called a ‘deconstruction of castes’. To overcome it, in

case the RSS/BJP resorts to a Hindutva counter-offensive, then reminiscent of the Mandal-Kamandal clash of the late 1980s and early 1990s, it may lead to a turbulent political situation in the coming days. To be precise, on account of the inherent contradictions of the Indian caste system, as already noted, the over-enthusiasm of RSS/BJP in ensuring Supreme Court endorsement of 10 percent upper-caste reservation seems to be short-lived, as it has opened a Pandora’s box providing political justification for the Mandal parties to intensively pursue their long-cherished demand for a caste census.

In this context, in view of the political undertones of a caste census in the caste-ridden Indian social order, and taking into account the concrete Hindutva fascist situation today, CPI (ML) Red Star supports the ongoing Bihar caste census. Though the outcome of a caste census today cannot be predicted now, a reliable and official caste data will be helpful for democratic forces in drawing out their immediate task of challenging corporate-saffron fascism today.



Budget 2023-24: Hoodwinking People to Ensure “Amrit Kaal” for Crony Capitalists

Amidst the rhetoric on “inclusive growth” and “infusion of new energy to India’s development trajectory”, in the guise of the announcement of a whole set of freebies addressed to the vast majority of working and oppressed in high-sounding words, Modi government’s 2023-24 budget is a repetition and further intensification of the far-right, pro-corporate agenda unraveled through the 2022-23 budget. It envisages an “Amrit Kaal” for the most corrupt crony capitalists like Adani who has been slipped from the position of world’s third richest to just that of 15 within a few days following the sudden bursting of his speculative empire.

For, through a 33 percent increase in capital investment outlay in the 2023-24 fiscal year, the budget estimates provide for the channeling of around Rs. 10 lakh crore into the coffers of corporate billionaires mainly through PPP projects. The Modi government, being a ‘corporate-facilitator’, has already entrusted the task of ‘development’ to corporate cronies. Since corporate capitalists are least interested in employment-oriented productive activities, as the operations of Adani-like corporates amply prove, effectively using the liberal tax, labor, and environmental regulations, this huge outlay will be channeled towards speculation, real estate, super-exploitation of labour and outright plunder of nature. While it will increase the concentration of wealth in corporate billionaires to horrific levels, the budget offers nothing for the 23 crore people who belong to the category of “extremely poor”.



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For instance, take the case of the MNREGA allocation for fiscal year 2023-24 which is the lowest in last 4 years, i.e., 33 percent lower than that in 2022-23 or a decline from Rs. 89400 to Rs. 60000 crore. And compared to actual spending of Rs 98468 in 21-22, the reduction in outlay for 2023-24 comes to more than 60 percent! At a time when more than 95 percent of India’s workforce is to subsist on informal sectors and as the corporate-led development is yielding what is called “jobless growth”, India is now facing the biggest unemployment in 50 years. In relation to the requirement, therefore, the allocation for MNREGA now is a paltry sum. In fact even for providing 100 days’ work for the existing active job cards, minimal allocation of around Rs. 3 lakh crore is needed. Till now, only 10 percent of the active workers has been getting 100 days employment and in view of the steep decline in allocation now, the situation is going to be pathetic. In the same vein, the announcements in respect of agriculture and rural sectors are only of rhetorical value and not of any substance.

To be precise, the 2023-24 budget, while envisaging “Amrit Kaal” for corporate super-rich along with appeasement towards middle class sections, has completely let down the vast majority of the people including the working and oppressed. The entire reins of the economy are with corporate-crony capitalists who are in unholy nexus with the neofascist saffron regime which is prepared to go to any extent to bailout them in case of a crisis, as is evident from the recent Adani episode, even as the people are driven to perpetual poverty and destitution.

In this context, the CPI (ML) Red Star appeals to the workers, peasants and oppressed and all progressive- democratic forces to come forward resolutely exposing the true essence of the 2023-24 budget that serves the interests of Indian and foreign corporate capital and that imposes heavier burdens on the backs of the people.

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Commemoration of the Martyrdom of Father of the Nation should be Observed as a Pledge to Stand against RSS Neofascism



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Today is the 75th anniversary of the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi by Nathuram Godse, the Hindutva fanatic who belonged to Hindu Mahasabha. On January 13, 1948, Gandhi said: ‘Death for me would be a glorious deliverance rather than that I should be a helpless witness of the destruction of India,

Hinduism, Sikhism and Islam’, and further explained his 'dream of Hindus, Sikhs, Parsis, Christians and Muslims of all India to live together in amity'.

This was followed by many attempts on the part of Hindutva forces to eliminate him. On January 20, a group of Hindutva fanatics, set off a bomb some yards from him, though it could not do any harm. But it was Godse who accomplished this Hindutva task on January 30, 1948.

Revealingly, immediately after Gandhi's assassination, Patel, the then Home Minister, wrote to Nehru that "it was a fanatical wing of the Hindu Mahasabha directly under Savarkar that hatched the conspiracy." Without directly



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implicating RSS in the murder, Patel said: His assassination was welcomed by those of the RSS and the Mahasabha who were strongly opposed to his way of thinking..." Patel also wrote about RSS' indulgence "in the act of violence, robbery, dacoity and murders across India" The GOI communique On February 4, 1948, banning RSS justified it as necessary "to root out the forces of hate and violence that are at work in our country and imperil the freedom of the Nation and darken her fair name".

Again, when RSS chief Golwalkar in his letter to Patel in September 1948 extended RSS' offer to collaborate with the government to counter communism provided the ban on it was removed, Patel in his reply on September 11, 1948, among other things, reiterated : "All their speeches were full of communal poison ... As a final result of that poison, the country had to suffer the sacrifice of Gandhiji ... RSS men expressed joy and distributed sweets after Gandhiji's death. It became inevitable for the government to take action against the RSS."

Years later, though the Kapur Commission of Inquiry set up in 1965 for bringing out all facts behind the assassination of the Father of Nation could dug out many revealing details regarding involvement of Hindutva fascists in the whole issue, none of them was brought before the attention of the Court in time.

The story does not end there. On January 30, 2019, the 71st anniversary of Gandhi assassination, Puja Shakun Pandey, the National Secretary of Hindu Mahasabha, shot at an effigy of Gandhi while her followers surrounded and applauded her before burning it. Though symbolic it conveys everything.

The upshot of the above explanation is straight and simple. Today when the country is commemorating the martyrdom of Mahatma Gandhi, Hindutva fascism which was behind the assassination of Father of the Nation is now moving ahead with its maddening pace towards the establishment of a majoritarian Hindurashtra, the details of which are already in the public domain. Using its political tool BJP at the helm of power, now the the RSS has its hold over the entire macro and micro spheres of the country. Hence, it is high time on the part of all democratic forces to come unitedly forward resolutely exposing and challenging the heinous neofascist move taking place in India today.

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Bursting of Adani Bubble Due to Hindenburg Impact; Can Modi Government Absolve of Its Responsibility?

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While these lines are being written, Adani group had already lost around more than \$50 billion (more than Rs. 4 lakh crore), equaling almost 20 percent of its market value ('aggregate market capitalization') since January 24, following the release of the "credible and well-researched" report of Hindenburg Research alleging "brazen stock manipulation and accounting fraud scheme over course of decades" by it, India's biggest crony capitalist. Hindenburg has only focused on what is called "sky-high valuations" or manipulations in equities and unmanageable debt levels that had galloped the share prices of 7 listed Adani companies by more than 85 percent of their 'stock value'.

But more serious for India is the underlying 'bank exposures' connected with this alleged 'fraud' by Adani. According to the Hong Kong based investment group CLSA (Credit Lyonnais Securities Asia), of the more than Rs. 2 lakh crore 'debt' (based on the estimate of financial year ending March 2022) of Adani, 40 percent is from Indian public sector banks and financial institutions including LIC and SBI. LIC alone had invested Rs. 77000 crore in the inflated shares of Adani of which Rs. 23500 crore had already been lost within two days! State-owned banks have lent twice as much to

the Adani Group as private banks, with almost half of the lending by SBI alone based on mere 'goodwill' on account of Adani's closest nexus with the Indian regime. Obviously, the hard-earned savings of millions of Indians are at risk.



Under the corporate-saffron regime of Modi who came to power on an anti-corruption plank, Adani transformed himself into an epitome of crony capitalism, sky-rocketing his wealth to hitherto unknown levels in global corporate history. Amidst Modi's sermons against black money leading to the arbitrary superimposition of Demonetization, the biggest-ever "corporate-onslaught" on the Indian people, Adani had unfettered economic and financial avenues of plundering public wealth and bank-money with impunity, the details of which are already there in public

domain. In spite of Modi's poll-eve rhetoric on repatriating huge deposits stashed away in foreign banks by wealthy Indians, Adani could easily carry forward the use of foreign tax-havens. Thus, as reported, Adani group's net profit for the second quarter ending September 30, 2022 doubled to Rs. 900 crore, while its total income nearly tripled to Rs. 79500 crore.

Of course, the political basis of Adani bubble, whose essence being financial speculation and stock jobbing together with the gobbling up of public wealth and bank money, was his close proximity to state power over the two decades of this century. In 2001, Adani was a small fry compared with Ambani, the latter then being the biggest Indian corporate, whose wealth at that time was 500 times that of Adani. Since then, Adani's transformation as India's biggest corporate and as world's third richest billionaire are inseparable from his identification with Modi. Being a college drop-out, starting his career by setting up a commodity trading business in the 1980s, it was the liberalisation-globalisation regime of the 1990s that enabled Adani to set up the Mundra port in 1995. In 2002, the total worth of the main holding company of Adani was just \$70 million. But within a span of just a decade, Adani could gallop his wealth to \$ 20000 million (a growth of 300 times), quite unprecedented in corporate history, according to Forbes!

Before Modi's ascent as PM in 2014, he could be seen frequently flying in a private jet owned by Adani. And, under Modi's prime ministership

Adani travelled with him more than any other Indian corporate billionaire. He could be seen flying with Modi across the globe from the US to Australia or New York to Canberra covering all the continents. And Adani's wealth multiplied several times in the process. The rest is known to all. The corollary of crony capitalist Adani's meteoric rise as India's number one and world's third richest billionaire is the horrific levels of India's worsening economic inequality and transformation of India as the 'citadel of global poverty' under the saffron-corporate fascist regime.

At the same time, according to the laws of motion of corporate capital today, there is nothing untoward in the bursting of Adani bubble. The 'fictitious' financial empire that is built up by Adani and of his kind under neoliberalism does not have any material basis in production. The market value of 'financial capital' or speculative asset accumulated by Adani is artificially inflated and driven up by manipulating supply and demand for making the highest profit within the shortest possible time. The inflated values of such assets can be easily punctured like balloons even by the slightest disturbance to its upward spiral, resulting in a crash. The sudden plummeting or collapse of Adani stocks following Hindenburg report is to be viewed in this inherent logic of corporate accumulation today. No doubt, as media reports indicate, the invention of new financial and stock market devices along with the granting of unfettered freedom and deregulation of corporate capital including possibilities of even 'insider trading' have



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made the situation beyond the control even by the corporate-saffron neofascist regime.

Obviously, Adani, India's biggest crony capitalist, could easily balloon his financial corporate empire solely due to Modi regime's far-right neoliberal policies such as liberal tax, labour and environmental regulations that enabled him to buy up precious national assets including land, natural and mineral resources, factories and stocks at throw-away prices while remaining mainly in the sphere of speculation. His unholy nexus with power made it easy for him to massively transfer thousands of crore worth of bank money to his flourishing corporate empire on the basis of mere 'goodwill'. Now following the Hindenburg Research Report, all of a sudden and according to the inherent logic of corporatisation today, Adani's assets are becoming "toxic" in the stock market, and are facing massive selloff.

Now while Adani is facing the severest crisis in his corporate history, as already noted, Indian banks and financial institutions whose assets Adani has used for his money-spinning businesses are subject to what is called maximum "market exposure" that call for urgent intervention on the part of the authorities for protecting the interests of customers and people. At the same time, people should be vigilant over any "rescue operation" on the part of Modi regime to bailout Adani by shifting the whole burden to the shoulders of tax-payers, bank-depositors and common people. Above all, the Modi regime cannot evade its responsibility regarding the circumstances that led to this ignominious development and hence it is bound to explain to the people on them based on proper procedures.

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BJP's Fate in North-East Depends on Tripura Election

Sankar

The crucial Assembly election in Tripura is going to be held on 16th February. To understand the blatant truth that the ruling BJP-IPFT combine is in deep trouble no one had to be a rocket scientist. The erstwhile Chief Minister Biplab Dev had to be replaced by Manik Saha who changed his shirt from Congress to BJP in 2016. BJP came in power in 2018 in Tripura not due to a total failure of the erstwhile Left Front government who ruled the state for successive five terms, but based on a much higher expectation which has been shattered in the last five years. On the other hand CPIM, the main opposition party has regained the confidence of the masses in a vast portion of the state.



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The Background

Tripura is a small (third smallest) state of India with a population of only 41 lakhs. Under British rule it was a Princely State. The plain areas of the state became a part of Comilla district of erstwhile east Pakistan (now Bangladesh) and hill area (hill Tippera) came to an agreement with the Indian state and became a Union Territory in 1949. It was converted into a full fledged state in 1971. It should be noted that the state was basically a tribal dominated region at the time of its joining into the Indian Republic. However, the percentage of tribal population has been decreasing from the first half of the last centuries due to influx of the Bengali population. In 1901 the population of the area was only 1.73 lakh with the tribals making up almost 53 percent of the whole. In 1941 the total population rose to 5.13 lakh with a tribal population of 51 percent. However, after the Liberation War of Bangladesh in 1971, the huge influx of Bengali refugees from Bangladesh totally changed the whole demography of the state and the percentage of tribal population came down to 28 percent. Therefore it can be understood very easily that the successful combination of refugee politics and the politics of ethnicity is the key to political success for any political force in the state.

Communist Party and Ethnicity

This is an unfortunate fact in the Indian communist movement, since its inception, never understood the class question in a living manner. Rather it understood the question absolutely economically. Therefore, the Party always undermined the struggle of caste, gender and ethnicity. However, in Tripura it was a different story altogether. The undivided communist party took up the ethnicity question very seriously and understood it as an integral part of democratic revolution. Therefore, the Party could assimilate the ethnicity struggle into the larger horizon of struggle for communism. At that time the Party was a master in creative politics and formed different useful platforms to launch and lead many particular struggles in different parts of the country. As a part of these experiments in Tripura the Party launched several socio-political platforms to work among the tribals. In 1938 the Jana Mangal Samity (Organization for Mass Welfare) was formed followed by Jana Siksha Samity (Organization for Mass Education) in 1945 and Tripura Praja Mandal (People's Committee of Tripura) in 1946. Spreading education was one of the important aims of the Party in tribal areas at that time. Side by side large scale social welfare programmes were taken to spread the relief work among the tribal masses in order to uplift the general living condition of the people. The cumulative effect of all these works was the development of political consciousness of the tribal masses which gave birth to another important organization, Gana Mukti Parishad

(Mass Emancipation Committee) which led a four-year-long armed struggle against the Princely administration and the Indian state under the direct supervision of the Party.

In this period the main demand of the tribal people of the state was their separate homeland. The question was in flux as the integration of Tripura with the Indian state was not completed by then and all possibilities were open. The armed struggle led by Gana Mukti Parishad was also in line with the Party's overall call of armed uprising against the Indian state under the leadership of BT Ranadive. However, after 1950 both of the questions were settled as Tripura became a part of India and the Ranadive line of armed uprising was abandoned by the Party. In this phase the Party went into another magnificent experiment to raise the demand of the tribal's share of resources, like land, forest etc. After the Liberation War broke out in 1971 in Bangladesh the heavy influx of Bengali refugees started to take place and the political situation changed once again. On the one hand the overall pressure on the state's economy was increasing and the percentage of the tribal people in the demographic structure was decreasing very fast on the other. However, in this phase as well the Party (CPIM) worked fairly well to combine the works among the tribal masses and the works among the incoming Bengali refugees. As a result the leadership of the Party came from both the sections and a strong unity between tribal and nontribal sections of the population was intact despite the growing insecurity felt by the tribal masses.



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However after coming to power in 1977 the Party gradually started to take more and more conventional mainstream political positions in all the questions including so called development projects, tribals' share in the state resources etc. This problem was aggravated in the second innings of its rule (1993-2018) after a brief gap from 1988 to 1993. The conflict over the Gumti River Hydel Project has remained the most vital issue in this regard. Nearly 40,000 tribal people lost their lands due to the project whereas not even one fourth of them received any compensation due to their failure to provide necessary papers to claim the ownership over the land. Huge protests and resistance broke out and the Left government unleashed oppressive measures to crush the movement. This incident brought forth one another important issue. The papers of ownership to a vast section of sharecroppers, tribals and marginal cultivators were supposed to be provided by the government under land reforms programmes. However, the Gumti project movement showed very clearly that despite the most advertised land reforms claims

of the Lefts remained hollow in most parts of the state, especially in the tribal areas.

It does not mean that the state government under Left Front did not take up positive steps towards socio-economic development. According to many social indicators the state came to top. Tripura is one of the highest ranking states in literacy. The overall economy was systemized which gave a boost to the revenue collection. As a result the government employees started to get systemic and stable income. In return the domestic market flourished and trade situations could be stable. However, all these steps majorly benefited the middle class and the Bengali population including the refugee masses saw upward social mobility.

However, these socio economic changes increased the domination of Bengali middle class (Bhadralok) over the society, administration and the Communist Party. The hard earned unity between tribal and non-tribal people faced a huge rift and as the Party gradually became the Party of Bengali badralok the rift between two sections of the population gradually turned as the rift between the Party and the tribal masses. Therefore, the glorious legacy of the Tripura model (as it was coined by a crucial document of undivided Communist Party document of 1951 on the tactical question) to assimilate the ethnicity question in communist imagination has come to an end. Similar fate of the Party in the hill area of West Bengal over the demand of Gorkhaland in the middle of 1980s can be taken as a referring point.

BJP's Rise and Debacle

Once social mobility started to gear up the middle class started to search for newer opportunities in the era of neo-liberalism. After Narendra Modi came to power in the Central government in 2014 BJP started to endeavor in the North East with renewed vigor. They started promising the fortune seeker middle class Acche din, the high sounding stories of golden future under so called double engined government which helped them to make inroad among the Bengali bhadralok section. The tribal population feeling deprived under the LF government also started to be inclined to BJP. Although the relation between IPFT (Indigenous People's Front of Tripura) and RSS was not smooth in the past, an eventual cooperation was developed between them. After the Narendra Modi government came into power in 2014 the expectations from BJP reached the highest level among the deprived population throughout the Northeast and using the growing isolation of the LF government and the CPIM party from the masses, the BJP-IPFT alliance came into power in the state in 2018. The election was held in 59 seats out of total 60 seats and the Saffron Party bagged 35 seats and its ally IPFT got 8 seats which enabled them to oust the LF government. Among the Left Front parties only CPIM got 16 seats, others could not open their account at all.

However within three years of coming into power the BJP government started to face deep problems. To meet the expectations of the people in the state was not an easy task as it

was too high.

It was a direct consequence of the Left rule which did fairly well in many sectors. The irrational promises made by the central leadership including the Prime Minister in front of the election proved absolute Jumla to a large extent. The cumulative effect of note-ban, GST and a long spell of Covid made the state economy horrible. The party has failed to show concrete remedies for the economic woes. The rate of unemployment goes to the highest level. The state government employees are not getting DA for a long time. The promise for overall economic development has proved to be a distant dream. Instead of facing the situation boldly and creatively the Chief Minister Biplab Dev had chosen the shortcut way by playing religious card which he learned from the central leadership. He started claiming absurd things about the past glory of Bharata at the time of Mahabharata and Ramayana. As a consequence Mr. Deb lost popularity very fast.

Secondly, it must be understood that BJP is such a Party which has no root in a vast portion in India including Eastern, Northeastern and Southern parts of the country. Only North India is its natural place. And the Party which is deeply embedded in the Brahministic heritage doesn't understand these areas and doesn't want to understand. They only resort to the political gimmicks and use their robust financial muscle to capture power. Therefore, most of the party bosses in the entire Northeast are basically gold diggers who have come from the other parties seeking for better opportunities for accumulating power and money. As Biplab

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Deb lost his popularity among the masses the infight within the party started in a big way which paved the way to stage the episode of replacement of the CM.

Present Situation

Meanwhile the tribal masses have been disillusioned to BJP to a large extent as they got nothing but empty promises in the last five years. As a result distancing from BJP a very large section of the population is now supporting another tribal organization called Tipraha Indigenous Progressive Regional Alliance, commonly known as TIPRA or Tipra Motha. Under the leadership of Pradyot Manikya Debbarman, the present head of the royal family which ruled Tripura under the name of Manikya dynasty for many centuries, Tipra Motha defeated both the BJP and the CPI(M) in the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council elections held in April 2021. The TIPRA and its then ally the Indigenous Nationalist Party of Twipra (which has since merged with the party) won a total of 18 out of the 28 elected council seats. The BJP was restricted to 9 seats and the CPI(M) was completely washed out, unable to win any seats, losing their supermajority of 25 seats in the 30-seat council and a decline from 49 per cent votes in the previous council election to 12 per cent. A large section of tribal youths are attracted to this new tribal party in the state. This time 80,000 new youth voters were added to the list. For an obvious reason the youth voters are going to play a very important role in this election. Most of the political analysts opine that the mood of the youth voters are

majorly anti-BJP. The impact of growing tribal disillusionment on the ruling parties can be understood from the political developments which caused the IPFT, BJP's ally, to lose three of its MLAs: Dhananjay Tripura, Brishaketu Debbarma and Mevar Kumar Jamatia. The three leaders have joined the Tipra Motha. The success of Tipra Motha probably lies in the fact that it has gone back to the old demand of the tribal people for a separate tribal homeland. The demand of the 'Greater Tipraland' is going to be the key issue in the tribal dominated areas. BJP is also trying to reach an agreement with Tripra Motha, sensing its advancement in the tribal areas. However, till now this effort is not successful to yield any positive result.

On the other hand the opposition parties including the Left front and Congress, along with the civil society jointly appealed to the people to fight saffron forces to 'save democracy and Constitution'. Senior leaders, including CPM secretary Jitendra Chaudhury, CPI(M-L) national general secretary Dipankar Bhattacharya, Congress MLA Sudip Roy Barman, former Congress MLA Asish Kumar Saha and other leaders of the Forward Bloc and Revolutionary Socialist Party (RSP) shared the dais at a programme to mark 75 years of independence in Agartala very recently. "We want all secular and democratic forces to come together to fight against the BJP and RSS in order to save democracy and the Constitution. And it is possible," A jubilant Chaudhury said, alleging that there is a planned effort to implement fascism in India. The Lefts have gained most of their strongholds using the

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Why, the Fascists Fear a Documentary?

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The political campuses of India are in turmoil. Since the past week, we are witnessing all over India, a widespread political unrest in universities like JNU, Jamia, HCU, DU etc. where the students screened the BBC's Documentary, India: The Modi Question. The most reactionary, neo-fascist modi government and RSS forces retaliated this move of students by using highly nefarious means, by keeping the Constitution of India, just a scarecrow.

It is not the first time a BBC documentary that critiques Modi, is getting banned in India. In February, 2022, a documentary by BBC named, "Modi: The Man, The Myth, The Legend" was banned for its focussing on Modi's fierce way of handling the Kashmir conflict. It also mentioned Modi's role in the 2002 Gujarat Riots. The ban was opposed by the people vehemently. Now, BBC has released a documentary, named India: The Modi Question, which lays more emphasis on the 2002 Gujarat Riots and also the fascist regime of Modi. The political scenario of India is set ablaze by the ban on this documentary by the Modi Government invoking the IT Act.

All over India, in different universities, the students took up this question. On 21st January, 2023, the students of Fraternity Movement screened this documentary in HCU and in Kerala. As a retaliation, the students of Kerala were arrested by the Kerala police. On 25th

January, 2023, students of JNU screened the documentary, India: The Modi Question in JNU Campus. The JNU Administration cut the power supply of JNU campus to stop the screening of the documentary. But still, the documentary was screened on laptops by the students. The RSS-ABVP workers pelted stones on the students to disrupt it.

On 26th January, 2023, students of SFI called for the screening of the same documentary in MCRC Lawn of Jamia Millia Islamia. But the Jamia administration released a notice, restricting all kinds of gatherings and meetings in Jamia. Atleast 12 student activists, 7 from SFI and 5 from NSUI and Fraternity together, were detained. I was in my hometown, otherwise, I would also have been one among the detainees. We are victims of the Jamia administration's witch-hunt by issuing showcause notices for raising our voices for the student issues. Those students who were caught were mercilessly dragged through the roads. They were kept in police custody for the whole night. The mobile phones of the students were also snatched away and the guards chased the students and helped the police catch them. Again, on 27th January, 2023, Delhi University also witnessed the same events. The police declared Section 144 in DU and also repeated Jamia incidents in DU by brutally attacking the students and taking them to Maurice Nagar and Cyber Cell Police stations.

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The students of TISS also screened this documentary. Also, many students shared it personally and publicly by the means of Google Drive links and QR Codes. In CU, Rajasthan, the administration suspended 8 students, based on the list made by ABVP. All the university administrations have degenerated into stooges of the RSS-BJP fascists. That's why, all over India, they are just acting for the political interest of the state, without even minding the legality of these acts.


The most important question is why the Modi government fears such a documentary. In America, we could see Donald Trump, reiterating the Hitler's slogan attacking the 'Lügenpresse', which condemned all the criticisms on him as leftist propaganda and as lies. Now, we are seeing such a repetition here in India too, where the Modi government is claiming every single claim that negates the Hindutva narrative as a propaganda as well as a lie. It is not just about claiming but also about the ruthless means through which they suppress the voices of the people. The use of draconian laws like UAPA and the reactionary application of violence to suppress movements like anti-CAA-NRC movement and Farmers' movement are clear cases of this. The 15/12 attack on Jamia and AMU was not just a case of attack on the students but also an open declaration of war against the people by the state. In fact, it was a highly exposed form of state terrorism.

We can see the Modi and the RSS neo-fascist forces using constitutional and extra constitutional means to advance to their Hindu Rashtra, which Dr. BR Ambedkar condemned

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as “the greatest calamity for this country.” He also said, “Hinduism is a menace to liberty, equality and fraternity. On that account it is incompatible with democracy. Hindu Raj must be prevented at any cost.” But on the other hand, the ideologues of Hindutva, ranging from Savarkar and Golwalkar to Modi, Mohan Bhagawat created their own narrative on India, which repeated the same idea of determining the nationhood based on the concepts of Hindutva, based on the Pitrubhoomi (Ancestral land) and Punyabhoomi (Cradle land of one's religion). This narrative claimed India as a place where the ‘intrepid Aryans’ thrived and also, where tolerance and freedom of worship were at its peak. It also claimed the Moslems as alien to our culture and also the destroyers of this harmony in India. The partition of India into India and Pakistan proved how diabolic this narrative was.

RSS advanced this narrative after independence and gained strength after the emergency. The instances of Babri Demolition in 1992 and Gujarat riots in 2002 deeply implanted this radical ideology of hate in the veins of the people. The corporate media houses repeated this hate propaganda. We could see that all those mainstream corporate media houses except NDTV had already become the lackeys of the fascist Modi regime by 2019. Now, with the takeover by Adani, NDTV also fell into the laps of the fascists. But BBC came forward critiquing the fascist regime, with their documentary in February 2022. After this, the statement of Pakistan Minister Bhilawal Bhutto, “Osama bin Laden is dead, but the butcher of Gujarat lives and he is the Prime Minister of India”, was also openly attacking the Hindutva terrorist, Modi. Now, come out, they are using the most pernicious again, when the latest BBC documentary has and diabolic methods to suppress it. Those who are clamping down on those who screen this are the same people, who facilitated the screening of the Kashmiri Files in the campuses like HCU.



The ongoing fascist offensive sabotaged all the fundamental rights of the people, in their efforts to build Hindu Rashtra. They have either completely destroyed those laws that protect the people's rights or have infringed them in a completely unlawful and dictatorial way. This clampdown on documentary screening was their loud clarion against our liberties. They are just waiting for a right moment for the final leap towards the Hindu Rashtra. A united resistance against this can only stop this move.

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debacle of BJP facing the growing political violence in the state. It should be noted that despite its poor performance in the 2018's election CPIM bagged 42.22 percent of vote share, only 1.37 percent less than BJP. Therefore if the party can build up an overall consensus among the non-tribal population to resist BJP unitedly and simultaneously can bridge the tribal non-tribal rift by creatively negotiating the demands of tribal masses by resorting its old heritage of combination politics between ethnicity and egalitarianism, BJP undoubtedly is going lose its power. Now everything depends on the political maturity of the party leaders. As per latest news, the seat sharing agreement between CPIM and Congress is going smoothly in spite of some minor disputes. But no agreement with Tipra is still in sight.

Dharavi, Asia's Biggest Slum to become the El Dorado of Adani, India's Biggest Crony Capitalist?

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Dharavi is Asia's biggest slum that became world famous through the Oscar-winning movie Slumdog Millionaire (2008). Located in Mumbai, the financial capital of India, it symbolises India's stature as the 'citadel of global poverty' and home to world's major chunk of poverty-stricken people with around 250 million "extreme" or "absolute" poor, 60 million of them being slum dwellers. As a corollary of this, inequality in its worst form exists in India where the top one percent of its population now owns more than 40 percent of the country's wealth while bottom 50 percent holds only less than 3 percent of the same. Recently, when the first meeting of the Development Working Group under India's G20 Presidency was underway in Mumbai during the second week of December 2022, alongside the drive to beautify the city, the Modi government, using big sheets, also resorted to cover-up the city's slums including Dharavi from the sight of foreign dignitaries.

Now once again Dharavi has started getting a lot of media attention following the winning of the bid for Dharavi Redevelopment Project (DRP), one of world's biggest "slum redevelopment plan" by Adani, India's largest and the third-richest global corporate billionaire. As of now, out of 22 million population of Mumbai, around 42 percent is in slums and Dharavi houses more than a million people among them. The idea of providing

housing to slum dwellers together with Dharavi has been there since the last decade of the of the 20th century when Shiv Sena-BJP government in 1995 announced the establishment of a Slum Rehabilitation Authority (SRP) as its poll promise envisaging "free houses" to 4 million slum dwellers. In the meanwhile, despite occasional interventions on the part of authorities, due to lack of official interest and due to the uncertainties regarding private gain, no serious initiative had been there as the project was primarily envisaged in the public domain. This had been the situation till the ascent of the Modi regime in 2014.



Since then, on account of the far-right turn in policies towards neoliberal-corporatisation, even the remnants of erstwhile Nehruvian 'state-led development' became an anathema as manifested in the abolition of the six-and-a-half decades old Planning Commission and the state itself transforming as a corporate-facilitator.

This resulted in a shift in decision-making to corporate-board rooms as parliament remained

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a mere spectator leading to India's transformation as the most flourishing example of crony capitalism led by Adani-like billionaires who merged themselves with the higher echelons of power. The new-found initiative for drastically redeveloping Dharavi through private-corporate initiative under the pseudonym of public-private-partnership (PPP) comes to the fore in this far-right neoliberal context. Thus, in continuation of many aborted attempts in the past 19 years to redevelop Dharavi, now Adani has won the "world's largest urban renewal scheme" by clinching the Rs. 5069 crore-bid for the Rs. 23000 crore DRP which is to be finished in 17 years and rehabilitation plan of slum dwellers in 7 years.

The circumstances that led to the latest initiative are noteworthy. Obviously, as noted at the outset, the immediate context for this concern for Dharavi is India's emergence as G20 host country and Modi government's move to use the context as an opportunity to showcase India. Further, redevelopment of slums has been included in "Urban 20" (U20) that was initiated in December 2017 as part of G20's Sustainable Development initiative. Equally relevant is Modi regime's own much publicized proposal for developing "smart cities" under "public-private-partnership" (PPP), that has now become the acclaimed model of development in all spheres since it is the most convenient form of loot of public money by corporate-crony capitalists under neoliberalism. As such, the decay and parasitism of capital have reached that level where even slum renewal/redevelopment has also become an avenue of lucrative profits and corporate plunder in the guise of PPP.

Regarding the emergence of Adani Group as the 'developer' of Dharavi, allegations are there regarding how it became the lead bidder. For instance, in 2018 Adani was lost out to UAE-based Seclink Group backed by the Abu Dhabi Royal family that bagged the DRP in the tendering process as it quoted Rs. 7200 crore outbidding Adani who could then bid it only at Rs. 4539 crore. However, it was canceled for which satisfactory explanations are lacking. Hence in late 2022, when Adani could easily outbid the other competitors with an amount of Rs. 5069 crore, he had already become the front-ranking global billionaire and the closest corporate ally of the ruling regime. Hence it also prompts all well-meaning people to look into the modus operandi behind Adani grabbing the DRP along with the proprietorship of various PPP-based realty and infrastructure projects including ports and airports outbidding others on mere technical grounds.



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Now, as already reported by many concerned, Dharavi is going to be another source of fabulous wealth appropriation for Adani whose business empire has ballooned in recent years primarily through real estate and speculation involving both large-scale displacement of the people from their habitat and outright plunder of nature. As per the agreement, in the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) that is being floated for DRP consisting of Adani and government (represented by both Dharavi Redevelopment Authority – DRA and Slum Redevelopment Authority – SRA), both will hold 80 percent and 20 percent equity respectively. With an investment of Rs. 5069 crore (bid amount), Adani's interest obviously lies not in the rehabilitation of slum dwellers but in the “sale component” of the Rs. 23000 crore-project, by which he can sell lakhs of square foot of residential and commercial spaces in the very heart of the city of Mumbai. It is in addition to this that 47.5 acres of Railway land in Dadar, in central Mumbai has been handed over to Adani as an incentive, for which the Railway Ministry is set to get only a paltry 0.21 percent of the profits as per the agreement.

No doubt, the overall socio-economic impact of slum redevelopment and ‘rehabilitation’ on its residents by private developers, whose driving force is speculative profit from real estate business will be far-reaching including massive displacement of the slum dwellers. This is the logical corollary of making policy-decisions in corporate board-rooms and superimposed on the residents by the most corrupt crony capitalist regime in gross disregard of even namesake people's participation, without seeking people's concerns in any manner, and

totally keeping them in the dark without sharing any details of the agreement between Adani and the regime.

It also goes against the Maharashtra Slum Act that provides for people's participation mandatory for slum redevelopment and rehabilitation. For the one million slum dwellers of Dharavi living there for generations in around 65000 families spread across almost 700 acres (around 283 hectares) of land, the outcome of this redevelopment led by Adani is going to be horrific as many lakhs of people will be evicted and thrown out mercilessly.

According to available information on the deal, those who were residing in Dharavi before 2001 will be eligible for a 300/350 sq ft house (as per accepted housing guidelines, a family of five should have a minimum 700 sq ft house) and those who came after that have to buy it at a price. This criterion itself is enough to squeeze out around half of the inhabitants from rehabilitation altogether. The Dharavi renewal project earmarks 65 percent of the construction (total construction as per DRP is estimated at more than one crore sq ft) for rehabilitation and 35 percent for sale in the open market and out of 1.08 lakh houses, 40000 are for open sale. But it is only for public consumption, since the above condition will deny housing right for more than half of the residents. Further, those who are lucky to be accommodated will be confined to a corner of the buildable area which is fixed at around 150 hectares only. To be precise, lakhs of sq ft of residential and commercial space in the heart of Mumbai city will be available to Adani under what is called

Transferable Development Rights (TDR) for sale in the open market. In view of the present market price of Rs.70000 per sq ft in Mumbai's Badra-Kurla, one of the most prominent business complexes in Asia that is adjacent to Dharavi, the latter is definitely going to be a 'gold mine' for Adani!

At the same time, Dharavi is not an ordinary slum, but has a sustaining informal economy with an annual turn over of more than Rs. 8000 crore and providing employment to many lakhs of its residents. It is a hub of tens of thousands of unorganised enterprises manufacturing a wide variety of products such as leather, footwear, textiles, cloths, pottery and even medicines. It is estimated that garments making alone gives livelihood to around 2 lakh people. Thousands of small units employing around 25000 people are engaged in sorting out and recycling almost 80 percent of Mumbai's solid waste. Probably, Dharavi may be India's most literate and educated slum which created history effectively resisting the Covid pandemic while Modi regime was busy with superimposing world's most stringent lockdown on the people. Now, in the guise of Adani-led redevelopment and rehabilitation, this 'ecosystem' is going to be destroyed leading to a new 'ghettoisation' of Dharavi, even as half of the residents being 'ineligible' will be evicted and thrown out with the backing of state power, as exemplified by the notorious Vizhinjam port project in Kerala, which is destined to be nonviable both economically and ecologically.

[<https://countercurrents.org/2022/12/cpim-and-bjp-become-twin-brothers-in-kerala-in-their-ignominious-servility-to-adani/>]



For the Adani conglomerate, Dharavi is only the latest in the series of construction projects undertaken by it. As in the case of his entry into other sectors, Adani's realty tentacles also have their roots in Gujarat beginning with the construction of Shantivan township in Ahemadabad since 2010 when Modi was the chief minister of Gujarat. This was followed by construction projects in Jagatpur, Gurugram and Pune, and it was in 2014 along with the advent of the Modi regime at the Centre and the consequent pan-Indian extrapolation of Gujarat model that enabled Adani to extend his realty empire to Mumbai, India's financial capital in 2014. These realty projects which are under PPP are also categorised as infrastructure investments today. Hence, together with government grants, many tax and fee concessions, Adani (and others of his kind also) can avail thousands of crore of bank loans for such realty businesses on the basis of mere 'good-will' which are eventually written off as Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) leading to unprecedented crisis of public sector banks in India, a fact recently acknowledged by the RBI Report itself.

Of course, reminiscent of the ‘robber barons’ of the colonial era, the ‘new generation’ Indian corporate billionaires with Adani now in the lead are accumulating fabulous wealth primarily concentrating in money-spinning businesses such as stock market, real estate and outright plunder of nature rather than from the productive sectors of the economy. As a result, even when the real economy goes through a downward spiral, as was the case during the pandemic when people were held in captivity through many restrictions, the most corrupt crony capitalists with their unholy alliance with the regime are able to gallop their wealth by sucking out whatever left in the arteries of common people by remaining in the sphere of speculation. Obviously, on account of his close proximity and nexus with Modi, Adani has been the most successful crony capitalist in this process. This has been the political basis of his success in many controversial deals pertaining to projects such as coal mines (including the controversial Australian deal), power generation, transmission and distribution, gas distribution, agribusiness, ports, airports, financial services, media, digital services and data centres, and many other infrastructural and real estate projects. No doubt, this gobbling up of country’s resources is backed by a series of pro-corporate laws, fiscal and monetary measures including many tax exemptions and corporate tax reductions. The other side of this corporate logic as already mentioned, is the manner in which many millions are driven to hitherto unknown levels of poverty, deprivation and destitution.



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Therefore, when Adani, the epitome of ‘crony capitalism’ now becomes the ‘developer’ of Dharavi, dark days are ahead for its one million residents whose ancestors got a 99-year land lease agreement for settling there from the colonial government in 1895. The superimposed DRP which is in tune with corporate greed in gross disregard of the concerns and requirements of the dwellers of Dharavi is part of the corporate-fascist offensive unleashed on the working class and oppressed by the Modi regime throughout the country. Therefore, in view of the impending socio-economic tensions related to this deal, the political developments in India in the coming days including the 2024 General election will be decisive for the people of Dharavi as well as for DRP led by Adani.



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Introduction

The 12th Party Congress of our Party, CPI(ML) Red Star was held at a very critical time. The international situation is becoming increasingly dangerous, posing greater challenges before the world people; Russia's war on Ukraine is continuing, imposing miseries over the masses. Imperialism is in great crisis, and the impending ecological catastrophe is threatening the very existence of humanity. In our country, with its return to power in UP and three other states, the RSS/BJP is on more aggressive fascist path. The people of J&K and of Northeast are under virtual military occupation; sky-rocketing prices, unemployment, and poverty are making life miserable for increasing sections of masses. The Manuvadi Hindutva forces are intensifying their fascistization for celebrating the centenary of RSS formation and for the declaring India as Hindurashtra. On the whole, neo-fascism is marching roughshod over the masses everywhere. With the threats of Covid pandemic is still lingering, corporate fascists are on the offensive to gobble up all the wealth, threatening the world people with more wars, divisive hate campaigns, miseries and increasing disappearance of democratic space.

In the middle of all these, the period after the 11th Party Congress was really challenging. Still, at all fronts, we concentrated our efforts to fight the fascist RSS parivar and its Modi rule with all our might. We took active role in the anti-CAA offensive, as well as in the historic farmers' movement. Extending all possible assistance to the masses to confront the pandemic, numerous other struggles and various campaigns at national and state level were taken up, in spite of the grave problems created by the pandemic during this period, including the loss of many of our dear comrades during this period including our youngest PB members, Sivaram and Sharmista. Turning the grief to the determination to fight back, we continued our party building and struggles.

International Situation and Our Tasks

The updated Party Program and Path of Revolution have presented detailed analysis of the present international situation in detail, especially focusing on the developments during the post-Second World War decades. The Political Resolution has analyzed the present international situation providing further details. The developments leading to the outbreak of the present war on Ukraine by Russia and its escalation as an inter-imperialist proxy war with US led NATO and have its serious

consequences in all fields with the danger of more countries coming under neo-fascist regimes. The neo-liberal corporate forces are becoming richer by transferring all the burden of the global imperialist crisis to the backs of the people, making their life increasingly miserable, with the ecological destruction becoming more catastrophic. These latest developments reflect the further intensification of all the contradictions at the international level, including the inter-imperialist contradictions, and the one between the imperialists and their junior partners on the one hand and the international proletariat and all the exploited and oppressed peoples on the other. It may lead to many people's insurrections in different countries like the one recently happened in Sri Lanka. But, in the absence of communist parties capable of leading them to revolution, the imperialists could maim the people's anger, and in re-establishing their control in new forms. So, as objective situation is becoming more favorable for capture of political power by the toiling masses, maximum attention should be paid for party building, for strengthening the unity of the ML forces at international level, taking lessons from past experience and according to the concrete conditions of present times.

The war on Ukraine is continuing and causing increasing miseries to the people. Putin is repeating his stand that unless the threats posed by US and NATO to his country is stopped he shall continue the war. The US and NATO are using this situation, to mobilize the neo-nazis in Ukraine and from all over Europe to prolong

their proxy war against Russia. It is a manifestation of ever-intensifying inter-imperialist contradictions. Our approach is that more attention should be given for developing the anti-imperialist and anti-fascist united front, along with giving more attention for a powerful anti-war movement.

National Situation

Under intensifying imperialist globalization and corporatization, similar to what is happening at international level, in our country also, all the major contradictions have further intensified, especially after the ascendance of RSS led neo-fascist Modi rule, as explained in the Political Resolutions adopted by the 11th and 12th Congresses. After the 2019 Lok Sabha elections when BJP was re-elected with huge majority, there was a sharp upswing in the saffronization of the country in all fields. Abandoning even all vestiges of the Keynesian State-led development, the State is fast transformed as the corporate-facilitator under RSS diktat. It has led to further accentuation of the inherent contradictions and tensions in the caste-ridden Indian society. All Constitutional institutions and administrative structures are being saffronized. Through forcible integration of J&K into Indian Union through abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution, construction of Ram Temple at the very site of Babri Masjid, making Muslims as second class citizens by amending the Citizenship Act, saffronisation of education (NEP 2020) and culture, and undermining of the Federal spirit of the Indian Constitution through various measures including the military occupation of

J&K and Northeast through imposition of AFSPA, RSS is now moving towards super imposition of a majoritarian Hindurashtra over the multinational, multilingual, multi-cultural, multi-ethnic and multi-religious India, rejecting all values of modernity including rational-scientific thinking. It is fostering the cult of tradition and obscurantism, treating dissent and disagreement as treason. Ruthlessly suppressing all minorities, especially Muslims by spreading Islamophobia, and all progressive-democratic forces using draconian laws like UAPA and Sedition Act, while it is integrating itself with corporate finance capital. Modi's RSS-led, BJP regime is turning India in to a typical neo-fascist state. Along with this, in conformity with the conspicuous international trend towards intensified plunder of nature by corporate-speculative capital under neoliberalism, India is also witnessing unprecedented ecological devastation during this neoliberal phase.

But, in spite of these severe challenges, the ruling class parties from Congress, the regional parties in power in many states, the caste based parties who are in the opposition or leading the governments in a number of states are still competing with each other in pursuing the soft Hindutva agenda; they are pursuing the neoliberal/corporate policies wherever they are in power. Even those talking about the fascist character of the Modi rule and its anti-people policies, are not seriously working for uniting against the Modi government, at least in spheres like the parliamentary elections. Most of them still refuse to start any serious attack on

RSS agenda. Neither, still there is any significant unity efforts among them to work for a countrywide broad-based anti-fascist front. There were no talks about forging unity against BJP in the crucial elections that took place in UP. But as the Lok Sabha elections in 2024 approach, we have to hope for and work for this situation to change.

Even the approach of the parliamentary left, the parties led by CPI (M), do not reflect the urgency in developing united platform for removing the RSS/BJP from power. This is the threat the Indian polity is confronting even when the RSS neo-fascism is consolidating its powerful presence very fast as seen in UP and at all India level in the March, 2022 assembly election results. The reactionary offensive by the RSS led Manuvadi Hindutva forces is increasingly manifested in all fields through the neo-fascist, neo-liberal, corporate rule of Modi. Its economic offensive starting with demonetization, the GST, hasty transfer of remaining public sector units also to corporates, sky-rocketing price rise, unprecedented unemployment etc have led to pauperization of the people on massive scale. Its policy of spreading Islamophobia and caste-communal divisive moves including the Citizenship Amendment Act, repeal of Article 370 of the Constitution breaking up J&K into two UTs etc. have intensified the atmosphere of hatred and led to horrific attacks on Muslims and dalits/adivasis, and women.

Its subservience to US imperialism, and expansionist policies against neighboring countries have alienated them from India. Failure to resolve the border dispute with China

has led to deployment of the armed forces by both sides all across the Himalayan border. Instead of helping people to face the serious situation created by the outbreak of Covid 19 pandemic, right from the imposition of sudden and most stringent lockdown on 24th March, 2020, without notice, and the refusal to extend food and livelihood to the crores of migrant workers returning to their villages and to the rural population had led to horrific condition for them.

In this situation, the people affected by the consequences of seven years of Modi's rule have started reacting in different fields. The first outburst of mass discontent was the anti-CAA movement which spread countrywide with massive participation of Muslim people starting with Shahin Bagh in Delhi. Modi government succeeded to suppress it using the pandemic as a cover and the RSS master-minded the Northeast Delhi communal riot to 'teach the Muslims a lesson'. But, the farmers' movement which successfully continued for 380 days at Delhi borders in spite of all heinous suppressive measures, finally forced Modi to withdraw the three farm acts and give assurance to the farmers that their other demands also shall be favorably settled. It was an ignominious defeat to RSS/Modi raj. This historic movement, suspended on 11th December, have inspired the building of state level farmers' movements for APMCs and MSP, against corporatization of agriculture, on the one hand, and created favorable condition for the working class and other sections to launch various movements against the atrocious condition they are thrown in to. The dangerous growth of neo-fascism, and the intensifying neoliberal corporate policies are increasingly challenged by these struggles.

State of the Non-BJP Ruling Class Parties.

As part of its fascist agenda, RSS is systematically advancing its concept of a Congress Mukt India, which is still the only all India party challenging BJP. Advocating supremacist Hindutva, it is undermining the regional parties and the federal concept. Interpreting Identity politics in its own way, dalit and adivasi leaders are increasingly assimilated to its fold, decimating the neo-Ambekarite forces like BSP as happened in the latest UP elections. Even while intensifying Islamophobia, and not fielding any Muslim candidates, RSS is successfully using MIM leader Owaisi like forces to divide the Muslim votes also. Congress is continuously weakening as the latest election results reveal. In this situation, though these parties are opposed to BJP, neither the Congress nor those opposition parties who have contradictions with the Congress, and among themselves have still not settled the question of forming any form of alliance against BJP, as well as on sharing power. That RSS is intensifying imposition of its fascist agenda, and has become the number one enemy of the people today. In spite of it, the mainstream opposition parties, because of their adherence to neoliberal policies and influenced by Brahmanical-Hindutva concepts at varying degrees are still not prepared to take initiative for a broad-based anti-fascist front at all India level. The continuing division among the opposition parties are making things easier for BJP.

State of the different streams of left forces.

The parliamentary left parties, or the CPI(M)-led Left Front parties started losing their influence outside W. Bengal, Tripura and Kerala from the early 1990s itself as they failed to address the challenges posed by neo-liberal policies and the Mandal- Mandir politics. The failure to develop a left alternative to the ruling system and perusal of the neoliberal policies themselves wherever they were in power led to their collapse in Bengal and Tripura already. In spite of these experiences, and even after RSS neo-fascism has become a great threat, the LDF government in Kerala still refuses to take any lessons, and is alienating fast from the masses. On the other hand, the role of those left adventurist forces practicing 'boycott of elections' is also not helping the anti-fascist movement in any way. The role of the CR forces claiming to pursue mass line also has not improved. On the whole the left forces in the main are getting weakened.

Our approach to Communist Unity and Party Building

In the present international and national situation, when the objective situation is becoming increasingly favorable for a new wave of revolutionary upsurges, right and left deviations and eclectic, opportunist positions among communist forces, only create frustration among the people who are faced with unprecedented deprivation under neoliberal imperialism, and impending danger of ecological catastrophe. Our approach to Communist unity and Party building in this complex situation is to launch a healthy

ideological-political struggle and win over all genuine communist forces for building a Party capable of giving leadership to revolutionary upheaval in the present neoliberal, corporate phase of imperialism. Our basic points of difference with the above streams and proposals for party unity are pointed out in the updated draft Party Program.

They are: Firstly, a positive approach to proletarian internationalism, and for uniting the ML forces at international level for joint campaigns and struggles wherever possible. Secondly, recognizing that in the concrete conditions of our country, the class struggle, caste struggle and gender struggle are integrally related to each other and should be taken up accordingly, waging the caste annihilation movement and gender equality struggle along with the class struggle. Thirdly, recognizing the significance of protecting ecology with a now or never approach, when the imperialist system has pushed humanity to the verge of ecological catastrophe. Fourthly, continuing struggles to complete remaining tasks of agrarian revolution including land to the tiller, and completing anti-imperialist tasks to create conditions for advancing to the stage of socialist revolution. Based on these, the process of uniting the CR forces should be speeded up with the aim of building a powerful communist party at all India level.

The urgent task before the worker-peasant alliance and its other allies led by the party in our country is to throw out the neoliberal, corporate, neo-fascist forces led RSS/BJP rule by building the broadest possible anti-fascist front/platform. Along with this, the party should strive for building the revolutionary left core with a common minimum program for revolutionary change.

These three tasks are closely inter linked, and should be carried forward simultaneously, with one or other of these tasks coming forward at a time as the primary task according to concrete situation. Building a powerful communist party in a country like India is possible only by uniting all the communists who recognize India is a neocolonial dependent country in the stage of completing the remaining tasks of democratic revolution and advancing to socialist revolution. With this basic approach discussion should be held with all struggling, like-minded forces for achieving unity with the understanding of building a Bolshevik style communist party. Presently there are good possibilities for polarization of the communist sections in the country.

UP Mission

As the Modi government went on intensifying its fascist attacks against the people, the Central Committee has repeatedly called for effective intervention in all fields of resistance against it. It was as a part of this, when the elections to 5 state assemblies took place in 2021, Party organized effective campaign in Bengal, TN and Kerala where Party is active. In Kerala's situation, when the LDF was continuing the policies of Modi govt and where there was no danger of a BJP victory, Party contested five seats as part of the Progressive People's Front (PPF) with a people's manifesto rejecting the neoliberal policies. In TN, without fielding any candidates, the Party organized the Defeat BJP campaign. In W. Bengal, joining with other struggling left and democratic forces and inviting the SKM leaders also to campaign, an effective NO Vote to BJP campaign was organized which played an important role in defeating the BJP in the elections.

In the context of Modi rule barbarously trying to suppress the farmers' movement and all other people's struggles, as the elections for UP, Uttarkhand, Punjab, Goa and Manipur were due in early 2022, the Central Committee called on the significance of organizing effective intervention in these elections to defeat BJP, especially in the elections to UP assembly. The tactical retreat of Modi by repealing the 3 farm laws and signing an agreement to implement the other demands also was to win the UP election at any cost. The SKM had called for a UP Mission calling on its UP committee to launch a vigorous campaign for exposing Modi governments' attitude to the farmers' movement. The Central Committee decided to launch this campaign at political level. Party Centre took initiative for it from July, 2021. Following an initial campaign, a convention of the like-minded forces, the left and democratic forces was held on 17th August at Lucknow, which formed a Defeat BJP, Save Democracy Manch. Under its banner continuous campaigns were held mobilizing students and other forces. At Lucknow a UP state committee office was started, coordinating all activities. In order to make our presence active in UP among the farmers, after weeks of hard work, a state level conference of the AIKKS was held at Lucknow on 12th December. A meeting of the opposition parties was also organized on 10th January with an appeal to all of them to work together to defeat BJP as the main slogan. This campaign was continued at party level as well as joining hands with all like-minded forces, till the elections were completed. On the whole, this campaign has resulted in creating positive impact among the struggling left and democratic forces in the state. It helped the strengthening of the party in the state. Though BJP returned to power in UP and other 3 states increasing the danger of fascist aggression by the RSS, the campaign by

the Manch along with the campaign by the UP Mission of the SKM UP Committee with the slogan “Punish BJP” had helped the polarization of the anti-BJP votes. It has provided a platform to continue the anti-fascist movement in coming days. The initiative for building up the revolutionary core based on the People’s Manifesto released by the Manch in the state also has to be carried forward by the party state committee.

Importance of Ideological Struggle against Alien Trends to Win over New Forces and Strengthen Party Building

The Communist Manifesto starts with the statement that from the very beginning when the concept of communist revolution was put forward, all the reactionaries of the world had joined hands to exorcise this spectre! These heinous attacks went on intensifying using lies and slanders as the communist movement went on strengthening, and by early 1950s a situation had emerged when it looked like the East Wind of Socialism May Sweep Away the West Wind of Imperialism. Even after the ICM failed to recognize the danger posed by the sinister and pernicious neocolonial form of plunder initiated by US led imperialism, and started suffering severe setbacks starting with the Soviet leadership degenerating to capitalist path, the imperialist camp and its lackeys did not dilute their anti-communist offensive. It has reached maddening levels today by depicting Chinese imperialism as socialism and attacking the whole communist movement in its name. Almost all the communist parties formed during the Comintern days, degenerated to apologists of neocolonialism, are joining hands with the imperialists in these heinous attacks.

History teaches that only by waging uncompromising struggle against imperialists and all its lackeys, along with all alien trends including the right opportunist and ‘left’ adventurist lines, the revolutionary communist forces cannot be won over, and merged. It is also applicable even for recruiting students, youth and intellectuals, as well as members of the class/mass organizations to the party. It calls for a Theoretical Offensive as called by our Tenth Congress of our party. When the RSS fascists could come to power consistently infiltrating everywhere with its Manuvadi Hindutva line, today the line of demarcation between opportunism and revolutionary Marxism is determined by whether one wages all-out offensive against RSS neo-fascism or not. The Party should overcome all weaknesses in equipping all members with revolutionary Marxism to intensify the ideological struggle against all alien trends.

UP Mission was a Challenge

A fundamental question which calls for a theoretical offensive is what is recognition of the relation between ideological offensive and party building in a country like India, where the inhuman caste system, Manuvadi-Brahmanical concepts and patriarchy continue almost unchallenged and has taken more aggressive forms under RSS hegemony. This has become a question of fundamental importance, because of the mechanical understanding advocated by the communist leadership from the beginning that Party’s main task is to develop class struggle to capture political power, and once this is achieved all these problems shall be automatically resolved.

Dr Ambedkar and other renaissance leaders challenged this stand. Based on their analysis of evolution of Indian society, they called for developing class struggle, caste struggle and gender struggle as integrally-linked. It was rejected by the communist leadership. One reason for this may be that they were predominantly from the upper castes. As a result, the communist leaders had a split personality; practicing Manuvadi-Brahmanical concepts at home, while professing Marxist principles and renaissance values in party platforms! This was a fundamental question raised by Mao, till his last days in defense of Cultural Revolution, when the capitalist roaders were focusing their attacks on it and People's Communes. Based on the Marxist-Leninist teaching that socialist transformation can advance towards Communism only if the relations of production and distribution are continuously transformed; he called for Grasp Revolution, Promote Production, against the Black Cat, White Cat theory of capitalist roaders. Similar to what the CPC had to do during Democratic Revolution, during the entire period of socialist transformation to Communism, Communist Party has to uncompromisingly struggle for continuous transformation of the superstructure: the ideas, philosophies, culture, social relations like patriarchy, etc. of the old society as the principal aspect in the relation between economic base and superstructure. Based on the experience of capitalist restoration in Soviet Union, and its growing threat in China, he called for continuous Cultural Revolutions from the pre-revolutionary phase itself, to prepare the soil for continuous transformation of the economic base. He asserted that the transformation of the economic base and its

consolidation can be achieved only if the old ideas and habits are permanently challenged and transformed. Though almost all those who uphold the Naxalbari Uprising claims to pursue Mao's teaching, most of them refuse to break out of the present ideological degradation and address these problems. Though, our Party has dared to take up the challenge and has developed the ideological level considerably, there is lot of unevenness in putting it in to practice. It should be recognized that, even before the degeneration of the Soviet party leadership to capitalist path, there were many debates taking place on many questions concerning socialist construction in the Soviet Union, on developing the communist practice as a real alternative to imperialist system etc. While some of them were genuine, some were consciously provoked by imperialists by spreading lies and slanders against the socialist practice.

Though socialist forces were struggling against the reactionary propaganda of the imperialists, with the usurpation of power by the capitalist roaders and their own slanders against Stalin and the hitherto socialist practice, along with the degeneration of most of the mainstream communist parties to various hues of right opportunism, an atmosphere of animosity against the communist parties and what they stand for was created by the camp of reaction.

As the sharpness of the theoretical offensive against the imperialist camp had become weaker after Lenin's time, in spite of historic advances made by the communist movement during and after the Second World War in the fight against fascism, and in advancing the national liberation

movements, the reactionary ideas of the still dominant imperialist camp led by US imperialism could remain as the ruling ideas, influencing the many generations. It is a fact that the neocolonial phase of post-War imperialism was more sinister and pernicious exposing its barbarous nature. But, using the 'welfare state', the land ceilings from above, the Green Revolution induced growth, the post-War illusion of crisis free imperialism, the US propaganda blitzkrieg aided by the numerous UN Agencies and NGOs, communism was presented as a God that failed.

When Mao unleashed the socialist rectification movement followed by the building of People's Communes and Cultural Revolution, it created great inspiration around the world. But it was heinously attacked through lies and slanders by the imperialists and their lackeys, the Soviet revisionists as well as revisionists and Trotskyists of all hues, and sabotaged by the capitalist roaders on the one hand and the Lin Biaoist left adventurists on the other from within. In the context of the reversal in China with capitalist roaders usurping power soon after Mao's death, the attack on socialism intensified. In this situation, the great victory of the national liberation struggle by the Vietnamese and other peoples of Southeast Asia overthrowing the US imperialism was almost drowned by the imperialists and their accomplices unleashing counter revolutionary offensive using the severe setbacks suffered by the ICM. The damage it created to the ICM by unleashing counter revolutionary public opinion was immense. Its impact on the struggling people around the world also was horrific. It is in this situation, we have to claw back defending Marxism, putting forward the revolutionary vision of socialism exposing the

neoliberal imperialism whose ugly face and barbarous nature is coming out in most naked forms by its intensification of the plunder of human resources as well as nature, taking the humanity towards the verge of a catastrophe.

Presently, various recent developments, especially the historic farmers' movement has shown how the state, even the Modi's fascist regime can be challenged and forced to withdraw such an important legislation it wanted to preserve. It has forced all the communist forces to introspect their positions. As a result, we are now entering a phase when a serious polarization among the broad spectrum of the communist organizations has already started or going to take place soon. While the social democratic section is facing decimation in their former bastions, vast sections of the extreme left are coming out recognizing the vast changes taking place in the country.

Similarly, even after Modi had to make a tactical retreat before the farmers' movement, the RSS parivar has recaptured their initiative by returning to power in UP and the other states where it was in power. Though we took up new initiatives and launched the Defeat BJP, Save Democracy campaign along with the Punish BJP campaign of the SKM, the RSS could utilize the weaknesses of the anti-fascist forces and strengthen its fascist offensive using the state machinery, intimidation of its opponents using various central agencies, and utilizing the media, vast resources under its command. It succeeded to overcome the weaknesses caused by the farmers' movement and people's resentment by winning over the neo-Ambekarite forces to its side and increasing its vote share through it.

The MIM leader like Owaisi also played their role by splitting the Muslim votes to serve RSS. The parliamentary left and those who align with it by contesting as many seats as possible, as well as the Maoists by giving the boycott call also indirectly helped BJP by splitting the anti-BJP votes or preventing their polling. Abandoning the path of independent self-assertion to defeat the growing fascist forces, in effect they became its apologists!

We are passing through the most dangerous days of fascist offensive. To take up this

challenge, we have to relentlessly continue to wage uncompromising ideological struggle against all alien trends, and continue to strive for building the broadest possible united front against fascist Modi raj. We should pursue the line of independent left assertion. We have to speed up party building uniting with all the communists based on the Program and Path documents put forward. We should strive for forging the revolutionary left core based on the program for people' democracy and socialism; combining it with launching of revolutionary struggles in the coming days.



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CHATTISGARH

PUCL's Chattisgarh State Level Convention Held

On 20 th January, 2023, PUCL's State Level Convention on Human Rights Violations in Chhattisgarh concluded in Raipur today. The first sessions focussed on "Increasing Attacks on Religious Minorities in Chhattisgarh's Tribal Areas" and "Emerging Questions: Has Money Law Been Communalized in the Name of Tribal Self-Government" "What will be the long

term consequences of the de-listing campaign in the Fifth Schedule Areas". The second session focused on "Public Interest Litigations and the State's growing assault on human rights activists". Comrade Saura and Comrade Tuhin were keynote speakers of the convention.



Public Meeting Held on Resistance to Manuwadi Hindutva and Caste Annihilation

Caste Annihilation Movement State Coordination Committee Constituted Under the Leadership of Lakhan Subodh

Raipur, 22 January 2023. A public convention was organized at Vrindavan Hall in Raipur, Chhattisgarh on behalf of the Caste Annihilation Movement. The convention was presided over by Lakhan Subodh, president of Gurughasidas Sevadar Sangh and eminent leftist thinker). Com. Tuhin, General Secretary of RCF presented a paper titled "Take forward the caste annihilation movement, resist Manuwadi Hindutva, the ideological base of RSS". Prominent speakers included former MLA and President of Chhattisgarh Mukti Morcha (CMM) Janak Lal





Thakur, Jan Sangharsh Morcha's convenor Prasad Rao and All India Revolutionary Women's Organization (AIRWO) state convenor Hema Bharti were included. Tejram Vidrohi, secretary of All India Krantikari Kisan Sabha (AIKKS) convened the session. Thanks given by Hemant Tandon, Raipur convenor of Caste Annihilation Movement (CAM). Dr. Biplab Bandopadhyay presented a mass song titled "Nafs Nafs Kadam Kadam". The discussion included Alok Premanand, Dr. Ishwardin, Pratap Singh, Shobharam Gilhare, Usha (AIRWO), Tandon Kumar Sahu, Surekha Jangde, Wasim (AIRSO), Tikesh, Basant Shah R.P.(CMM), Saura (Central Committee Member, Adivasi Bharat Mahasabha), Punuram Ghritalhare and T.R.Khunte intervened. In the convention, a 16-member State Coordination Committee was formed to launch the caste annihilation movement in Chhattisgarh. State coordinator of the committee Lakhan Subodh was elected as the President. The convention protested against the "forcible Hinduisation of tribals in Bastar and oppression of the Christian minority under the guidance of the fascist Sangh Parivar, against the Congress government which has become a mute spectator to the conspiracy by the far right RSS to turn Chhattisgarh into a Kandhamal".

Farmers took out Kisan Tiranga tractor rally on 26 January demanding legal guarantee of MSP for all crops



Samyukt Kisan Morcha Delhi's nationwide appeal that all the farmers can get the minimum support price for all their crops or products like paddy, wheat, vegetables, fruits, milk etc. for twelfth month whether government buys or traders buy everywhere. With the message of minimum support price for every farmer, minimum support price for every crop, the

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farmers of Gariaband district gathered at Krishi Upaj Mandi Rajim from 11.30 am on January 26 under the banner of All India Krantikari Kisan Sabha, from where farmers tricolor tractor rally at 1.00 pm It was taken out which visited Rajim and Nawapara Nagar via Fingeshwar-Rajim, Rajim-Raipur, Rajim-Chhura main roads, from where the meeting was held after reaching Agricultural Produce Market.

Highlighting the purpose of organizing Kisan Tricolor tractor rally in the meeting, Tejram Vidrohi, secretary of All India Krantikari Kisan Sabha and convenor of Chhattisgarh Kisan Mazdoor Mahasangh, said that all crops and all farmers can get legal guarantee of minimum support price throughout the year. This is the fundamental right of all farmers. For this, by organizing the farmers from village to village, their rights can be achieved only by fighting constitutionally. Just as there is a law on minimum pay scale and maximum retail price, similarly it is necessary to have a legal guarantee of minimum support price.

Arjun Nayak, president of Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Samiti, Rajpadav Mainpur, convenor board members of Chhattisgarh Kisan Mazdoor Mahasangh, Jageshwar Jugnu Chandrakar, Parasnath Sahu, Dr. Ishwar Dan Asiya, Gajendra Kosle, members of All India Revolutionary Kisan Sabha Hemant Kumar Tandon, Lakhbir Singh, Uttam Kumar, Lalit Kumar, State Vice President of Scheduled Caste Women's Cell Mrs. Dhaneshwari Dande, JP Baghel etc. addressed in support. MR Dande conducted the meeting and Madan Lal Sahu, State Vice President of All India Krantikari Kisan Sabha expressed gratitude.



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The Government should Stop Playing with the Working People and Fulfill the Demand; Indefinite Strike of Anganwadi Workers Continues

Anganwadi Workers Sahayika Samyukt Manch protested in thousands at the Budha Talab picket site for their 6-point demands and gave a demand letter to the Collector in the name of the Chief Minister. It may be known that on December 30, an application was given for permission for the five-day dharna, meeting, rally program from 23/01/2023 to 27/01/2023. But the government and the administration did not give permission under a conspiracy, called ADM Raipur on 22nd evening and gave permission for one day, while the union had asked for permission for 5 days, the government and administration together stopped the protest under a big conspiracy. Tuli was Even though he knew that women were going to come in large numbers, he allowed another organization at the venue on the same day. All the prominent comrades of the United Front warned the state government that if the government does not find a solution to our problems by discussing with us, then we will turn this struggle into an indefinite struggle. Under this, the movement is going on at the development block level in the entire state from January 28.



Com Soura, Tejram Vidrohi, Rukmani Sahu, Khileswari Sahu, Durga Yadav, Lata Nishad, Anita Dahria, Lata Manikpuri etc. criticized the anti-people policies of the Central Government and the State Government and demanded from both the governments. Instructed to fulfill the demand of Anganwadi workers and helpers immediately. Tuhin, general secretary of Kasam, presented a revolutionary song.

Hema Bharti, on behalf of the Manch said that in order to draw the attention of the government administration in support of their pending demands, the program of picketing, rally, memorandum has been done many times, while the government has always ignored, while the Congress government in its manifesto supported the demands but not yet fulfilled.



On 25 th January, a meeting of Jan Sangharsh Morcha of Chhattisgarh was organised at Bhilai, Chhattisgarh. The morcha was formed as anti Fascist struggling United Front comprising different democratic struggling organizations.



PUNJAB

On 19 th January in Rallavikhe village of Mansa Punjab, a group of upper caste goons attacked a dalit family with lathis and crushed a dalit woman with their four wheeler vehicle. Succumbed with this the woman died. For the demand of strict punishment of murderer culprits and appropriate compensation to victims 8 day long dharna and protest programme organised by working class organization's, Mazdur Adhikar Andolan led by Com. Labh Singh was one of them . Due to the protest, three culprits are arrested under the SC/ST atrocities act and Rs. 4 lakh compensation was given to victims by District administration.



RAJASTHAN

On 29 th January RYFI and PUCL jointly organised screening of documentary film " India: The Modi Question". Students and youths attended the programme and declare solidarity with the suspended students of Rajsthan Central University due to screening of the film.



UTTAR PRADESH

On 26 th January, under the call of SKM, a sit in protest was organised in front of DM office Ballia, Uttar Pradesh. Comrades Kanhaiyya, Sriram Bharti, Rajaram ,Parshuram Verma and Srinivas Ram were participated.



JHARKHAND

A sit in protest was organised at Gumla,D.C. office (Jharkhand) by CPI (M-L) Red Star Gumla District Committee



Sad Demise of Com. Bhojlal Netam

All India Chairman of ABM and State Committee Member of CPI (M-L) Red Star Chhattisgarh ,Com. Bhojlal Netam is no more. He was from Gidar village, Mainpur Block of Gariaband District. He was 75 years old. Since his young age he was influenced by communist ideology. Earlier he was a leader of CPI Chhattisgarh. He joined Red Star in 2016 and became SC member. He twice fought under the leadership of Party as candidate of Bindranawagarh MLA seat in 2018 and in Mahasmund Loksabha seat in 2019. He visited Soviet Union in 1985. He has been imprisoned so many times for the cause of tribals and against corporate loot. He has been professional revolutionary in his lifetime. CPI (ML) Red Star and Adivasi Bharat Mahasabha (ABM) deeply mourned in his demise.



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