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Country observes 33rd Memorial Day of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh with sublime solemnity

It is the day that pervades us with the deepest pain and grief – the pain of bereavement of our beloved leader, teacher and guide, the grief of demise of one of the great leaders of the proletariat that the world has ever produced. At the same time, the day instills in us a great determination, firm resolve to build us up as his true students and carry forward the task — task of accomplishing anti-capitalist socialist revolution in our country— with due expediency. It was this day, the 5th of August in 1976, when Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, one of the foremost Marxist-thinkers of the era, our leader, teacher and guide and the founder General Secretary of our beloved party, the SUCI, passed away leaving behind the SUCI, his best creation, the genuine revolutionary party of the proletariat, armed with the enriched, developed and elevated understanding of Marxism-Leninism covering all aspects of life as contained in his thoughts and teachings. This year, observation of 33rd Comrade Shibdas Ghosh memorial day on 5th August all over the country with sublime solemnity from the deepest core of our heart had a special significance in view of the ensuing Second Party Congress in the process of conducting an all-embracing struggle for revitalization and consolidation for which a clarion call was given by Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, our present beloved General Secretary and revolutionary compatriot of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Salt Lake Commune, Calcutta

In the morning of the day, there was a brief programme at the Salt Lake commune of the party in Calcutta. It commenced with the song composed on Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Thereafter, Comrade Nihar Mukherjee paid his glowing revolutionary tribute by placing a wreath at the half-bust statue of Comrade Ghosh. Disdaining his critical ailment, Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta, veteran member of the Central Committee attended the programme and offered floral tribute. He was followed by Comrade Sitesh Dasgupta, member, Central Committee, who too is seriously ill. Then, all the comrades present there garlanded Comrade Ghosh's statue.

Comrade Nihar Mukherjee's speech

All leaders and cadres right from the highest leadership to the grass roots level must engage

themselves in the arduous struggle for developing correct understanding of the profound and extensive treasurehouse of knowledge that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of the era, had acquired in course of his long revolutionary life struggle and bequeathed us. Alongside, we must properly shoulder the responsibility of holding aloft the great banner of proletarian internationalism the way Comrade Ghosh did during the entire period of his life struggle. We are observing that Marxists-Leninists in various countries are waging struggle for overthrowing decadent moribund capitalism. We are establishing contacts and developing fraternity with them.

You all know when the danger of imperialist war and aggression on different countries increased manifold after dismantling of socialist Soviet Union and socialist camp in early 1990s, the Central Committee of our party gave a call for developing an anti-imperialist anti-war militant peace movement and releasing an international anti-imperialist movement by coordinating various anti-imperialist forces round the globe. We also emphasized that real communists ought to undertake the responsibility of developing this coordination and must function as the core of the international united anti-imperialist struggle. With



Comrade Nihar Mukherjee paying tribute to departed great leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh at Salt Lake Commune

this objective, we had first organized an anti-imperialist convention in London in 1992. The second convention was held in Calcutta in 1995. Thereafter, we had organized consecutive international anti-imperialist conventions in Calcutta in 1997, 2003, 2005 and 2007. Many Marxist-Leninist parties and groups participated in these conventions. As a result of this long-drawn effort and following acquaintance and exchange of opinions with various communist parties and anti-imperialist forces, the prospect was brightened for setting up an international anti-imperialist forum. We also came in contact with Ramsey Clark, former Attorney-General of USA and renowned worldwide as a powerful

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SUCI announces holding of Second Party Congress in November, 2009 in Delhi

The Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Centre of India at its meeting held in Calcutta from 1st August to 3rd August 2009, decided to convene the Second Congress of the party in the month of November 2009 in New Delhi. While the delegate session will be held at the Shah Auditorium from 11th November to 15th November 2009, the open session will be held on 17th November 2009. Delegates and observer delegates from 22 states of the country will attend the Congress after holding Local, District and State conferences. Fraternal delegates from 15 countries are expected to attend the Party Congress and address the open session. The Second Party Congress will review the International and National Situations and adopt Theses on International Situation and National Situation. This Congress will also elect the Central Committee and General Secretary of the Party.

Intensify struggle for revitalization and consolidation of the Party

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personality in the international anti-imperialist struggle. On the other hand, having been invited in a number of international programmes, Comrade Manik Mukherjee, a front-ranking leader of our party, also became well-known to many of the anti-imperialist forces round the globe. So, many had proposed that there should be an international anti-imperialist committee with Ramsey Clark as President and Comrade Manik Mukherjee as General Secretary. And exactly that has materialized.

You are also aware how revisionism raised its ugly head in the world communist movement and what a great harm it has caused to the same. Revisionism continues to be a great danger in the world. As internationalists, we are part and parcel of the struggle that real communists throughout the world are waging against revisionism. We have been highlighting before the true communists in the world how Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's thoughts can play a distinct role in defeating revisionism by way of conducting a relentless ideological struggle. Comrade Ghosh's thoughts are also drawing their attention and attraction.

What we need most is to elevate the ideological standard of our leaders and cadres. As a part of the programme of our Second Party Congress, comrades are now studying the two draft theses on national and international situations. All of you should study these two documents meticulously so that you can grasp each and every point covered in these. There is immense possibility of our rapid growth. But we shall be able to make correct use of this congenial situation only if we can correctly identify our defects, errors, and weaknesses and rectify the same. This is the objective of the Second Party Congress. In this process only we shall be able to free the party from all weaknesses and limitations and come out yet stronger with all the characteristics of a well-organized real revolutionary working class party. Please do not forget that most of us who have come to the party are from the middle-class families. Those who come from the workers' families also have to attain true proletarian character through struggle based on communist ideology. Yet the working class and its closest ally, the agricultural labours, because of their class origin,

can fast acquire proletarian culture. But those who come from the middle class can not do so that easily. Because of having formal education, they might be able to be acquainted with the thoughts of ideology relatively faster. But that does not ipso facto make them grasp the ideology properly. When the theoretical knowledge gathered through reading books and listening from others is applied in practice, becomes developed in the process of handling various conflicts-contradictions and learning to overcome all odds and obstacles in accomplishing the goal, it is elevated to real knowledge.

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh has repeatedly warned that precise understanding of Marxism-Leninism mainly depends on how far one is able to acquire real communist character and attain higher ethical-cultural standard through struggle. So the process of this struggle has to be sustained. We should not forget that the filth and dirt of middle class mentality which we have once got rid of through struggle might again infiltrate our mind unless we are alert about it. The standard of our character should be such that if such infiltration takes place even unconsciously, we can at once pinpoint it and wipe it out through conscious struggle. So this is a twofold struggle — internal and external. More living and progressively intensified is this struggle in one's life, more it would guarantee one's unwaveringness in trying circumstances. No sudden shock or awe would perturb such characters. All leaders and cadres must endeavour, both individually and collectively, to keep this process of struggle as taught by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh ever living in the party. Leaders have dual responsibilities. On the one hand, they must correctly conduct the struggle in their personal life. On the other hand, they must keep a close eye on the struggles of the cadres they are working with. The leaders must understand the kind of help a party worker needs to develop himself. Accordingly, they should extend all necessary help to him, inspire him so that he can properly conduct his struggle on his own. Please remember that both internal as well as external contradictions work behind and influence every change of phenomenon. But the internal contradiction is the basis of every change. So every party

worker must remain ever agile as to whether he is correctly conducting his life struggle or not. Leaders will help him. He himself may also seek their help whenever necessary. But it should always be borne in mind that the help received from the leaders or colleagues is not the determining one but is supportive in nature.

One comrade has recently written a letter to me. In that he has said, "I have criticized one comrade in this manner. Please tell me whether my way of criticism has been correct or not." My answer is that mere criticism is not what matters. Whether the criticism is purposive or not depends on the issue of the criticism, process and method of the criticism and the result of the criticism. Object of any criticism is never to frighten anybody but to free one from one's mistakes and help one overcoming one's shortcomings. Whomever we criticize at whatever place, we ought to keep in mind that through that criticism, we are also conducting a struggle to free ourselves from all errors, weaknesses and inabilities. More sincerely and intensely all of you conduct this struggle among yourselves, among the leaders and cadres, more each one of you will enjoy the touch of a new elevated life. The inspiration, enthusiasm created anew in the process will bring about a revolutionary change in the character of the leaders and cadres which will elevate them from higher to still higher standard. It is only through this process that all of us can develop ourselves. We on behalf of the Central Committee are trying to locate the mistakes, shortcomings and deviations and conducting struggle to eradicate them based on the process that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh has made operative within the party. More the party comrades at every level will be able to identify such mistakes and deviations with a free mind and exercising extreme vigil and conduct necessary struggle in the correct process to come out of the same, stronger the party will emerge. Through this, the collective knowledge of the party will be enriched. If any comrade has any relevant point that I have not covered in this speech, that should also be kept in mind. How far shall our party, the leaders and cadres live upto the occasion and play appropriate role, discharge proper

responsibility demanded of the time will depend on our collective endeavour to vigorously pursue the line of approach and process indicated above. With this, I conclude today.

Calcutta

In the afternoon of 5th August, under the auspices of the West Bengal State Committee, a memorial meeting was held at the Nazrul Manch, Calcutta. Comrade Provash Ghosh, member, Central Committee and State Secretary was the main speaker. Comrade Yakub Pailan, veteran member of the State Secretariat, presided over. After rendition of the song on Comrade Ghosh, the young communist comrades of the Komsomol gave Guard of Honour to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. The audience stood to the heel in reverence and joined the chorus. The overcrowded hall spilling over quite a large area outside was vibrated rending the air. Addressing the vast gathering Comrade Provash Ghosh highlighted the glimpses of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's thoughts and teachings, the exemplary arduous revolutionary life struggle of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and the imperativeness to develop each one of us as true revolutionaries by overcoming all attacks of individualism and identifying the self with class, party and revolution. Details of Comrade Provash Ghosh's speech and reports of observances from other places will be published in the next issue of *Proletarian Era*.

Quotation exhibition in Calcutta

Earlier, on 2nd August a Quotation Exhibition containing thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was held at Metro Channel, Calcutta. The Exhibition was inaugurated by Comrade Protiva Mukherjee, the Central Staff member and West Bengal State Secretariat member of the party. In her inaugural speech Comrade Mukherjee said, "At a time, when, amid their wanton attack, the capitalists and the media controlled by them are striving to reason the exploitation-ridden people that capitalism is the last word, and that socialism cannot show the path, the thoughts and teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh are of immense importance." She said "It is Comrade Ghosh alone, who has concretized Marxism-Leninism on

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Comrade Shibdas Ghosh thought carry death warrant of capitalism

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Indian soil and has shown the path of emancipation of the exploited people.”

Guwahati, Assam

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day meeting was organized by the Assam State Committee on 5 August at Kumar Bhaskar Natya Mandir auditorium in Guwahati. Comrade Azhar Hussain, member Assam State Committee, presided over the proceedings, while Comrades Kalyan Chowdhury, State Secretary and Chandralekha Das, Member, State Committee, also addressed the meeting. Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya, Member, Central Committee, SUCI, was the main speaker on the occasion. Main points covered by Comrade Bhattacharyya in his speech are briefly given below.

On 5 August 1976, the death of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, one of the outstanding Marxist philosopher-thinkers of the present era, the founder General Secretary of SUCI, and our teacher and guide, came as a rude shock to the comrades, as if to numb them to inaction. But, it was the immortal thoughts and teachings of Comrade Ghosh, his illustrious life struggle for concretizing Marxism-Leninism on Indian soil and his great revolutionary character that endured as a living source of inspiration and beacon in to the posterity, revitalized them to come forward in struggle to give shape to his dreams, accomplishing the task of bringing about anti-capitalist revolution he had set for them.

Comrade Ghosh had started his life struggle when waves of independence movement against the British imperialist rule were sweeping across the country. Comrade Ghosh himself had joined this movement at his very early teens. While in prison during quit India movement, Comrade Ghosh came in contact with the scientific ideology of Marxism-Leninism and soon it dawned upon him that the undivided CPI did not grow as a genuine communist party. So there was a void which would deprive the Indian people of desired emancipation after achieving political independence as the entire benefits of freedom movement would be usurped by the aspirant Indian capitalist class to grab power through compromise. That spurred

him to shoulder the historic task of building the SUCI as the genuine communist party in India. History proved how true his apprehensions were. Capitalist rule and exploitation over all these 63 years of independence have brought the Indian economy into a grave crisis. Of course, it is not the crisis of our country only, it is a crisis that has engulfed world capitalism. And it is neither an isolated nor a spontaneous phenomenon. It is the inevitable outcome of the internal contradiction of the capitalist system itself. In result, even in USA, the richest country of the world people are being pauperized fast, beggars are increasing alarmingly in number. Industries, financial institutions are closing down one after another. Fast erosion of purchasing power is pushing people into debt-traps; their failure to pay back has given birth to the sub-prime crisis. All these manifestations of economic crisis glaringly vindicate Marx's analysis that the capitalism which once established a more advanced economy, society and civilization by overthrowing obsolete feudal system has become a dead system now. Marx showed that, capitalism has exhausted its role as the guiding force for progress and development of human society. To earn maximum profit being the motive force of production in capitalism, the system has continuously deprived the workers-peasants and common men of their legitimate dues and has thus totally eroded their purchasing power. This only has relentlessly squeezed the market and being entirely dependent on the market, capitalism is digging its own grave in meeting its insatiable greed for profit. Purchasing power of people can never be brought back without abolishing capitalism and hence there is no end to penury and misery, privation and deprivation with capitalism in the rein. Comrade Ghosh elaborated this teaching of Marx showing that while trying to free itself from one crisis, capitalism is being bogged down into a still graver one.

At one stage, to disprove Marxian analysis that 'capitalism has no future', Keynes came with his theory in rescue of the crisis-ridden capitalism. He advised that the state must itself take up the task of increasing the purchasing power of people and of creating the market, by investing more and more capital in public sector. It means, he

prescribed state control over economy. But that theory, too, did not work. Capitalists revolted against state control. Thereupon came the slogan of globalization-liberalization-privatization. Again, that attempt towards averting the crisis by thrusting its entire burden onto the people failed miserably. It ended in the present worldwide intense unprecedented economic recession and crisis. Once again, respite from this crisis is being sought in state control on economy, meaning once again the Keynesian theory is being welcomed. But even this will be a failed attempt, though people will be thrown into unfathomable plight and deprivation, as capitalism will be thrusting the back-breaking burden of their crisis onto them. Once, inspired by establishment of socialism in one-third of the world, people of different capitalist countries dreamt of establishing socialism also in their countries. Theory of nationalization was dished out at this point, with a view to creating confusion in people. In his brilliant analysis, Comrade Ghosh showed that it was a concrete measure of capitalism in a particular concrete situation. Even that could not save capitalism. Rather, it further corroborates Marx's conclusion that capitalism has been mired in such a crisis that there is no way out for it. That is why, as we find it today, the entire production system of the capitalist world has stumbled down. Capital has no strength left to produce goods, so it is being invested in speculation market, diverted to usury business. Even if there is some meager production in any sector, it hardly generates any gainful engagement as most of the modern industries are highly sophisticated and capital-intensive ones. 'Jobless growth' is the term coined by the bourgeois ideologues today. It indicates that the capitalist class is bent upon adding to their heaps of profit utilizing science and technology, but without providing jobs to people.

Capitalist rule and exploitation in India have brought the country virtually at the brink of a volcano. On one hand, ruthless capitalist exploitation is leaving people to die on streets; on the other hand, the capitalist class and its subservient political parties are inciting one section of toiling people against another in fratricidal clashes. They are hatching heinous conspiracies to

break the moral backbone of the youth, the fire power of a nation, by turning them into sex slaves. Young girls are being forced to flesh trade with no other means before them to survive. One after another, conspiracies are being hatched by the capitalists to destroy education for people and dehumanize them.

The situation in Assam is no different from that of the country as a whole. All aberrations are stemming from exploitative capitalist rule and intrigues. However, barring SUCI, no other political party is sharply pointing out capitalism as the main enemy of people. On the contrary, people are being kept confined to the quagmire of elections, made confused with the assurance that problems in their life can be solved through forming or changing governments. Comrade Ghosh waged his life-long arduous struggle to make people realize that people's emancipation can be achieved, not by changing governments through elections, but by overthrowing capitalism at the stroke of revolution and move towards establishing a society free from exploitation of man by man. The ruling capitalist class has not made any mistake to realize that it is the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh that carry the death-warrant of capitalism. The thoughts of Comrade Ghosh are attracting people like a magnet all over the country, to the extent we can penetrate within the masses and bring them in contact with his thoughts. Not only in the country, even wherever outside the country we could reach with our limited efforts and make people acquainted with his penetrating thoughts, there is tremendous response, appreciation and acceptance. His works are being translated in various foreign languages. Marxism is invincible. So are the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh which represent the enriched, elaborated, concrete and developed understanding of Marxism-Leninism covering all aspects of life in the current world situation.

Marxism has concluded irrefutably that capitalism will be plunged into deeper and graver crisis with every passing day, with every passing moment. The world situation attests to that. But if no genuine communist party can emerge in a country, this outmoded capitalism will linger for centuries, for millennia. So, for emancipation from

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Identification with class, revolution and party is the key to communist character

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capitalist exploitation, it is imperative that a genuine communist party must be founded on the strength of correct understanding and realization of Marxism-Leninism, dialectical materialism. For that, there must develop a cult of teachings and instances of the life and culture of the great Marxist leaders, Marx-Engels-Lenin-Stalin-Mao Zedong-Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Comrade Ghosh taught us that the kernel of any great ideology lies in the cultural standard it upholds. Once in our country there developed a craving among people for communism. But, Comrade Ghosh had pointed out, that craving was not founded upon correct understanding of dialectical materialism and premised on the edifice of proletarian culture. In consequence, CPI which had developed at that time and different parties grown later, all going by their communist banners, did clamour of communism, but ultimately grew into agents of capitalism.

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in course of concretizing Marxism-Leninism on this soil also enriched the world communist movement, in regard to the understandings of the struggle needed to be released covering all aspects of life to attain the character of a true communist in the given complex world situation when individualism has assumed a menacing proportion. Comrade Ghosh showed that till the Russian revolution, those who placed social interest above personal interest were considered front-ranking or good communists. But today in the era of decadent capitalism when humanism has lost all its appeals, the earlier criterion is no longer valid. It should be realized that today one can become a good communist only in course of the struggle to merge one's personal interest completely with social interest i.e. proletarian class, revolution and party. Only such communists can provide leadership to a correct revolutionary party. And it is in this very respect that the parties of our country going by their communist signboard have utterly failed and hence remained social-democratic in character.

The anti-capitalist socialist revolution of India cannot be accomplished in a day; quantitative changes will lead to that qualitative change. For that, there must be

democratic movements on legitimate demands concerning burning problems of people's life developed at every nook and corner of the country under the leadership of the revolutionary party. In course of that, the main enemy must be correctly identified and united joint movements against it must be developed on the basis of the principle of unity-struggle-unity, forging unity with all other parties, who may have some role to play against the main enemy. Such a united movement is essential for utilizing any effective role of those parties as also for exposing their compromising character to the people and thereby alienating them from the masses. All our comrades, supporters and sympathizers need to imbibe the essence of the invaluable teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and ensure that the Party emerges much stronger, consolidated and revitalized after conclusion of the ensuing Second Party Congress in November.

Delhi and Gujarat

As part of observing the Memorial Day, central public meeting was organized by the Delhi State Organizing Committee at Gandhi Peace Foundation on 5 August. The meeting was presided over by Comrade J. N. Mandal, Member, Delhi State Organizing Committee, SUCI. Comrade Pratap Samal, State Secretary, also spoke on the occasion. Hundreds of people from all walks of life participated in the programme.

Under the auspices of Gujarat State Organizing Committee (SOC), Memorial Day meeting was held at Manibehn Patel Hall, Lal Darwaja, Ahmedabad on 7 August. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Bharat Mehta, member SOC Gujarat. The speakers included Comrades Dwarika Nath Rath, Secretary, Gujarat SOC and Meenakshi Joshi, Member, Gujarat, SOC. Comrades, supporters, sympathizers from Ahmedabad, Baroda, Surat, Dang, Sabarkundla and other places attended the meeting.

In both these meetings, Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, Member, central Committee, SUCI, was the main speaker. The gist of the speeches delivered by Comrade Chakraborty is given below.

Like life, death is also innate. It

is the law of nature. Lakhs and crore people die daily. But some great personalities never die. They are remembered for ages. Because, theirs is a life distinctly different, because of their contribution to the society, their role in upholding the cause of the people, of the society, of social progress. So in the midst of the commonplace, average or slightly above average, they stand out as different, acclaimed as great, held in high esteem. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh has been that rare a gigantic personality, who in the process of conducting a historic revolutionary life struggle emerged as one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of the era, a true leader, teacher and guide of the toiling masses seeking emancipation from the yoke of exploitation of man by man. Great thinkers who show the path of emancipation to mankind may not physically be present in the society but they live through their creations and contributions. Comrade Ghosh has given to the Indian working class their party, their own instrument of struggle--the Socialist Unity Centre of India-- and the revolutionary theory of anti-capitalist socialist revolution concretized on Indian soil following the invaluable teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin and Mao. And Com. Shibdas Ghosh lives amongst us through these creations. This great creation itself has made him immortal. The importance of this great creation is being felt day in and day out and with the passage of time

What is the need of knowledge? Knowledge is needed to know the law of nature, the truth. Knowledge is acquired in the process of conducting life struggle along the right track, in accordance with the law-governance of the nature, with the insatiable quest for knowing the truth and pursuing truth in life, not any concocted truth but scientifically determined truth that only can guide life to be meaningful, worthy, ennobled. Knowledge gathered in this scientific process illumines us, equips us with the power of analysis, and provides us the beacon to see everything clearly, correctly; emboldens us to courageously face the odds of life. On the contrary, ignorance makes us fearful. As in the abyss of darkness, a little torchlight shows us the path, so does true knowledge in life. The



Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya addressing in Guwahati

life of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was of a relentless struggle in quest of truth. It was this firm and unwavering struggle for applying truth in life that made him such a great leader of the proletariat.

The study of laws of nature is natural science comprising various disciplines like Physics, Chemistry, Biology etc. Similarly, the study of the laws governing society and social progress comes under the category of social sciences consisting of economics, social science, political science, etc. Likewise, logic represents the science of thoughts. Although these branches of science apparently look like or are formally separate, in reality they are not. They are all related to one another. It was the genius of Karl Marx which co-ordinated all these three branches of science and discovered the science of all sciences i.e. Dialectical Materialism which we call Marxism—a comprehensive life philosophy based on science. From the teachings of Marx, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh showed that Marxism is not just the thought for the emancipation of workers only. It has only deduced on the basis of scientific methodology that historically, the workers are poised to lead the revolution for social transformation that necessitates end of the exploitative capitalist system to be replaced by a socialist system providing the transitory stage towards ultimate culmination in classless communist society. In the language of Comrade Ghosh, Marxism or dialectical materialism is a “comprehensive, consistent concept of the world... a philosophy whose outlook is universal, which treads the whole world.” Einstein and Newton are remembered for having unravelled the laws of nature. Karl Marx provided us the scientific world outlook to correctly

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Marxism is a comprehensive life philosophy based on science

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approach, analyze and comprehend the objective reality.

All philosophies propounded in the past-Religious Philosophies, Mechanical Materialism etc. — only interpreted the world based on their own experiences, empirical understanding and instincts, not following the scientific method. Marx showed that the laws governing the world are independent of our likes or dislikes. We can not create a law nor can destroy one. Only we can know the laws. And it is the duty of human being to know these laws and act consciously. If one studies the inexorable course of natural laws, it would be observed that every phenomenon or entity has a beginning, stage of development, maturity, decadence and then end. Likewise, every social system has an origin, growth and decline. So any social order that has come in the process of evolution and progress had been progressive in the beginning, even sometimes revolutionary. But as the days roll by, it becomes old and ultimately moribund proving an obstacle before further advancement of the society and civilization. At that time, it needs to be changed. Capitalism also was progressive when it first

got established as a system in the world by overthrowing feudal social order. But with the passage of time, it started becoming reactionary and its inherent exploitative character got vividly manifest. Lenin had shown that once it reached its highest stage of development i.e. imperialism, it entered its moribund stage. There is no scope of development of capitalism now. The whole of the capitalist society is engulfed with ever deepening crisis in all the spheres of life. The crisis is not only economic but is proceeding to destroy the very social and cultural fabric of the country. So, without uprooting capitalism, emancipation of the entire world is not possible.

Realizing the need of anti-capitalist revolution in India marked by the absence of a genuine revolutionary communist party, Comrade Ghosh took upon himself the historic task of building up SUCI on this soil and in the process enriched and elaborated Marxism-Leninism. And in doing so, there had not been a single social phenomenon, not a single question, problem or issue related to the struggle for emancipation of the proletariat in the national or international sphere which was not



Comrade Krishna Chakraborty addressing at Ahmedabad

illuminated by his profound wisdom. Every branch of epistemology, covering all aspects of life was within his easy reach. He showed that only political struggle is not sufficient to bring about revolution. As long as private property and private property mental complex are not eradicated, capitalism will not die. It was Comrade Shibdas Ghosh who drew our attention to the menacing problem of individualism that was providing a stumbling block before social progress and the struggle for emancipation. Today, all are becoming very individualistic in nature. It is eating into the very vitals of our social and emotional life. All finer senses and tender feelings are disappearing from the society. Earning money anyhow has

become the sole aim of life. One may be a billionaire but is without any peace of mind because money can buy things but not the peace of mind. Individualism is no divine endowment but is stemming from decadent moribund capitalism. And it will continue to pollute life and society as long as capitalism is in vogue. Similarly, without putting an end to capitalism, we cannot put an end to various social crimes, atrocities on women, rape, spread of sex-perversion, vulgarity and all-pervading corruption which are all manifestations of a dying capitalist system. Ruling capitalist class is using all foul means to prolong its exploitative rule. It is dividing the toiling people on the basis of caste, religion, parochial feeling, race etc. The need is therefore to accomplish the anti-capitalist socialist revolution with due expediency and free society from all these aberrations. However, this cannot happen on its own. The objective condition for revolution is ready. But the subjective condition i.e. the correct revolutionary party with the required ideological and organizational strength capable of conducting revolutionary struggle culminating in successful accomplishment of the revolution, is yet to be fulfilled.

Today our struggle is not only against Capitalism but also against all defenders of capitalism including the pseudo-Marxists and social democratic forces like the CPI(M), CPI. The anti-people role of these forces has to an extent been exposed through the recent people's movements in Nandigram and Singur. The severe setback the CPI(M) and its associates had in the last Lok Sabha election bear testimony to that. The people of the country are keenly watching us, reposing faith in our party and are joining it in great numbers. However, to conclude that all of them have acquired communist character will be far-fetched. What is required is to elevate their standard. This cannot be done unless we ourselves join the intense and collective struggle of identifying the self with the party and the revolution and thereby fight the most abominable enemy of revolution — the individualism. If we are not able to do so, we will simply prove ourselves incapable of being equal to the task of bringing about anti-capitalist socialist revolution and be placed in the dump of history. It is

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Comrade Tarun Mondal on budget debate in Parliament

Comrade Tarun Mondal, SUCI, MP, raised pertinent points on important issues in Parliament on all occasions he was allowed to and during very little time he was allotted. In the debate over Central Budget on 14 July last, he said that the budget this time can not be termed pro-people or a budget for the *aam aadmi* (common people). While the countrymen are reeling under unprecedented price spiral, there is no mention as to how the prices of essential commodities could be brought down in next 100 days. Nor is there any specific announcement to stop hoarding and blackmarketeering of food grains, kerosene and other items of daily use. The budget does not assure any guarantee of providing jobs to the scores of jobless. Nor does it spell out any specific step to stop retrenchment, reappoint those already retrenched or reopen closed mills and factories. While the need is to provide at least 200 days' job at a minimum daily wage of Rs. 150 per day under the NREG scheme, the

budget has skipped the subject.

As regards education, Comrade Mondal said that shattering the dreams of the great freedom fighters of our country, education is being handed over to private capital to be run commercially and thus be so prohibitive in cost as to be out of reach of the common people. He demanded that adhering to the recommendations of Kothari Commission, 10% of budget allocation should be fixed for education and the Government should bear the total responsibility of providing education to all.

Comrade Mondal strongly opposed large-scale privatization of health-sector and demanded 10% of budget allocation towards health in compliance with the recommendations of the Bhore Committee and the Mudaliar Committee. Irrigation system too, he pointed out, is severely neglected and as much as 62% of cultivable land in the country is outside the purview of irrigation. The issue of providing proper irrigation facility is, therefore,

to be properly addressed to and necessary fund allotted. Expressing grave concern at the alarming rise in peasants' suicide cases, he warned that unless the prices of fertilizers and seeds are immediately brought down, the condition of the farmers will further worsen. As for drinking water, within the next five years he demanded that the government make it a point to solve the problem of non-availability of drinking water. Strongly denouncing hefty increase in defence budget by over Rs 40,000 crores, he said that such would only add to the mad arms race in the world.

He also said that he had expected a 'Sunderban Package' for the development of the Sunderbans delta with a world-heritage status. In the absence of proper vigilance, the fund-allocation for Aila-devastated Sunderbans may be squandered away by the corrupt nexus of police-administration-ruling party leaders with indulgence from the West Bengal Government, he pointed out.

Deal death blow to all shades and trends of revisionism

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with the object of equipping ourselves to shoulder the responsibility history has adjured to us that the second Congress of our party is going to be held in Delhi in November at completion of a stage of the intense struggle of revitalization and consolidation started by the party during 2005 following the call given by Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, our present beloved General Secretary and a revolutionary compatriot of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. If we can sharpen the struggle of revitalization and consolidation, then only shall we be able to call ourselves students of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and the Party will emerge stronger and more invincible at the end of the ensuing Congress.

Bhubaneswar, Orissa

SUCI, Orissa State Organizing Committee organized a memorial meeting on 5th August at Lohia Academy, Bhubaneswar. Comrade Dhurjati Das, State Secretary presided over the meeting. Comrade Manik Mukherjee, Central Staff, SUCI, addressed the gathering as the main speaker. Comrade Manik Mukherjee in his address dwelt on the arduous life struggle of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in building up a genuine communist party in India and elaborated how Comrade Ghosh in the process, concretized Marxism-Leninism on Indian soil and enriched and developed Marxism-Leninism in post-Lenin period and brought its understanding to a new height. By conducting a fierce unparalleled revolutionary struggle, with resolute determination and singular courage, covering all aspects of life, he alongwith a handful of his revolutionary compatriots laid the solid foundation of the SUCI, the real revolutionary

party of the proletariat on our soil. And with what revolutionary dedication, with what revolutionary purposiveness did he make it possible braving all odds and overcoming all obstacles, is even inconceivable to others. Perhaps, this has no parallel in history. In the process, he has provided the toiling masses with the correct and scientific programme of action for their emancipation from all sorts of exploitation—the strategy and tactics of anti-capitalist revolution. In his life, there was no gap between realization of truth and his application. It was Comrade Shibdas Ghosh who for the first time not only noticed certain non-Marxist trends like mechanical thought process as against dialectical thought process in the international communist movement but also provided based on Marxist methodology a theoretical analysis of the same as well as the correct course of struggle to be free from that. He also was the first to identify revisionist thinking in the Khrushchev leadership and warned that unless this was fought and eradicated on the basis of correct understanding of Marxism-Leninism, world socialist system might be in danger. History corroborated his apprehension. Today, when world capitalism has been gasping at its last and waiting for the decisive blow, the menace of modern revisionism which triggered collapse of the socialist camp continues to grip world communist movement ideologically, politically, culturally and organizationally. Revisionist degeneration is helping imperialism-capitalism to prolong its rule by obstructing growth and development of proletarian revolutionary movement.

He also provided Marxist analysis of many of the emerging issues and phenomenon like menace



Comrade Manik Mukherjee addressing in Bhubaneswar

of modern revisionism, various facets of fascism and the intriguing problem of individualism. He showed that in the present stage of moribund crisis-ridden capitalism, worst kind of individualism, selfishness and narrow self-centricism are degrading the social mind constantly. Besides the crisis-ridden economic life, the ethical-moral-cultural standard of human beings has become worst casualty of capitalist onslaught. The pernicious effects of this vile culture and values particularly perilous cult of individualism are also affecting leaders and cadres of revolutionary movement. This is not unnatural. But what is needed is to have constant vigil on it. This insidious impact of bourgeois society has to be vigorously and continuously combated, resisted and fought out and higher and nobler proletarian values and culture are to be instilled by conducting relentless serious and painstaking ideological-cultural-social-political struggles. If this process is on, that would stand guarantee against infiltration of individualistic trends and thinking in the revolutionary movement. And in further elaborating on this, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had enriched the treasurehouse of Marxism-Leninism by bringing the understanding of communist ethics and culture to a new height. From the concept of “coincidence of interests with those of the whole class” as visualized by Marx-Engels and the Leninist concept of placing “the cause of

revolution and party above all”, attainment of communist character in today’s condition warrants, showed Comrade Ghosh, “complete identification of the self with the class, the revolution and the party” which is not possible unless one can free himself completely from the “private property mental complex” or the influence of the “thought processes of bourgeois individualism”. It is to realize this in practice by intensifying the struggle within the party, that Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, our beloved General Secretary and a revolutionary compatriot of Comrade Ghosh gave call for revitalization and consolidation, elevation and rectification of the party.

Comrade Manik Mukherjee called upon the comrades to release an allout struggle covering every aspect of life to become a true communist on the line of the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, build up mighty people’s movements on the burning issues of life and thus gradually develop proletarian revolutionary movement to overthrow capitalism. He also emphasized on making the ensuing 2nd Party Congress a total success and shoulder the historic responsibility befallen all of us.

Everywhere, memorial meetings commenced with the song composed on Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, followed by garlanding of the portrait of Comrade Ghosh and ended with the rendering of the Communist *Internationale*.



A part of the Memorial Day gathering at Nazrul Mancha, Calcutta on 5th August, 2009

Comrade Krishna Chakraborty at the Hanoi Trade Union Seminar of WFTU & VGCL

On the occasion of the 80th anniversary of foundation of the Vietnam General Confederation of Labour, an International Seminar on "Global economic crisis and trade unions' action to secure employment for workers" was held under the joint sponsorship of World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) and Vietnam General Confederation of Labour (VGCL) in Hanoi, Vietnam on 27 July 2009. Representatives from 23 trade union organizations from 18 countries and 5 continents, Asia, Africa, Australia, South America and Europe, attended the Seminar. Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, President of our organization, the All India United Trade Union Centre, took part in the Seminar and placed a paper on the subject of the Seminar. Comrade Dang Ngoc Tung, President of VGCL and member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam, in his inaugural speech, welcomed the delegates and told that "the gathering of the trade union representatives from all corners of the world in Vietnam bring about the international solidarity and strong

support of the world workers' and trade unions' movements extended to workers and trade unions of Vietnam. It is considered a major encouragement to Vietnamese workers and people in the national industrialization and modernization." He further said, "the global financial crisis and economic downturn exerted in depth impacts to every country and people the world over and the workers are the first to suffer. And Vietnam of course is not an exception when its economy is fully integrated to global economy."

Comrade A Mavrikos, General Secretary of WFTU, also welcomed the delegates and thanked the leaders and organizers of VGCL for arranging this all important seminar in Hanoi.

The text of the paper placed by Comrade Krishna Chakraborty is reproduced below.

Comrade President and Comrades,

I take this opportunity to extend warm revolutionary greetings on behalf of our Organisation, the All India United Trade Union Centre as

well as the working class of India, to the leaders and workers belonging to the Vietnam General Confederation of Labour (VGCL), on this cheerful occasion of celebrating 80 long fighting years of the Organisation. I also thank the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU), the co-sponsor of this all important seminar as well as all the participant comrades from different countries.

At the outset I would like to acknowledge that there could not have been a better topic than the one chosen on this occasion, since the world proletariat is faced with an all out crisis. Our Organisation the All India United Trade Union Centre wholeheartedly joins voice with all others present here or even with those who could not attend this seminar due to some preoccupations, in favour of job security of working class of the entire world.

Comrades, we cannot but totally disapprove the attempts by the world capitalists-imperialists and their henchmen to portray the present crisis as a mere financial crisis and as a passing phase. No doubt capitalism has been

encountering periodic crises one after another, since its heydays – as witnessed in the early crisis of 1707, Depression of 1807, Stock Market crisis (1837-1843), Railroad Bubble crisis (1857-1860), Gold Bubble crisis (1873-1879), World War I Recession (1918-1921), Great Depression (1929-1933), Recession of 1957, Oil crisis of 1973, Dotcom Bubble Recession (2001-2003), etc., Recession of 2008 being the latest one.

But as against the attempts from interested circles to paint this as periodic cycles of boom and slumps, Lenin very irrefutably established that in this era of imperialism, wars and World Proletarian Revolution, world capitalism has entered into an all pervasive intense and general crisis as it has become moribund. The first phase of the crisis led to the World War I and the second one, a more serious one including the global depression of 1929, led to the World War II. It is after this that Comrade Stalin, the worthy continuer of Lenin pointed out that world capitalism had

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Observance of Memorial Day in Ghatshila

SUCI Jharkhand State Organising Committee, SUCI observed Comrade Shibdas Ghosh memorial day on 5 August at Study Centre of Marxism-Leninism-Shibdas Ghosh Thought in Ghatshila, Jharkhand. In presence of hundreds of workers and supporters from different districts of Jharkhand, the observance started with hoisting of the Red Flag by Comrade Ranjit Dhar, Central Staff, SUCI. Thereafter Comrade Ranjit Dhar, followed by Comrades Malay Bose, Incharge, Study Centre and Hem Chakraborty, Secretary, Jharkhand State Organising Committee and President of the observance meeting, paid their tribute to the great leader of the proletariat, by garlanding the statue of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Members of Komsomol, paid homage to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, by performing a guard of honour.

The meeting commenced with the rendition of the song on the great leader and ended with rendition of the Internationale.

In his speech as the main speaker, Comrade Ranjit Dhar, dealt on the arduous yet inspiring life-

struggle of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, pointing out that to make a correct appraisal thereof, one has to understand SUCI, the Party Comrade Ghosh founded. It was the unique creation in his life, in which the knowledge and experience acquired through his entire life-struggle have found expression. To build up a Communist Party, a definite process, a particular struggle is to be followed. Parties like CPI,CPIM and others proclaim themselves to be Marxists. Yet, none of them has been able to develop as genuine communist party, because they did not follow the correct process, notwithstanding sincerity of purpose, struggle and sacrifice of their leaders and workers. It was Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, who, through an arduous and painstaking struggle developed the SUCI as the only genuine Communist party on the Indian soil on the basis of correct Marxist-Leninist process.

Comrade Dhar recalled that way back in 1948, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had warned that, if mechanical and not dilectical



Comrade Ranjit Dhar addressing in Ghatshila

process, that was being followed in the International Communist Movement even during that immensely glorious phase, was not corrected in time, then it might lead to a grave crisis in future. His apprehension was proved correct subsequently with the advent of modern revisionism and ultimately counter revolution in erstwhile socialist states including the former Soviet Union.

Comrade Ranjit Dhar further added that by dint of our activities as party workers over a long period and going through Marxist and our party literature, we may come to know a lot of theory and can even quote them. But the ultimate result will be damaging, if we cannot

conduct a struggle to apply those in every aspect of our lives, and mould ourselves accordingly. In this capitalist society, we all act under the influence of capitalist sense of responsibility, ethics and morality. This is reflected even in our relations within the family, with our parents, husbands and wives, children, or brothers and sisters. Every Communist must wage relentless struggle to develop these relations on the basis of proletarian sense of duty and values. Here, in this respect, the life-struggle of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh acts as the beacon to us, generates inspiration within us and acts as our guide. A close study into the entire life of Comrade Ghosh reveals that it is a struggle to realize the truth and apply it in his life. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh never compromised in his life with whatever was not correct or true. So, proper homage can be paid to the great leader only if we can mould our life in the way Comrade Ghosh visualized and intensify our struggle to identify, to merge ourselves with the party.

Inflict humiliating defeat on US imperialism

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lost even the relative stability it enjoyed before the World War II.

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the departed President of our Organisation and a foremost Marxist Thinker of the era, further showed that the crisis of capitalism is now a daily and hourly affair in this third phase of general and intense crisis of capitalism. Capitalism comes out of one crisis only to enter into a graver one. The present crisis which came about with the sub prime loan crisis in the heartland of world imperialism, i.e., the USA, in September 2008, has now engulfed the entire capitalist world. Actually this recession is greater in dimension and depth than the great depression of 1929. Factories and industries are downing shutters; banks are shutting down; workers are thrown out of job; indiscriminate downsizing is resorted to, salaries are withheld or cut drastically, social security measures are being gradually withdrawn unemployment is on the upswing, etc. Even in the USA the unemployment has already touched 9.5% mark. Owners everywhere are shifting the entire burden of the recession on to the shoulders of the working class and other exploited masses.

However Comrades, it is to be noted that this is not a sudden development. What we have been observing for over almost two decades of globalization are - attacks on jobs, job opportunities and hard-won trade union rights - all in favour of maximisation of capitalists' profits, destruction of small and middle scale industries in the interest of domestic and foreign monopolies, dismantling of organised sectors, contractorisation and casualisation of perennial nature of jobs detrimental to the concept of 'Decent Work', forcible expansion of informal sector, increase in the number of forced labours, increase in working hours etc, etc. In fact, situation could not have been otherwise. It must be understood that globalization is not a new stage of development in the history of civilisation. It is not also a new economic order as was claimed when it was introduced. Reality is - it has come at a particular stage of

development of the exploitative capitalist system i.e. at its moribund stage. It is the latest design to extend the lease of life of dying capitalism plunged in deep recession.

It is in this background that we are thinking about securing employment for workers. It has been undisputedly established by Karl Marx, the first great teacher of the working class, that it is impossible to secure full employment under the conditions of capitalism; only a socialist society based on social ownership over means of production, having the object of fulfilling maximum social needs, both material and cultural, as the motive force of production, hence can take recourse to uninterrupted industrialisation, and thus can finally solve the problem of unemployment as was witnessed in all the countries - which had embraced socialism.

No doubt that the ultimate destiny of any trade union movement which is really interested in emancipation of the working class and hence not wedded to the evils of reformism-legalism-economism, is establishment of socialism, the society free from all sorts of exploitation of man by man. But on way to achieving proletarian revolution and establishing socialism, the trade union movement has to take up battles, counter offensives against the maladies affecting their lives. Their first battle of course will be to save and secure their jobs above all. No less important are the struggles to defeat the policies and measures for downsizing, retrenchment, lay offs, lockouts, withdrawing benefits enjoyed by the workers, contractorisation and casualisation of labour, etc. At the same time trade union movement should also focus on the issue of paramount importance viz, fascist attacks on trade unions and the trade union rights in all capitalist countries.

Undoubtedly the reversals suffered by the socialist camp particularly after the downfall of the great Soviet Union, during early 1990s, tilted the balance of world forces from progress, peace and revolution to reaction, war and counter revolution - though temporarily. Taking advantage of this

situation, the imperialists headed by the USA, designed the policies of globalisation - liberalisation - privatization as a panacea for all the economic ills. But as all genuine communists all over the world know and as happened, too, this euphoria was short-lived. Within a matter of two decades the global capitalist economy is faced with yet another of its worst crisis. The much promised 'prosperity and peace' in a 'unipolar world' has simply evaporated in thin air. The chieftain of the imperialist powers, the USA, has even launched wars of aggression on Iraq and Afghanistan, caring two hoots for world public opinion which was totally opposed to the US war design.

But what is most heartening and a point not to be missed by the world trade union movement is the massive mobilisation of working people all over the globe against the anti-working class policies and measures adopted by various governments as well as against the war machinations of the US led imperialists. Particularly after the recession, such slogans are reverberating across the globe as 'down with capitalism!' Whenever the G-8 countries meet or meetings of the governing bodies of World Bank, IMF or WTO are held, working people in millions through the venue to express their deep resentment against the unbridled exploitation resorted through globalisation. The urgent need of the hour we believe is that in every

country these struggles shall be guided by correct leaderships and so also, there shall be proper coordination of all such struggles at the international level.

Comrades, we have all gathered here on the occasion of celebration of the 80th anniversary of the Vietnam General Confederation of Labour. Churning in our hearts has brought back the cherished memories of the great leader Comrade Ho Chi Minh and the heroic working people of Vietnam, who, though being supported by the entire world including the people of the USA in particular, apart from the material and moral support of the USSR and the People's Republic of China, yet exhibited extraordinary inner mettle primarily, to deal a mortal blow and inflict humiliating defeat on the world's number one enemy - the United States of America, to earn their liberation from colonial yoke!

I once again congratulate the VGCL on the occasion of its completing fighting 80years, carrying a great legacy of anti-imperialist struggle and hope that this occasion is the right one for renewing our pledge to carry on the united struggle of all working people all over the globe to put an end to capitalism-imperialism and all sorts of exploitation of man by man.

Long live VGCL!

Down with World Capitalism-

Imperialism!

Long live Socialism!

Workers of the World, Unite!!

Comrade Manik Mukherjee meets Iranian leaders in Germany

Comrade Manik Mukherjee, Central Staff of our party SUCI, was on a tour to Frankfurt from 18 to 23 July. There he met Bijan Kalentarian and other leaders of the Party of Labour of Iran and had detailed discussions with them on different issues, particularly the present situation in Iran and their assessment of the recently held election in Iran. A conformity of opinion was noted between them and our party over the fact that US imperialism has been attempting to interfere in the internal affairs of Iran by aiding and abetting certain groups there with a view to exerting its influence. Comrade Mukherjee and the Iranian leaders had talks also on different international problems. Significantly, on questions regarding International Communist Movement, they agreed upon the necessity of developing world-wide unity and consolidation. On behalf of our party, Comrade Mukherjee handed over to the leaders of the Party of Labour of Iran, an invitation to attend our forthcoming Second Party Congress to be held in New Delhi from 11 to 17 November, 2009. The Iranian leaders accepted the invitation and agreed to join in.

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