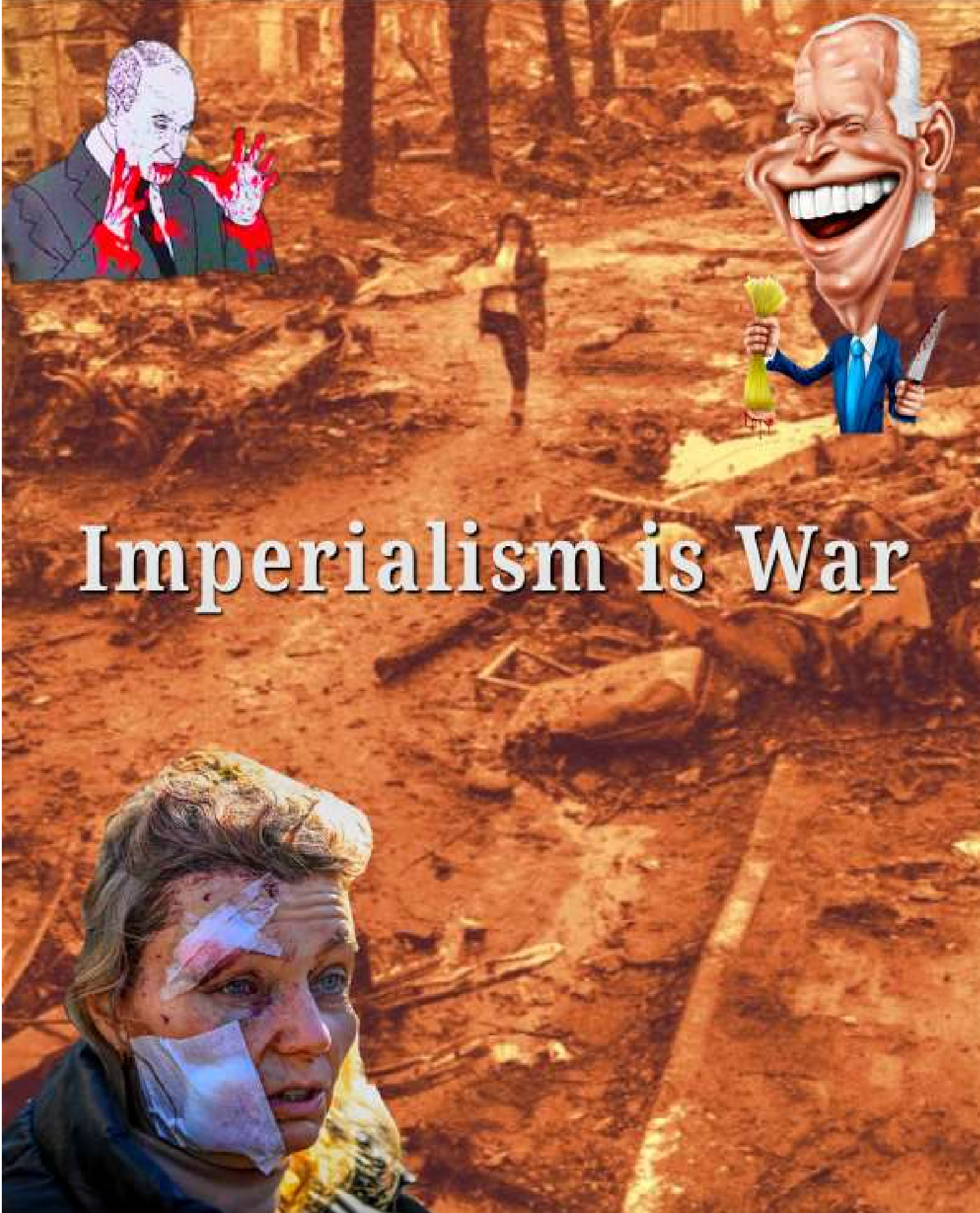


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World order is reshaping

The war between Russia and Ukraine signifies that the present world order is reshaping. The economies formed with the end of colonies after World War II were through local, bilateral agreements and regional agreements. In this economic situation, on one hand there was US imperialism and the EU economies and on the other there was the Soviet Union, China and other Socialist societies. After the disintegration of Soviet Union in 1991, the policy of imperialist globalisation was successfully brought into implementation in the supremacy of the capitalist, imperialist countries in the leadership of the US. The policy facilitated free flow of goods, services and investments across the borders of the countries of the world. The US imperialism enjoyed hegemony in this world order.

However, the US economy gradually weakened, its hegemony started to decline and the unipolar world began transforming into multipolar world order. China and Russia came forth as relatively weak imperialist countries and started forming alternate economies and alliances. When the cold war ended China and Russia tried to muster their forces then and there and to sustain their position and the US with the slogan, 'America first again' had been trying to sustain its declining hegemony.

The Department of Defense of the US transmitted the classified 2022 National Defense Strategy (NDS) to the US Congress recently. According to the comments to the document, the Pentagon believes that Russia is presenting an 'acute threat' to the US, including due to its special operation in Ukraine. The document identifies China as 'our most consequential strategic competitor and the pacing challenge'.

Basing on its oil and gas resources, Russia is trying to relatively strengthen its economy in all sectors and to sustain its lost hegemony in the earlier Soviet Republics. During this time China attracted investments from foreign countries, became a hub of manufacturing goods and strengthened its economy to the second place after the US. It is instigating ultra nationalist chauvinism in the country and entered into imperialist contention.

As a part of it there was an agreement between Putin and Xi Jin-ping in the recent times. They declared that the present world order be changed with partnership according to the balance of forces and that they need equal share and equality.

The US assessed that Russia and China united and are challenging its hegemony and started to implement a policy of encircling these countries out of revenge. The US is severely attempting to join Ukraine in NATO and contain Russia and to control Taiwan and deny the 'China one nation' policy agreement and to fix China by forming QUAD.

A war has long term and immediate reasons. The US is focussing on Taiwan and speeding up the process of uniting Ukraine in NATO, supplying weapons to the country, establishing missile systems and deployed soldiers. It used the Zelensky government of Ukraine as a bait and instigated Russia. Russia saw that the US actions will put it in danger and deployed one lakh army on the borders of Ukraine and made an attack on 24th February. The war is going on for the past three months. Russia attacked the capital city Kiev and also concentrated its military actions to occupy the eastern and southern areas. It occupied Mariupol and gained a large hold on the Donbass area. Russia's strategy is to separate these areas from Ukraine so as there is no danger on its borders and to sustain its hegemony on the Black Sea.

There is Nazi rule in Ukraine with the help of the US since 2014. The governance is mainly unleashing repressive measures on Russian and other minority nationalities in Ukraine. It banned Russian language, artists, music, culture, art and literature. People of the Donbass area of the eastern area are making armed struggle against the national chauvinism of Ukraine. Russia declared Luhansk and Donetsk areas as independent countries and then began an attack on Ukraine.

The neo-Nazi Zelensky is asking the US and EU for arms and financial aid. We see that Biden continues to supply modern arms to Ukraine with a heavy budget.

The US is going forth with a long-term plan following the strategy of throwing Russia into the mire of Ukraine war, weaken it, strengthen its influence in the earlier Soviet states and to neutralise Russia. Russia wishes to occupy the eastern and southern areas of Ukraine as soon as possible and teach a lesson to Ukraine. It wishes success and to withdraw from war as soon as its objective is fulfilled. However much the imperialists expect to gain in this war, the war might continue in a more devastating manner and for a long time. None of the two contending sides can stop war. Peace talks between warring factions have already failed.

There are warnings about nuclear war and assessments that it might change into a World War. Russian foreign minister Lavrov warned that World War shall become inevitable if the US supplies arms to Ukraine. As soon as Russia made an aggression into Ukraine, the US and the EU together imposed stringent sanctions on Russia. However, these sanctions could not affect it much. European countries are dependent on Russian oil and gas. Almost 40 percent of the imports are from Russia. As the US stated, if the European countries stop oil and gas imports from Russia, it shall amount to a 5 percent deficit in the development of European economy. Thus unemployment and inflation shall rise and economy shall go into doldrums. European countries differ widely regarding completely going with the US. Finland and Sweden applied for NATO membership. US is trying to strengthen the NATO to claim as the champion of European security. Anyhow most of these countries are worried that if they are in total support to the US, they would be beleaguered. They seem to have been adopting to the new world order.

The US also is not directly indulging in war but is supplying arms to Ukraine. When Russia attacked with missiles on Kiev, Ukraine appealed to declare 'no fly zone' but the US was not prepared for it. Although China allied with Russia, it did not openly support the Russian attack on Ukraine and says that the problem should be solved through talks. On the other hand the US is warning China not to support Russia in any condition. India took none of the sides in the war. The ruling Comprador Bourgeois and Feudal classes of India are lobbying and trying to gain subsidies from both the sides caught in the war. As a part of it, India is buying oil from Russia at cheap rates. It is purchasing S-400 missile system from Russia. On the other hand it is active in QUAD. The attitude of India shall further instigate imperialist war. The above facts show that in spite of war in Ukraine, it is yet not time for the countries of the world to rally around the imperialist countries.

In the present world, contention among the imperialists took the form of tensions and armed conflict. We might witness many more armed conflicts in the coming times. They are preparing for war. The world proletariat and the oppressed people and oppressed nationalities must uphold the teaching of the great Marxist teacher Comrade Lenin that '...Enlightened proletariat does not support any of the horde of imperialist wolves...' and realise that they should not take the side of any imperialist country.

The proletariat of the world including Russia must demand the annulment of NATO in the leadership of the US, condemn Russian aggression on Ukraine and demand to call back its army and to establish peace in the world. The proletariat of Ukraine has to fight against the Russian aggression in Ukraine and transform the war into civil war against the neo- Nazi Zelensky government that turned into a lackey of the US. The proletariat of Donbass and Mariupol should fight for their independence without taking support from Russia. It must go forth to establish Socialist society in the country.

The proletariat of China, Europe and the US must fight against the governments of their countries demanding that the ruling classes of their countries must not provide any sort of assistance or participate in the war. It must fight against the anti-people measures of the government. In the backward countries including India, the proletariat, middle class and the people of all classes and all sections must take up movements against the burden that the present war is creating on the people. The proletariat of the world must hold demonstrations and agitations in all countries against imperialism and war and to establish peace.

Imperialist war has two objectives. One is to occupy its contending imperialist countries and other countries and the other is to suppress the proletariat and the people and eliminate anti-imperialist forces. Proletarian parties of the world are weak. However weak the proletarian parties might be, we can fight imperialist war only through proletarian rebellions against imperialism.

If imperialism indulges in nuclear wars and gets ready for World War, the proletariat of the respective countries must turn it into civil war, end imperialism and start constructing Socialist society all over the world.

WAR STOPS ONLY IF IMPERIALISM IS ROOTED OUT

Political Commentator

February 24th was the day on which the war of aggression of Russia on Ukraine began. Since then the war became a deep source of discussion about inter-imperialist contention. It is the need of the time to delve into the matter in order to understand the developing

largest in Europe after Russia. It is bordered by Belarus on the North, Russia to the East, Sea of Azov and Black Sea to the South and Hungary, Slovakia and Poland to the West. Ukraine has one of the most fertile chernozemic soil of the world that spreads across two-thirds of

an independent country after the disintegration of the Soviet Union in 1991. When Soviet Union disintegrated, the US started to expand NATO. This was in violation to its promise to Russia. The alliance initially formed with 12 countries was expanded to 30 countries.



condition for revolution and the tasks of the world proletariat.

The whole world is aware that 'Imperialism is war', as Lenin said. Yes. War is the creation of imperialism. And the present war is an imperialist war. It is a manifestation of the intensifying inter-imperialist contention for world hegemony. The ongoing developments show that the war is not going to end soon. Ukraine has become an arena of dog fight among the imperialists.

The history

Ukraine is a country in Eastern Europe and is the second

the country. The country stands in the first place in wheat and potatoes in Europe. It is the largest producer of sugar beets in the world. This, wheat and Sun flower oil is exported to many parts of the world. Crimea is a part of Ukraine where Russians are the major population and constitute a minority in the country.

Ukraine faced invasion since a long time. It was invaded by Poland-Lithuania and Russia. It was part of Russia during the period of Czar. When Soviet Union was formed Ukraine voluntarily joined it. It became

Poland of WARSAW alliance combined Rumania, Czech-republic and Hungary. It also combined Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania five years later. These are adjacent to Russia. Ukraine too is seeking membership in NATO since early 21st century.

In 2008, the US declared it would make Georgia and Ukraine part of NATO. If Ukraine becomes part of NATO, the alliance can close in Moscow at a distance of 500 kilometers. This would help the US militarily. Deployment of missiles by the US in Ukraine shall become dangerous to Russia. This shall affect Russia's



hegemony on Black Sea. Therefore, Russia indulged in certain aggressive measures with the intention to sustain its hegemony on these areas. It is a well-known fact that Russia is in contention with the US for world hegemony since it became a social-imperialist country.

In a bid to bring Russia into the lead, the leaders of the country had been making aggressions into Afghanistan, Crimea and other such countries. As a part of it, Putin sent army during the internal conflicts in Georgia in 2008 and brought it under its control. He gave military support to the separatists of Crimea island in Ukraine where Russians constitute the majority and made it part of Russia. Russia also intervened in Belarus and Caucasus and is increasing its influence in the Asian countries. With China emerging as a new Social-imperialist country since around 2014, Russia and China have become political allies. They formed the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) that strengthened with the merger of CSTO of Russia and the BRICS together with Brazil, India and South Africa.

Ukraine is geo-strategically important for imperialists

Ukraine is at a geographically strategical

position and can serve the imperialist interests of the US and Russia. So, the US-EU and NATO on one hand and Russia

by China on the other have been trying to establish control over the country. US-NATO instigated and helped Ukraine to suppress the Russian rebels on the eastern region. The US had been helping Ukraine with funds and arms for a long time. It had been trying to join Ukraine in NATO. The interests of the US and those of Ukraine made the ruling classes of the country a lackey of the US.

Russia had been trying to sustain its spheres of influence and became quite aggressive with its alliances. It extended help to the Russian rebels in the eastern region of Ukraine fighting against the government for independence. In 2014 there was an agreement between Russia and Ukraine in Minsk in Belarus to ceasefire. Belarus had been close to Russia and had been being used in its imperialist interests. But Ukraine attacked these areas once again on the instigation of the US. France and Germany intervened and made the Minsk-2 agreement between Russia, France, Germany and Ukraine. The agreement provided special status and right to self-rule to Donetsk and Luhansk.

As the inter-imperialist contention reached new levels and took new shapes of alignments, the US became very

keen on joining Ukraine in NATO and Ukraine too became keen on it. The US is in fact trying to sustain its declining world hegemony. It is worried with the rising alliance of Russia and China and is making new alliances. It is trying to control the other imperialist countries by hook or crook. As a part of its efforts, it helped Ukraine in many ways that made Russia tense. In this way, the US had a major role in instigating the war with its constant attempts to totally take Ukraine on its side by joining it in the NATO with a strategic view to oppose its contenders.

A deliberate war out of inter-imperialist contention

Both the US and Russia and other imperialist countries knew that the war is going to start. While the US was busy gathering its alliance partners and supplying arms to Ukraine, Russia was deploying armies on the borders of Ukraine and gaining support from its allies.

Russia made and is making most inhuman devastating attacks on Ukraine. It first targeted the capital city of Kiev. Houses were damaged. The whole city was in ruins within no time. People had to flee for life out of their houses. Many families lost their kith and kin. Children became orphans. Parents became childless. Many lost their spouses. People's life was shattered to the core. The whole world saw the photos of devastation that led to increasing demonstrations against war, mainly Europe and the US.

Russia later proceeded to seize the city of Mariupol. Mariupol too was attacked in the same manner. Zelensky had been giving statements that they were trying to sustain Mariupol but

ultimately Russia seized the Steel factory that was the last one that Russia attacked and with this Mariupol too came into the control of Russia.

All through the happenings, Russia maintained that it is not for a change in regime in Ukraine but only for control on certain areas.

In these attacks the world witnessed the loss of thousands of people and also soldiers. One fourth of the 44 million people of Ukraine were forced out of their houses. More than thirty-four lakh people of Ukraine added to the list of refugees. Above 60 lakh people became homeless. Lakhs of families lack water, food and medicines. The first economic effect of the war was seen in the rise in oil prices. Prices of crude oil rose to 110 dollars per barrel within few days of the beginning of war. This apart, the prices of Sunflower oil, Wheat both of which are mostly imported from Ukraine, Aluminum and other metals also rose. The rise in prices especially of oil showed impact on the prices of all daily commodities all over the world. The prices went beyond the purchasing capacity of the people. There is rise in inflation in several countries. India is also affected.

Imperialists only tense about who would succeed

The President of the US, of Russia, of Ukraine and other countries are only bothered about their success in war. Putin makes a statement that he is only making 'Special Military Operations' and that he only needs control on the Russian populated areas on the eastern side of Ukraine and not a change in the

regime. The US warned Russia that it would help Ukraine fight it. Zelensky is constantly live in the media. He says that they eliminated such and such a number of Russian soldiers and are not on the losing side. While the lives of the people are becoming more and more pathetic, the imperialists or Ukraine did not come out with a single word about the increasing number of the homeless and refugees.

The US immediately imposed sanctions on Russia. Analysts say that whether the sanctions effect Russia or not, those would affect the US since its economy is in decline. Russia's share is 50 per cent of the world's crude oil exports between 2016 and 2020 and its economy is dependent on these exports.

The sanctions are affecting many countries other than Russia. European countries such as Germany, Netherlands, Bulgaria and Hungary are not prepared for tougher sanctions against Russian oil and gas since they depend largely on Russia for energy. Germany imports 34 percent of its coal and 32 percent of its crude oil from Russia. To

say, the sanctions that the imperialists impose as a part of their rivalry severely affect the people of the whole world.

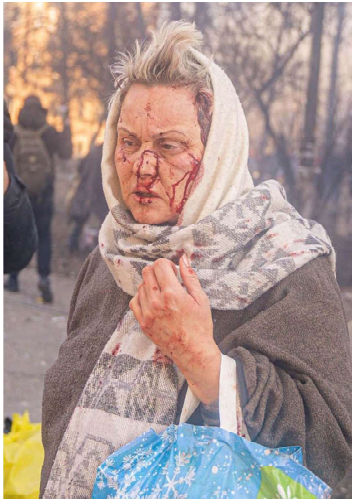
In the process, the issue of Taiwan came forth, or it 'was brought forth'. The issue exists and it has become a part of the inter-imperialist contention. While China considers Taiwan as a part of it, according to China, the US has always been pressurizing Taiwan to develop asymmetric warfare, with small, cheap but sophisticated weapons and equipment such as mines, anti-ship cruise missiles and air defense systems but not main battle tanks and capital warships.

India in a fix

India fell in a fix when war started. It is close to the US and needs to oppose the Russian invasion. But it has arms deals with Russia. Also, the formation of AUKUS proved that the US is making other arrangements to sustain its world hegemony making India secondary. Although India is with China and Russia in BRICS, it cannot break its ties and conditions with the US.

However, India abstained its vote in the United Nations





resolution against Russian invasion on Ukraine twice. Joe Biden warningly commented that India was ‘an exception’ in this regard. Prime Minister Modi said that India’s stand is based on ‘connections with Russia and Ukraine’.

This apart, India had to deal with the issue of getting home Medical students studying in Ukraine.

The role of China

Towards the end of winter Olympics both Russia and China came out with a statement that there are ‘no limits’ to Sino-Russian relations. China is continuously blaming the US for ‘instigating’ Russia to make war on Ukraine.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wen-bin recently said, ‘China and Russia are two major countries. The US attempt to contain and suppress them will not succeed. The US should reflect on its responsibilities in the Ukraine crisis, review and correct the practice of creating imaginary enemies, ignoring other countries’ political and security concerns and mobilizing bloc confrontation’.

The Chinese foreign minister said that China shall continue its efforts in ‘advancing global multipolarity and the democratization of international relations’.

US raises its defense budget

Coming to the US, the number one enemy of the world, even before the recent Russian invasion, estimates for the fiscal year 2023 Pentagon budget rose to \$770 billion. The actual figure is estimated to go up to \$800 billion. The White House asked the Congress for a budget of \$813 billion national defense in 2023, including \$773 billion for the Pentagon, a four percent rise from the 2022 submission. It mentioned in its proposal about the ‘rising challenge’ of China and the ongoing ‘Russian aggression’.

The budget, according to US media, also includes \$6.9 billion for the European Deterrence Initiative and \$1.8 billion to expand the US military presence in the Indo-Pacific region. And there is an additional \$682 million for Ukraine to fight Russia. The budget proposal also mentioned about the ‘persistent threats’ posed by Iran and North Korea. China’s defense budget in 2022 is about \$230 billion. The US military budget is nearly four times that of China.

The Pentagon also transmitted the classified 2022 National Defense Strategy to Congress which stated that the Pentagon will act urgently to sustain and strengthen deterrence, with China as the most consequential strategic competitor. The Pentagon believes that Russia is presenting an ‘acute threat’ to

the U.S. in the background of its special operation in Ukraine.

Lastly,

‘Cold war’ is a word that came into existence with the inter-imperialist rivalry. Now the ongoing war is that where ultra-modern weapons are being used. The usage of nuclear weapons in the present war is under discussion. The US that always blames Iran, Iraq or Syria for making nuclear weapons has 336 bio-labs in 30 countries.

Russia manufactures arms in a large manner. But it is worried about the US missile defense systems, especially in Europe. China has a military base in Africa and Russia has two bases outside the former territory of Soviet Union.

In this background, it is a general idea that the present war is going to lead to World War III. The world proletariat must be clear about its tasks if it begins, with the lessons of the earlier two World Wars and the experience of the October Socialist Revolution in Russia and the New Democratic Revolution in China.



A journalist interviews Comrade Prashant Bose (Kishanda)

Comrade Prashant Bose, a member of the Central Committee and Polit Bureau of the CPI (Maoist) was arrested in November 2021 together with his life partner and a member of the CC, Comrade Sheela Marandi (Sheeladi). A journalist Anand Dutta interviewed him few months before his arrest that was done through internet as written by the interviewer. The interview edited by Samyam Srivastav was posted at 3 pm on 14th December on TV9 Bharatvarsh web portal. We give here a translation of the interview given in Hindi.

Question – Are you ready if the Home Ministry invites you for talks? Are you ready to forget incidents such as the encounter of Azad and Padma?

Answer – I wish to tell you that going for talks depends upon the place, time and concrete condition. At times we might go for talks if it benefits revolutionary struggle. If it is not, it will be correct to not go for talks. Our Central Committee adopted the correct policy after analysing the experience of history, our earlier experience, the present concrete condition, the overall situation related to revolutionary movement and other such issues –

1. Operation Green Hunt needs to be stopped. Para-military forces must be withdrawn. If government offensive on the people stops, the counter-violence of the people also shall stop. Many intellectuals also stated that if there is no government offensive, there is no need for the people to take up counter-offensive.

2. The ban on our party must be lifted. The ban on all our Mass Organisations must be lifted. We must be given the democratic opportunity to mobilise the people. If there is an atmosphere to work in a democratic manner then we can go for talks.

Comrade Riyaz who took part in talks with the Andhra Pradesh government in 2004 was picked up, tortured and killed. The other comrades who took part in talks were targeted and attacked. There were attempts to murder them. Later, Comrade Azad who was trying to facilitate a way for the process of talks was murdered. We cannot rely on the government and send underground comrades. Therefore, if the government releases our leadership comrades in jail, they shall directly represent the party.

This apart, few journalists and persons from the civil society in Chhattisgarh are making a hue and cry to go for talks for peace. The Dandakaranya Special Zonal Committee released a press statement on 12th March 2021 in this regard. It said, 'if the civil society is really sincere for peace, let it demand immediate stop to the counter revolutionary 'SAMADHAN' offensive of the central and the state governments; let them come in support of the lakhs of Bastar tribal people struggling for a long time against the heavy deployment of police, Para-military and Military forces in the entire Bastar Division including Maad'.

Q – There are lesser people's courts when compared to the earlier. Does it mean that

people no more need those or is it that you are no more needed?

A – It is a fact that due to the extensive 'encircle and mop up' and 'SAMADHAN and Prahar', there is considerable decrease in holding people's courts. But it does not mean that people do not need people's courts.

In areas where Revolutionary People's Committees and Krantikari Kisan Committees are effective people's courts are held in a developed manner. Disputes are being solved better than the earlier times. For example, you must have learnt about Janatana Sarkar and its functioning in Chhattisgarh (DK). The Janatana Sarkar constitutes several departments and those do each and every work in the interests of the people. In this area people's courts have become and are becoming popular.

Similarly, Krantikari Kisan Committee is functioning in various places in Jharkhand. As per its understanding, it functions in the most secret manner. It holds small people's courts and is still holding them. The little weaknesses in this regard need to be rectified.

Q – You purchase arms from the capitalist system against which you fight?

A – The first thing is that who is manufacturing the arms? Without doubt, it is the workers. No worker can make arms or any products on their own. In fact, the history of production is collective production system. It means that in the present society, on one hand the structure of production of capitalist industry is collective but the owner of the products is the capitalist. Therefore, the

question does not arise that when we are fighting against the capitalist system, we should not purchase the goods manufactured by the capitalists or that we did something wrong in this regard.

In fact, the owner of the entire produced goods is the working class that inevitably has to sell its labour force. Capitalist loots the goods. There is no contradiction as such in between the purchase of goods produced in the factories of the capitalists and fighting against the capitalist ownership class. The second thing is that we purchase arms at times. But, purchasing arms is not our basic policy. The basic policy is to seize arms and ammunition from the enemy.

Q – Is Parliament yet untouchable for you?

A – See, the question is not whether the Parliament is yet untouchable for us or not. The issue we have to see is what the Parliament is for the people. Therefore, instead of stressing on the word ‘untouchable’, we need to see the essence in using the word, that is we need to see the form and content and need to pay attention on content. This apart, we see from experience that majority of the people do not trust or believe Parliament.

If we take a look at the present Parliament, no government has the support of majority of the people. 88 percent of the Parliament are millionaires and 43 are criminals. The question that arises is how is this democracy? Parliamentary path is not the path that establishes democratic system. In this viewpoint, it is appropriate and correct to say Parliament is untouchable.

Q – If you attain power, will the government be democratic

or will it be military administration? How will the format be?

A – If the people attain power, its major and central task would be to root out the present semi-colonial, semi-feudal system and establish people’s democratic state. The people’s democratic state guarantees all types of freedom, power and democracy to the vast toiling people. Everyone will have the right to talk, write and publish. They will have right to hold meetings, to form organisations, to hold demonstration and to live with freedom. They will also have the power to education, health care, minimum employment and so on.

Except for cruel reactionaries, all the citizens who completed 18 years of age will have the right to elect and to call back the elected representatives in a particular stage. This guarantees the right of the people to control state power and opposes any kind of attempt that tries to lessen this right.

Q – How much hope do the left parties have in parliamentary politics? What kind of hope do you have now?

A – Look, however much left parties might be in parliamentary politics, it is almost not possible to have a positive hope on them in the present condition. Workers-farmers and the toiling people also do not have hope in the left parties. For example, the pathetic condition of the ‘left’ parties in India proves this. The answer to the question whether there is any hope left would be no. Yes. Except for CPI-CPM, there are innumerable left parties and groups with which we can form anti-fascist United

Fronts and on the burning issues such as people’s living and national living. This is going on too.

Q – New leaders are coming in the left parties; new parties are coming but all of those keep you totally distant. Even in terms of ideology. Are you not absolutely losing political support? What will you do to fulfil this?

A – Whoever leaders are coming in the left parties, or whatever new parties are coming, the fact is that all those are in the parliamentary path and fear revolution. Therefore, they are distant from us. Those are in words with workers and farmers but in deeds try to sustain the exploitation-based society. They serve as the servants of imperialists, landlords and comprador bureaucratic capitalists. We believe that none of the parties have people’s support. We have maximum relations with the people. We have total support from them. The fact is that there is a lot of difference between the ideology of our party and that of those parties and this is but natural.

Q – RSS and Communist party were formed in 1925. But both of these have extreme difference in ideology. RSS is implementing the idea of Hindi-Hindu-Hindustan. Manusmriti is its ideological basis and it instigates extreme nationalist idea through caste system, Hindu religion, Hindu customs and other such. It is the basic program of the Bhartiya Janata Party to fulfil the responsibility to implement its theoretical basis in practice. The Modi government is successfully fulfilling it. But it is wrong to say that the Indian society is very much in need of this.

However much the Modi government boasts about the formation of Hindu raj, it does not have the support of more than 30-32 percent of the people. The vast people are taking up struggle in various ways against the anti-people policies of the Modi government. Especially the struggles against the three agriculture laws, labour codes, NRC, NPR and CAA show what the people need.

If our ideology does not show even a little influence in the present time, why is it that Maoists are being said to be the biggest threat in the whole of India for internal security and why are the extensive and infamous military campaigns such as Green Hunt, SAMADHAN and Prahar being unleashed with the evil motive to root them out? Why is it that there is so much discussion about Maoism and Maoist movement in the whole country? The corporate controlled media or the Modi media or the government broadcast and propaganda are not the criterion to prove the extent of influence of anything.

Q – What does your party do for the families of the Maoists who die in the movement?

A – To say the fact, if red soldiers or activists die, party is not able to do as much as needed for their families in the present condition. What we could do 8-10 years ago we are unable to do now in the present fierce aggression of the enemy. However, efforts to do the possible with the help of the people and the local party are going on. We feel sorry that we are not able to look after the families of our martyrs.

Q – Do you educate the fighters before giving them a weapon and if so what? I am

asking you so, since, when I met a few surrendered persons, it did not seem to me that they understood your revolution.

A – Our party has a specific policy to give membership in the party or in PLGA. Party prepared a syllabus for members, activists and fighters. As per it, regular classes are conducted. There is a special education department for the purpose. We run schools in the rural areas of our influence where the girls and boys are educated. It is perhaps not correct to hope listen to political discussion from surrendered persons. Surrender is not simply physical surrender. It is to divorce revolutionary politics and communist morality and accept the politics and consumerist outlook of the exploitive class, to act as comprador to the exploitive ruling classes and to become slaves to them.

Q – You never openly accepted whether you have directly or indirectly taken part in the Pathalgarhi movement and violence?

A – Firstly I would say that I or our party see the Pathalgarhi movement as a legitimate movement of the tribal people. We think that the Pathalgarhi people's movement is a peaceful movement. I mean to say that it is not correct to say 'Pathalgarhi violence'. The fact is that the just Pathalgarhi movement had been branded as 'anti-national', 'traitorous' movement and the central and the present Raghuvardas BJP government of the state are unleashing cruel violent repression on it.

Thousands and thousands of activists involved in the Pathalgarhi movement are yet in prison. We have very clearly stated our stand towards the

Pathalgarhi movement. Extending total support to a just movement is our political duty. As per this outlook we made efforts to do whatever was needed in support to this just movement.

Q – In addition to the police you need to fight against TPC, PLFI and other such organisations. Of late there is not much conflict. Is it that they accepted you, or their influence had risen or is it because of any secret agreement between you both?

A – We see TPC, JJMP, PLFI, JPC and other such gangs as police teams and counter revolutionary goonda gangs. The top officials of the intelligence department and police department run them. Therefore, our relation with those groups is absolutely antagonistic. Since there is a decrease in the conflict with them, it does not mean that those groups grew influential or there is a secret agreement with us.

Q – Roads are being laid for the past few years in the thick forests of Saranda. Contracts were taken up and they are going on without stop. A big contractor of Jharkhand who established an investigative agency alleges that the Maoists were paid heavy amount and so the work is going on smoothly.

A – Everyone is aware that in 2011, a barbarous military campaign 'Operation Anaconda' had been taken up with the evil motive to eliminate the revolutionary movement in Saranda. The government entered into 13 MoUs with the corporate giant companies in Saranda alone which they are unable to implement due to the Maoist movement and this is the

reason to unleash Operation Anaconda. It is to gain control over the area and set up police camps extensively. They firstly started to lay roads with police protection with wide carpet security. However, the people tried to resist them in some or the other manner. Finally they deployed police forces and laid roads.

Anyway, they could not implement even one MoU due to people's resistance. The second thing is that, Saranda is one of our strategic areas. We are working with the perspective to build base area here. According to it, allowing laying of roads and collecting levies through it goes against our policy. If anyone violates this rule, disciplinary action will be taken. So, the allegation that the Maoists took a heavy amount and allowed laying of roads is one hundred percent wrong and a fake and evil propaganda.

Q – As per parliamentary assessment, Maoists have hold in 53 districts. Do you think this is correct? Or is the number boosted in order to get funds to fight it and to make it political?

A – This is a correct question. These persons are benefited in two ways. The first benefit is that in order to fight the Maoists the central government is giving a special economic package to the Maoist strong districts. They take it. The surrender of 514 youth in the name of Maoists in Jharkhand is a fresh example for this.

It is surprising that all these were made to surrender and put in the old Birsa Munda Central Prison in Ranchi. But the police records do not show to which police official they have surrendered. The fund they received as per the surrender

policy to surrender these youth was taken by them. And, the present Jharkhand DGP and the present BJP Parliament benefit from the crores of rupees of the SS fund. This apart, allegations and investigation are also being made on several police officers and officers of the administration department regarding corruption this is not the picture of Jharkhand alone but of the whole of Maoist strong areas. It is extensive in several states and is seen in a large scale.

Another benefit out of this is that in the name of Maoist strong area, police camps will be established. Wherever the people take up struggle for right to jal-jungle-zameen against the anti-people policies of the government, it is branded as Maoist supported movement and new police camps are established to unleash repression. Cruel police repression and suppression of people's movement are unleashed through these police camps. To say the fact, the people are forced to live in the shadow of the trigger.

Q – I am not the first journalist to put this question, many have questioned you earlier. But the question is still relevant. The money you need is from industrialists. Ordinary people do not have so much money. They cannot support you with their sympathy. So whom are you struggling with?

A – See, the first thing is that it is the BJP government that is anti-people. In order to totally suppress the revolutionary movement in the leadership of the Maoists, they are unleashing multipronged offensive in the guidance of the 'Low Intensity Conflict' of the US imperialists. Not only barbarous war

campaign is being unleashed through the police, Para-military and Army, but psychological war is also made. The only task of this is to make fake propaganda on the Maoist party, party leaders and Maoist movement.

One aspect of this ill propaganda is that as you have asked, 'they need money, it comes from the industrial class, then against whom is your struggle'. I firstly wish to say that our party has a specific financial policy which the whole party implements to the best of its strength. It mentions that 'there are three main sources to fulfil our needs – one is the party membership fees, levy and financial help from the people. The second is to seize the properties of the enemy and the third is tax. We collect tax in the guerrilla zones and base areas in the form of progressive tax'. We also wrote clearly that 'national bourgeoisie, petty trader and professional are a part of New Democratic Revolution and so we collect funds from them as per their capacity and level.

'We do not collect tax from public activities such as school, hospital, ration shop and employment projects'. It is clear from our policy that we can collect funds from national bourgeoisie, that is small and middle capitalists. We do not take funds or collect levy from those we consider big capitalists, whom we call comprador bureaucratic bourgeoisie and the three enemy classes of Indian people namely imperialists, landlords and comprador bureaucratic capitalists who are the targets of the ongoing revolution. This is against our policy. It means our relation with such industrialists is antagonistic.

LET'S COMBAT INDIAN FASCISM

Vijay

In the Communist Manifesto, Karl Marx and Frederick Engels clearly exposed the different socialisms which are contrary to Communism. Our Marxist teachers clearly mentioned that the proletariat class should confront the different socialisms to establish Communism. Meanwhile, Marxist theory in a political practice will face contradictions with the so-called socialisms which are the political ideologies of particular social-classes. In India also the same political scenario has been seen by the communists but the revisionist communists didn't identify the political ideologies especially the socialisms where Marx and Engels spoke in Communist Manifesto. But Maoist Communists from their political practice of revolution got an experience to identify the Indian state and its political ideologies and ideological relationships which reflects the particular social-classes of India.

The Maoist Communists of India (CPI (Maoist)) clearly recognized the fascist nature of Indian state. "...this form of socialism aspires either to restoring the old means of production and of exchange, and with them the old property relations, and the old society, or to cramping the modern means of production and of exchange within the framework of the old property relations that have been, and were bound to be, exploded by those means. In either case, it is both reactionary and Utopian..." (B. Petty-Bourgeois Socialism page No.24 Manifesto of the Communist

Party Karl Marx and Frederick Engels)

And also, the Maoist communists accurately knew that "What they upbraid the bourgeoisie with is not so much that it creates a proletariat as that it creates a revolutionary proletariat. In political practice, therefore, they join in all corrective measures against the working class; and in ordinary life, despite their high-falutin phrases, they stoop to pick up the golden apples dropped from the tree of industry, and to barter truth, love, and honour, for traffic in wool, beetroot-sugar, and potato spirits. As the parson has ever gone hand in hand with the landlord, so has clerical socialism with feudal socialism. Nothing is easier than to give Christian asceticism a socialist tinge. Has not Christianity declaimed against private property, against marriage, against the state? Has it not preached in the place of these, charity and poverty, celibacy and mortification of the flesh, monastic life and Mother Church? Christian socialism is but the holy water with which the priest consecrates the heart-burnings of the aristocrat." (A. Feudal Socialism Page No. 22 Manifesto of the Communist Party, Karl Marx and Frederick Engels)

Fascism or Hindutva fascism (synthesis) which consists of feudal socialism (thesis) and petty bourgeois socialism (anti-thesis). Here the Maoist communists recognized the two socialisms especially the petty bourgeois socialism and feudal socialism as a political ideology

which was synthesized as fascism or Hindutva fascism.

In his renowned article 'TWO FASCISMS' Antonio Gramsci wrote about the two fascisms especially about the petty bourgeois and feudal fascisms "The Fasci di combattimento were born in the aftermath of the war. They were imbued with the petit-bourgeois character of the various veterans' associations which arose at that time. Due to their trenchant opposition to the socialist movement they obtained the support of the capitalists and the authorities. This aspect of the Fasci was inherited in part from the conflict between the Socialist Party and the 'interventionist' associations during the war years. They emerged during the same period when the rural landowners were feeling the need to create a White Guard to tackle the growing workers' organisations. The gangs that were already organised and armed by the big landowners soon adopted the label Fasci for themselves too. With their subsequent development, these gangs would acquire their own distinct character – as a White Guard of capitalism against the class organs of the proletariat"

BASE OF THE INDIAN FASCISM

The Maoist communists of India have identified the basis of Indian fascism. "British colonialism preserved feudalism in India according to its interests and utilized it as its social prop. It did not fundamentally change the giant hold of feudalism on the vast peasant masses but it

also squeezed them and introduced capitalist relations. This resulted in the formation of semi-feudal relations of production. Even after the end of direct colonial rule these semi-feudal relations of production continued. Imperialism is utilizing both comprador bureaucratic capitalism and feudalism to unleash its neo-colonial kind of direct rule, exploitation and hegemony on India. It destroyed the domestic market and pushed the country into economic crisis. If we synthesise the developments and changes in the past seven decades, it clearly shows that the exploitation of the landlords, money-lenders and merchant classes on the vast people in the extensive rural area is going on unceasing due to these three big mountains, the enemies of the people of the country..." (*Changes in relations of production in India-Our Political Program. Pg. 206, CPI (MAOIST)*).

The Communist Party of India (Maoist) recognized the production relations of India as semi colonial and semi feudal in nature. The semi feudal and semi colonial nature gives raise to feudal socialism and petty bourgeois socialisms in the political sphere of India which was synthesized as fascism or Hindutva fascism. But many dogmatists and revisionists could not understand the real fascist nature of Indian state up till now. "Uneven economic and political development and the semi-colonial, semi feudal character of Indian society is the most important characteristic..." (*Strategy and tactics of Indian revolution. PG20, CPI (MAOIST)*).

Real communists such as Maoists who are doing armed struggle from 50 years against

the fascist state have experienced logically-abstractly about the contradictions of Indian society and drawn an outlook on the Indian state, state-machinery and its ideology. The Maoist armed struggle and class conflicts too have been transformed towards the fight against reactionary socialisms in the ideological ground (ideological class struggle).

C O U N T E R - REVOLUTIONARY TACTICS OF INDIAN FASCISTS

"The Indian comprador ruling classes has been unleashing counter-insurgency and counter-revolutionary operations to suppress the communist revolutionary movements and the nationality liberation movements since the transfer of power..." (*Changes in relations of production in India-Our Political Program. PG. 213, CPI (MAOIST)*). It is very clear that since the transfer of power to the comprador ruling classes Indian state had been fascist. The state machinery becomes fascist and infamous towards the working class too. The Indian fascist state has been equipped with the counter-revolutionary policy from the beginning.

"...They know that the people would protest, resist, rebel and make nationality liberation and revolutionary struggles against their anti-people, traitorous policies and established and is daily expanding and modernizing civil, police, intelligence and military systems with the strategic view to nip them in the bud. There is vigil on the daily activities and movements of the people of the country and the enemy is developing surveillance and intelligence systems to control civil life with

a strategic view to suppress the people's struggles even before they develop/in the process of developing into an organized force. Infrastructure such as road, rail, transport, communication and information networks are strengthened even in the rural areas in their and the imperialist economic, political interests." (*Changes in relations of production in India-Our Political Program. PG. 213, CPI (MAOIST)*).

OVERTHROW THE INDIAN FASCIST STATE

To over throw the Indian fascist state the only method remaining for the proletariat class is protracted armed struggle. Class struggles are part of magical weapon for the masses to overthrow the fascist state. New Democratic Revolution in India annihilates the Indian fascist state and establishing New Democratic state that is part of Socialist Revolution. The Maoist communists mentioned that "The Indian compradors are unleashing utmost cruel policy – Brahmanic Hindutva fascism in the service of the imperialists in order to overcome the economic crisis and to continue their exploitation and oppression. Muslims, Dalits, tribal people and women are fighting against this. Intellectuals are fighting to preserve history, culture and democracy. Our party must become part of and lead these struggles. Fascism is establishing its base in the rural, urban middle class, petty bourgeois class and lumpen proletariat with large preparations. In view of this, we have to make preparations to work practically in the ideological and cultural sectors among the people of these classes..." (*Changes in relations of production in India-*

Our Political Program. PG. 258, CPI (MAOIST)).

TACTICAL PROGRAM GIVEN BY THE CPI (MAOIST) PARTY TO CONFRONT FASCISM

- “We must build broad based tactical united front against Brahmanic Hindutwa communalism together with religious minorities, especially the Muslim religious minority organisations and associations, with the organisations for eradication of caste, various Dalit, tribal and oppressed nationality organisations and women organisations of democratic nature, secular forces, friendly ML forces and individuals. We must give a proper direction to the movement and organise it politically. This must not be confined to propaganda activities but must also take up agitation activities. We must strengthen it quantitatively and qualitatively.

- We must take up propaganda and agitation continuously through our class organisations and other organisations against fascism. We must have the initiative to establish a place among the

religious minorities especially Muslim people. We must explain the benefit out of New Democratic Revolution to the broad sections of middle classes and have the initiative to mobilise them in the struggle against Brahmanic Hindutwa fascism.

- We have to build broad based people’s movements against more than a score anti-people decisions and policies such as the ban on ‘cow slaughter’, ban on eating beef, ghar vapasi, love jihadi, demonetization, Goods and Services Tax, cuts in reservations for SC, STs, Bhima Koregaon case, the merciless and cruel suppression of difference in opinions, sanctions on food and clothing, bureaucratic annulment of triple talaq, NIA amendment bill-2019, UAPA amendment bill-2019, Human rights preservation amendment bill-2019, RTI amendment bill-2019, the annulment of Article 370 and 35A, judgment on demolition of Babri Masjid, CAA and mob lynching.

- We must work together with the revisionist parties,

bourgeois parties and its mass organisations tactically only on the basis of issues in the All India joint activities. In this process we must constantly expose the attitude of these parties so that the people do not fall in illusions about them.” (*Changes in relations of production in India-Our Political Program. PG. 259, CPI (MAOIST)).*

CONCLUSION

Today the Communist Party of India (Maoist) is the only party which stands for the masses and against the exploiting ruling classes in Indian society. The CPI (Maoist) is fighting against the fascist state to overthrow it and to establish the New Democratic state. Fascism is the main political thought and practice that has been stably ruling India for the past so many decades. The masses of India should understand the dynamics of fascism and join in large numbers in the main stream of class struggle and armed struggle to overthrow the fascist state.

No change in attitude towards Climate Change

One more meeting of the annual Conference of the Parties (COP) was held in 2021 November in Glasgow, Scotland regarding measures to be taken to reduce environmental damage to the earth. The main theme of the COP for the past few years had been to reduce the temperature of the earth. We are aware that the temperature of the earth has to come down by a minimum of 1.5

degree centigrade by 2030 and if not, the earth is going towards a dead end (*Ref: People’s March 2021 February*).

The present meeting is COP-26. As like any COP Conference until date, this too ended without deciding any specific measures to control Green House Gases (GHG) and better environment. In the background of alarming facts about the ongoing

environmental devastation on the earth, the failure of the meeting once more proves the attitude of the imperialist countries towards the welfare of the people.

There were large scale protests from several countries of the world on the occasion of COP-26. African climate change activists said let us ‘open our hearts and act’.

CPI (Maoist) loses one of its Senior most Revolutionary leader Comrade Narmada (Uppuganti Nirmala)



Born as an ordinary village girl, Comrade Nirmala turned into a great revolutionary

leader and a leader of the woman's movement of the Dandakaranya Special Zone of the CPI (Maoist). She attained martyrdom out of cancer while undergoing treatment in the custody of the enemy on 9th April 2022 in a health centre in Bandra of Mumbai in Maharashtra at the age of 62. She was a member of the DKSZC Secretariat. The 42 long years of her revolutionary journey is a fruitful experience and shall continue to be an inspiration to revolutionaries.

Comrade Nirmala studied up to 10th class in her village Kondapavuluru near Gannavaram of Krishna district in Andhra Pradesh. She later studied Hindi through South Indian Hindi Prachar Sabha starting from 'Visharada' to 'Sahitya Ratna' equivalent to Master's Degree. Her father was a sympathizer of revolution and she acquired the ideas from him. She came in touch with the then CPI (ML) People's War and became an activist. She joined the party as a full-time activist by 1980. She was given responsibility in the publication of the official organ of the party 'Kranti' and the publications division. During this time, she married Comrade Kiran (Rani Satyanarayana, a member of the

DKSZC) who was in-charge of the publications and is presently in a prison in Arthur road in Mumbai.

Comrade Narmada worked as a staff member of 'Kranti' publications until 1986-87. By the time the revolutionary movement in Dandakaranya was developing and the Party decided to start 'Prabhat' magazine. As per the decision Comrade Narmada became part of the Editorial Board of the magazine since 1988. She stayed in cities outside AP. Due to increasing repressive conditions, the mechanism was brought inside the guerilla zone where she continued to fulfill the responsibility. In a period of time Comrade Narmada developed the urge to go and work directly among the people. She made a strong proposal to the party. The party considered the proposal and transferred her to Gadchiroli of Dandakaranya in 1996.

Since then the efforts she put up in the area molded her into an ideal organiser and Communist. Gadchiroli had been facing intense repression since the beginning of the movement. The enemy unleashed multipronged offensive and Comrade Narmada with her undeterred revolutionary will tempered in Class Struggle-People's War. She stuck to the people with great commitment, based on them and sustained the movement along with her comrades. She knew each and every village, house and person of Gatta-Bhamragarh and Perimili of Gadchiroli where she worked for a long time.

Her revolutionary practice is an inseparable part of the history of revolutionary movement of Gadchiroli. She developed in stages and became an alternate SZC member in the DK Special Zonal plenum held in 2003. She later became a member of the SZC. In the process she became the President of the Krantikari Adivasi Mahila Sangathan (KAMS).

Comrade Narmada made special efforts to build guerilla bases in Gadchiroli as a part of fulfilling the central task given by the Central Committee. As per the guidance of the CC and SZC, she and martyr Comrade Vikas, the then secretary of Gadchiroli Divisional Committee made class analysis of Gatta-Bhamragarh area and basing on the report they built the organs of people's democratic state power, the RPC. The efforts developed the area into two divisions such as the South and the North. Comrade Narmada made relentless efforts to raise the leadership role of women in these organisations. She was part of recording the history of revolutionary women's movement of 30 years of Dandakaranya in 2009. She also made a brief translation of the book. She was a member of the Sub-Committee of Mass Organisations of Dandakaranya.

Comrade Narmada had an exemplary role in running the magazine 'Sangharshrat Mahila' (Struggling woman) of KAMS that began in 1996 in Telugu and Hindi. She named and was the in-charge of the Division magazine

Varavara Rao's interim bail -

A case of Illusionary justice in conditions of intensifying fascism

Vijay

The Bhima Koregaon case is one example that clearly shows how the intensifying Brahmanic Hindutva fascist state of the Bharateeya Janata Party's Modi government is trying to suppress voice of dissent. The 16 individuals foisted with the case who are all professionals in various sectors such as teaching, advocacy, journalism, research and social service worked with conscience and concern towards the society. They could not tolerate the violation of fundamental rights of the people of the country. They acted in their own way and questioned the government.

The central government first gave almost all powers to the NIA. The NIA aggressively pounced upon the various revolutionary, democratic, progressive individuals of the country. It continues to harass them in various ways without following the minimum norms of even a bourgeois society.

The Bhima Koregaon case was created as that of a big conspiracy to murder Prime Minister Modi. The history of Bhima Koregaon celebrations and the happenings of the incident on 1st January 2018 have

been well written and analysed by well-wishers of the Dalit people. This is part of history of our country. The incident had been totally distorted and shown in an absolutely different manner. The basis for Bhima Koregaon case was created and selected individuals have been foisted with the case.

The government had been acting in the cruelest manner since the beginning with the persons involved in the case. No one was given bail until lately and only to Sudha Bharadwaj, an advocate and civil rights activist. Father Stan Swamy, a Christian priest doing social service to the tribal people of Jharkhand through a centre he established was treated in the most inhuman manner in jail and 'murdered' by the government. The number in the case is now 15.

Gowtam Navlakha who was on the Editorial Board of 'Economic and Political Weekly' that is being published for the past more than 50 years was rejected bail despite placing petitions several times. The NIA's counsel pleaded that if Navlakha was granted bail, there will be a hell lot of petitions on the same health and age grounds. Recently

he was rejected a book of 'Wodehouse', which is in fact a simply comedy. The judge commented, '...is Wodehouse a 'threat'? It is ridiculous'.

Professor GN Saibaba, a 90 per cent disabled people's activist is not given the minimum facilities to do his daily chores. He was neither granted bail on health grounds nor given treatment. In spite of repeated petitions in the court and demand from rights organisations from all over the world, Saibaba remains in Nagpur jail on several foisted cases.

The attitude of the government through the NIA and a total control of the judiciary shows the direction towards which the government wishes to take the country. Fascism is taking unprecedented forms and is more and more bringing out the truth of Indian semi-colonial, semi-feudal society and Brahmanic Hindutva. It is making people blunt of all the modern values that the society at large has imbibed through a process of development of human life.

This is an article 'People's March' received that analyses

Com Narmada

'Podudu' (meaning Sun) in the local Koya language of Gadchiroli. Comrade Narmada was a writer and poet.

Comrade Narmada and her life partner Comrade Kiran (Rani Satyanarayana) were arrested by the Telangana SIB and

Maharashtra police on 11th June 2019 while they were undergoing treatment. They were foisted with 65 cases and sent to Baiculla prison in Mumbai. The enemy did not provide her the necessary treatment. Her health deteriorated further. In spite of the deadly disease Comrade

Narmada stood as a great inspiration to the fellow prisoners.

Comrade Narmada shall continue to show the revolutionary path to the oppressed people, especially the oppressed women like the bright Morning Star.



Revolutionary Writer Comrade Varavara Rao's case of interim bail.

In Bhima Koregaon case the very recognized poet and a revolutionary writer Pendyala Varavara Rao was granted conditional interim bail for six months by the special National Investigation Agency court on considering humility and humanity grounds of right to health and right to life as per Article 21 of Indian constitution. But the conditions of the interim bail order are such as he should not make any public statements related to the proceeding and should not establish connection with co-accused. Also, he has to remain within the jurisdiction of Special NIA Court of Mumbai. He should provide his contact number and the numbers of his relatives residing with him. He must attend the court as and when he is summoned. He can, however, apply for exemption. He must also attend the police station through whats app video call fortnightly.

After six months he should either surrender or apply for the extension of bail. These conditions restricted Varavara Rao to be free within the grounds of constitutional rights which are provided for every citizen and civilian of the Indian country.

Article 21 declares that no citizen can be denied his life and liberty except who commits the crime (with some boundaries). But here the very sense turned against the Article 21 of the constitution that provides his life and liberty except to the crime committed, but the case of Bhima Koregaon is still in pending which is not yet proved as a crime and the accused as criminals in this case (allegations

are not proved as crime). So here the restricted conditional interim bail contradicts with the essence of Article 21 of the Indian constitution. And here the justice to Varavara Rao is mere illusionary which proves walled liberty and chained freedom.

The Bhima Koregaon case, which is having a lot of illusionary facts with a positivist approach of Indian state-the state of fascism is nothing with a political and economical positivism which uses this approach through an ideological conservatism of which we know as Hindutva. Basically, the Hindutva fascist forces malignantly emerged in India to achieve a political and economical positivism of capitalist forces. The two faces of Hindutva fascism are very well known today with one face of ideological conservatism and in another face which promotes the modern capitalist forces which are offshoot of imperialism, With the face of ideological conservatism the Hindutva fascism managing and organizing common people for the vote bank and also attracting a majority middleclass for the support and base for its benefits and results, And in another face promoting capitalist forces with imperialistic agenda which benefits to the big bourgeois, big land lords and upper middle class of India, with this outlook and methodological implementation the trends of pseudo nationalism-chauvinism-jingoistic patterns are ruling over India from the last one decade and due to the dual face of our political space which promotes false cases on progressive sections.

The Bhima Koregaon issue may not develop a difficult approach to the progressive

sections to take a stand on it. But the problem of approach differs among the intellectuals who support or condemn the issue, the basic problem here is an ideological difference that creates a vast division among all. So here the major issue is of ideological stand over the Bhima Koregaon incident.

There are two approaches where we can find in this matter one is pro to the support of feudalism or kingship and the other to colonial or British Raj. Pro feudalists or kingships raising the question of nationality and the pro colonial or British Raj raising the question of caste discrimination, contrary to these two versions, a third version needs to be identified as a new version which is basically a New Democratic cultural dialectical approach which supports neither feudalism nor colonial capitalism.

The new version clearly mentions the new democratic space which eradicates caste and its discriminative culture, which clearly propagates class struggle and a democratic revolutionary path to abolish caste system. It highly recommends the modernization of productive forces and radical changes in property-labor and exchange relations on socialistic path. This new democratic cultural version is a progressive version of all the progressive people, arrested in Bhima Koregaon case. The case filed on them imposes a version of pro colonial and even a democratic space is also not allowed to hear their version of democratic cultural dialectical approach, and blamed of conspiracy to subdue their democratic version violently with false allegations.

Presidential Elections in France

NO MACRON/NO LE PEN

Let's boycott the second ballot

In the Presidential Elections in France 13 million people did not vote in the first phase. Macron won the election but not the confidence of the working class. We give here a report posted in 'Maoist Road' on 17th April, 2022.

Nearly 13 million people reject the ballot (causedupeople.info). This Sunday, April 10, the first round of presidential elections saw nearly 13 million people abstain. In absolute terms, it is the largest abstention in the history of the French presidential election. This is an increase of several million since the last elections, which can be explained by the intensification of the political crisis in France under the Macron five-year term, in particular with the Yellow Vests and the health crisis.

Abstention is therefore the first winner of the election, far ahead of Macron, Le Pen or Mélenchon. The Macron-Le Pen duel calls for an even stronger rejection of the election, even by the masses who went to vote on April 10. In 2017, abstention, blank and invalid votes increased by 5 million between the first and second rounds, peaking at 16 million. This dynamic is expected again this year, but it will depend on the opportunistic decision of the social-democratic decisions of the Melenchonist camp which claim to triumph in defeat.

The other "left" candidates have already played their card by immediately calling for a vote for Macron after their shameful defeat. He was not mistaken, and he thanked Jadot, Roussel and Hidalgo in his speech. The

electoral failure of Pécresse marks the highlight of Macron's strategy to carve up the PS and LR, which he has achieved in 5 years. In 2012, the PS and LR candidates received 20 million votes in the first round. Ten years later, they make 2 million. As for Zemmour, who rallied to Le Pen in the second round, he served as a puppet for Bolloré and the most reactionary bourgeois, in order to recompose reactionary politics around the fascist alternative to bourgeois democracy. In the first round as in the second, the salvation of the proletariat could not come from the election, and the concrete situation proves it.

The masses reject this system, abstain and it is up to a revolutionary movement to organize them to win victories outside the bourgeois elections.

Bhima Koregaon case

This false case completely negates their new democratic cultural version. And thereby judicial system does not have a perspective and an outlook to hear this approach and judge the facts. The theory of law which is an inverse reflection of the conditional social realistic material relationships which promotes and protects the ruling class private property benefits, and also the judicial positivism restricted itself to positivist logic which is completely different from dialectical logic, and an

Indian judiciary stands for absolute positivism as a continuation of subjective idealistic outlook which stands as a tendency to oppose the dialectical causes and effects, and this positivist outlook restricted the version of new democratic culture on Bhima Koregaon issue, and this resulted in provoking to think, argue, debate in the version of state's false case which is pro feudalistic or kingship and this reflects the relics of the feudal ideology in modern systems.

To conclude, justice to Varavara rao is nothing but a

seeming reality of liberty and freedom. Indian state is misusing the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) intentionally and the courts are just a continual apparatus of Indian fascist state and does not provide the democratic space to express their rights provided by Indian constitution. Moreover, the conspiracy on progressive sections is nothing but to divert their new democratic approach towards caste system and its discrimination and people's democracy.

General strike in India Successful

Several Trade Unions came together and called for a General strike on 28th and 29th of March in the country that was a great success with the participation of above 20 crore workers. The success sent ripples in the Brahmanic Hindutva Fascist BJP Modi government.

The Kerala High Court banned the BPCL and government employees from participating in the strike despite which several employees took part. The strike was held on behalf of united forum of ten central Trade Unions, independent federations and associations. Workers of all government departments, public sector, private

organisations and small and medium kind industries, unorganized and organised sectors and rural and urban workers, Anganwadis, Aasha, Jute plantation workers took part in the strike in their own way. Employees of banks, life insurance boycotted work and joined the strike. Those of coal industry, Visakha Steel Plant, oil, LPG plants, electric grid, telecom and cement sectors.

There was militant struggle in Coal mines such as Singareni. According to a report, production of one lakh ten thousand tons of coal came to a standstill.

In Maharashtra the government imposed ESMA on the workers and employees. Workers of Tuticorin and Paradip ports were on strike. There was almost a bandh in Tamilnadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tripura, Asom, Haryana, Jharkhand and other states. Industrial strike was successful in Goa, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Bihar, West Bengal, Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh. In Sikkim

44 existing labour laws in 2020. Many rights of the workers have been trampled. There is a rise of working hours, night duties for woman workers and other such things.

The general strike opposed the anti-people policies of the central government; the changes in the labor laws and privatization of public sector organisations. It demanded hike in the wages of workers working

under MNREGA and to regularize contract workers and other such demands. The two-day strike witnessed successful program with the

participation of the people in Jammu-Kashmir, Sikkim, Assam, Haryana, Delhi, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar, Punjab, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Rajasthan, Goa, Kerala, Tamilnadu, Karnataka, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

The Trade Unions oppose the government policies of handing over the public sector organisations and the natural wealth of the country to imperialist Multi-National Corporations and Comprador Bureaucratic Bourgeoisie like Ambani, Adani, Vedanta, TATA, Birla, Goenka and Dalmia.



workers of security department were on strike. Industrial workers of Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Jammu-Kashmir took part in the strike. In Tamilnadu nearly 50 thousand employees of central government held picketing in 300 places. Fisherfolk also stopped going on to the sea.

Farmers were in full support of the strike as per the decision of the Samyukta Kisan Morcha. The farmers supported the demands of the workers and also put forth their demands.

The Trade Unions have been opposing the four labor codes brought in the place of the

Two CCMs of CPI (Maoist) arrested

CCM of CPI (Maoist) Comrade Kanchanda (Arunkumar Bhattacharjee) arrested

Comrade Arunkumar Bhattacharjee (Kanchanda), a member of the CC of the CPI (Maoist) was arrested by a special branch of the Assam police in Thaleegram Nagadong near Patimara tea plantation of Udaband area of Kachar district in the state of Assam along with Comrade Aakash Urang (Rahul, Kajal), a local worker on 7th March 2022. Seventy-two year old Comrade Kanchanda is a member of the Central Committee of the CPI (Maoist) and part of the Eastern Regional Bureau (ERB). At this age he was physically and mentally tortured by the mercenary armed forces of the enemy.

Comrade Kanchanda was inspired with the Naxalbari struggle and joined the revolutionary movement. He became part of the Maoist Communist Centre (MCC) formed in the leadership of Comrade Kanhai Chatterjee. He stepped into the revolutionary movement in rural area of Lugu and Jilga (Dumra) hill in the limits of Gomiya police station of Hazaribagh district of the then Bihar state in 1970-71. He was arrested in 1972 and was released after Janata Party came to power in 1977. He was elected into the Bihar-Jharkhand Special Area Committee in 2002 and was given the responsibility of workers' front.

He was elected into the CC at the time of the emergence of the new united CPI (Maoist). He was reelected into the CC in the Congress held in 2007. He was given the responsibility of party affairs in Assam in 2018.

The ERB gave a bandh call in protest to the arrest on 5th April 2022 in Bihar-Jharkhand, West Bung and Assam. It called upon the entire progressive organisations, individuals, human rights organisations and well-wishing citizens of justice to fight against the human rights violation of Kanchanda and for his necessary medical treatment and provision of the status of political prisoner.

CCM of CPI (Maoist) Vijayakumar Arya arrested

Comrade Vijayakumar Arya, a member of the Central Committee of the CPI (Maoist) was arrested in Rohtal area of Bihar by the IIB along with Sudama Pawan and a woman activist on 20th April 2022. He was first arrested along with two other CCMs from a village in Bihar around 13 years ago and was released two years back. Since his release he was part of the activities like earlier and was now once again arrested. Comrade Vijaykumar was a student leader from his student days and was part of the All India Revolutionary Student's Federation (AIRSF). Revolutionary and rights organisations demand his release and proper treatment in prison.

AFSPA 'partially' withdrawn

The Brahmanic Hindutva Fascist Modi government at the centre 'partially' withdrew the notorious Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA). The act had been a point of major resentment in the country, especially the North Eastern states regarding fundamental rights of citizens. There were continuous struggles against the act. Irom Sharmila of Manipur was on indefinite strike for 16 years. Women of Manipur made a naked demonstration in front of the office of the Assam Rifles headquarters in Imphal, the capital city of Manipur in protest to the sexual atrocities on women and murder of Manorama.

The act was first made in 1958 in Parliament. It was first brought into implementation in Manipur and later extended to other areas. The act had been being opposed since the past above four decades by international forums and civil rights and human rights organisations of the country. The government appointed the BP Jeevan Reddy Committee in 2005 which nominally spoke of repeal of the act but suggested to incorporate the basic provisions of the act in UAPA.

The incident in the end of last year where civilians were killed by the armed forces once again forcibly brought to fore the question of AFSPA. This apart, people's discontent rose with the CAA, NRC and NPR that trampled the fundamental rights of the people of mainly the North Eastern states. The present move is only nominal to try dampen the people's anger.

Political Assessment of Ambedkar

The Central Committee of the CPI (Maoist) enriched its document on 'Caste Question in India – Our Perspective'. There were important changes in understanding BR Ambedkar, a champion of the Dalit people and part of writing the Indian Constitution. We give here the regarding chapter.

Ambedkar took up struggles not only for the equality of Dalit people who are in the most oppressed position in the caste hierarchy but also for the workers and women. In his view equality, independence and sovereignty exist together in the Indian society. Coming to imperialism his understanding is that without fighting against the friends of imperialism such as landlords, mill owners and money-lenders in the country, we cannot take up any kind of efficient war against imperialism. He adopted a constant neutral attitude towards the colonial rule only with a strategic view. In his view, the Dalits without any instruments cannot fight the entire powerful enemies at a time. He basically opined the Congress as the representative of the landlords and urban capitalists. He challenged the view that they were doing an anti-imperialist war. He criticized the caste system as Hindu imperialism and stated it was more evil when compared to British imperialism.

In the real sense Ambedkar is the representative of the oppressed classes. He addressed the entire untouchables, oppressed castes, suppressed people and women as a single class. He called the entire suppressed people as 'depressed classes'. In Marathi he addressed them 'Dalit'. This concept of 'depressed class' possesses the concept that the caste system can be destroyed only by

organizing it with class outlook. However, his opinion about uniting this people's community class wise is on contrary to the concept of Marx on class. He repeatedly said that Brahmanism and capitalism are the two enemies of the Indian oppressed masses. This depressed class became part of the people's mobilization and people's movements in lakhs in his leadership. These were firstly for social and civic rights and for self-respect and later also on issues of democratic rights of Dalits, peasants, workers and women. He led many anti-caste struggles which were an important part of the anti-feudal struggle. He and the movement he led thus formed an important part of the democratic forces and the movement of that period.

Ambedkar mainly dedicated his life for achieving the rights and welfare of the Dalits. However he approached Parliamentary democracy to achieve his aim. This attitude in practice diverted them from the path of militant struggle and created illusions on the Parliamentary system. On the other hand his services helped the British imperialists after 1941 and the comprador bureaucratic bourgeoisie and the feudal classes after 1947. On the whole, Ambedkar chose annihilation of caste as the goal for his life and sincerely attempted with his entire strength to utilize each and every opportunity he obtained in the interests of the Dalit and suppressed people. He

always had a quest for struggle and ways of struggle. He was always prepared for change. He is a historic friendly force in the broad Indian New Democratic Revolution. In this view we have to take the positive aspects in him for social transformation. We have to shed those that stand in the way of the path of revolution. The movement Ambedkar led and his literature definitely inspire the struggle for annihilation of caste and for the construction of democratic society. We must study them with a critical outlook. At the same time we must take up struggle on those who use Ambedkar for their vested interest and on those who draw wrong inferences of his ideas and divert the people. Ambedkar's theory of annihilation of caste is a prominent part in the protracted process of construction of democratic society. But it is not the ultimate one. This theory alone will not be enough. This process began before Ambedkar and is still continuing. We have to take it until the end. For this purpose we must especially take up political propaganda that the only correct path for the liberation of Dalits is the united militant struggle of the oppressed classes, Dalit and other oppressed castes and other oppressed sections in the leadership of the proletariat and that it is the New Democratic Revolution and organize all of them as a great force.

A number of organisations and associations are working for solving the problems of Dalits for a long time. Political parties are formed and are working on the basis of ruling class, petty-bourgeois, caste and sub-caste in the name of Dalits. These organisations, associations and Parties interpret Ambedkarism as per their will and claim it to be their theory. Among these, we have to expose before the people the ruling class character/pro-ruling class political opportunism of those ruling class Dalit parties, the Dalit organisations and associations that oppose our Party and benefit in the name of Ambedkar; we have to isolate the leadership from the people. We will have to make efforts with the objective of sustaining other Ambedkarite, Dalit organisations and associations in a broad democratic movement, to work with them with a friendly attitude. Party must extend support to their struggles. We have to unite and struggle together with them. At the same time, we must build independent strong movements and organisations on a broad basis on the problems of the Dalits with the aim of liberation of the Dalit people.

Ambedkar's Ideology

Ambedkar theoretically does not oppose Marxism. He propagated Marxism to the possible extent. He did his work basing on the standards of Marxism. He used to say that if ever there was a philosophy close to him, it was Marxism. However, when he was studying in the 'London School of Economics', he was influenced with Deve Fabianism. He called these theoretical ideas as pragmatism or instrumentalism.

Instrumentalists realise scientific ideology.

Due to the pragmatist outlook that Ambedkar chose and practiced regarding 'Annihilation of Caste', he did not give importance to its social and economic base. On the question, he presented the incorrect understanding that caste arose characteristically from the devotion to the religious theories, that destroying the religious sentiments that act as the base for caste discrimination is the path to annihilate caste discrimination and that caste took birth not from ancient relations of production of the Indian society but from Hindu religion. He therefore thought that caste could be rooted out by reforming the Hindu religion rather than by changing the social system. He thus proposed laws to abolish the Vedas and to set up one common authoritative Hindu religious text acceptable to all the Hindus, for the appointment of priests through examinations open to any caste, etc. He also saw inter-caste marriages as the solution to annihilate caste. He thus felt that changes in the thoughts and ideas of men alone would bring about the end of the caste system. He did not understand therefore that though inter-caste marriages were to be encouraged constantly, without breaking the social and economic basis of caste they would only help in the abolition of the caste system partially. His proposal of reform of Hindu religion and later his conversion did not answer the question as to why caste had persisted in Islam, Christianity, Sikhism and even Buddhism in various forms in India. Thus, naturally his final conversion to Buddhism could

not show a path of liberation from the caste system.

Moreover it led him to rely considerably on the British administration in the fight against the casteists. He looked upon the British as believers in western Christian philosophy that was opposed to Hindu caste ideology. Thus, he failed in practice to understand that the British imperialists depended on the feudal caste fundamentalist forces for their exploitative and repressive rule in the country.

Lastly, due to Ambedkar's bourgeois liberal thinking he had a wrong understanding of the nature of the state. Believing in the bourgeois concept of a neutral state and not realising its class nature as an instrument of repression, he felt that the state's character could be changed through changes in laws and constitutional reforms. Though he was inspired by the bourgeois democratic principles of 'Liberty, Equality and Fraternity', he could not identify the basic bourgeois class dictatorship character of bourgeois democracy. He especially could not recognise the reactionary character of imperialism and its agent, the Comprador Bureaucratic Bourgeoisie and the Indian state. He therefore mainly relied on laws, Parliament, courts and the Constitution to bring about social change.

The Brahmanical Hindu fascist BJP at the center and all the ruling parties and revisionist parties relentlessly propagate that Ambedkar is the founder of the Indian Constitution, that he is the creator of Parliamentary democracy and ideologically opposed to violence and revolution, keeping in view his enormous recognition among

Struggle reports

Kerala



The CPI (Maoist) has extended its support to the anti-Silver Line protests being carried out in Kerala state by the affected people, backed by opposition political parties and activists. CPI (Maoist) issued posters and leaflets in Mattikunnu area near Thamarassery of Kozhikode district.

The party criticized the state government's Silver Line semi-high-speed railway corridor and declared solidarity to the people opposing the project. It said that the state

government is anti-people and equated the policies of the ruling LDF to that of the Narendra Modi-led government at the Centre. The handwritten posters called for a people's agitation against the state government.

The state has been witnessing agitations by affected people supported by the Congress-led UDF and the BJP since the K-Rail authorities began erecting yellow pillars, as part of what the government says are surveys to study social impact assessment in residential areas and agricultural lands.

Telangana



Teachers continue to agitate for annulment of GO No. 317

The Telangana government made a GO No. 317 regarding the appointments and transfers of employees including teachers. Since it was issued, employees and teachers have been opposing it since it goes against certain other GOs and causes practical inconveniences to the families. The details of the GO were given in the previous issue of this magazine.

The government is adamant to the demands of the employees and teachers. So, they continue in the path of agitation. Teachers all over the state protested the misappropriations in the list of seniority and counselling. In Kamareddy the teachers held a demonstration in front of the collectorate. They stated that the GO made nativity

Ambedkar

the people of the Dalit and other oppressed castes, for their vested interests. All these parties compete to propagate that Ambedkar said that Dalits must patiently make efforts to better their lives through structural changes and democratic methods. Thus, all the exploitative class parties use the name of Ambedkar and limit the Dalits to bourgeois and petty-bourgeois reforms and rigorously try to see that they do not take up militant class struggles and do not organize in the New Democratic Revolution. In an unprecedented manner since 1947, Modi government is much more fascising the state and the Brahmanic Hindu communal caste chauvinist forces, according to the agenda

of the Brahmanic Hindutwa fascist Sangh Parivar. While on the one hand Modi government and various state governments have intensified multipronged offensive on the revolutionary movement, on the other hand the Sangh Parivar forces are indulging in theoretical, political, cultural and physical attacks on the Dalit, Adivasi, Minority, Secular, Democratic and Revolutionary forces. They are unleashing utmost cruel repression on the revolutionary forces and other militant democratic forces that fight against these fascist governments without compromise. These fascists are trying to unlimitedly exploit and oppress the people of the

country by surrendering other forces of the movement through carrot and stick policy and push the people of the country into slavery. It is in this background that the BJP government in the leadership of Modi had upheld Ambedkar in the celebrations of his 125th birth anniversary in a grand way. We must expose the wickedness behind this symbolisation of Ambedkar that the ruling class adopted in its interests. We must preserve and strengthen the place of Ambedkar as an effective force in the broad democratic struggle, bring him out of the fort of the ruling classes and place him as the genuine symbol of those for whom he dedicated his life.

meaningless and more than 600 teachers were sent away from their native places by force. They also said that seniors were given convenient places and juniors were sent to remote areas.

In Nirmal teachers held road blockade demanding annulment of GO 317. Adilabad district bandh was observed. They held a demonstration in front of the Intermediate Board protesting the indiscriminate allotment of junior lecturers and degree college lecturers. They said that even though non-local candidates cannot be filled in above 5 percent jobs the allotments are against the rule. They demanded that the 75 percent vacancies must be filled with unemployed youth. The teachers also encircled the Secretariat building of the government.

Singareni coal mine workers hold strike successfully

The workers of Singareni coal mines went on strike in protest to privatisation of coal blocks. Out of the total 88 coal blocks that the central government decided to privatise all over the country, two are in Khammam district and two in Mancherial district. The workers are also opposing privatisation of coal exploration in underground mines and in open casting. The government had to withdraw privatisation of coal blocks owing to worker's agitation.

Women attack forest officials

Tribal women of Utupalli and the surrounding areas of Telangana were vexed with the government's attitude that is depriving them of right to forest land. When forest officials attacked the tribal people the people were angry. The women caught hold of whatever they can and countered them. Fearing the

protest the officials withdrew. Tribal farmers continue to struggle for certificates for their 'podu' lands. Tribal farmers of Koyyaposaguda village of Dandepalli Makulapeta panchayat held dharna in the podu lands demanding their right to the lands. The indigenous people are being prevented from taking fuel wood and bringing cattle for fodder in the forest.

Jharkhand

Kaimur Mukti Morcha fighting for implementation of PESA



The Kaimur Mukti Morcha of Jharkhand took up struggle for the implementation of PESA in the area. They took out a rally from 26th March to 28th March from the Adhaura Block Office to Seevo village through Bhagavanpur market and ended in a demonstration in front of the District Office. They protested the patrols of the government officers without the permission of Gram Sabha. They demanded stop to the atrocities of the government, the immediate implementation of PESA and to immediately withdraw the proposed Indian Forest Act 2019. They also demanded to join Kaimur hills in the Fifth Schedule Area and to implement the Chota Nagpur Farmer's Act.

Attack on CRPF camp in West Singhbhum of Jharkhand

A squad of CPI (Maoist) cadres used arrow IEDs

(improvised explosive device) while launching an attack on a CRPF camp under construction in Toklo thana area in West Singhbhum district late on Monday night. The incident was in protest to the arrest of CCM Comrade Kanchanda.

Farmers of various states protest cut in procurement of paddy and low remunerative prices

Even after the withdrawal of the three Agriculture laws the farmers of the country continue to face problems in selling their crops. The farmers are making struggles all over the country for proper remunerative price and procuring of the crop by the government. These are a few reports of struggles of farmers in Telangana.

Farmers of Gurugram of Haryana threw the paddy crop on the roads protesting the low remunerative price. The farmers of the state who have been active in the farmer's movement of the country to withdraw the three Agricultural laws continue with their spirit to solve their problems. They held militant demonstrations protesting the attitude of the government.

Farmers of Telangana took up the path of agitation protesting the government's attitude of not purchasing paddy. They held rallies in Medak and other such places. They put their paddy crop on the road and burnt it even while the police tried to stop them. In another place they held pesticides in their hands and questioned whether the government would purchase paddy or that whether they will have to die.

Dandakaranya

While the people continue to struggle against the police camps being set up in carpet



security by the central and the state governments in

Dandakaranya (Chhattisgarh), the government made an Aerial attack on the wee hours of April 15th, 2022. People gathered in thousands against the bombing and held several meetings all over the Special Zone. They told the media persons who visited the place of bombing in Mettagudem, Bottem, Bothalanka and Erran. The people told them that their huts built to store the forest produce, now mainly mahua were also affected in the bombing. They said that when the government failed in all sorts of repression



on their movement for jal-junglezameen, they are finally indulging in Aerial attacks.

The people reminded that there was one Aerial attack last April and this is the second one. They said that the central and the state governments made the present attack in a well planned manner with the help of technicians. They demanded the governments to stop war on them.

PLGA strikes new police camps

In the Tactical Counter Offensive Campaign (TCOC) in early 2022, the PLGA attacked

few police camps in Dandakaranya. It made an attack on the police camps set up in Pottem, Elmagonda, Tarrem, Darbha of Bijapur and Sukma districts by throwing BGLs prepared by the PLGA forces. It blasted IEDs near Sonpur and Kursenar in Narayanpur district. The enemy forces were injured in these incidents. However, the state governments of Telangana and Chhattisgarh proceeded to set up two more new camps on the border of the two states in the end of April. In May the Central Home Ministry released a statement that it set up 20 new camps all over the Maoist states in Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Maharashtra and Telangana.

MAY DAY celebrated

May Day was celebrated by the Maoist forces all over the world. In Chile the police shot on three people in a massive and combative demonstration in Santiago. One was a woman journalist among them shot in the head. In Turkey 164 people were arrested in the name of 'prohibited assembly and refusal to disperse' on the May Day.

In Colombia the people's demonstration protested the war of aggression on Ukraine and also celebrated the great popular uprising of 2021. Big rallies were held in Berlin and other cities such as Frankfurt, Hamburg and Leipzig in Germany. In Ecuador unions of different places rallied in Imbabura and held a demonstration. There were large scale propaganda activities in Tampere and Helsinki in Finland. Hundreds of workers from Amazon and Starbucks in the USA walked in rallies demanding the right to organize unions and training in the workplaces of these companies. They also demanded stop to persecution of immigrants in the country. In Greece, nearly ten thousand people marched in the city of Athens towards the Greek parliament. The demonstrators protested the rising cost of food, fuel and energy. Workers on trains, subways and ports in the city were on a 24 hour strike.

Demanding definite wages, thousands of workers, mainly industrial workers took to the streets of Port-au-Prince with posters and banners in Haiti. The demands were a minimum wage of Rs. 100 a day, nine hour working day. In Argentina hundreds of people held a demonstration demanding the withdrawal of the new agreement of the government with the IMF. Programs were held in Spain with ten thousand people in Madrid. Health workers and those from other sectors held protest demonstrations in Venezuela.



A Finnish poster

State unleashes repression on people struggling against police camps

This is an update of the struggles of the people against police camps in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh.

In Jharkhand, the police arrested Comrade Dullo Baske, an activist and leader of Nari Mukti Sangh in Dhanbad-Giridih-Hazaribagh districts on 7th April 2022. The reason being, she led the people's resistance struggle against a newly set up police camp in the limits of Pirtand police station of Giridih district. Presently struggle is going on against the proposal to set up a police camp in Mohanpur village in the same area. Although the police made all necessary arrangements for the camp, they could not go forth due to opposition from the people. Comrade Dula Baske is in the forefront in the movement. This is an attempt to deprive the movement of leadership and let their camp be set up.

Comrade Dula Baske had been working against the exploitation and atrocities on women and for equal economic and political rights and social respect for women in the rural tribal area for the past two decades and grew into a people's leader. She had been arrested and foisted with false cases and had been attending the court.

In Chhattisgarh, the police attempted to stop the demonstrations of the people in front of the Assembly building in the capital city of Raipur. The Moolvasi Bachao Manch that had been leading the Silinger struggle organised a protest rally while the Assembly session was going on. The government ended the sessions two days earlier to the scheduled date. The police

arrested the people going towards the meeting place in various places in the city. In some places the people broke the barricades and proceeded. Finally the Chief Minister promised to fulfill their demands within one month but the MBM stated that nothing was done.

In a bid to pacify the struggle against the increasing camps, the police tried to stop the people holding daily demonstrations in front of the police camps in Gompad and Pusnar of South Bastar. The people were lathi-charged and the place of the demonstration was stampeded. People protested the overdoing of the police. The people continue their agitation.

One year of Silinger-Symbol of tribal resistance

It is one year by May for the Silinger struggle that stood exemplary in the ongoing struggle against the police camps. As reported in the earlier issue, Silinger is a small village on the border of Sukma-Bijapur districts of the state. The agitation that started here spread over the surrounding areas and districts and became to be a large stream of movement. On the occasion of completing one year of its struggle, the Moolvasi Bachao

Manch (MBM) held special programs from the 15th to the 17th of May, 2022.

Nearly 35 thousand people took part in the program. Ex-Central Minister, senior tribal leader and leader of Sarv Adivasi Samaj Arvind Netam, Member of CC of the CPI and ex-MLA Manish Kunjam, Saroj Giri of Delhi University, writer Meena Kandaswami, journalists of the print and electronic media and other such people's leaders and activists of various parts of the country attended the meeting. They extended support to the ongoing resistance of the indigenous people of Bastar.

To begin with, a rally was held from the place of dharna to the camp. A column in the memory of the three villagers martyred last year was inaugurated and homage paid to them. The Moolvasi Bachao Manch stated the essence of the experiences of the past one year and its determination to advance the struggle. It released a pictorial book, video and a compilation of songs on the occasion. The families of the deceased in the earlier massacres such as Sarkenguda and Edsametta also attended the meeting.



Condemn and raise voice against Aerial terrorism on PLGA and the indigenous people of Bastar!

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of India (Maoist) strongly condemns the BLITZ carried out by the Chhattisgarh police, CRPF (COBRA), STF, DRG, Greyhounds, supported by Indian Army and Airforce officials and technicians in the Pamed guerilla base area of South Bastar on 15th April at 1.00 am targeting People's Liberation Guerilla Army (PLGA) and the local tribal people.

More than 50 drones were used in this aerial bombing and more than 50 High Explosive bombs were dropped hitting some huts made by villagers in jungles to store their forest produce. PLGA and the people were alert enough and escaped narrowly from the bombing.

This was an attack in the model of Modi's surgical strike executed by the police and the Army personnel following the guidelines of Home Minister Amit Shah, Ajit Dowal, Vijay Kumar and Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh Bhupesh Baghel and is nothing but Aerial terrorism. This is the second attack after one on 19th April 2021.

Deployment of the Army in the 5th Scheduled Areas of tribal people is not only unconstitutional but also against the UNO's indigenous people's chapter. Aerial bombing is not only inhumane but also a gross violation of international laws. The Central and the state governments are establishing police, Para-Military camps in tribal areas of Bastar (CG), Jharkhand, Orissa, Maharashtra without taking consent of Gram Sabhas as per the provisions of the Panchayat Extension to Scheduled Areas (PESA). This too is unconstitutional. Tribal people are agitating against these camps since November 2019 on which heavy repression is going on.

In fact, Modi is handing over public wealth and resources to the Indian and foreign corporates and to fulfil the purpose unleashing the present onslaught on farmers, workers, small traders, tribals, Muslims and other oppressed people. The attacks are also targeted to wipe out the people's political power organs, the RPCs in Bastar.

The CC, CPI (Maoist) calls upon all the cadres, leaders and commanders of the party, PLGA and Revolutionary People's Committees and revolutionary people to give stiff resistance to the ongoing offensive. CC appeals to all the democrats, progressive forces, human rights organisations, workers, peasants, students, youth, journalists, left parties and forces, anti-Hindutva forces to raise high the voice against drone attacks on Bastar people.

The CC appeals to the ICSPWI, all the Marxist-Leninist-Maoist parties, forces all over the world, world proletariat and toiling masses to come forward and make serious protests against the drone attacks, that are part of the reactionary and counter-revolutionary 'SAMADHAN-Prahar' offensive that is nothing but war on tribal people of central India and Eastern India. It also calls upon to build strong solidarity towards Indian Revolutionary movement. The CC also appeals to the proletariat of the respective countries to oppose and boycott all the programmes and policies in relation to the Indian government. It appeals to all the International human rights organisations to raise the issue in international forums.

CPI (Maoist) releases a reply to 'Fractured Freedom – A Prison memoir'

The Central Committee of the CPI (Maoist) released a reply to the book written by Kobad Gandhi, 'Fractured Freedom – A prison memoir'. The readers of 'People's March' are aware that Kobad Ghandy was a member of the CC and PB of the party by the time he was arrested in 2009 December. Since in prison he had been writing articles against the understanding of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism and the policies of the party. After his release in 2019, he wrote the book and released it, without informing the party.

The book spoke of 'freedom, happiness and independence' with utopian, un-Marxian outlook. It denied Class struggle-People's War and people's struggles and people's democratic state power.

The CC issued a paper statement in November 2021 expelling Kobad Ghandy from the party. It now released a reply to the book.

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A meeting was held in New Delhi in India on 30th March 2022 against Corporatisation and Militarisation of the country on behalf of Forum against Corporatisation and Militarisation. AISA, BASO, bs CEM, CFI, Collective, CTF, DSU, IMK, MAS, NCHRO and VCF jointly formed the Forum. The meeting discussed the problems of displacement, state violence and looting of the natural resources of the indigenous people of the country. It demanded the government to respect the rights of the indigenous and to stop repression of various forms on them.

Report of International week of actions from March 23rd to 29th

ICSPWI held a week of anti-imperialist, the martyrdom of Comrades Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru and the 53rd Anniversary celebrations of New People's Army of the Communist Party of Philippines and to bring forth the rights of political prisoners, as per the call of the CPI (Maoist). The call said that the martyrdom of the three heroes of Indian Independence struggle hanged by the British imperialists on March 23rd in 1931 is a symbol of anti-imperialist consciousness. In the past above 90 years, anti-imperialist struggles have been brewing more and more all over the world. In the present situation where the need for the world proletariat to strengthen unity to root out imperialism from the earth and establish people's democratic power, the international week taken up by the ICSPWI stands as a symbol for future anti-imperialist activities. The week was celebrated while the Russian imperialists were making a war of aggression on Ukraine that resulted out of the inter-imperialist contention between the US/NATO/EU and Russia/China. This is a report of the week-long celebrations in various countries posted by the ICSPWI and a report of the photo exhibition in Palermo.

The international meeting of the ICSPWI on 29-30 of January had made commitments and a plan for the participating Committees, Parties and Organizations supporting the people's war, aimed to give continuity to the large, necessary and crucial for the peoples and the international communist movement, support for the people's war in India led by the PCI (Maoist), after the great International Day of actions of 24th of November 2021. These tasks have been accomplished.

On 10th of February, an international poster in defense of the People's War and for the expansion and strengthening of the bodies of people's power, the Revolutionary People's Committees was issued and propagated in various countries of the world, in three languages (English, Spanish and Italian). It was decided an International Day of struggle for the 23rd of March, essentially centered on the liberation of political prisoners in India. An international poster had been prepared for this Day, particularly for the countries where committees already exist.

During the preparation of this campaign, two facts of great importance emerged: on the one hand, the invasion of Ukraine by Russia -with the intensification of the contradictions between the Ukrainian masses and the Russian invader and the inter-imperialistic contradictions between the US/NATO/EU and Russian imperialists- which captured the attention and mobilization of proletarians, people's masses, anti-imperialist and pacifist forces from all over the world, and, on the other hand, the further call by the CPI (Maoist) to extend the Day to a week, from 23rd to 29th of March, in order to strengthen the general anti-imperialist character of the campaign and extend the support to the people's war in the Philippines, on the anniversary of the NPA. This call was accepted by the Committees and forces supporting the people's war in India.

At the same time, in some countries a hard effort was made to root it in the situation brought by the war. Moreover, it has to be taken into account that the comrades supporters of the TKP/ML had already promoted an international day for the release of political prisoners from all over the world for the 18th of March and fulfilled the commitment made at the ICSPWI meeting to give great evidence and emphasis to the struggle for the release of political prisoners in India bringing it in all the demonstrations in the different countries organized by the Turkish comrades and particularly in the important demonstration in Brussels.

In other countries, the campaign had two characteristics: on the one hand, actions with posters posted in different cities and places close to the people's masses, on the other hand it organized rallies and public demonstrations with banners, flags and leaflets of great impact in the respective countries.

In Galicia, the campaign reached various cities and involved various associations, advancing in its extension and building of a reference for the whole Spanish state.

In Colombia: "... the International Committee in Support of the People's War in India has called for actions to be carried out in the world this week, and from Colombia we are here today in this industrial zone of Bogotá bringing this message to the workers".

In Austria "a rally was held in front of the Indian Embassy in Vienna. It was part of a global campaign to defend and release India's political prisoners... Speakers from Partizan Austria, the Committee to Support the People's War in India, the Komintern and the International League of People's Struggle spoke about popular resistance, large-scale strikes and the antiimperialist and revolutionary struggle, as well as the increasing repression and the situation of political prisoners in India Many passers-by stopped to listen to the speeches".

In Brazil, a very intense campaign was carried out on the initiative of Cebraspo.

In Italy, two issues were highlighted, the great and extensive mobilization of the Revolutionary Proletarian Feminist Movement, which from 8th to 26th of March realized a slide-show of documentation, counter-information and solidarity with the women political prisoners in India, exposing the crimes by Modi's fascist regime; and the continuity of the organization and struggle of Indian immigrant workers who, after the great and combative demonstration of January 29, while the ICSPWI meeting was in progress, gathered again in the assembly and demonstrated in the streets, simultaneously with the national strike of March 28-29 in

India supported by the CPI (Maoist).

The solidarity with the political prisoners of India also was present and significant during the anti-war demonstrations held in different cities and at the great demonstration of 25 thousands workers, students, Friday For Future movement held in Florence on March 26, as well as at the national day of struggle of migrants of many nationalities, including Indians and South Asians, held in several Italian cities on 31st of March, particularly at the demonstration in Rome.

In other countries the forces supporting the PW in India used this campaign to discuss internally and make preparations for the formation of new committees at the aim to carry out initiatives at the embassies (Madrid, Tunis, Rome, etc.) or actions towards governments and industries that supply weapons to India.

The ICSPWI considers the campaign for the political prisoners as an emergency that requires further timely initiatives that can be effective and also affect the results and, at the same time, an extended campaign until a new International Day on 13 September.

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Photo exhibition in Palermo – A first initiative for Indian Political prisoners

On 23 March, at the headquarters of Slai Cobas sc in Palermo, an assembly was held with precarious workers fighting over the inter-imperialist war, and the meaning of the international solidarity campaign

in India, promoted by the International Committee of support for the people's war in India, with the presentation of the exhibition and a dossier by the MFPR that adheres to the campaign. A first stop because the exhibition will also be made known to the outside world. The panels of the exhibition impressed a lot, especially the female workers, because sometimes the images are worth a thousand words. So, the word to the images –

India

In India the CPI (Maoist) celebrated the week in several parts of the country. According to reports 'People's March' received, celebrations were held in Maad Division of Narayanapur district, Jegurugonda, Pamed, Gangalur areas of Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh in the Dandakaranya Special Guerilla Zone. In these meetings the party, PLGA cadres and leaders and activists of the Revolutionary Mass Organisations and Revolutionary People's Committees came together. They held rallies, meetings and the cultural organisation of DK, the Chetan Natya Manch (CNM) gave cultural performances such as song and drama especially prepared with the current theme. In some places they burnt effigies of Joe Biden, Vladimir Putin and Volodymyr Zelensky. The slogans were, 'Down with imperialism', 'Long live Revolution', 'Stop war on Ukraine', 'Hail NPA at its 53rd Anniversary', 'Fight for the release of Political Prisoners' and others.



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