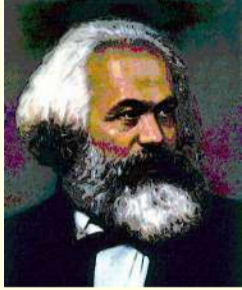


# Proletarian Era

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Karl Marx

5 May 1818  
to  
14 March 1883

## Long Live Great Marx

*"The real barrier of capitalist production is capital itself. It is that capital and its self-expansion appear as the starting and the closing point, the motive and the purpose of production; that production is only production for capital and not vice versa, the means of production are not mere means for a constant expansion of the living process of the society of producers. The limits within which the preservation and self-expansion of the value of capital resting on the expropriation and pauperization of the great mass of producers can alone move—these limits come continually into conflict with the methods of production employed by capital for its purposes, which drive towards unlimited extension of production, towards production as an end in itself, towards unconditional development of the social productivity of labour." (The Capital Vol. III Chapter 15)*

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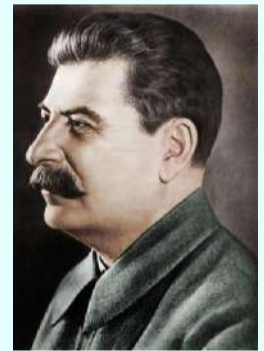
*"All previous historical movements were movements of minorities, or in the interest of minorities. The proletarian movement is the self-conscious, independent movement of the immense majority, in the interest of the immense majority." ('Communist Manifesto')*

## Long Live Great Stalin

*"Marxism is not only the theory of socialism, it is an integral world outlook, a philosophical system, from which Marx's proletarian socialism logically follows. This philosophical system is called dialectical materialism." "As a science, Marxism cannot stand still, it develops and is perfected. In its development, Marxism cannot but be enriched by new experience, new knowledge—consequently some of its formulas and conclusions cannot but change in the course of time, cannot but be replaced by new formulas and conclusions, corresponding to the new historical tasks. Marxism does not recognize invariable conclusions and formulas, obligatory for all epochs and periods. Marxism is the enemy of all dogmatism."*

*('Anarchy and Socialism' and 'Marxism and problems of Linguistics')*

J. V. Stalin  
18 December  
1878  
to  
5 March  
1953



## Modi's desperate effort to have bonhomie with Trump and Elon Musk

US President Trump and Indian PM Modi's relationship has been dubbed a "bromance" in some media outlets—and that affinity continued to simmer strongly during their latest meeting in Washington. The two leaders heaped praise on one another. Trump applauded Modi as a "great leader" and Modi called Trump a "friend". At a joint news conference, Modi made several references to Trump's "Make America great again" slogan, including his own spin to it: "It's Make India Great Again—'Miga' 'Maga' plus 'Miga'...[is a] Mega partnership for prosperity", PM Modi added. He also sought to indulge Trump by stating: "One thing that I deeply appreciate, and I learned from President Trump is that he keeps the national interest supreme... like him, I also keep the national interest of India at the top of everything else." But noticeably, both of them sidestepped more prickly points of discussion in public.

### Trump's aggressive posture over high import tariff imposed by India

PM Modi arrived in US with his own offers, designed to blunt any economic measures President Trump may take against India. But that expectation was belied. Trump

has long criticized India for its high tariff rate on foreign goods, even reportedly calling PM Modi the "king of tariffs". In keeping with that stand, Trump did not agree to relax economy-buckling tariffs. Rather, he used the threat of high tariffs only as a bargaining tool, thereby forcing India to cut the import duties on American goods and open up their markets. "Here's what we're going to do: reciprocal. Whatever you charge, I'm charging." He goes, "No, no, I don't like that." "No, no, whatever you charge, I'm going to charge," said

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## Countrywide Protest by AIKKMS Massive Rally in Kolkata

Comrade Sankar Ghosh, General Secretary, AIKKMS, addressing a massive rally of peasants and agricultural workers in Kolkata on 25 February



last pressing for legitimate demands of the suffering peasantry. Similar meetings were organized in 13 other states also on that day. (photos and reports on p 5) Meetings in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka will be held on 3 and 10 March respectively.

## BJP governments owe an answer to people for New Delhi station stampede SUCI(C)

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), has issued the following statement on 16-02-25:

Close on the heels of the horrific stampede incident at Prayagraj Maha Kumbh which claimed many more lives than the officially stated figure of 30 and inflicted grievous injuries to many, as well as repeated incidents of fire breaking out at the venue—all due to total mismanagement and absence of proper infrastructure to handle the crowd—an incorrect platform change announcement triggered another horrendous stampede at New Delhi Railway station on 15 February last when thousands of Maha Kumbh devotees had assembled there and rushed in a hurry-scurry to board a Prayagraj-bound train. Though official figure of fatal casualties is stated to be 18, eyewitnesses claim the number to

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Trump -Modi

## PM Modi's intent to blunt any economic measures against India not fulfilled

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Trump. Trump continued during his interaction with the media, stating that "You know what we do?" I told Prime Minister Modi yesterday—he was here. I said, "Here's what you do. We're going to do—be very fair with you. They charge the highest tariffs in the world, just about." The US president then bluntly made it clear that "nobody can argue" with him. "You know, they said, 'Tariffs—you're going to charge tariffs'...if I said, like, 25 percent they'd say, 'Oh, that's terrible.' I don't say that anymore—because I say, 'Whatever they charge, we'll charge'."

It was indeed a very embarrassing situation for PM Modi who has been projecting himself as "Vishwaguru" (teacher of the world) and went on claiming that India's drum of triumph was being beaten throughout the world (*danka baj raha hai*). His overture of embracing Trump to show his bonhomie with the US President proved to be only a playing to the gallery. In fact, it did not elicit the desired response whatsoever. Trump has extracted his pound of flesh on all counts.

### \$21 million US aid to boost "voter turnout" in India

The US Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), Washington's 'cost-cutting' agency set up by Donald Trump and led now by Elon Musk, a business tycoon and the richest person in the world, disclosed that the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) had contributed as high as \$21 million (Rs 182 crores) to boost "voter turnout" in India. This revelation is itself an embarrassment for PM Modi and drivers of Indian imperialist state. Are we then to conclude that Indian voters had turned apathetic towards farcical election process and hence US 'aid' was used to "incentivize" them to exercise their franchise? In that case, what had been the nature of such "incentivization"? Liberal distribution of cash and kind to buy votes? Sensing danger, Amit Malaviya, the BJP leader and the party's IT cell in charge swung into damage control exercise. "Who gains from this? Not the ruling party (the BJP) for sure!" he said. Then calling it as a "definitely external interference in India's electoral process", he squarely passed on the blame to the opposition Congress parrying the fact that the BJP is in power for last 11 years. He who

excuses himself accuses himself!

But then came the bombshell. The DOGE, on February 16, listed items on which the "US taxpayer dollars were going to be spent" including "\$21million for voter turnout in India" and then announced that all of the items have been cancelled. President Trump defended the move and questioned why US taxpayers' money was hitherto being used for this initiative. "Why are we giving \$21 million to India? They got a lot more money. They are one of the highest taxing countries in the world in terms of us; we can hardly get in there because their tariffs are so high. I have a lot of respect for India and their Prime Minister, but giving \$21 million for voter turnout?" He also called it a "kickback scheme".

However, revelation of this \$21 million US aid has triggered a fresh political slugfest in India with the Congress and the BJP firing salvo against each other. It is reported that Smriti Irani of the BJP herself stated that she has served as the USAID "Goodwill Ambassador" to India for 4 years and even BJP government's ministers constantly interacted with USAID officials and signed MoUs with USAID for various government schemes and projects. It is also alleged that on 21 March 2023, PM Modi met Rajiv Shah, the former USAID administrator and the present President of Rockefeller Foundation. But then Trump created a flutter during his address to the American governors where he said: "\$21 million going to my friend Prime Minister Modi in India" much to the discomfort of the BJP top brass.

### Under pressure from US President, BJP government slashed duty on American imports

It bears recall that obviously under threat from US, the BJP government has hurriedly slashed duty on imports from US like reducing duty on Bourbon whiskey from 150% to 100%, on motorcycles from 50% to 30%, on synthetically flavouring essences from 100% to 20% and significantly on station-wagons and race cars from 125% to 70%. "Prime Minister Modi recently announced the reductions to India's unfair, very strong tariffs that limit US access into the Indian market very strongly. And really it's a big problem, I must say," remarked Trump obviously insinuating towards success of his 'Tit for tat' policy. "The prime

minister and I also reached an important agreement on energy that will restore the United States as a leading supplier of oil and gas to India. It will be, hopefully, their number one supplier," Trump said. It means US has pressurized India for turning away from Russia for crude oil import and a shift to US for that. Trump also referred to an international infrastructure, the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor, announced in September 2023. Facilitated by the US, the proposed corridor is meant to run through the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Israel and Greece, but its future has come under a cloud amid Israel's war on Gaza. The US president said that the corridor would allow the US to "stay the leader"—a likely reference to continued economic competition with China which already started implementation of Belt and Road Initiative, linking its allies across the world. Thus, he wanted to bind India in ensuring successful operationalization of the project and distance itself more from China, another formidable imperialist power after counter-revolution.

### Bilateral trade or pushing American arms sale to India?

Next is about bilateral trade. As of 2024, the total trade between the two countries amounted to an estimated \$129.2bn, according to US government statistics. The US currently has a \$45.7bn trade deficit with India which is exporting \$87.4bn of goods to the US. Trump hinted at the biggest thorn when he said at the news conference that the US had a nearly \$100 billion trade deficit with India, though he inflated the number—in 2024, the figure was nearly \$50 billion. Expressing his displeasure with such deficits, Trump desired to narrow down the

deficit by increasing US exports. To curry favour with him, PM Modi announced that India has set itself the target of more than doubling its bilateral trade with US to attain \$500bn by 2030. And what, by the way, would constitute bulk of US exports to India? Not food or any other item of utility but military hardware. Since 2008, India has contracted around \$25 billion worth of U.S.-origin defence equipment. Now Trump has declared that US would increase military sales to India "by many billions of dollars". With India expected to spend more than \$200 billion ((Rs 17.3 lakh crore) over the next decade to modernize its military, according to the Congressional Research Service, purchases from the US only are likely to grow significantly.

Coming to know that India is likely to seek bids this year for 114 multi-role fighters, marking a major step in a process to bolster the country's stock of combat aircraft that has gone on for nearly two decades, US president reportedly pressured PM Modi to buy expensive F-35 fighter jets which, in the opinion of Pentagon officials, are unreliable and full of technical flaws. The aircraft, observed US defence experts, frequently malfunctions, sometimes failing immediately after takeoff, and sends a false alert every hour, despite the standard being one error per 50 hours of flight. After six years of combat trials, the F-35 has shown poor performance, delayed maintenance, a faulty cannon, and weak cyber security defences. The cost of one such jet is reported to be around \$115 million and operating an F-35 would cost India Rs 31 lakhs per hour. Indian Defence analysts of India argue that the jet is expensive, a strain on India's budget, and does not align with the country's defence needs. Even Elon Musk has questioned the relevance of the F-35 in modern warfare, stating that such aircraft are obsolete in the era of drones and would only put pilots at

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## SUCI(C) on New Delhi station stampede

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be much more. Poor infrastructure, insufficient staff, inadequate safety measures, and abrupt platform changes—all contributed towards occurrence of the disaster. How many more lives would be guillotined in the sacrificial post of Maha Kumbh which has been hyped beyond limit by the RSS-BJP-Sangh Parivar, to pose them as a real champion of Hindu religion and further fuelled Hindu communalism as well as earning crores of money? The BJP-led Central as well as UP state governments owe an answer to the people for such recurring tragedies and playing with the lives

of so many countrymen, mostly belonging to the downtrodden section. No compensation is enough to recompense the precious innocent lives lost.

We vehemently condemn such utter callousness, administrative lapse as well as sheer bluff of creating world-class infrastructure for the devotees by both central as well as state governments in securing life of the pilgrims whom they have virtually incited to congregate at the venue in large number by triggering a Hindu religious intoxication the aim being to reap electoral dividend by creating and consolidating Hindu vote bank.

## R G Kar hospital: Brutal murder and rape of Abhaya

# Valid questions raised by West Bengal Junior Doctors' Front after Court verdict

**Question 1:** The post-mortem report mentions haemorrhage in Abhaya's head, which could result from an impact on a hard surface. But if she was strangled to death on a mattress, how could the haemorrhage occur under the scalp? The CFSL report states that no sign of a struggle or bloodstains was found in the seminar room where the body of the victim was found. So, where and with what was the injury inflicted? The report does not mention any bloodstains or bodily fluid marks on the adjacent walls or elsewhere. Was the seminar room truly the crime scene?

**Question 2:** A non-medical assistant superintendent informed Abhaya's parents over the phone that she had committed suicide. Why did he claim that it was a suicide without being a doctor? Was he instructed by anyone to say so? Why was this statement of the assistant superintendent not included in the CBI chargesheet?

**Question 3:** Why were Abhaya's parents kept waiting outside for three hours before being allowed to enter the seminar room? On whose orders were they denied entry? Why were so many outsiders present in the seminar room at that time, and what were they doing there? Why is there no mention of CCTV footage from the time immediately after the incident in the chargesheet?

**Question 4:** Why did the college authorities not file an FIR immediately? Why did Abhaya's parents have to file the FIR first? Why were they not allowed to go near her body? Why was the police so eager to expedite the cremation? Who gave these orders?

**Question 5:** Despite multiple injury marks on Abhaya's body, why was her DNA not found in the fingernail samples of Sanjay Roy, the civic assistant who alone has been held guilty of the crime? Similarly, why was Sanjay Roy's DNA not found under the victim's fingernails? How, then, can Sanjay Roy alone be held guilty?

**Question 6:** The post-mortem report mentions a suction mark under the victim's jaw. Yet no swab was collected from that area. Why was only a nipple swab taken? The CFSL report confirms that apart from Sanjay Roy, another person's DNA was found in the nipple swab. Why has that person not been identified till date?

**Question 7:** CCTV footage from the Chest Department between 2:30 AM and 4:30 AM (the time of Abhaya's murder) shows movements of many people, in addition to Sanjay Roy. Why was no effort made to identify them? Why was only Sanjay Roy singled out while the others remained unidentified? Did investigators make any attempt to trace the others?

**Question 8:** According to the CBI report, Sanjay Roy alone raped and brutally murdered Abhaya. A struggle took place, yet no fingerprints of the murderer were found in the room. Did the murderer wear gloves while committing the crime? Or did the investigators refrain from making any attempt to find the fingerprints?

**Question 9:** The mattress on which Abhaya's body was found had a neatly arranged bedsheet. Her laptop bag and other belongings were also found to have been properly placed. How could everything be so neatly arranged after a brutal rape and murder? Does this suggest that the perpetrators wanted to suppress the crime by portraying it as a suicide and so arranged everything accordingly?

**Question 10:** The autopsy was conducted on the 9 August, and samples were sent to the Central Forensic Lab on the 13 August. Why? Sanjay was arrested on the night of the 9th, but his blood-

stained clothes were collected from the barracks (his residence) on the 12th. Why was there such a delay? Was any evidence tampered with in the meantime?

**Question 11:** According to the CBI chargesheet, Sanjay Roy entered R.G. Kar Hospital at 3:20 AM, went to the Trauma Care Building at 3:34 AM, and left at 3:36 AM. He then went to the 4th floor of the Emergency Building at an unspecified time. At 4:03 AM, he was seen on CCTV in the Chest Medicine Ward. Where was he during the missing half an hour in between? What was he doing during that time?

**Question 12:** Police arrested Sanjay Roy based on his Bluetooth earphone. The chargesheet describes his movements, showing that at 4:03 AM, he was walking toward the ward with the Bluetooth in his ear. At 4:32 AM, he left the ward without the earphone. Notably, at 4:31 AM, he briefly walked toward the camera before returning to the ward, but the chargesheet does not mention whether he was still wearing the earphone at that moment. Why was this detail omitted?

**Question 13:** The CFSL report confirmed the presence of another person's DNA in the vaginal and anal swabs of Abhaya. Who was that person? The CBI received this information on 21 August. Yet no progress was made in

investigating this lead. Why did the CBI not attempt to trace those individuals whose DNA were found?

**Question 14:** How could Sanjay Roy, an outsider, alone carry out such a brutal rape and murder inside a hospital, bypassing security guards, on-duty doctors, nurses, healthcare workers, patients, and their families? If doctors and healthcare workers are unsafe in their own workplace, what about the safety of the patients and their families? Everyone has a right to security in a government institution. Does not this incident prove abject failure on the part of the government to provide that security?

**Question 15:** The CBI sought an NOC (No Objection Certificate) from the state government to file a chargesheet against Sandeep Ghosh, former principal of R G Kar Medical College, who, besides being an accused of the crime, has also been accused of smuggling fake medicines, saline, government document, misappropriating government funds, as well as trafficking dead bodies and exporting used syringes and medicines to Bangladesh. However, the state government delayed giving the NOC for a long time. The government was eventually forced to issue it after Calcutta High Court issued an order to furnish that. Why was there such a delay? Is there a larger conspiracy behind this?

**Question 16:** The magistrate's inquest report mentions an injury on Abhaya's right ring finger. However, the post-mortem report does not mention it. Why?

**Question 17:** Under the pretext of renovation, the room adjacent to the seminar room was demolished-even though the Kolkata Police themselves had identified the seminar room as the crime scene. According to the CFSL report, the specific wall that was demolished had active electrical wiring. Regardless of whose signature was on the renovation notice, why was the renovation work initiated specifically in that part of the Chest Department? What prompted such an urgency?

**Question 18:** On the night of 14 August, a group of nearly 1,000 outsiders vandalized R.G. Kar Hospital with a large contingent of police force remaining a mute spectator. Who were these miscreants? Who organized and sent them there? Why did they specifically search for the protesting doctors and nurses and the seminar room? Does it not smack of a connection between this incident and the state administration? Is the CBI

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## Vandalism by Hindutva miscreants at Tirupati bookstall



*The book exhibition held at Tirupati (AP) from 1 to 9 February marked an untoward incident at the instigation of communal forces of Hindutva. On 8 February, a group of miscreants attacked a book stall where a book of comparative study of Hindu religious scriptures and the Quran was exhibited. They tried to vandalize the stall picking up a quarrel with those managing the stall.*

*In protest against this incident, a United forum of writers and book lovers formed and conducted a protest rally on 11 February 2025. Protesters carried the book of their choice and fluttered it throughout the rally. In the protest Prof. Madhurantakam Narendra, a well-known Telugu writer and Sahitya Academy Awardee carried the book on the great litterateur Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay written by Com. Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI (Communist).*

*Activists of Paura Chaitanya Vedika (PCV) -A people's forum affiliated to CPDRS played a significant role in crystallizing the protest. Sri Vaaka Prasad, President of PCV led the protest rally.*

## Trump -Modi

## Trump sought to push sale of defective fighter jets to India

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risk. But Trump declared, "We're increasing military sales to India by billions... paving the way for F-35 stealth fighter." Evidently, the US is trying to reduce India's reliance on Russian military equipment by pushing it towards American weapons and even using its muscle power to compel India to buy defective combat aircrafts at high cost thereby release the stockpile. Discussions for F35 procurement, which US President Trump referenced after meeting PM Narendra Modi, will commence soon. Question is, with Rs 15,000 crore already committed to the indigenous Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft programme, will India take Donald Trump's F-35 bait or afford to have guts to stay the course? Trump also said that India is reforming its laws to welcome US nuclear technologies into the Indian market.

### PM Modi's meeting with Elon Musk

Not just President Trump, PM Modi extended warm greetings as well to Elon Musk, the constant Trump companion barreling through the federal government as the head of an initiative to reshape and cut down the federal government. The two had a meeting. While Musk was accompanied by his three young children, Modi was notably flanked by his top advisers—including External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and National Security Adviser Ajit Doval. Musk, the wealthiest man in the world, owns a number of companies, including Starlink, a high-speed internet service, and Tesla motors, both of which have sought to make an entry in India. PM Modi's shared photos on Musk's social media site, X, did underscore his power within the Trump administration: The industrial tycoon was found to sit in front of an American flag next to PM Modi and the Indian flag, the kind of pose usually struck by a head of state.

The exact nature of the meeting is unclear, although PM Modi said on X that they had "discussed various issues, including those he is passionate about such as space, mobility, technology and innovation". But in that meeting Musk reportedly sparked significant interest, particularly given his ambitions to expand his businesses in India. Trump later commented on Musk's interest in doing business in India, by saying that "I would imagine... possibly, because you know he's running a company".

However, as per media reports, when Musk pointed out that duty on auto imports from US by India is "100%", a reference was made on the part of India to its new Electric Vehicle (EV) policy offers a 15% reduction on import duties provided the carmaker makes a substantial investment in the country and sets up a local factory—something that is likely to help Tesla owner Musk. India's electric vehicle market is still nascent and made up a little more than 2% of total car sales last year. But the government wants to change that and increase the electric vehicle

share to 30% by 2030. So, less than a week after Musk's meeting with Indian PM Modi in Washington, Tesla (TSLA.O) had opened new tab to hire senior staff in India, signalling progress in the electric vehicle maker's plans to enter the world's third-biggest auto market. Likewise, Musk has been eager to introduce his Starlink satellite internet service to the Indian market. However, Starlink's entry into India has faced regulatory challenges, security concerns, and opposition from domestic telecom giants like Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Jio. Musk had earlier criticized India's policy of granting spectrum for satellite services through auctioning, but the Indian government later changed its policy, deciding to assign satellite spectrum instead of auctioning it. Now, Musk is keen on securing India's untapped satellite broadband market.

But one thing is certain. PM Modi's separate meeting with Musk has been to offer as many trade concessions as possible to the industrial magnate with a view to cementing good relations with Trump government.

### Concluding comments

To meet its own economic crisis, US imperialism, the chieftain of world imperialism, finds it a compulsion to control as many economic, political and military-strategic levers as it can. Right now, it is trying to resort to threat manoeuvre to extract as much as possible business benefits from other countries, including India. So, President Trump is upping his ante against the immigrants including Indian migrants, and besides sending back illegal Indian settlers in shackles, is also imposing many restrictions on visa availability, including banning of H1B visa, as a tool to bargain more concessions from India.

Though this very criminal-like treatment of Indian migrants prompted outrage in India, PM Modi made no acknowledgment of that. "We are of the opinion that anybody who enters another country illegally, they have absolutely no right to be in that country," he said. In fact, PM Modi has been trying to mollify an increasingly power-flexing Trump by trying to accommodate his demands - even as Trump's promised tariffs hung over the White House meeting. But such a virtual bending before the red eyes of US imperialism is totally against the glorious tradition of anti-imperialist struggle by the Indian people.

Time has come to realize that the BJP and its Prime Minister Modi have no concern for people's interest or sentiments. Their only concern is to serve the ruling monopolists and multi-nationals, both domestic and foreign, in as many ways as possible.

It is for this reason that our Party, SUCI(C), founded by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, an outstanding Marxist thinker, holds that today the ruling bourgeoisie has scant regard for the nation, nationalism or its own country and is more prone to align with international oligarchy to further its class interest of profit maximization. The diplomatic channels are also used for that lone purpose. The Modi-Trump summit bears eloquent testimony to that.



*An impressive rally followed by a meeting at Pratapgarh, UP, on 15 February last against unemployment, corruption, spread of communal and religious blindness, assault on the minorities, anti-worker Labour code, NEP-20, Electricity Bill 2022. The meeting was addressed by Comrades Ravishankar Maurya, East UP State Secretary, SUCI(C), Jagannath Verma, Bechan Ali and other leaders.*



*Deputation to General Manager, South Eastern Railway, Garden Reach, Kolkata, by a delegation of SUCI(C) on 12 February led by Comrade Tarun Mandal, West Bengal State Secretariat member and Ex-MP (third from left) against late running and sudden cancellation of trains, mere renaming of passenger trains as express trains for extracting higher fare, etc.*

## R G Kar hospital murder and rape of Abhya

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parrying that question?

**Question 19:** According to the information presented by the CBI, Sanjay Roy is undoubtedly guilty. But was he alone? The post-mortem report mentions extensive injuries on the body, both internal and external, including the face, eyes, and private parts. How could a single person inflict such extensive harm in such a short time? In its first charge sheet, the CBI had stated that Sandip Ghosh and Abhijit Mondal, the officer-in-charge of the local police station, were directly involved in tampering with the evidences related to this case, and they were even arrested. Then why is the investigation not progressing further with furnishing of a supplementary chargesheet? Is it that the talks doing the rounds about a political settlement between the central and state governments is true?

**Question 20:** While the long struggle for Abhya's justice continues, brutal incidents of murder and rape have occurred in other places of the state like Kultali, Jaynagar, and Ranaghat. The issue of violence against women in West Bengal has been raised repeatedly. In some cases, the state government has expedited the judicial process and awarded the death penalty to the criminals, seemingly to earn praise. Were the criminals in those cases swiftly punished because they were not politically or financially powerful? Now the state government is trying to pretend that the delay in Abhya's case is due to the lethargy on the part of the CBI and the central government. Will we only witness a speedy trial only when public pressure will ascend a new height? Are the culprits in Abhya's case escaping justice because they are influential and have connections with the powers that be? In the world's largest democracy, as claimed by the ruling circle, why is justice denied even after such a massive movement? Why, even 77 years after independence, does the voice of justice continue to weep in silence?

Official Website of the SUCI (Communist): [sucic.org](http://sucic.org)

# AIKKMS holds countrywide meetings and rallies in preparation for powerful movement to press for MSP and other legitimate demands of the suffering peasantry

Peasants and agricultural workers, who constitute the bulk of Indian population, are in severe distress. On the one hand, following the ruinous precepts of capitalist

laws which had to be repealed under pressure of one year long historic peasants' movement of Delhi in which AIKKMS played a significant role. But the demand for Minimum

bring back those black laws through backdoor. Electricity and diesel prices are also soaring. Unable to repay loan, thousands of peasants are committing suicide. Peasants

preparing to organize a countrywide sustained powerful movement involving the peasants and agricultural workers by forming innumerable village committees as



Uttar Pradesh



Gujarat



Rajasthan



Tamil Nadu



Madhya Pradesh



Bihar

globalization, the entire production of agricultural inputs (seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, etc.,) is now handed over to multinationals which has entailed several fold rise in the cost of these materials making the peasants bleed

Support Price based on C2+ 50% formula is pending. The BJP-led central government and the different state governments, as we know, are nothing but mouthpieces of the monopolist sharks and giant

and agricultural workers have now realized that there is no other way but to develop sustained uncompromising struggle, rising above all divides and under correct leadership, to realize their just

instruments of struggle. Peasants' struggle are also being built in coordination and fraternity with the working class struggles. The protest rallies and meetings round the country on 25 February last have



Odisha



Tripura

white in buying these essential items. On the other hand, peasants who are borrowing to meet cost of producing crops mostly from local moneylenders at exorbitant interest, are denied remunerative price of their produce because the procurement system is either controlled by an unholy nexus that includes inter alia ruling party leaders, corrupt administrative personnel, hoarders and blackmarketers or private operators (principally agri-giants) who force the peasants into distress sale. The government with a view to privatizing the entire agricultural sector brought three black farm

multinationals, both domestic and foreign. These governments are doing everything for the commercial benefits of the monopoly houses and multinationals and nothing for the peasants and agricultural workers. Now, the government is trying to

demands. To give shape to the desired movement, AIKKMS, the revolutionary peasants' organization, founded and guided by the invaluable teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, an outstanding Marxist thinker of the era, is now

been part of that preparatory effort. We are sure that the suffering peasantry would be awakened to launch a prolonged fearless death-defying movement and send shivers down the spine of the ruling bourgeoisie and their servitors.



Andhra Pradesh



Haryana



Assam

## MEDIA SAY SO

### Hate Speech: 1,165 Cases Recorded in 2024, up 74.4% from 2023

From political rallies to religious processions, hate speech surged by 74.4% in 2024 - driven by the BJP, Hindu nationalist groups, and unchecked social media amplification.

The year 2024 marked a disturbing and unprecedented escalation in hate speech across India, exposing the depth of communal polarization and the systematic use of divisive rhetoric by political and religious leaders. The India Hate Lab (IHL) 2024 Report meticulously documents this rise, revealing 1,165 verified instances of in-person hate speech events, representing a staggering 74.4% increase from the 668 incidents recorded in 2023. Far from being isolated or spontaneous outbursts of communal hatred, these speeches formed part of a coordinated strategy, largely orchestrated by the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its affiliate Hindu nationalist organizations.

Two key factors shaped the trajectory of hate speech in 2024: the general elections held between April and June and the state elections in Maharashtra and Jharkhand later in the year. The election season provided an opportunity for the BJP and its ideological allies to deploy hate speech as a tactical instrument of voter mobilization, using communal rhetoric to polarize electorates along religious lines.

Additionally, the fall of the Sheikh Hasina government in Bangladesh in August 2024 and subsequent violence against Hindus in that country were exaggerated and weaponized by Hindu nationalist groups to justify anti-Muslim sentiment in India. These events led to the second major surge in hate speech, as BJP leaders and right-wing organizations capitalized on anxieties surrounding Bangladeshi Hindus to vilify Indian Muslims as an existential threat.

Unlike previous years, where hate speech was primarily driven by state-level BJP politicians and religious extremists, 2024 saw an aggressive push from the highest levels of political leadership, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. These leaders did not merely tolerate or ignore hate

speech; they actively participated in it, using their national and regional platforms to spread divisive narratives, dehumanize Muslims and Christians, and stoke communal tensions.

The BJP emerged as the largest organizer of hate speech events, directly facilitating 340 gatherings-29.2% of all documented cases. This was a massive 580% increase compared to 2023, where the party was responsible for only 50 such events. The party's leadership strategically weaponized hate speech as an electoral tool, particularly during the general elections, where 76.7% of BJP-organized hate speech events occurred.

Alongside the BJP, its ideological allies, including the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) and its militant youth wing, the Bajrang Dal, played a central role in propagating hate. These groups organized 279 hate speech events, a 29.1% increase from the previous year. The Sakal Hindu Samaj (SHS), a Maharashtra-based coalition of Hindu nationalist organizations, was responsible for 56 hate speech events.

The Hindu Rashtira Sena (HRS), led by Dhananjay Desai-an individual accused in the 2014 murder of a Muslim tech professional-also expanded its operations, coordinating 19 hate speech events. Smaller groups such as the Hindu Janajagruti Samiti (HJS), Rashtriya Hindu Sher Sena, Shiv Shakti Akhada, and Shri Ram Sena also played roles in spreading anti-Muslim and anti-Christian propaganda.

These findings illustrate that hate speech in India is not merely an act of individual bigotry; it is an organized, well-funded, and politically sanctioned project, strategically deployed to create a climate of fear and exclusion for religious minorities.

The 2024 general elections and subsequent state elections in Maharashtra and Jharkhand were inflection points in the escalation of hate speech. During the election period, 373 hate speech incidents were recorded, with Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar, Delhi, West Bengal, and Jharkhand being the most affected.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi emerged as one of the most active disseminators of hate speech, particularly after his April 21 election rally in Banswara, Rajasthan, where he accused Muslims of being "infiltrators" who would take away Hindu wealth and

resources. Home Minister Amit Shah also played a pivotal role, delivering 58 hate speeches, often invoking Muslim "vote jihad" and the threat of "land jihad". Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath led the charge with 86 hate speeches, averaging one hate speech every four days. Other BJP leaders, including Himanta Biswa Sarma, T. Raja Singh, Nitish Rane, and Pushkar Singh Dhami, followed suit, systematically targeting Muslims and Christians.

Hate speech in 2024 was not confined to public gatherings. Social media played a critical role in amplifying and mainstreaming hate speech, ensuring that it reached millions within seconds. The IHL report tracked 995 videos of in-person hate speech events back to their original sources on Facebook, YouTube, WhatsApp, and Telegram.

Facebook alone hosted 495 hate speech videos, while 211 were traced to YouTube. Additionally, 266 anti-minority hate speeches delivered by BJP leaders were simultaneously live-streamed across multiple platforms. This demonstrates how social media platforms, despite their stated policies against hate speech, served as key enablers of communal propaganda.

The IHL report reveals that 1,147 out of 1,165 hate speech events targeted Muslims, demonstrating that anti-Muslim rhetoric remains the cornerstone of Hindu nationalist politics. While anti-Muslim hate speech remains dominant, 2024 also witnessed a sharp increase in anti-Christian rhetoric. The report documents 115 hate speech events targeting Christians, a number that correlates directly with the rise in attacks on churches and Christian institutions.

#### Religious persecution and forced conversions

Hindu nationalist groups, particularly the VHP, Bajrang Dal, and Rashtriya Bajrang Dal (RBD), have aggressively pushed the narrative that Christian missionaries are engaging in mass conversions. At a VHP event in Siliguri, West Bengal, on November 24, a speaker urged activists to "resort to violence if necessary" to stop Christian pastors from entering villages.

Christian schools and churches have faced relentless attacks. In March 2024, Hindu nationalist groups in Assam posted threats across Christian-run schools, demanding the removal of crosses and religious symbols. In December 2024, a Hindu monk in Rajasthan boasted of shutting down "10-15 churches" and jailing 80 Christian priests. At a Rashtriya Bajrang Dal event in Uttar Pradesh, leaders

called for attacks on Catholic schools, branding them as "centres of religious conversion". The surge in anti-Christian hate speech has led to a documented increase in mob attacks, forced "reconversion" events, and desecration of churches across India.

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### Centre hands over 62% of new Sainik Schools to Sangh Parivar, BJP politicians and allies

In one of the holy cities in the country, Vrindavan, Hindu nationalist ideologue Sadhvi Ritambhara runs a school for girls, Samvid Gurukulam Girls Sainik School. Founder of Durga Vahini, Vishwa Hindu Parishad's (VHP) women's wing, she was a key figure in the Ram temple movement.

During one of the school events in June last year, the 60-year-old saffron-clad woman gets on the stage to address the students about 'honour', traditions and rituals during a personality development camp. In a video, shared on the school's Facebook page, Ritambhara can be seen commenting on how girls are "out of control" in colleges and social media.

"What do we find in colleges? Girls smoking cigarettes at midnight. In these hubs of education, women are breaking liquor bottles, and spreading indecency with their boyfriends on motorcycles... We had never thought that the daughters of India would be so out of control. They are posting abusive reels on social media. They are doing nude photoshoots. They are showing off their bodies in undergarments. It seems that these women are mentally sick... These girls don't have sanskar," says Ritambhara.

Her girls' school in Vrindavan and another, Raj Luxmi Samvid Gurukulam in Solan, Himachal Pradesh recently joined the list of at least 40 schools that have signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the Sainik Schools Society (SSS), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Defence (MoD), to run Sainik Schools under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model.

In 2021, the Union government opened doors for private players to run Sainik Schools in India. In their annual budget that year the government announced plans to set up 100 new Sainik Schools across India. Any school having SSS specified infrastructure-land,

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## Gujarat Disturbed Areas Act must be scrapped

Gujarat, the state PM Modi belongs to, is often projected as a 'Model' state of India. But reality is just the opposite. It has now turned into a state where crosswise communal division is vivid. Anti-Muslim hatred is vulgarly pronounced. And the state has been witness to frequently engineered communal conflagration as well as horrific anti-Muslim pogrom in 2002, by the Hindutva brigade. It was PM Modi who was chief minister of the state from 2001 to 2014. Gujarat has the highest rural-urban inequality among major states in India. Between the bottom 5% of rural households' consumption expenditure and the top 5%, there is a huge gap. People there often share photographs as well as video clips of broken roads, rickety state-owned buses, garbage dumps on the streets, flooded roads, broken bridges, unfinished construction and records of swine flu-related casualties, all with the catchy tag line of 'vikas' (development). What helped was the fact that 'Vikas' is a common male name in Gujarati society. The latest Hindu festival of Navratri brought with it new songs released on the theme 'Vikas gando thayo chhe' (development has gone crazy). The remote areas of the state were also in bad shape especially when it came to sectors such as health, education and other social goods. Rising unemployment has remained a major concern. For instance, one survey showed that more than 80 percent of engineers in the state were jobless. According to recent reports, approximately 5,974 Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) have shut down in Gujarat since July 2020. According to data from the state commercial tax department, 4.05 lakh GST identification numbers (GSTINs) have been cancelled so far, implying that so many businesses either shut down or were merged. When it comes to spending on social sectors (health, education, rural and urban development, labour welfare) as percentage of state GDP, the Reserve Bank of India's annual report ranks Gujarat amongst the worst (15th) in a list of 18 big states. Healthcare expenditure of Gujarat stands at 0.7 percent of GDP and is amongst the lowest Indian states. Most districts of the periphery are still drought-prone and depend on groundwater for agriculture and domestic use, with the local population seeking seasonal employment in cities in informal sector at some of the lowest average daily wages, specifically declining during PM Modi's decade-long tenure as CM of Gujarat. Gujarat has witnessed a consistent increase in crimes against women and children in the past five years. Even when foreign dignitaries like US President Trump visited Ahmedabad in February 2020, the city's municipal corporation had built a four-foot-high wall to hide a stretch of slums on the route of his motorcade from the airport to the venue of a function named 'Namaste Trump'. All these facts do mock the tall claim of Gujarat model of development.

To shield the progressive decline of the economic-social life of the Gujarat people, the RSS-BJP-Sangh Parivar have taken Hindu communal fanaticism to a pinnacle. This

communal polarization, orchestrated to serve the class interest of its masters, the ruling monopolists, has been lifted to such a height that the Muslim minority population of the province has virtually been alienated from the mainstream of life. Now abuse or misuse of the 'Gujarat Disturbed Areas Act' is a glaring example of how communal venom is being spewed to drive a wedge into the unity of the common toiling masses.

This Act was first operationalized in 1986 for precisely the opposite reason: To curb segregation based on religion. Later it was amended as the 'Gujarat Prohibition of Transfer of Immovable Property and Provision for Protection of Tenants' in substitution of the earlier Eviction from Premises in Disturbed Areas Act (1991), commonly known as the Disturbed Areas Act. The Act mandated property transfers in designated "disturbed" areas to be approved by the district collector through a formal application process. The object of this law was to curb segregation based on religion by preventing the distress sale of property when public order was disturbed through riots or mob violence. But, in the BJP regime, this law is being wantonly abused to prevent the transfer of property from a Hindu seller to a Muslim buyer in an area where both communities live together.

There are plenty of examples of such abuses. In early February last, the district officials in Surat sealed a home that had been sold by a Hindu family to a Muslim family in the Salabatpura area. The 'Gujarat Disturbed Areas Act' is its vivid example. The allegation has been that the sale 'violated' the Gujarat Disturbed Areas Act as the Muslim buyer did not wait for the final approval of the concerned authorities before moving in. After almost a year, the team came for an inspection and spoke to the Hindu neighbours, whose objections led to the consequences. The joint family of 15 members is now scattered, living across different parts of the city. (Source: The Indian Express article by Sheba Pospisilova, 13 February, 2025) Earlier, in 2018, residents of Kesarbaugh Society in Vadodara objected to the transfer of a bungalow from a Hindu seller to a Muslim buyer on the grounds of religion, even though the collector had granted permission for the transaction. The High Court upheld the sale in 2023. Another Muslim woman has not been able to take possession of a flat allotted to her under the 'CM Awas Yojana scheme' since 2018, as 33 of 462 residents of the society objected to her presence, citing the "threat and nuisance" she might pose being a Muslim. (Source: *ibid*)

Recent reports show that the Disturbed Areas Act is being widely used to enforce the spatial segregation of Muslims in Gujarat. The practice is to designate Muslim areas and their neighbouring Hindu localities as "disturbed", to ensure a backdoor enforcement of the Act.

It bears mentioning that Gujarat has been the centre of syncretic tradition from the early ages. Here Hindus, Muslims and other communities have been living together for long with due amity and fraternity. Vasantrao

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## Comrade Gopal Nandy breathes his last

Comrade Gopal Nandy, former Malda District Secretary and a veteran leader of the Party passed away on 19 February last at Calcutta Heart Clinic and Hospital at an age of 77. He was suffering long from liver cancer. Comrade Nandy came in contact with the Party way back in 1960-61



through Comrade Badal Pal, departed mass leader. Overcoming strict control of his father, he slowly became close to the Party. Comrade Ashutosh Banerjee, departed Central Committee member and the then Kolkata District Secretary of the Party, played a significant role in development of Comrade Nandy as an able organizer.

He was first inducted in AIDSO and later elected General Secretary of S.U. at Ashutosh College. But later as per decision of the Party leadership, he took up responsibility of developing Party organization in Birbhum district. Later, when some contacts were available in Nadia district, Comrade Provas Ghosh deputed him to Nadia for building up Party organization. Later, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our leader, teacher and guide, asked him to go to Malda district where Comrade Nandy developed Party unit from scratch and later became secretary of that district. Under his leadership many notable movements were organized. It was at his initiative that a Motor Van Drivers' Association was formed, and a formidable movement against river erosion had surged forth. After his son was admitted in MBBS in a Kolkata college, he came to the Party and told the leadership, I give my son in your hands. His son kept his father's honour. His comrade wife was a teacher. She also played a role in education movement.

At the advice of Comrade Provas Ghosh, Comrade Nandy while lying on his deathbed wrote a detailed memoir about his Party life which would not only inspire the comrades but educate them as to how, without any help or resource, one can build up Party organization based on faith in the people and spurred on by ideology. At the conclusion, Comrade Nandy wrote: *'Comrades, I am concluding this by saying that unless one derives pleasure and relentlessly engaged in a work assigned by the Party, one cannot succeed in that. I have understood this from my life experience. Unless you mix with the people and develop locality-based organizations thereby preparing ground for mass movement to sprout, people would only look at us with expectation. This is my last appeal.'*

When his mortal remains were brought to the Central Party office, revolutionary tribute were paid on behalf of Comrade Provas Ghosh and Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya. Also Comrades K Radhakrishna, Swapan Ghosh and Chandidas Bhattacharjee, all Polit Bureau members and other Central as well as State committee members bid adieu to him by placing floral wreaths on his body.

**Red Salute Comrade Gopal Nandy**

At the call of ASHA Health Workers' Association affiliated to AIUTUC, thousands of ASHA workers have begun an indefinite dharna in front of the Kerala state secretariat in Thiruvananthapuram, from 10 February last, in demand for minimum Rs21,000 wage per month, gratuity of Rs 5 lakhs to the retired workers and reduction of excessive work load of the ASHA workers. Comrades V K Sadanand, M K Bindu and S Mini, President, General Secretary and Vice-President, respectively, of the organization have addressed the dharna.



'Karnataka Rajya Samyukta Akshara Dasoha Karmikara Sangha' (Midday meal workers), affiliated to AIUTUC, in a rally in Bangalore on 15 February voicing various legitimate demands including their eligibility to get stipulated minimum wage.

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### Centre hands over 62% of new Sainik Schools

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physical and IT infrastructure, financial resources, staff etc. —could potentially be approved as one of the new Sainik Schools. As per the approval policy document, infrastructure was the only specified criterion that made a school eligible for approval. This limitation enabled schools linked with the Sangh Parivar and organizations with similar ideologies to apply.

Collated information from the Union government's press releases and Right to Information (RTI) replies show a concerning trend. Our findings reveal that of the 40 Sainik School agreements so far, at least 62% were awarded to schools linked to Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and its allied organizations, politicians of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), its political allies and friends, Hindutva organizations, individuals, and other Hindu religious organizations.

On October 12, 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi led a cabinet meeting that approved a proposal to run the schools "as an exclusive vertical which will be distinct and different from existing Sainik Schools of MoD."

According to the policy document, the government provides, through SSS, "an Annual Fee Support of 50% of fee (subject to an upper limit of Rs.40000/- per annum for 50% of the class strength (subject to an upper limit of 50 students)

per year from Class 6 onwards till class 12, on Merit-cum-Means basis," which means, for a school that has classes till 12th standard, SSS offers to provide support of maximum Rs 1.2 crore per annum. This is given as partial financial support to the students. Other incentives offered to the schools include "an amount of Rs.10 lakhs as training grant given annually based on academic performance of the students in class 12."

Despite the government support and incentivization, The Reporters' Collective found that the annual fee for the senior secondary ranges from a nominal Rs 13,800 a year to as high as Rs 2,47,900, indicating a significant disparity across fee structures of the new Sainik Schools.

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### Migrant workers from BJP-run UP are highest

In reply to a question in the parliament, Shobha Korandlaje, Union Minister of State, Labour Department, informed the House that the number of migrant workers from UP is 8,37, 29, 241- the highest in the country. Next is BJP-JD (U)-ruled Bihar. Moreover, of the more than 30 crore migrant workers, most are from the BJP-ruled states or the states of 'double engine' governments. The reaction of the BJP high-ups is not known.

(Sangbad Pratidin, Bengali daily, 04-12-24)

## Gujarat Disturbed Areas Act is being widely used to enforce the spatial segregation of Muslims in Gujarat

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Hegesthe and Rajabali Lakhani were martyred for securing communal harmony during the riots of 1946. But after independence, this spectacle of communal harmony was turned into an epicentre of communal riots since decades by the ruling bourgeois leaders to serve dual purpose-thwart surge of united struggle of the people against ruthless capitalist exploitation and create a polarization along religious line to secure majority Hindu votes. Periodic eruptions of communal riots were engineered by the erstwhile ruling Congress or any of its factions to usurp the power. Once such communal clashes had broken out, the RSS-BJP-Sangh Parivar, whose lone political capital is Hindu communalism-fundamentalism, spared no time to take maximum advantage of it. Even the Congress allowed communal riots to win patronage of the RSS. Further, the leaders of the Congress were not free from communal mindset.

So, during the regimes of both the Congress and the BJP, the Disturbed Areas Act originally meant for keeping intact the archaeological structure of the old and walled city of Ahmedabad intact, was misused by stating that not only for selling, but for repairing also one needed to take permission from concerned authorities. The Act was also invoked to grab the houses and plots of both Hindus and Muslims for

the real estate builders at a very cheap rate. Both Hindu and Muslim builders have reaped benefit out of it.

Now the Hindutva brigade is seeking to extend jurisdiction of the Act beyond the walled city firstly for exacerbating communal divide and secondly to compel the tenants to sell their houses at very cheap rates to the realty promoters.

The Gujarat Disturbed Areas Act has virtually become a fillip in the hands of the BJP Government in the state to confine the Muslim people in some selected areas just like the Nazis and the Fascists of Germany and Italy did in the pre-second World War period where the Jews were pushed into selective Ghettos. Therefore, all democratic-minded people should demand that the Gujarat Disturbed Areas Act be scrapped and there should not be any restriction on selling or purchasing land, houses, flats, or apartments based on caste, creed, or religion.

Alongside, right-thinking people irrespective of religious affiliation, caste, creed or ethnicity need to close their rank in right earnest and spearhead a powerful united organized sustained movement based on higher culture and morality freed from any religious-communal casteist seclusion against the ruling capitalist class and its political representatives like the BJP or the Congress to frustrate bourgeois design of 'divide and rule'.

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