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SUCI (C) strongly protests the price hike of commercial gas and life-saving drugs

Strongly protesting the decision of the central government to hike the prices of commercial cooking gas and life-saving drugs, Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), issued the following statement on 02-04-26:

“The BJP-led central government instead of giving relief to the people of the country from continuous rise in prices of the essential items has again raised the prices of commercial gas cylinder of 19 kg. by Rs.218. The market price of such cylinders now is Rs.2,208 from 1st April 2026. Only 25 days back, the BJP government had raised the price of domestic LPG cylinder by Rs.60 and commercial cylinder by 114.50. Besides all these, the government has also raised the prices of 700-900 drugs which would hit hard the suffering people. When the common people are reeling under the burden of soaring prices of almost all essential items, this increase will hurt them further. This again exposes the anti-people character of the BJP government. We call upon the people to come forward and raise their united voice of protest in order to compel the government to withdraw this price hike.

Demolition of the statues of revered martyrs of freedom movement by BJP-led UP Government - a criminal act

Comrade Provash Ghosh, General Secretary, SUCI(C), issued the following statement on 26-03-26

“Enshrined in the history of Indian freedom struggle is the ‘Kakori Action’ case of 1925 which had inspired the freedom fighters all over India. Charged with treason,
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Recalling invaluable teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh on the eve of 78th Party Foundation Day

On Election and Electoral Battle

“Now what do we understand by state machinery? It is to be kept in mind that the state and the government are not the same. One confusion has always been created here. It is made to understand as if the government is everything, as if once the government is captured, the state can be run as desired. It is said that the root of all predicaments is the bad people sitting in the government. If good people like us are able to go to the government ousting them, all the problems will be solved. There is no need to brew chaos of revolution. There is neither Marxism-Leninism, nor the correct conception regarding political science in this thought. In it, there is extreme ignorance regarding political science, or else, intentionally belittling the question of state and the



necessary preparations for overthrowing it, and restricting the people in election politics. You have to remember that no revolutionary movement can be at all thought of by avoiding the question of the state.

The exploitative system which

survives in our country is sustained by the state machinery. The state has three organs i.e., three pillars – the military, the bureaucracy including the police, and the judiciary. These three are the permanent institutions of the state. Only by changing the government through election, all these do not change. By changing the government even by compromise all these do not change. All these do not get abolished by changing the government through coup too. Just one or two individuals may shift hither or thither. The state is very much like a machine. And the government is the manager of that machine; or engineer, operator or mechanic, whatever you call it. The mode-manner, style-custom, mental make-up, rules and principles, procedures of

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91 lakh voters' names deleted! SIR in West Bengal is a slaughter of democracy

One day, when history will have been written about the ‘SIR’ episode of West Bengal, there will be no better heading than this, perhaps. Extreme suffering, harassment, uncertainty, frustration, anger, protests, deaths - SIR has become an iconic horror, a terrible nightmare. It is an unrealistic task to complete a ‘Special Intensive Revision’ of nearly 7.5 crore voters



Demonstration before Election Commission Office in Kolkata

in only 2/3 months. And what is the result? Nearly 91 lakh names from the previous electoral list have been deleted. Most of these deleted names are of the Muslims, Adivasis, Matuas, tea-garden labourers and women. If 30 to 35 lakhs among them are removed due to death, displacement, or

duplicate entries, the remaining 55 to 60 lakh people are alive and genuine citizens. But after the final publication of the electoral roll, they will definitely lose their civic rights. A complete uncertainty has been looming over their future. In fact, the exercise undertaken by the ECI is verification of citizenship or preparing NRC— a

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Observe 78th Foundation Day of SUCI(C)

On 24 April in a befitting manner

AISEC decries unscientific statement of Union Education Minister

In a statement issued on 08-04-26, Dr. Tarun Kanti Naskar, General Secretary, All India Save Education Committee (AISEC), said that the recent claim by Union Education Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan about Ujjain being located where the Equator and Tropic of Cancer meet is fundamentally incorrect and represents a shocking disregard for basic science. Geometrically and geographically, this statement is an impossibility. The Equator (0° latitude) and the Tropic of Cancer (roughly 23.5° N latitude) are

parallel east-west circles on the Earth's sphere. Because they are parallel, they can never intersect. Furthermore, while the Tropic of Cancer does pass through central India, the Equator lies entirely south of the country. For the Education Minister to bypass middle-school geography in a public forum is highly concerning. We are well aware of the historical context that before the necessity of global standardization, it was universally common for ancient civilizations to establish their own local prime meridians based on culturally significant cities—just as the Greeks used Alexandria, Islamic scholars used Baghdad, and the French used Paris. In this exact

same logical tradition, ancient Indian texts like the Surya Siddhanta considered Ujjain the prime meridian of their coordinate system. However, acknowledging this rich, localized history of ancient astronomy is entirely different from justifying it today by inventing demonstrably false modern geographical claims.

The fact remains: Since all places of Earth with different longitudes have different times, one just has to fix a particular longitude line as the basis and measure the times of all other places with respect to that. It can be any arbitrary line and there is no special significance of this line. It is just that historically the longitude of Greenwich has been adopted internationally as that line.

So it is palpably clear that Shri Dharmendra Pradhan's only design is to glorify Ujjain's geographical position, without any scientific basis, for introducing 'Mahakal Standard Time' (MST) in place of GMT, thus making our country a laughingstock before the international community.

AISEC opposes this unscientific observation of Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, the Union Education Minister and demand immediate withdrawal of the statement.

Equator cannot meet Tropic of Cancer at Ujjain, because they are parallel : AISEC

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operation of this or that particular state machine along with its three permanent organs, all are tied in the same setup in one string. Just as a machine and its different parts are assembled according to a rule, it functions as per that same rule. The operator has to work by abiding by that rule. He cannot perform any other job with that machine. Like a textile machine, it will only weave cloth. If the operator is good or if the weaver is good, he will weave better cloth in a short time. If the weaver is inefficient, or ignorant, he will weave less and take more time. Only this much is the difference. Just like it, in a capitalist exploitative system it is only possible to exploit using capitalist state machine. Whether they will exploit sweetly, will exploit making it bearable, and whether while exploiting balm will be rubbed at the same time, that is a different matter. One group exploits by cracking the whip, and another group exploits and along with it feeds coconut water,

Teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh on Election and Electoral Battle

orange juice, and butter. But they do the exploitation all right. And when asked about the exploitation, says, see, I am feeding so many coconuts, so much fruit juice, don't you understand how much I love you? You see, I am trying to ameliorate. What am I to do, I am unable to do more. It will take some time. Give me some more time.

Treading in this way, Congress has passed twenty-seven years to eradicate the garbage of two hundred years of British India. Again, those who will come ousting Congress, they will take another fifteen-twenty years saying, what can we do, Congress has ruined everything, give us some time to make it up. If anyone comes next he will say likewise. In this way, time lapses. There is no change in the condition of the people. The grip of exploitation has further been tightened. So, if we are to free the economic system of our country from the capitalist production relation and

'Save Public Education Convention' by Delhi State AIDS

As a culmination of the signature campaign against NEP '20, AIDS Delhi State Committee organised a "Save Public Education Convention" at Jantar Mantar, on 29 March 2026. The Convention also observed the 96th martyrdom day (23 March) of great revolutionary freedom fighters Shaheed-e-Azam



Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru.

The gathering was addressed by Dr. Rakesh Batabyal, Eminent Historian and Writer, Comrades Samar Mahato, Joint-Secretary, AIDS and Suman, Vice-President, AIDS Delhi. Along with them, student representatives from various

schools, colleges and universities also shared their views. The programme was presided by Dr. Anirban Bhaumik, President, AIDS Delhi.

The signatures with the memorandum was submitted to LG's Office on 30 March 2026.

Yuva Maha Panchayat in Delhi demands jobs for youths



Hundreds of youths and citizens from across India gathered at the historic Jantar Mantar on 11 April for a grand 'Yuva Mahapanchayat' organised by AIDYO.

Observing the 200th birth anniversary of Indian Renaissance personality and social reformer Jyotiba Phule, taking inspirations from his life and struggle, the Mahapanchayat called for a united struggle against unemployment, corruption, and paper leaks.

Prominent educationists and social activists addressed the gathering, raising sharp questions on the policies of central and state governments. Prof. Nandita Narain (former President, DUTA), Prof. Atul Sood (JNU), Amarjeet Kumar (General Secretary, AIDYO), and youth leaders from various states spoke on the occasion.

It was presided by Comrade Dinesh Mohanta, All India Secretariat Member of AIDYO.

realized that there is no need for elections, when they are all organized and boycotting elections in an organized manner, not negatively but have positively reached the stage of seizure of power and are saying: "No more election; capture power." Only at that point does taking part in the election become infructuous, unnecessary. Or else the people do get time and again enmeshed in the election. And in order to stay with the masses, both revolutionaries as well as non-revolutionaries — all have to participate in the election. The genuine revolutionaries too have to do that. Everybody has to participate in the election. Only those who practise sectarian truism, those who do not really practise revolutionary politics may want to fight shy of it and remain out, otherwise everyone has to participate. But does it mean that all those taking part in the election are having the same outlook? So you have seen outwardly everyone takes part in the election, I do, we the revolutionary Marxist-Leninists do, the social

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In the name of SIR, the Election Commission is unlawfully doing citizenship verification job

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task ECI is not constitutionally authorized to take on.

Catastrophe entailed by unconstitutional SIR

There is no provision in the Indian Constitution for an SIR to overhaul the voter list. The Election Commission of India (ECI) can delete the names of dead, shifted to other places, or duplicate voters from the electoral roll and revise it, truthfully and accurately. It can also add the names of those who have attained the age of 18 or started living at an address which falls under the constituency where the voter list is being updated. This is a normal process and is done annually.

But trampling underfoot all stipulated prescripts of revising electoral rolls and caring a fig for the objections raised from various quarters about gross irregularities in compiling the list, the ECI has completely manoeuvred the SIR process. It directed that the voters who did not feature in the 2002 list but voted in all subsequent elections after including their names in the electoral roll complying with all prescribed requirement, will have to appear in hearing with valid documents to prove their *bona fide* as valid voter. The ECI could not provide any ostensible reason for considering the 2002 voter list as the basis of deciding voting eligibility. Many of the documents sought for in support of eligibility, the ECI knows very well, cannot be submitted by most of the deleted voters who belong to the downtrodden section. For example, who in the village areas or even in urban pockets possess birth certificate, not only of their own but even of their parents? Because of repeated bouts of river erosion, devastating floods, cyclones and other natural calamities, many of the valid citizenship proofs, whether belonging to the stipulated category have either been lost or damaged beyond retrieval. How and from where would the hapless wretched abysmally poor Indian citizens salvage those documents? Moreover, anyone conversant with the juridical norms and procedures is aware that there is a provision of disposing cases based on circumstantial evidence which is defined as proof of facts offered as evidence from which other facts may be inferred. EPIC cards, provided by the ECI itself, Aadhar card containing biometric information preserved by the

government, were also rejected. Even certain documents like secondary school examination admit cards were rejected in the beginning but later the Supreme Court clarified that Madhyamik (Class 10) admit cards can be used for the verification of identity and parentage if accompanied by the corresponding pass certificate. Those whose names were not on that list have to search for a kinship link with the list published in that year. Also, a minor spelling mistake (like Mondal as Mandal) was not ignored as if those who prepared the erstwhile lists were all ignorant of the reality where such mistakes are natural. Many of those who have not been mapped have been summoned for a hearing. Such examples are plenty. What big a hoax it is when passports which are prime proof of citizenship have not been recognized as valid document in many cases.

An estimated one crore people lined up for the hearing under the scorching sun. Some have stood in the queue more than once. Long queues of citizens whose names were struck out for reasons unknown were seen outside the hearing centres for hours octogenarians, ailing and physically handicapped included. And under tension of being omitted from the voter list, many died of heart tacks. Some even committed suicide because they could not bear with the anxiety. Being unable to bear with pressure of workload and regular revisions of norms by the ECI, quite a number of Booth Level Officers (BLOs) appointed by the Commission either committed suicide or succumbed to cardiac arrests. The death has crossed 200. But there is no concern on the part of either the BJP-led central government or its obviously pliant Election Commission. There is not even an expression of regret, let alone giving compensation.

Some notable instances

Those belonging to Matua or Rajbanshi communities, are facing tremendous harassment. They have many of the 11 documents that the ECI has asked to submit as proof of citizenship. In spite of this, names of several lakhs of those communities are erased from the list. On the other hand, many tribal people who do not have their own land, or do not possess a birth certificate are unmapped or their names straightaway deleted.

The name of Dr Tarun Mondal, an ex-MP, who was in central government service as medical

officer for 23 years, who receives pension from both the central government as well as for having been an MP, who holds diplomatic passport, found his name absent despite having filed all necessary documents. Recently, Suprabuddha Sen, the grandson of legendary artist Nandalal Bose, who illustrated the original manuscript of India's Constitution and designed the Bharat Ratna emblem, and his wife Deepa Sen, made headlines after their names were removed from the electoral roll in Shantiniketan during a special revision exercise. Yet his family is not recognized as valid voters. Many BLOs did not find their names in the electoral roll. Names of many election officers are also removed from the voter list.

Final voter list published before resolving all tribunal hearing

Earlier, 58 lakh deletions were observed in the draft electoral list. Around 24.16 lakh electors were identified as deceased, 32.65 lakh electors as shifted and absent, and 1.38 lakh electors were found to have duplicate enrolments in multiple places. But on 28 February, an additional 6 lakh names were deleted, and another 60 lakh odd names were kept as 'under adjudication' in the pretext of non-mapping or 'logical discrepancy'. But when would those cases be solved? After 28 February, it became a big question. It is easily understandable that 60 lakh cases cannot be resolved within a fortnight, not even in a month. The ECI has neither such infrastructure nor adequate time. When protests erupted throughout the province, the Supreme Court entered the field and took up the responsibility of settling the 'under adjudication' cases. It appointed judicial officers drawing hon'ble judges from both West Bengal as well as other states.

On 6 April, the ECI published the 'final' voter list. Out of 60 lakhs, 27 lakh names were found deleted. These deleted voters had submitted all necessary documents. Still, they are out of the list. Incredible paradox! To sooth the frayed wrath of the people at large, the ECI has set up district-level tribunals. But they are yet to function. Meanwhile, the election schedule was announced on 16 March, and the last dates of submission of the nomination paper were 6 April and 9 April for Phase-I and Phase-II, respectively. From those dates, voter lists were frozen. Therefore, even if some names are cleared in adjudication, they would not be able

to cast their votes this time. People are again queueing for appealing to the tribunals which have not yet started full-fledged functioning. Then what about the disputed cases sought to be resolved in the tribunals? There is no answer.

Logical discrepancy – an illogical excuse

The ECI has found out a new coinage – 'Logical discrepancy'. The Peoples' Representation Act was passed in 1950 and amended several times. But there is no mention of such a provision which can be a ground for cancellation of name from the electoral roll. So, it's completely unconstitutional. What does it mean? If six persons mention one single name as their kinship link in the SIR-form, their names are put *under adjudication*. If the age difference between father and son/daughter is more than 40 years, they are grilled. If the middle names like 'Chandra' or 'Kumar' are missing in 2002 list, or in 2025 list, their names are kept under suspicion. Incorrect spelling in the electorate role is also treated as a logical discrepancy. But who is responsible for that? Use of AI tool by incompetent handlers to render the names of the electorates from Bengali to English has created a complete mess. But who is responsible for this? The ECI itself. Then why should genuine Indian citizens pay the price? What is the logic?

Notably, the Supreme Court has wondered: "*SIR is going on in many states, but why is there so much chaos in West Bengal only?*" The answer is very clear. In no other state except West Bengal has such a criterion like 'logical discrepancy' been used.

Why such a muddle?

Apparently, it would appear that it is a procedural blunder. Not at all. There is a deep-seated conspiracy behind it. Right from the beginning of SIR, PM Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and other BJP satraps have been raising a bogey of illegal infiltration. Who are targeted as "illegal intruders"? Obviously, the religious minorities.

The RSS-BJP-Sangh Parivar whose arch communal Hindutva doctrine is anchored in spreading hatred against the Muslims and thereby orchestrating a communal polarization, has found in this hue of 'illegal infiltration' a staple for winning election in the border states particularly of West Bengal and Assam. So, the echelons in the BJP hierarchy have been crying hoarse that the 'Hindus are in danger' because of 'ghuspetiyas' meaning illegal infiltrators. They allege that not in lakhs but crores of Bangladeshi Muslims and Rohingyas

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(a predominantly Muslim, stateless Indo-Aryan ethnic group from Myanmar's Rakhine State who fled to Bangladesh after decades of persecution and violence by Myanmar rulers) have ingressed into West Bengal and Assam and then spread over various states. During Bihar election also, they used 'ghuspetiya' hue to exacerbate communal polarization. But despite SIR, they could not detect single Bangladeshi 'ghuspetiya'. When the central government was asked how many illegal infiltrators have been identified, the BJP government said they do not have the number. But undertaking an orchestrated campaign against imaginary 'ghuspetiyas', there was frenzied attack against Bengali-speaking Muslims in different states. They were all branded as 'ghuspetiyas' despite having document of *bona fide* Indian citizenship.

Now, it is the turn of West Bengal. Let us politely ask the central government, who guards the international border? The answer is the Border Security Force (BSF) under the union home ministry. In 2014, before coming to power, PM Modi in his public address squarely blamed the then Congress government for allowing illegal migrants by keeping BSF inactive. If that be so, who is responsible if the 'ghuspetiyas', as they allege, are coming in large numbers?

In fact, this illegal infiltration theory is clever ploy to keep people's attention from the burning problems of life and nurture communal polarization conveniently. And now SIR has been undertaken to massively delete the names of the minority community which, in reality, has been the case. Maximum deleted names are of the Muslims. Any Muslim name is under scanner. The name of Akhtar Ali, a medal-winning athlete in Paralympic, is deleted. When he met the DM of Nadia District and asked to review his case, it is alleged that the ECI-appointed DM said, "You're a Bangladeshi."

See how the BJP leaders are holding brief in support of this. Amit Shah, who is now stationed in West Bengal to oversee Election keeping his duties as union home minister in back burner, has directed the authorities to "Detect, delete, and then deport." Shuvendu Adhikary, a TMC turncoat and now a BJP leader and the Leader of Opposition in West Bengal, has given an open threat that after coming to power, they would drive away the religious minorities. Dilip Ghosh, former President of the state BJP, has remarked: "Those whose names are deleted are infiltrators." How could he come to know that? Is he

Those whose names featured on 2025 voter list must be allowed to vote

privy to ECI conclusions?

ECI has become a rubber-stamp of BJP

As students of political economy and imbued with the illumining thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our leader, teacher and guide, we know that fascism has become a general feature in every imperialist-capitalist country, developed or developing. One of the key fascist measures is centralization of political power. The very act of the central BJP government, a servitor of the ruling monopolists, to subvert relative autonomy of the various institutions like the ECI, UGC, etc., and turn them into appendages of ruling dispensation is a mark of that political centralization. Earlier, the law was that the Election Commissioner would be appointed by a three-member collegium—whose members would be the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition and the Chief Justice of India. The BJP brought an amendment to the law and replaced the CJI with a cabinet-level minister. That means, only those who are in the good books of the government would be considered.

Thus, the ECI has become a caged parrot of the ruling BJP. Handpicked bureaucrats have been anointed at the top of the ECI glaringly to reach out undue benefits to the ruling BJP. Similarly, there is massive reshuffling of police officers and bureaucrats of the state administration so that only pliable people are in command in the entire electoral process.

Role of judiciary belies expectation of justice

The Supreme Court could stop the ECI and the BJP from flagrant violation of democratic norms. But it did not. When on behalf of the aggrieved citizens, the door of the Apex Court was knocked at questioning the rationale of the logical discrepancy, no clear answer was received. Rather, on 10 March 2026, the Supreme Court ordered creation of Appellate Tribunals, comprised of former High Court judges, to hear appeals concerning voter exclusions during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. The Commission said these tribunals would hear appeals against orders passed by designated judicial officers in cases involving discrepancies in electoral rolls. The Election Commission further said appeals can be filed after the publication of the supplementary electoral rolls, either

online through the ECINET platform or physically at the offices of District Magistrates, Sub-Divisional Magistrates or Sub-Divisional Officers, who will ensure digitization and uploading of applications. The Commission added that the notification has come into force with immediate effect and the tribunals will cease to exist once all appeals are disposed of in the respective districts. But the tribunals did not commence functioning even after two weeks. Over 27 lakh voters who were put under adjudication were excluded from West Bengal's electoral rolls on 7 April 2026, with over a quarter of such deletions occurring in two-Muslim dominated districts in the State. In all, 91 lakh names have been deleted from the State's voter list since the SIR began, meaning that West Bengal's electorate has shrunk almost 12%, from 7.66 crore electors in October 2025 to 6.75 crore now, days ahead of the Assembly election. Thus, the Apex Court virtually exonerated ECI from all wrongdoings while the axe fell on 91 lakh electorates. Is it democracy by even a fragment of imagination? Or it is forcible snatching of fundamental right to vote of a huge number of Indian citizens?

People whose names have not appeared on the list are debarred from voting

And now after months of interventions to make the SIR more inclusive, the top court made cutting remarks about the impact of an exercise the poll body said was necessary to "purify the electoral roll". "The original SIR notification said voters in the 2002 electoral roll would not be touched. The 2002 roll would be the benchmark. But when you introduced 'logical discrepancy', you infringed that rule," hon'ble Justice Joymalya Bagchi, part of the Bench headed by Chief Justice of India, told the poll body. "The right to remain on the electoral roll, the right to vote in the country you are born in is something which is not only constitutional but sentimental. It is the biggest expression of nationality and patriotism that you are in a participatory process to elect a democratic government," he said.

"We are not bothered about West Bengal 'standing out'. But no other State has a category called 'logical discrepancy'. We have examined Bihar, we did not find a single person flagged for logical discrepancy... This is not a question of inflating or shrinking the EC, but

of fairness", an hon'ble member of the bench said. "This is not a fight between the ECI and the West Bengal government. This is not a blame-game. It's a question of voters being sandwiched between two constitutional authorities. Our adjudicatory process and interventions were meant to ensure fair elections. The appeal hearings cannot be hurried," the apex court observed.

That's the court has clearly called out the glaring discrepancy between EC promises and its actions, especially in West Bengal and unique to this state by using the criterion of 'logical discrepancy' and its unfair use to weed out millions of voters despite having valid documents. While these pronouncements by the judges clearly keep up the option or hope for redressing of wrongs later on, what about the sufferings of millions of bonafide voters left out feeling that their inherent, fundamental civic rights even are being brought into question, in the face of BJP threats and propaganda that they will delete and deport 'infiltrators'? And the fact that they cannot vote!

This is administrative rigging

Our Party has long been saying that election in India has long ceased to be free and fair. Instead, it is controlled by money-muscle-media and administrative power. SIR is a clear case of administrative rigging as an autonomous institution like ECI has been transformed into a pliable body which is operationalizing every dictate of the ruling BJP so that the party can seize power in West Bengal by, to be honest, forging people's mandate. Besides ECI, police, paramilitary forces and a good section of supple bureaucrats are being nakedly used by the central government to manipulate electoral result in favour of the BJP. Thus, the ECI as hand-maiden of the BJP is slaughtering even the barest precepts of democracy.

People are outraged

People are outraged at this attempt to manoeuvre election. Demonstrations are held in almost all districts. Our Party has been organizing mass protests in various districts, gave deputation to the office of the State Election Commissioner as well as district election offices and demanded that no citizen should be deprived of exercising franchise on the pretext of pendency of dispute in the tribunal. Those whose names featured on 2025 voter list (of course sans the dead, duplicates and the shifted) must be allowed to vote. This is not just a movement against SIR. It is a movement to protect hard-earned democratic right and unravel the unholy nexus of the ruling party and the administration.

Important that ECI Functions Independently, Not Influenced by Political Processes — Hon'ble Justice Nagarathna of Supreme Court

While delivering the Rajendra Prasad Memorial Lecture on 'Constitutionalism Beyond Rights: Why Structure Matters', at the Chanakya Law University in Patna on 04-04-26, Justice B.V. Nagarathna of the Supreme Court, who is in line to become the first woman Chief Justice of India (CJI) next year, has said:

"It is of utmost importance that these institutions function independently and not to be influenced by political processes... Our constitutional democracy has amply demonstrated smooth changes in government due to elections being held on a timely basis. Control over that process is, in effect, control over the conditions of political competition itself,..." "Inter-party differences or distinct political ideologies have to be kept aside in the matter of Centre-state relations as the latter is in the realm of constitutional governance which would not depend on which party may be ruling at the Centre and which other party may be ruling at the state level, (The Wire-06-04-26)

Media Speak

BJP CM's point blank shot

A now-deleted video generated by artificial intelligence and shared by the BJP in Assam state, home to more than 12 million Muslims, showed the state's BJP chief minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma, appearing to shoot at an image of Muslims at point blank range. The 17-second clip shared on X and titled "point blank shot" circulated widely on social media on before being removed after public outrage and criticism from opposition politicians.

(Al Jazeera 09-02-26)

Anil Ambani granted huge waiver

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is probing bank loan frauds cumulatively worth Rs 73,000 crore in seven cases registered against the Reliance Anil Ambani Group, according to a status report filed in the Supreme Court in February. "...the losses in the other cases also come to several thousands of crores, totalling claims of approximately Rs 73,006 crore," the apex court order said, referring to the CBI probe. "According to the report, all funding for IBC (insolvency and bankruptcy code) acquisitions was arranged through a group of eight NBFCs (non-banking financial

companies) ... It is noted that claims totalling approximately Rs 2,983 crore were settled for 26 crore," the Supreme Court said, after perusing the ED report. (The Hindu 08-04-26) **N.B.** It may be recalled that during PM Modi's visit to France in 2016 to finalize Rafael military jet deal, only Anil Ambani had been with him. When the deal was finalized in a closed door meeting in France between PM Modi and the then French President Hollande, French President openly declared that the Indian government had proposed Anil Ambani's name as the offset partner for Dassault leaving the French government with no choice. at the time of inking the Dassault deal with Anil Ambani, nearly all of the companies run by him were in serious debt and Anil Ambani's Reliance Aerostructure had no past experience and expertise of manufacturing aerospace and defence equipment.

Mukesh Ambani granted exemption from import duties

The Reliance Jamnagar refinery, located in a special economic zone (SEZ), will be spared from duties imposed last week on export of diesel and aviation turbine fuel,...The government reintroduced export duties of Rs 21.50 per litre on diesel and 29.50 per litre on aviation turbine fuel (ATF), while keeping petrol exports exempt, effective

March 26. The move coincided with a Rs 10 per litre cut in excise duty on petrol and diesel in an attempt to cushion public sector oil companies from soaring crude oil prices.... the export taxes are equivalent to \$36 per barrel on diesel and \$50 per barrel on ATF.

(The Telegraph-03-04-26)

BJP government spent nearly Rs 6000 crores on advertisements

In a written reply in the Lok Sabha to a question ...the Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, L Murugan, ... provided a detailed breakdown of the central government's advertising expenditure over the last 11 years. The minister stated that between 2014-15 and 2024-25, the Narendra Modi government spent a total of Rs 5,987.46 crore on advertisements. This averages out to approximately Rs 1.5 crore every single day.

(Newslaundry 31-03-26)

Impeach Trump

A new poll reportedly released by CNN suggests a dramatic surge in public opposition toward President Trump, with 75% of respondents favoring his impeachment and legal prosecution. This shift in public sentiment comes amid the intensifying "No Kings" protest movement and growing domestic concerns over the administration's aggressive regional military strategies.

(TechTimes 30-03-26)

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democrats, the genuine forces, the sham elements, the bourgeois parties, the pseudo-socialists — outwardly viewed, it all appears to be the same. And everybody would say that he only is right, the opponent parties are wrong. So, any tactics or move to defeat the opponent party is justified, because I am right. If this is your line of argument, then there remains no difference in terms of outlook between you and the bourgeoisie. As a matter of fact, an in depth analysis will prove your approach to be erroneous. What is important to note is that the method and tactics of conducting struggle, the principles of organization adopted both by the bourgeoisie and the proletariat, their outlook regarding election, as also the tactics for winning or approach towards defeat—these are determined keeping in view the stage of revolutionary movement and the level of people's consciousness in the country. The main objective of the bourgeois parties is to grab maximum number of seats by any means and ride to power. Having captured power, to protect the existing system they undertake some reforms and raise slogans on false pretexts. To take recourse to whatever propaganda helps them to don a progressive cloak, to confuse

and befoul the people for some time in order to prolong the existing system itself— this is their purpose. Hence, their main objective becomes securing maximum number of seats in the elections by hook or by crook. Apart from this, they also project some political programme and an agenda of immediate tasks. But whatever be their programmes and slogans, the sole objective is to grab maximum number of seats.

On the contrary, when the party of the proletariat participates in the election with the object of revolutionary purposiveness, being compelled by the necessity to remain with the people, it does so on the basis of mass revolutionary political line. It also tries utmost to win seats. But the essence of its objective is never to anyhow grab maximum seats. The revolutionary party's focal point is to educate the people as to how to fight the election on the basis of a mass revolutionary line and in doing so, if we can win maximum seats; all the better. If we cannot, not even a single seat, so be it. If we can retain ten seats, then be it so. But the central, the focal point can never be to anyhow grab some seats."

(On Preserving Unity and Establishing Revolutionary Leadership in Workers' Movement)

SUCI(C) condemns demolition of the statues

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Ramprasad Bismil, Asfaqullah Khan, Roshan Singh (and also Rajendranath Lahiri) were hanged by the British government. These three revered martyrs embraced the gallows smilingly and created a new chapter of history. As a mark of tribute to these great martyrs, the people of Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh, had installed their statues in the centre of the city with deep emotion and respect in 1972.

The BJP-led UP government, in the name of beautification of the city have shamelessly demolished the statues on 23 March last. This act of the BJP-run UP Government has not been an isolated one.

It is a reflection of the Hindutva doctrine of the RSS-BJP which, as Golwalkar, the RSS ideologue stated, held that the Indian freedom struggle against British imperialist rulers was not patriotic but reactionary in nature. So, they are on a mission to erase the golden chapters of Indian freedom struggle. We urge upon the people of India to come forward and resist such criminal activities of and an affront to the revered martyrs by the BJP-led UP Government and demand:

- 1) Immediately reinstall those statues with due honour.
- 2) Immediately punish those guilty of this heinous act."

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Economic Downturn

1. As of early 2026, the Indian economy presents a mixed picture, with strong headline GDP growth projections of 6.4%–7.4% contrasting with significant underlying challenges, including a major job crisis, high income inequality, and struggling rural consumption. While some sectors show, others face strain, including a weak IT sector and rising state debt.

2. Growth vs. Jobless Growth: While India is projected to be among the fastest-growing economies in 2026 with an estimated 7.4% GDP growth, this is frequently described as “jobless growth”. The labor market faces high unemployment and underemployment, with the IT sector seeing a hiring freeze, adding only 17 net jobs in early 2025.

3. Income Inequality & Consumption: Wealth inequality has reached, according to some reports, a hundred-year high, with luxury goods growing faster than mass-market products. Real rural consumption has faced, at times, significant declines.

4. 248 billionaires (as of the 2025 report), with a combined wealth of approximately Rs 98 lakh crore i.e. 1/3rd of GDP.

5. The top 10% of the Indian population holds 57% of the national income.

6. Oxfam reports highlight that inequality in India has reached extreme levels, with the top 1% owning over 40% of the nation’s total wealth, while the bottom 50% hold only 3%.

7. The bottom 50% of the population pays 64% of the total Goods and Services Tax (GST), while the top 10% contribute only 4%.

Networth of Indian business tycoons

8. Gautam Adani is ranked as the second richest person in India and 31st in the world, with a net worth of \$56.3 billion. (Rs 52,15,37,86,50,000 or 5.12 lakh crores)

9. Mukesh Ambani— As of April 2026, Mukesh Ambani’s net worth is estimated to be around \$99.7 billion to \$100 billion+, (Rs 9.28 lakh crores) maintaining his position as the richest person in India and Asia.

10. The Reliance Jamnagar refinery, located in a special economic zone (SEZ), will be spared from duties imposed last week on export of diesel and aviation turbine fuel,... **The government reintroduced export duties of Rs 21.50 per litre on diesel and Rs 29.50 per litre on aviation turbine fuel (ATF),** while keeping

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petrol exports exempt, effective March 26. *The move coincided with a Rs 10 per litre cut in excise duty on petrol and diesel in an attempt to cushion public sector oil companies from soaring crude oil prices.... the export taxes are equivalent to \$36 per barrel on diesel and \$50 per barrel on ATF.* (The Telegraph-03-04-26)

11. The CBI is probing bank loan frauds cumulatively worth Rs 73,000 crore in seven cases registered against the Reliance Anil Ambani Group, according to a status report filed in the Supreme Court in February. “...the losses in the other cases also come to several thousands of crores, totalling claims of approximately Rs 73,006 crore,” the apex court order said, referring to the CBI probe. “According to the report, all funding for IBC (insolvency and bankruptcy code) acquisitions was arranged through a group of eight NBFCs (non-banking financial companies) ... **It is noted that claims totalling approximately Rs 2,983 crore were settled for Rs 26 crore,” the Supreme Court said, after perusing the ED report. (The Hindu 08-04-26)** It may be recalled that during PM Modi’s visit to France in 2016 to finalize Rafael military jet deal, only Anil Ambani had been with him. When the deal was finalized in a closed door meeting in France between PM Modi and the then French President Hollande, French President openly declared that the Indian government had proposed Anil Ambani’s name as the offset partner for Dassault leaving the French government with no choice. at the time of inking the Dassault deal with Anil Ambani, nearly all of the companies run by him were in serious debt and Anil Ambani’s Reliance Aerostructure had no past experience and expertise of manufacturing aerospace and defence equipment.

Poverty

12. Extreme poverty has remained persistently high in the last five years.(It refers to a condition where individuals or households are unable to meet the minimum basic necessities required for survival, such as adequate food, clothing, shelter, and healthcare.

13. The tall claim of having lifted 25 crore out of poverty (Budget speech 2026) is a hoax if one looks at the methodology and base figures used for calculating poverty. If poverty has come down, how come government is providing free ration to 80 crore Indians?

Unemployment

14. India’s rate of

unemployment has fluctuated between 6%-8% in recent years (PLFS), but the bigger issue is informal employment, where nearly 90% of workers are engaged in low-paying, insecure jobs. Youth unemployment remains high, especially among educated youth over 18% urban youth unemployed (PLFS 2023).

15. India faces widespread disguised unemployment in agriculture, where too many workers share limited farm output, keeping rural wages low and perpetuating poverty.

16. Underemployment and informal work dominate the labour market, with~92% of workers in informal jobs, often earning below minimum wages and lacking job security.

Industries shut down

17. According to data provided by the Indian government to the Lok Sabha in December 2025, over 2.04 lakh (2,04,268) private companies closed down in India over the past five financial years (spanning FY21 to FY25).

Job lost

18. Regular employees in central public sector enterprises (CPSEs) decreased by 1.08 lakh within five years (from 9.2 lakh in 2019-20 to 8.12 lakh in 2023-24) due to disinvestment.

19. According to the latest Annual Survey of Unincorporated Enterprises (ASUSE) for 2021-22 and 2022-23 released by the Union Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), nearly half of Indian states and three Union territories saw informal sector job losses over seven years.

20. Demonetization, GST, COVID-19 shocks cost **1.6 crore informal sector jobs** for India. The number of workers employed in the informal sector in 2022-23 has dropped by **16.45 lakhs or about 1.5 per cent to 109.6 million compared to 11.13 lakhs in 2015-16.**

Industrial growth slowing down

21. Infrastructure & Manufacturing: Despite major investments, infrastructure gaps remain a bottleneck. Manufacturing growth has been going down, and some, like the IT industry, have seen underperformance. India’s manufacturing sector faces significant structural challenges,

with growth slowing to a 10-month low of 1.5% in June 2025, and a two-year low in PMI during December 2025, driven by weak demand, high input costs.

Agriculture

22. Agriculture- Move is afoot

to totally privatize agriculture. Earlier, the entire procurement and marketing were handed over to private operators by amending APMC Act. Now with formulation of a new Seed Act, the entire input production sector (seed, fertilizer, pesticide) is going to be controlled by the MNCs.

23. There is an attempt to bring back the three Black Farm Laws against which the peasants fought gallantly, through backdoor.

24. 48 farmers/peasants commit suicide every day in India. Over a 16-year period, this averaged nearly 16,500 farmers annually. The crisis is largely driven by debt, crop failure, high costs of cultivation, and manmade climate change.

Outstanding bank loan of farmers

25. As of March 2024, data from specific states (Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh) indicated over 85 lakh farmers held outstanding loans of Rs 2.19 lakh crore from various institutions.

Defence Expenditure

26. In budget 2026-27, defence expenditure of India has been increased to Rs 7.85 lakh crore, the highest among all Ministries.

Subsidy reduction

27. Budget 2026 trimmed food, fertilizer and fuel subsidy outgo by 4.47%.

Loan waivers to Corporates

28. The **BJP-led Union government,** which had waived **Rs 16.50 lakh crore loan to 100 corporate giants, mostly from Gujarat,** has shown that it is merciless by refusing to release the wages of workers hired under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Now G RAM G).

29. Reliance Communications and its subsidiaries had total admitted debts exceeding **Rs 47,000 crore owed to 53 financial creditors** (local and foreign banks). The **National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)** approved plans where the creditors accepted a settlement of approximately **Rs 455.92 crore to 4,400 crore** (varying by specific subsidiary, notably RCom/Reliance Infratel). **Banks were required to write off approximately Rs 46,545 crore**

30. Wealth rise of Ambani and Adani in last 5 years of BJP regime

Five of the richest families in India saw their wealth increase by 400% between 2019 and 2025, said a study titled *Wealth Tracker India 2026* and released by non-profit organization Centre for Financial Accountability and Tax The Top campaign, also noted that a

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progressive wealth tax imposed on the top 1,688 ultra-rich individuals in the country could generate more than Rs 10 lakh crore for welfare.

The study noted that Reliance Industries chairperson Mukesh Ambani's wealth increased by 153% from 2019 to 2025. If a 2% wealth tax had been collected from him during this period, it would have generated enough resources to provide free laptops to all Class 10 students for three years.

Adani Group chairperson Gautam Adani's wealth increased by 625% in the same period, it said, adding that a 2% tax on his wealth could fund two full years of primary healthcare for the entire country. It could also provide for free air purifiers to nearly eight crore families most affected by pollution.

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30. As of mid-2025, **Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) reported a total gross debt of approximately Rs 3.50 lakh crore (\$350,453 crore)**, with a consolidated net debt of around **Rs 1.17 lakh crore. Reliance Industries has obtained a Rs 2.98 billion-equivalent loan, the largest such deal for an Indian borrower in more than a year.**

Crime against Women

31. Based on available NCRB data from the last few years, reported rape cases in India were: **33,356 (2018), 32,033 (2019), 28,046 (2020), 31,677 (2021), 31,000 (2023).** These official records indicate an average of **approximately 86 daily cases, with about 89% committed by individuals known to the victim.**

32. 1 in 4 women have been raped or sexually assaulted since the age of 16.

33. Rajasthan, UP and MP—the three BJP-led states have reported maximum number of rape cases.

34. Dowry cases rise by 14% in 2023; over 6,100 women killed: NCRB. Uttar Pradesh again topped the chart with 2,122 deaths, followed

by Bihar with 1,143.

35. Estimated 4.6 crore females go missing at birth each year.

Education

36. More than 90,000 Government schools have closed down in last ten years while 14 percent private schools have increased.

37. Over **65.7 lakh (6.57 million) students dropped out of school in India over the last five years (roughly 2019–2024), according to government data presented in Parliament in December 2025. Among these, nearly 30 lakh were adolescent girls.** The data highlights significant challenges in retaining students, with BJP-ruled **Gujarat reporting a 341% spike in dropouts.**

38. According to data from the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) **Accidental Deaths & Suicides in India (ADSI) reports, student suicides have risen consistently, exceeding 13,000 annually in recent years.** Data indicates a sharp increase from 10,335 in 2019 to over 13,000 in 2022, with a sustained high trend in 2023.

39. In **Budget 2026–27, the allocation for the Department of Agricultural Research and Education stands at Rs 9.98 thousand crore, lower than the Rs10.46 thousand crore provided in the previous year.** This represents a decline of about 4.6 percent. 3 days ago.

Healthcare

40. Deteriorating Doctor-Patient Relationship: The trust between doctors and patients has declined, replaced by suspicion, anger, and increased instances of violence against healthcare professionals, driven in part by perceptions of commercialization in medicine.

41. Persistent High Out-of-Pocket Expenditure (OOPE) Despite initiatives like Ayushman Bharat, out-of-pocket expenses remain high for many, leading to financial distress. Corporate hospital chains still see 40% of revenue from out-of-pocket payments, and private treatment costs are significantly higher than public, burdening the poor.

42. Shortage of Specialists and Staff: Rural health infrastructure suffers from a severe shortage of specialists (over 80% shortfall in Community Health Centres for surgeons, obstetricians, and physicians).

43. Infrastructure and Resource Deficits: Rural areas face a lack of diagnostic facilities,

proper hygiene, and trained staff. The public healthcare system remains overburdened, resulting in long waits and poor quality of care in many areas.

44. Impact of COVID-19 on Life Expectancy: Life expectancy in India dropped to 69.8 years (2017–21) from 70 years (2016–20), reversing a long-term upward trend due to the pandemic.

45. Rising Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs): A surge in lifestyle-related illnesses (diabetes, cardiovascular disease) has increased the burden on the healthcare system, with hospitalization rates for NCDs rising.

46. Data Scarcity and Transparency: Reports have criticized the lack of accurate, timely, and transparent data for policy-making, particularly concerning COVID-19 mortality and general health metrics.

47. Weakening of Family Physician Role: In metropolitan areas, the role of the general practitioner is declining, replaced by corporate chains or less-qualified practitioners in some areas.

48. Medicine cost: Medicines in India have experienced a **steady increase in prices** over the last five years (2020–2025), driven primarily by annual revisions based on the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) and rising input costs. **Prices of key drugs were hiked by 50% in 2024.**

49. Private hospitals in India have grown by 27%, rising from approximately 30,000 in 2019 to 38,000 in 2024. Driven by rising health insurance, medical tourism, and demand in Tier II/III cities, the sector is experiencing a rapid expansion, with private players expected to add another 30,000 beds over the next five years.

50. The Rural Health Statistics 2019–20 reported that as of March 2020, **only 3.4% of the 1.55 lakh Sub Centres were functioning as per Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS). A lowly 13% (3278) of the 24,918 Primary Health Centres, and 8.4% of Child Health Centres adhered to basic standards.**

BJP government spent nearly Rs 6000 crores on advertisements

51. In a written reply in the Lok Sabha to a question...the Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, L Murugan, provided a detailed breakdown of the Central Government's advertising expenditure over the last 11 years. The minister stated that

between 2014-15 and 2024-25, the Narendra Modi government spent a total of Rs 5,987.46 crore on advertisements. This averages out to approximately Rs 1.5 crore every single day. (NewsLaundry 31-03-26)

Electoral Bond

52. The BJP encashed electoral bonds worth **Rs 6060.50 crore** — the highest among all parties — between 12 April 2019 and 24 January 2024. In the period, BJP's share in the total bonds encashed was over 47.5%

Does BJP Follow Vivekananda?

53. Religion has no business to form social laws...social laws were created by economic conditions...The terrible mistake of religion was to interfere in social matters...Hands off...keep yourself to your own bounds and everything would come right." (What we believe in—written to "Kidi" on 3rd March 1894 from Chicago)

54. "Christians need not become Buddhists nor need the Muslims to become Hindus or the Buddhists Christians. But each of them will be nourished by absorbing the essence of other religions and develop according to its nature maintaining its distinct identity... We want to take mankind to that end where there is no Veda, Bible or Koran but all works will be performed through integration of the Veda, Bible and Koran." (Messages and Works, Udbodhan, 1st Edition, 1st Volume)

55. "If I had a son, I would not have given him any religious tutelage except practising concentration, one para of prayer and chanting mantras. Thereafter, in course of growing in age he would have accepted Christ, Buddha or Muhammad, whoever he would have wished to. ...It is very natural that simultaneously with full freedom and without having any conflict, my son could be a Buddhist, my wife a Christian and myself a Muslim." (Bani o Rachana)

56. "Millions of rupees are spent on opening and closing the gates of Kashi and Vrindavan temples. Once the god is changing clothes while at other time, he is eating rice or chiding at the sons of barren women. On the other hand, living gods are dying without food and clothes." (Bani o Rachana)

57. ..."Instances are found in the Ramayana and the Mahabharata of the drinking of wine and the taking of meat by Rama and Krishna, whom they worship as God. Sita Devi vows meat, rice, and a thousand jars of wine to the river-goddess, Ganga." (In reference to Vaishnavites)

All Odisha protest day against illegal arrest of peasant leader Comrade Prakash Mallik



AIKKMS has observed All Odisha protest day on 2 April last against illegal arrest of Prakash Mallik, a prominent leader of AIKMSS and key leader spearheading the remarkable anti-displacement movement of the people belonging to the Patana block of Keonjhar district of the state. On that day, huge protest demonstrations were held at various places of the state along with Jamunaposi village of Patana block, the epicentre of the popular uprising against forceful land grab at the point of gun and demanded immediate unconditional release of Comrade Prakash Mallik.

Thousands of common people, mostly Adivasis of Patana Block of Keonjhar district of Odisha are locked in a grim, life and death battle against the combined might of the 'double engine' BJP government and corporate giants like Jindal group and POSCO to save their homes, hearth and thousands of hectares of arable double crop agricultural land, forest land which have been sustaining their life and livelihood from time immemorial. Earlier, the former BJD led state government had attempted to hand over the same land to the steel giant Arcelor Mittal for setting up a mega steel plant. The company and the then BJD government were forced to retreat in the face of a nearly ten year long protracted movement by the local people led by AIKKMS in which Comrade Prakash

Mallik played a crucial role.

Now, the BJP government has resumed that heinous attempt with a new buyer in tow. In fact, to serve the class interest of the monopoly capital at any cost, the government has let loose a reign of terror in the area to muzzle the people's voice of protest. The entire area has been turned into a veritable battlefield with police haunting down the peaceful protesters, registering fabricated cases against hundreds of people including women, shoving them into jail under fictitious charges.

Comrade Prakash Mallik who has turned into an eyesore for the company and the administration for his role in galvanizing the resistance movement was targeted and dragged away in a midnight swoop and booked on a charge of attempt to murder despite an anticipatory bail having been granted by Hon'ble Odisha High Court, evidently to break the morale of the fighting people. AIKKMS State President Comrade Sadashib Das and Secretary Comrade Raghunatha Das have congratulated the people of the state for coming out in large numbers in support of the demand of unconditional release of Comrade Mallik and have called for scrapping the black MOU with Jindal-POSCO forthwith.

Under pressure of movement, the BJP government has been forced to release Comrade Prakash and other arrested leaders on bail.

International Women's Day observed in Bangalore



As part of Observing the International Women's Day, a Women's Prabath Pheri was organised on 8 March last by AIMSS in Bangalore

People's movement in Tamil Nadu



AIKKMS Tamil Nadu State Committee organised an impressive rally and demonstration at Batlagundu town by the farmers from several surrounding villages of the Town of Dindigul District on 14 February demanding water for drinking and irrigation by implementing the Vaigai-Sothuparai-Majalaru irrigation scheme.

Comrades Nagammal, All India Executive member, Govindarasu, President and Surulirajan, AIKKMS State Secretary, addressed the gathering of the farmers.

On 21 February, the state committee of AIDYO held a state level demonstration in Chennai on the issue of unemployment and handed over thousands of signatures collected from



the youth to the CM of gov't of Tamil Nadu and to the Prime Minister of India through the CM. Youths from Madurai and Theni districts participated along with Chennai members.

Round table conference in Patiala against anti-people NEP 2020

A round-table meeting by the All India Save Education Committee (AISEC) was held on 8 April at the

final document has been prepared, and AISEC is strengthening a movement based on the People's



World Punjabi Centre, Punjabi University, Patiala, on "People's Education Policy 2026 - An Alternative to NEP 2020." Prof. Tarun Kanti Naskar, General Secretary, AISEC, initiated the discussion, while Aminderpal Singh, Secretary AISEC, Punjab, conducted the meeting. Prof. Naskar said that AISEC has been protesting the National Education Policy (NEP 2020) from the very beginning. After the distribution of lakhs of copies, discussions were held across the country, and suggestions were received from various quarters. On that basis, the

Education Policy 2026.

Amongst others, eminent economist Prof. Ranjit Singh Ghuman, eminent writer Dr. Darshan Singh Ast, educationist Harjit Singh Bajwa, noted actor Iqbal Gujjan, retired lecturer Ram Kumar, Hardeep Singh, Gurbachan Singh, Singh Sabha's Harjot, Kendri Singh Sabha's Dr. Khushaal Singh, Prof. Sham Singh, DTF leaders Talwinder, Harinder, and Ravinder, social activist Ram Singh, Ved Prakash Tapa, Amardeep, Thana Singh, Paras Deep, Jaswinder, and Advocate Shibasis participated in the programme.

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