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Anti- Nuclear Power Campaign from Fukushima Day to Hiroshima Day.

Militant Programmes on 11th March all over the country.

Based on the international call by the ICOR and ILPS, the CPI(ML) had called for countrywide organization of programmes with the slogans: No to Nuclear Power Plants and No to Nuclear Arms. While joining the ongoing movements at Koodankulam, Jaitapur and other places programmes including marches, dharnas and public meetings are organized at Kalpakkam in Tamilnadu, Kaiga in Karnataka, Tarapore in Maharashtra and at other nuclear plants demanding their shut down. As part of the campaign a signature campaign is organized internationally from Fukushima Day to 6th August, Hiroshima Day for presentation of memorandums to the UNO and different governments.

Repeal AFSPA and Stop Policing by Army.

Join the 27th March Parliament March.

During the last five decades numerous campaigns and struggles were organized for the repeal of AFSPA and an end to policing by the army in Jammu and Kashmir and Northeast by different forces. The people of these areas are in continuous struggle against this draconian law and the army atrocities denying all democratic rights. The indefinite hunger strike by Irom Sharmila in Imphal for the last 12 years for repealing AFSPA stands out as a great saga of resistance to black laws and state terror. The Central Committee of the CPI(ML) had initiated a campaign against AFSPA and against the state terror unleashed by army in J&K and Northeast for six decades, from the time of its All India Special Conference in 2009. Now the Party has taken initiative to unite all the forces who can be united to organize a Parliament March on 27th, March. It appeals to all those forces who are against AFSPA and Policing by the Army to join this march so that the government can be forced to accede to the demand of the people.

Lessons of Election Results of Five States .

The long campaign for the five state assemblies and the way the media approached it were intended to take all serious discussions about the imperialist globalization policies pursued by all the ruling class/regional/ reformist parties, which are affecting people's lives like the price rise and unemployment away from them. The campaign in all the states was focussing on personalities and mutual mudslinging, while UP was selected as a theatre to reveal the charisma of the prime minister-in-waiting. Emulating the Sonia Gandhi family practically most of these parties' leaders are trying to establish their family as the power centre also. But the election results show that irrespective of all these, the people by and large have voted politically. People's anger against the Congress, which is leading the UPA government at the centre, became evident as it has suffered the most serious reverse. Its victory in Manipur is mainly due to the absence of any viable opposition. None of the opposition parties had any difference with it on the question of AFSPA and the long occupation by military which is making life miserable to the masses. So with the help of the state forces including the army establishment it was easy for Congress to manipulate to retain power. At the same time, in Goa it has lost power. In Punjab, in spite of the incumbency factor and corrupt image of the ruling Akali-BJP alliance, Congress as the main opposition party could not win. In spite of the incumbency factor Congress could not decisively defeat BJP in Uttarakhand also. And in UP where Congress campaign was led by Rahul Gandhi for months spending huge sums, it could not improve its performance, and continued to be in the fourth position behind BJP. It took an arrogant stand of criticizing every other party for the ills of the state while not saying anything about the intensification of neo-colonization through neo-liberal policies launched by it which have led the devastation in all fields. While it criticized others as corrupt, its own mega scale corruptions were concealed. Whatever reverses Congress has suffered in these elections will be multiplied in the next Lok Sabha elections as it plans to continue its neo-liberal offensive.

Though it could retain power in Punjab with Akali Dal and win in Goa, the performance of BJP is not inspiring for its leadership. In UP, pushing aside the main ruling class parties, both Congress and BJP, aside, the rule of a corrupt regional party, BSP, is replaced by another corrupt one, SP. The election results have become a dampener for the Congress leaders who were frantically looking forward to further intensify the neo-liberal policies. In that sense, by and large the people have voted against the main votaries of neo-liberal policies. Though the corporate media has already started to campaign that the election results have no relation with the 'reforms' policy, i.e., neo-liberal policies, it is really a verdict against the neo-liberal policies.

The performance of the alliance of the so-called traditional left parties led by CPI(M), which had considerable influence in these states earlier and has now degenerated to social democratic positions, has further weakened in all these states. The revolutionary left, with CPI (ML) in the forefront, in spite of not having any significant influence in these states, could wage a political campaign based on its election manifesto wherever it had fielded candidates or supported candidates who upheld the manifesto. Whatever votes it obtained is for its left manifesto. Many of the strict conditions imposed by the Election Commission like restrictions on putting posters, wall writing, road side meetings etc had affected the propaganda campaign by the party with limited financial resources.

A vigorous organizational and political campaign is required to develop the party as a revolutionary alternative at all India level. Also, a campaign has to be organized for democratization of the election process, including changing present electoral system to one based on proportional representation and for the provision of rejection of votes in the voting machine .

Martyrs Week in Kerala.

March first week was observed as *Martyrs' Week* by the Kerala state committee of the CPI(ML), remembering the martyr comrades Rajan, Vijayan and Balakrishnan who sacrificed their lives in the resistance struggle against the fascist emergency rule imposed by Indira Gandhi government on 26th June,1975, which had turned the country in to an open prison for 19 months. Saluting the martyrs at memorials, public meetings and discussions were organized in this context in a number of places explaining the present Indian situation, the social democratic line put forward by the CPI and CPI(M) in their 21st and 20th Party Congresses to be held soon, the basic documents of the CPI(ML) and how it is striving to carry forward the revolutionary dreams of the martyr comrades in the present neo-colonial phase of imperialism. The programs of the Martyrs Week was inaugurated by com. K.N.Ramachandran, Party General Secretary in a well attended public meeting at Perambra town in Kozhikode district, near the 'concentration camp' at Kakkayam, where com Rajan was killed during torture 36 years ago. A seminar on 'international developments and present tasks of the communist forces' was also organized on this occasion. A short film by Odessa on martyr com. Angadipuram Balakrishnan was presented at a number of places during the martyrs' week programs.

Market Controlled Price Control System Will Ruin Health Sector.

The market based price control system in the pharmaceutical sector imposed by the UPA government without any discussion in the parliament or public discussion will lead to steep increase in the prices of medicines as the removal of controls is hiking the prices of petroleum products continuously. First under the Intellectual Property Rights all the patents were cornered by the MNCs, now under market based price control system the whole sector is brought under market forces. Though the prices were earlier fixed based on the manufacturing expenses, the whole system is reversed now. The public sector administered by the comprador bureaucratic class had welcomed these changes earlier and as a result all these companies are on the verge of collapse. This new neo-liberal offensive against the interests of the masses should be exposed and resisted by all popular forces.

UPA Government Subverts Supreme Court Verdict on 2G Spectrum Case.

These are days when the judiciary has become more loyal to the neo-liberal policies than the very ruling classes themselves as proved by many orders by various courts. So, the verdict on the 2G Spectrum Case from the Supreme Court that all the 122 licenses issued on the fraudulent orders incurring a loss of Rs.1.76 lakh crores to the exchequer by the DoT should be cancelled by 1st May, 2012, was a pleasant surprise. But, though many weeks have passed after the SC order the government is frantically searching for ways to save the fraudulent companies. By delaying action opportunities are provided for these companies with foreign collaboration to bring pressure from their governments to save them from losing these lucrative contracts. The UPA govt even went to the extent of threatening the judiciary for trespassing its limits. It is planning a writ in a higher

bench to delay action so that these fraudulent companies can be saved. All these prove that what happened was not one Raja going beyond accepted positions without consulting the finance minister or the office of the prime minister, but the whole government was involved in the scam.

CPI(ML) demands that all the 122 fraudulent contracts should be cancelled forthwith, the loss to the exchequer should be recovered from them and all those involved in the scam including the concerned ministers like Chidambaram, the bureaucrats and the corporate leaders should be prosecuted.

Suicide by Dalit Student at AIIMS.

Yet another suicide by a dalit student at the India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi shows that in spite of the prevalence of a caste-ridden heinous atmosphere in the institute the authorities are not ready to take any action to change it. In March 2010 a dalit resident doctor was driven to suicide by constant caste discrimination and humiliation by seniors and professors. In 2008 the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) had brought out a report on caste based discrimination and harassment in AIIMS and had given recommendations to prevent them. Punitive action against individuals who had instigated the anti-reservation agitation during which many atrocities were committed against the SC/ST community in the institute as reported by the Thorat Commission were also recommended. But none of these recommendations are implemented and the caste based discrimination and atrocities are continuing unabated leading to suicides and SC/ST students being forced to abandon the studies. These developments in one of the premier institutes in the country shows how the caste system continues in more heinous forms. It calls for a powerful anti-caste movement with the aim of total abolition of the caste system from the soil of South Asia.

Khap Panchayat in AP also.

In Kadappa district of AP a 25 year old woman was murdered and the man who was called her lover was assaulted murderously by her relatives charging extra-marital affairs.

Neo-colonialism in the Form of Agro-Imperialism in African Countries.

Since 2008 Ethiopia has leased out 3.6 million hectares of land to foreign and domestic investors. An additional 2.1 ha land is collected by the government in its land banks for 'agricultural investment'. In Gambella province of Ethiopia 42% of its land area is taken over from the peasantry and kept apart for such transfers or has already been leased out. The Ethiopian govt is leasing out fertile land at the rate of \$ 1 per acre for 100 years and inviting foreign and native investors to develop farms there. For this millions of people, whole villages are uprooted and they are forced to move to areas under villagization program. Though the government is claiming that food and all other facilities are provided there, many reports reveal that they are nothing better than *rural ghettos*.

Among the foreign investors in these areas there are Indian Corporate houses like Karuturi Global Ltd from Bangalore also. Like Ethiopia, the comprador regimes in other African countries are also displacing millions and transferring their land to Corporate houses for so-called agricultural development while millions of traditional peasant families are uprooted and pauperized. This agro-imperialism is a sign of intensification of neo-colonization.

US Military Presence in South Asia.

The chief of the US Pacific Command has stated in his testimony before the US Congress that special US forces are deployed in India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Maldives. He has also stated that based on the various agreements signed with these countries, the US naval presence in the strategically important Indian Ocean is strengthened. The CPI(ML) had warned long back that all the 'strategic agreements' signed by the NDA and UPA governments are going to lead to such a situation. Though the UPA government has come out with a very weak statement denying this, this denial has no credibility as the US Pacific Command has reasserted its statement.

Already in West Asia the US and NATO military presence is sizable with them involved in a major war in Afghanistan. In Pakistan for decades US military is present. In Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Kampuchea like South East Asian countries also US military presence is an accepted fact. So with the revelation of the US Pacific Command about deployment of its special military forces in the South Asian countries including India the situation has become more serious.

The CPI(ML) appeals to all progressive and democratic forces to demand the publication of all military agreements signed by the UPA govt with US and the details about the military deployment in India under whatever pretext. The presence of these 'special forces' and of the FBI of US poses further threat to whatever sovereignty is left. A powerful movement should be launched for the withdrawal of all such military and intelligence forces of the US imperialists from the country.

International Women's Day Observed in all States

Based on the call of the AIRSO, the International Women's Day was observed on 8th March at a number of places all over the country. In Odisha and Karnataka the women comrades are in the middle of militant struggles against the attacks on women and the liquor menace, which are intensifying with the participation of thousands of women. In Kerala women are in struggle against the BOT system uniting with other popular forces. In other states also they are engaged in many struggles against attacks on women. In this situation the call of the AIRWO leadership to observe 8th March militantly against patriarchy and private property received excellent response from the women comrades.

In Karnataka the district committees of AIRWO organized various programs including rally and public meetings at Raichur, Koppal, Chikmangalur and Kudagu with hundreds of women participating everywhere. They declared that the struggle against the liquor menace and alcoholism will be intensified and spread to state level.

In Odisha a massive rally was organized at Bhubaneswar on 8th March evening on the occasion of the International Women's Day which was joined by various organizations. In the context of the recent state wide struggle against atrocities against women the rally became a symbol of resistance against the forces who perpetuate the atrocities against women. Addressing the rally com. Pramila, president of Odisha state committee of AIRWO called for intensifying the struggle for women's liberation by launching movements against patriarchy and the ruling system which is based on private property. Only by waging relentless struggles women's equality can be achieved.

At Coimbatore, Tamilnadu, the girls and boys of the Law College organized a meeting in the college campus in the afternoon on 8th March demanding an end to patriarchy and private property. They pledged to participate in all forms of struggles to achieve the liberation of women.

In Kerala, on 8th March morning, AIRWO organized a march to the Anti- BOT struggle area at Thrissur where com. Hasina's indefinite hunger strike against BOT and toll collection had entered the 10th day. AIRWO declared its support of the organization to the struggle. Comrades from different districts participated in the state level activists meeting at Ernakulam. After discussion of the Program and Constitution of the AIRWO and the decisions of the recent activists' meeting at Raipur, the meeting elected a new 8 member state organizing committee with com. Kumari as president and com. Sumi as secretary. In the evening a public meeting was organized in which the speakers declared that the struggle against liquor menace and attack on women in all fields will be intensified.

At Hyderabad the women members of the All India Nepalese Unity Society (Mulpravah) and AIRWO members organized a meeting on the occasion of the International Women's Day in which cultural programs also were presented. The speakers from both organizations called for intensifying struggles for women's rights.

In Support of Irom Sarmila's Struggle, Manipur women comrades participate in large numbers in observing the International Women's Day at Imphal outside the Medical College where Irom Sharmila is detained for continuing the struggle against AFSPA.

Railway Freight Rate Hike: Another Attack on the People.

The sudden announcement of the railway ministry hiking the railway freight by 20% just a week before the presentation of the railway budget is a back door attack on the people. It is a warning about the nature of the hike in railway fares and other facilities going to be announced in the coming budget.

Campaign in Manipur Against AFSPA

Call for Making March 27 Parliament March a Great Success.

Manipur state committee of the Party organized a press conference on 5th March along with the women activists of Save Sharmila Movement led by Maa Taruni in the sight of the relay hunger strike in Porompat, Imphal to appeal to the Manipuri people to support the mass demonstration against AFSPA and in support of the indefinite fast waged by Sharmila Chanu. Party is initiating the campaign to stage a demonstration in front of Parliament in support of Sharmila's cause and repeal AFSPA on March 27. The press conference was addressed by com. Shankar, member of CC and com.

Shyamsunder, secretary of the state committee. A group of women activists and other party members led by Maa Taruni took part in the press conference. Maintaining that the Congress-led government does not want to repeal the black law although it was assuring to do so in its election manifesto, the speakers asserted that there is need for a people's movement to uproot the draconian law. The protest and demonstration programme of 27th March would be participated by hundreds of people coming from different parts of the country. A group of 20 women activists and Meira Paibis will attend the 27th demonstration in Delhi. A group of social activists from Assam will also join the demonstration.

For a long time CPI(ML) is organizing political campaign against the autocratic regime of Indian government which introduced this draconian law in 1958 in entire North-east and in some other parts of country later. Party General Secretary Com. K.N. Ramachandran announced a pan India demonstration against this as one of the party programmes in Imphal on October last year on the eve of party's 9th Congress. The All India Revolutionary Women's Organization (AIRWO) also would take part in the programme. The Party and AIRWO leaders along with Maa Truni will conduct a pre-demonstration press conference in Delhi on 25th March.