

Millions Stood Like a Rock Symbolising His Teachings in paying solemn tribute to the beloved Great Departed Leader

**"TURN YOUR DEEP GRIEF INTO
FIRM DETERMINATION AND
REVOLUTIONARY PURPOSIVENESS"**

—Comrade Nihar Mukherjee

The Party has stood the test—a great test. The Party reared and nourished by the Great Revolutionary Leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the founder General Secretary of our Party, our beloved leader, teacher, guide and an outstanding Marxist thinker and philosopher of the age has again proved that a revolutionary party is made of different stuff. It has proved again the historic truth that a Great Revolutionary Leader and Teacher of the age like Comrade Shibdas Ghosh does never die but lives for generations to come in his best of creations—the Party, equipped and trained up with His Revolutionary Thoughts.

For the revolutionaries the shots of enemies guns cannot be the cause of grief but the untimely and sudden loss of physical presence of the Leader of the Revolution is a matter of profound grief. Nothing is more shocking to them than this loss. But the revolutionaries do also realise that as the strength of a human body lies in its capacity to absorb wounds, however hard, so also, the vitality of the Revolutionary Party lies in its capacity to make a correct appraisal of any situation, however grave, and in its steadfastness to singleness of revolutionary purpose in any difficult situation. This is one of the invaluable teachings that the Party has learnt from its Great

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Founder, Teacher, and Leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Drawing proper lesson and determining the supreme need of the hour, the Central Committee of our Party has given the call: "Stand as one Man" which means to turn our grief into revolutionary fire and determination, our profound pain into closest identification with the cause of Revolution and the Party wherein our Great Leader lives and for

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Comrade Nihar Mukherjee Elected General Secretary

The Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Centre of India, in its meeting held in Calcutta on 24th August, 1976 adopted the following resolution :

The Central Committee of Socialist Unity Centre of India firmly believes that the anti-capitalist Socialist Revolution in our country can be accomplished only by pursuing the scientific path of revolution and by realising the teachings, covering all aspects of life that

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which he dedicated his whole life, the last ounce of his energy.

The Party has responded to this call magnificently, with rare vitality. The gravest hours are witnessing finest spirit of closeness, cohesion and singleminded devotion within the entire Party. Not for nothing, did our beloved Great Leader and Teacher train our leaders and workers, not for nothing, did He found this Party. The organic whole of the Party now stands as one impregnable rock with singleness of revolutionary purpose.

From the mass—the toiling millions, are coming in profusion, profound sympathy, sense of bereavement of their most near and dear one—as also assurances. The stunning blow has given them the deepest of shock and a cause of great mortification. They have lost their Great and Revered Leader. A Man, who felt every moment the pangs of their sufferings, to whom the agony for the exploited masses was the constant companion and for which Who had no other concern than how quickly to bring an end to this order of injustice and save the humanity. That is why, who else other than our Great Leader understood the people so deeply, who else could feel their pulse so accurately? And in reverse, who else other than our Great Leader did enjoy, wherever His messages reached, so much love, admiration and reverence from the people—as the burning flame of truth amidst darkness of untruth and deceptions? Naturally therefore, there is now, this tremendous surge of emotions of the people, for this untimely and sudden loss of the Great Leader.

To the masses, the toiling millions, the Central Committee of our Party addresses its earnest appeal: Turn Your Noble Emotion For the Great Leader into Noble Emotion For the Party, He Has Created with the sole purpose of

your emancipation. For, no tribute to a Great Revolutionary Leader and Teacher of this age like Comrade Shibdas Ghosh can be higher than to uphold the Great cause for which he dedicated his whole life. And in your great shock and profound grief lies ingrained the correct realisation of this great cause—the cause of your emancipation as a class—the emancipation of the Society. And nothing can be more befitting a memorial to this Great Revolutionary than to hasten the process of bringing the cherished goal to reality, for which he fought till the last breath of his life. This, and this alone, will be in consonance with the great teaching of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the Great Revolutionary Leader and Teacher of the Age.

The Central Committee of our Party in the midst of this great loss and profound sorrow, drew up a fortnight-long mourning programme and decided to carry the C.C.'s Resolution paying Homage on the basis of the teachings of our beloved Leader and Teacher, to lakhs and lakhs of Party Comrades, supporters, sympathisers and broader sections of the masses, down to the levels of village and locality. Party Comrades, drawing correct lessons from the great teachings of our beloved departed Leader, rose to the occasion. Donning the Badge of

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh—the badge of Supreme honour for a revolutionary they went to the masses both intensively and extensively in preparation for the Central Memorial Meeting scheduled to be held on 19th of August at Saheed Minar Maidan in Calcutta.

Our Party greatly values the wholesome experiences that our comrades are having with the masses. From these experiences, comes the correct realisation of the great teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh that *truth must reveal*, notwithstanding, the vain efforts of the enemies of Revolution and that, for a Party that has struck deep root into the core of heart of the toiling masses, there is no cause of fear or apprehension.

To the masses, is dawning the realisation of the great teaching of our beloved Leader and Teacher that *revolutionary character is the very touchstone of revolutionary politics, the very test of revolutionary preachings*. And when the masses adore a Great Revolutionary Character, they, in essence express their deep urge for Revolution and what they need is only a correct realisation of this truth.

What have been these experiences? How the people have expressed their emotions? Let us with gratitude, recount only a few.

When our Comrades went to a house in South Calcutta, the head of the

family, a middle-aged man intervened and said: "Don't say He was your Leader only—He was our Leader too" Another gentle man consoled our Comrades, saying—"The greatest son of the soil is no more. But please don't give way to despair. I know he trained up many good Leaders and Cadres who are still there in your Party. And we are confident they will lead the Party and the People to the destined goal."

In the railway Station, Shyamnagar, in the North 24-Parganas, on 6th of August, when our Comrades were fixing the half-mast red flags in the poles, mourning the great loss, obstructions came from vested interest. But People came forward resolutely in defence of our Comrades saying, "Why you are obstructing? Do you know who has passed away? He was the greatest son of the soil. We must mourn this great loss." Those who came to obstruct showed their clean feet.

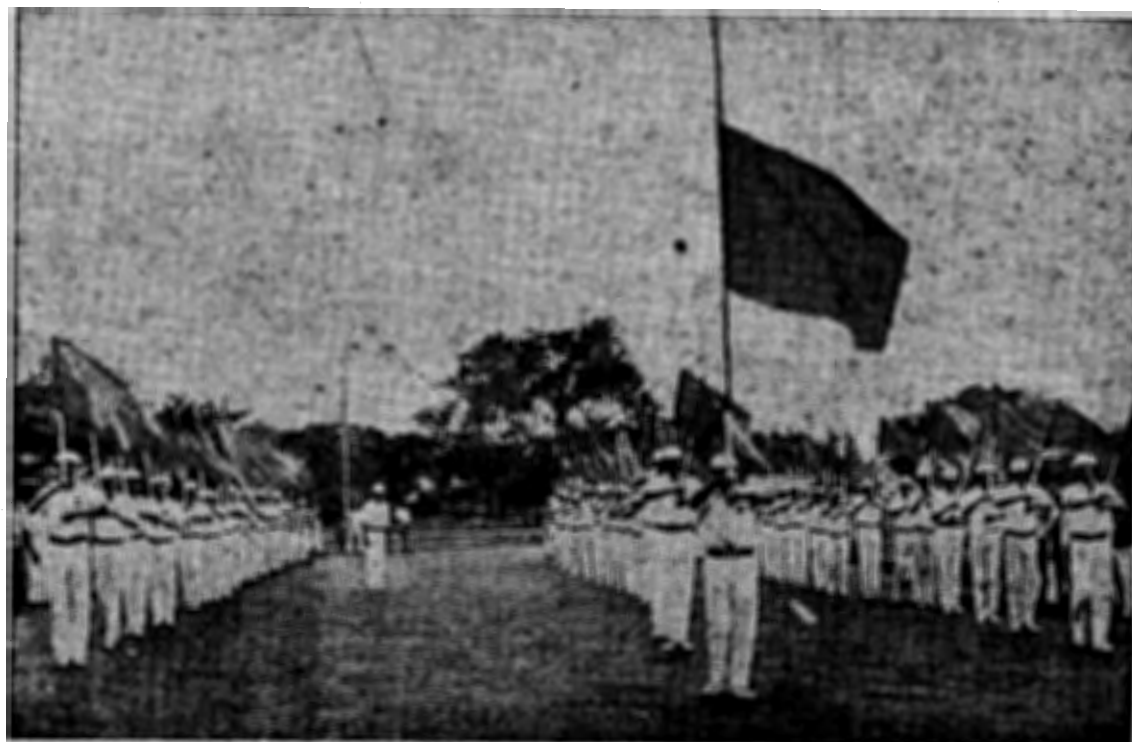
In another part of the city, an old lady told in reverence, "Even the moon has spot but he was spotless." Telling this, she burst into tears and wailings.

A doctor was telling: "Death is painful, no doubt, but death of this Man is simply unbearable." A cadre of a leading Left Party was telling: "I do not belong to this Party—SUCI, but I do say with least hesitation that in the way Comrade Shibdas

Ghosh gave up everything personal and led His life although in the Party Commune is something unique and not to be found in the life of any other political leaders of our country. It is simply unthinkable for the leaders of our Party." These are only a few to mention.

But in a class-divided society of exploiter and exploited, the sense of loss or grief cannot be one and the same. The forces of reaction, the forces opposed to Revolution who were mortally afraid of His voice, those who saw their doom in His Revolutionary Teachings during His life time and did everything at their disposal, however vainly, to suppress this voice, suppress His teachings, cannot but react in their own way. The bourgeois press has done Him no honour both in his life-time and after his death. So also, the vested interest, the capitalists and their hangers-on. To them, this sudden and untimely demise of the Great Revolutionary Leader and Teacher has brought no sigh of relief. To their great disappointment they can find that Our Great Leader lives and will live in His best of creations. From this, is it difficult to understand as to why the fate of the Central Memorial Meeting of 19th August remained uncertain till the afternoon of 18th? Till that time the Central Office of our Party could not say anything definite about holding of the

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Comrades, remember, those who can sacrifice at the initial stage for ideology and idea they are not many people, they are always few people.....in every country, it is the students and young people who came forward, being influenced by and imbued with the revolutionary ideology and being completely dedicated go to the masses, rouse the masses, organise them in thousands and help them in creating their political power. Then the time comes for the masses for action—that we call revolution.

—COMRADE SHIBDAS GHOSH

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meeting in reply to the anxious queries coming from the districts and the states.

Apart from this, very many other obstacles were set in store for the Party Comrades and the people by the vested interest on the day when they were coming in thousands to join the Memorial Meeting. And the most inclement weather joined with all these factors. Incessant rains for consecutive five days before the 19th caused inundation of vast areas of cultivable lands in the districts. All these, along with heavy downpours before and during the Memorial Meeting were as if to put to severe test our devotion to the cause as also our worthiness to pay tribute to a Man of Supreme Revolutionary Devotion Whom nothing could daunt, nothing could unnerve. It was therefore quite befitting to the great teachings of our beloved Leader when thousands and thousands of workers, poor peasants, agricultural labourers, village artisans, petty clerks and employees, students, youths, teachers, women with babies braved all these odds to express their heart-felt love and reverence to that Great Revolutionary Leader of the Proletariat. Not a single soul did move or run for shelter against heavy downpours during the whole proceedings of the meeting. They were clamorous, resolute and showed rock-

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like patience and determination to pay their grateful tribute to the great departed Leader. They were only all attention to see that the Portraits of the Great Leader, that they carried in their procession did not suffer any damage from the rains!

Grateful they are indeed to this Great Revolutionary Leader and Teacher. For, He alone has shown them the Road to Life. He alone has given them the Revolutionary philosophy and the Correct Base Political Line of the Proletariat which is the strategy and tactics of Socialist Revolution. He alone, untiringly, has trained and equipped them to be the front-rankers in the great battle for emancipation. They were recollecting their memories. How many times did they come to see that Man and hear Him. But this time!

With heavy heart they came but they came also to take the solemn pledge that they would do full honour to His great teachings and they were confident to redeem this pledge.

And how can we fail to mention the high sense of duty and devotion, the deep feelings of love and reverence to our Great departed Leader, displayed by our Comrades and

the Contractor's men who, despite the very short time at their disposal and the heavy weather, constructed and decorated the rostrum in a most befitting manner—working round the clock? So, even to those who are not friendly with us, this Memorial Meeting had no parallel because of the heavy odds it had to face, because of the time and condition in which it had to be organised, because of its solemnity although and above all because of the high sense of discipline and firmness displayed by thousands and thousands of the people who came all the way in long, dignified and silent processions to file the entire space of the meeting place and remained there till the end of business of the Meeting. This sense of discipline, deep devotion and solemnity were the hallmark of the Central Memorial Meeting, befitting to the Great Revolutionary Leader of the Proletariat, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Toiling and oppressed people from the neighbouring states of Assam, Meghalaya, Orissa and Bihar and even from parts of distant states of UP and Hariyana, from the districts of North Bengal, and Birbhum, Bankura, Midnapur, Purulia, Malda, Murshidabad, Burdwan, Nadia, Howrah, Hooghly

and 24 Parganas organised themselves, despite these heavy odds and the uncertainty about the meeting and were reaching the city by batches of long processions. Contingents of leaders and leading organisers from distant states of UP, Delhi, Hariyana, M. P., Andhra, Karnatak and Kerala were reaching on 18th night. They stayed overnight on the open space or railway platforms defying the hardships and inconveniences.

From the morning of 19th, the processions started flowing towards the meeting place, decorated with lowered half-mast Red Flags, black-bordered Party Flags and Festoons as also with thousands of big portraits of our Great departed Leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Calcutta, once the city of processions woke up to a new experience. It was full of processions—waves after waves of lowered Red Flags, Party Flags and Festoons and floating over the waves thousands of portraits of the Great Revolutionary Leader, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Silent and full of solemnity, the processions were displaying courage and determination of the men who were coming in their firm steps. An unprecedented experience in all respects! People were talking about

the Party and its Great Founder and Teacher Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in trams and buses, in the streets. It was the only talking point. The pedestrians, the office-goers were wiping their tears in benumbed reverence to the Great Man of the masses. The city of Calcutta was mourning the great loss of the Age. The glitter of fire and determination in the eyes of those who were in the processions, was the only source of solace, only ray of hope to the people standing in hundreds on both sides of the streets when the processions were passing, one after another.

From 3 P.M. for more than two hours, in the midst of heavy rains, tributes were being paid by people coming from the length and breadth of this vast country. Industrial workers—starting from coal-miners, steel workers engineering workers, jute workers down to bidi workers in the districts and villages, agricultural labourers, poor peasants, artisans, petty shopkeepers and vendors, Students, Youths, teachers women, from West Bengal, Assam, Orissa, Bihar and parts of UP and Hariyana were placing Wreaths in tearful homage and taking firm resolve in Red Salute.

The Central Committee Members of the Party, life long Comrades-in-arms of our Great departed Leader—Nihar Mukherjee

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CALCUTTA DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our beloved leader, teacher and guide, an outstanding Marxist philosopher and thinker of this era, the founder General Secretary of our party—SUCI—is no more with us. But his "Life of a revolutionary till death", his Thoughts and teachings will ever show us the way like a guiding star.

So, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh remains and will ever remain with us at every moment, at every step, a living source of inspiration. Standing as 'one man' and marching forward along the path showed by him with unstinted loyalty to revolution, party and the exploited masses, we take the pledge to fulfil his lifelong dream and mission with the last drop of our blood.

Shillong District Committee, SUCI

Public of Shillong and District Committee, SUCI condole sad demise of beloved Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Pledge carry on struggles initiated by him.

Ahin Ghosh, Cachar District Committee, SUCI

Flying Red Flag half-mast, holding Red Salute, taking pledge with firm conviction. Guide ourselves materialising and completing the task of Socialist Revolution armed with thoughts, teachings of outstanding Marxist thinker of the era, our beloved leader, teacher, General Secretary Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Rohtas District Committee Sasaram Bihar

The Rohtas District Committee of SUCI expresses its deep grief and heart-felt condolence at the passing away of our beloved leader, teacher and guide, and an eminent Marxist Philosopher and thinker of the present era, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

On this day we take the pledge to constantly cultivate the invaluable teachings of our great leader through the struggles of our life and will thereby

strengthen and consolidate our Party SUCI, the only genuine Communist Party in India.

Naren Ghosh, Goalpara District

Emergent meeting of workers of SUCI of Goalpara town deeply condoled sudden demise of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, General Secretary of the Party. All present vowed strongly to complete the unfinished mission of the great leader, party flag flown half-mast, Comrade Abedin President.

U.T.U.C. (Lenin Sarani) W. B. State Committee

We are extremely shocked and bereaved at the sudden and premature demise of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our beloved leader and teacher, an eminent Marxist Philosopher of SUCI, the only Communist Party in the Indian soil and President, All India Committee of U.T.U.C. (Lenin Sarani). His premature death is not only a great loss to the communist movement in India, it is also a loss to the international communist movement.

We, on behalf of the toiling millions of India solemnly promise to practise in our life his teachings and thoughts and fulfil his aspiration of Socialist Revolution in our country.

ALL INDIA COMMITTEE DSO

The All India Committee of the Democratic Students' Organisation expresses its profound grief and deepest shock at the sudden and premature demise of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our most beloved leader teacher and guide, an outstanding Marxist thinker and philosopher of this era and a great leader of the proletariat. At his untimely departure the world communist movement has missed one of its stalwarts and a great thinker.

The All India Committee proudly remembers that responding to the needs of the present phase of the revolutionary struggles, both in the national and

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International spheres, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, through his lifelong battle defended Marxism-Leninism from the attacks of the different schools of bourgeois philosophy and distortion and vulgarisation by the modern revisionists and social democrats. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh has shown that Marxism-Leninism is a complete and comprehensive science, developed, elaborated and enriched it further covering all aspects of life and elevated it to a higher and newer stage. All his teachings and contributions are invaluable wealth in the treasure house of Marxism-Leninism which will guide not only the present generation but many a generation to come. The All India Committee is therefore convinced that without the proper grasping of the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh the understanding of Marxism-Leninism in the post-Lenin period will be inadequate and incomplete. So it is the bounden duty for all to make a serious and thorough study and cult of the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

The All India Committee recalls with great pride that it was Comrade Shibdas Ghosh who for the first time concretised Marxism-Leninism in our soil, built up SUCI, the real revolutionary party of the proletariat and provided the correct base political line of anti-capitalist socialist revolution. It was Comrade Shibdas Ghosh who taught us to approach all problems confronting students' life including education from the proletarian class outlook and build up student movements as a part and parcel of the revolutionary movement of the proletariat. Guided by this illuminating teachings of Comrade Ghosh, the All India DSO was founded as the only militant revolutionary student organisation of our country. He taught us to defeat revisionism, reformism, ultra-leftism, and opportunism within student movements

by conducting a relentless ideological struggle. He warned us against the danger of fascism in different capitalist countries including ours, scientifically defined for the first time the characteristics of fascism and ideologically equipped us for the struggle against it. We firmly pledge to fulfill all these behests Comrade Shibdas Ghosh bequeathed to us.

The All India Committee remembers the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh that the object of learning and acquiring knowledge is to have a correct concept of life so that it may help the students fight careerism and build up character and instill in them courage and morality to stand against all sorts of social injustice and oppression. His clarion call to the students and youths was to carry the revolutionary politics to the oppressed and illiterate masses so that they can themselves rise up and build up their own political power—an indispensable instruments for the victory of revolution.

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh although his life attached serious importance to ethics, morality and culture and taught us never to forget that "The kernel, the living soul of any lofty ideal, any philosophy or any worthy ideology lies in its cultural ethical and aesthetic standard". In order to enable us to fight the all-pervading cultural degeneration of the society as a whole and the students and youths in particular, he taught us to acquire the proletarian culture and moral values—the loftiest ideal of this age and imbibe the people with this higher culture and values. He enunciated a newer and concrete concept of the proletarian morality corresponding to the needs of this era, i.e. the identification of individual interests with revolution and social interests. His entire life till his last breath was a living symbol of this lofty moral values. Following his example we vow to dedicate ourselves more

and more in the struggle for identification with the cause of proletarian revolution and acquire proletarian culture and moral values.

At this hour of deepest grief the All India Committee solemnly remembers the fervent appeal of Comrade Ghosh, "Remember, we are all mortal beings. So if to die, don't die begging, don't die humiliating yourself. When to die, die with honour and you have got only one surest way to live and die with honour, that is, taking active part in revolutionary struggle of the masses in bringing about a revolutionary transformation of the society..." "The life of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh—completely dedicated to and identified with the cause of social revolution the best embodiment of the mission—'so long as I exist, I exist as a revolutionary' will remain an ever glaring example of a great revolutionary character. Although he is no more with us, his name will endure through the ages as inexhaustible source of inspiration to all who will strive for revolution and through his immortal teachings and ideals, unvanquished even in death, he will be ever living to us in the midst of our struggle of life.

The All India Committee expresses its deepest and heartfelt respect to the memory of the great departed leader Comrade Ghosh and takes the pledge to transform the grief and tears into firm determination, vigour and revolutionary purposiveness, as he always taught us so as to carry through to the end his unaccomplished tasks he left to us.

Democratic Youth Organisation

The premature and sudden death of our beloved leader, teacher and guide Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, an eminent Marxist thinker of the day is a great loss to the struggle of the students, youths and the working class people. He has taught us how to build up the revolutionary youth movement conducive

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to the greater struggle of the masses for emancipation. We pledge to follow his path consistently and apply his teachings in our lives and activities and thereby fulfil his unaccomplished task for which he fought till his death.

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We appeal to all engaged in the field of cultural movement of this country and to people in general, that they pay their homage to the memory of the great revolutionary leader by trying to comprehend and emulate in their own life the noble revolutionary ideal and the lofty proletarian cultural standard which have been concretely realised in the life and character of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

KOMSOMAL, the Young Communist Wing of SUCI

We are deeply shocked at the sad demise of our most beloved leader, teacher and guide Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Our dearest leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh

inspired us to build up our Communist character with his lifelong uncompromising struggle. The valuable teachings which he imparted to us will guide us in our future struggle even in his absence and will keep up his memory although immortal.

Tuned with the Party, Revolution and Proletariat our organisation 'Komsomol' takes vow to fulfil, through the struggle for further identification of ourselves with the interest of party, revolution and proletariat class, the noble dream of completing the anti-capitalist Socialist revolution with which Comrade Shibdas Ghosh fought against every odds all through his life.

B. P. T. A. Calcutta District Committee

At the death of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, an eminent Marxist thinker of the age, the great proletarian revolutionary leader and the General Secretary of the SUCI, the working class revolutionary movement of the country suffered great loss.

Along with the overall struggle for emancipation of the country, teacher's movement too indisputably owe to him.

West Bengal College and University Teachers Association.

The Executive Committee at its meeting expresses deep sorrow at the demise of Shibdas Ghosh the Founder General Secretary of Socialist Unity Centre of India. His patriotism, devotion to duty, organising genius, his close affinity with downtrodden humanity placed him in esteem in the minds of the people.

Please accept our sincere condolence at this hour of great shock and void.

S. Theatre Group, Kerala

The Executive Committee of the Sutra-dharan Theatre Group resolves to place it on record the heart felt condolence on the untimely demise of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, an eminent thinker of Marxism Leninism of the present epoch.

Swaraj Bandhu

Bhattacharjee :

I am deeply shocked at the news of the sudden

demise of Shibdas Babu published in the morning daily. Please accept my heart-felt condolence and convey my deep sympathy to the friends and innumerable comrades of your Party. The country has lost in him a great devotee of truth, a sacrificing soul totally dedicated to revolution and a giant philosopher. This is an irreparable loss.

The passing away of the great leader of the people has come as a personal shock to me. I express my deep respect and homage to the immortal memory of Shibdas Babu.

Dr. D. N. Ganguly, Pavlov Institute.

I along with my friends are deeply shocked at the untimely demise of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. For his vast knowledge, limitless sacrifice and genuine sincerity to the Marxian Philosophy, he was held in high esteem by me as well as my countrymen. His revolutionary life and teachings have inspired the millions. I pay my heart-felt tribute to his hallowed memory and express my sincere condolence to your party.

Country has suffered an irreparable loss at his premature demise.

Sri Samiran Sarma and Sm. Ruby Sarma, Durgapur

We are stunned and deeply shocked at the news of sudden demise from severe heart attack, of revered Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the outstanding thinker not only of Bengal but also of India and one of the greatest political personalities of the country. We express our heart-felt condolence to all the workers, friends and

sympathisers of your party.

We do not belong to any party, but as citizens of the country we deeply feel the pain and agony at this loss of a leader with such height of political sagacity. With his departure the left movement in our country will suffer a set-back.

Comrade Raj Bal Tyage Muradabad U.P.

Proud are those who could come to his close contact and whom he built up with great care. Deprived are those who missed the contact of this great Marxist leader. To them his name and teachings will be the greatest treasure.

A Great Marxist thinker, scholar, guide of his standing can never die. He is and shall ever remain very much with us through his teachings which will act as beacon light, illuminating the path of revolution for ages to come.

The only way to pay tribute to this Great Marxist thinker and teacher is to devote ourselves more and more to build up struggles, political economic, social cultural on the basis of the understanding of Marxism-Leninism as laid down by him with a view to not only free the proletariat from all sorts of exploitation and bondage but also to guarantee all out upliftment of Man.

Advocates, Muzaffarpur, Bihar

Advocates felt sorrow untimely demise of Shibdas Ghosh whose teachings will be guiding force throughout era. We stand unitedly with his guiding principles.



Members of the Central Committee, Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, Comrade Hiren Sarkar, Comrade Sachin Banerjee and Comrade Pritish Chanda are placing wreaths and paying homage at the Memorial Meeting.

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Sachin Banerjee, Pritish Chanda and Hiren Sarkar paid their tearful homage in wreaths and took firm resolve in Red Salute. So did the State Leaders on behalf of their State Committees.

Despite the heavy downpours, there was no end of paying homages to the Great Departed Leader by people from different strata so also there was no end of streaming processions. At 5.15 P. M., Senior member of the C.C. Comrade Sachin Banerjee called Comrade Pritish Chanda, a member of the C. C. to preside and start the proceedings of the meeting.

The meeting started with the music composed on the day of passing away of our Great Departed Leader, presented by Comrade Prosanta Chakravarty of 'Charanik'. Then came the moving March-pasts by Komsomol (Young Communist League of SUCI) and D. S. O. Vanguards, one after the other. Carrying the portrait of the Great Leader, the Supreme Commander, with lowered half-mast Red Flags the Komsomol volunteers, in full uniform, came slowly in steps with hushed beat of drums and paid their Guard of Honour to our Great Departed Leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. The DSO Vanguards in full uniform followed and also paid their Guard of Honour to our Great Leader. The C. C. members and other leaders on the Dias received their Salutes. The people also stood up to join in paying the Red Salute.

After the March past, President of the meeting Comrade Pritish Chanda read out the Central Committee's Homage to our beloved Leader, Teacher and Guide Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. People stood up in silence to join in the homage. Comrade Pritish Chanda then spoke. In his speech, Comrade Chanda joined with the deep sense of loss

of the Party workers, supporters, sympathisers and the toiling millions world over, in the untimely and sudden demise of one of the Greatest Revolutionary Thinker Philosopher, Leaders and Teachers of the Age—Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. But Comrade Chanda reminded the people, that the great void that has been created so suddenly in the revolutionary movement not only of our country but of the entire world as well, cannot be filled up so easily. This does not mean that our Party workers, supporters, sympathisers, millions of toiling and oppressed people of our country would give way to despair. That will do no honour to the great teachings that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our Great Departed Leader has left for us. We must understand that it is for the Great Cause of emancipation of the oppressed masses that our Great Leader Teacher and Guide Comrade Shibdas Ghosh dedicated His life and energy till His last breath. And so, the most befitting memorial to this Great Leader of the Proletariat will be to take upon our shoulders the noble task that He has left for us, to complete the emancipation of the society. Comrade Chanda recounted some of the important teaching of our beloved Leader and Teacher and pinpointed the fact that only a correct process of struggle, a correct method of thinking and very intensive and thorough-going battles involving the self and embracing all aspects of life made possible the historic emergence of the giant Revolutionary Leader and Philosopher, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. This truth, as explained by our beloved Leader Himself is a constant reminder to thousands of workers, supporters and the toiling masses who follow His path what is demanded of them to be the real revolutionaries. It requires not only to be of elevated political standard but what

is more important, to be of high moral and ethical standard. Then and then only they can identify themselves fully with the cause of revolution and the Party. Then and then only they can be the worthy standard-bearers of the Great Leader and Teacher, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Red Salute-Comrade Shibdas Ghosh!

Then, Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, the life long Comrade-in-arm of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the leading member of the Central Committee (now the General Secretary) who was the main speaker rose to speak. Comrade Mukherjee said:

Defying all odds including this very inclement weather, we have assembled in thousands, here, to-day, with deepest of shock, pain and sorrow to pay our love and grateful reverence, from the core of our heart, to the memory of the Great Leader of the Proletariat Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our beloved Leader, Teacher, Guide and the Founder-General Secretary of our Party—the Socialist Unity Centre of India and an outstanding Marxist Thinker and Philosopher of the Age.

The Great Revolutionary Leader and Teacher whose most untimely and sudden demise, we mourn, was of a noble and lofty character, a burning flame of revolutionary devotion, determination and wisdom as also a living example of proletarian ethics, morals and culture. His was a life and character that was built up through conscious, long and tortuous struggles, since the very beginning of His historic venture to establish a real revolutionary Party of the Proletariat on our soil only with a handful of revolutionary compatriots—shelterless and resourceless. But what they did not lack were revolutionary determination and integrated revolutionary ideas covering all aspects of life. It was the great teaching of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, which He applied concretely in building up this Party with

revolutionary leaders and cadres, that in order to organise revolution in a country, the revolutionaries must know their country thoroughly—the mental make up, the traditions, the highest of values created through struggles in different stages of social development and must apply the general principles of Marxian science into the concrete conditions of

the soil. For, Revolution can never be made successful by blindly copying the experiences of revolutionary movements of other countries. That is why Comrade Ghosh taught us always that a thorough and adequate understanding of Marxism Leninism can never be possible simply by learning by rote,

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Among others who Paid Homage at the Memorial Meeting

Comrades Sukomal Dasgupta (West Bengal), Tapas Datta (Orissa), Asit Bhattacharjee (Assam), N.R. Singh (Bihar), Gyan Singh Chowdhury (Hariyana), Kuldeep Kamboj (Delhi), Jagadish Asthana (Eastern U.P.), Sarod Sharma (Western U.P.) Com. Atri (MP), J. James (Kerala), Sreenivas Rao (Andhra), Kalyan Chowdhury (Meghalaya), M. Jain (Karnatak), Comrade Ashutosh Banerji, Calcutta District Secretary and all other District Secretaries of West Bengal also paid their homages, one by one. Comrades Ajit Sen (Ganadabi), Subir Basu Roy (Proletarian Era), Biswanath Pandey (Sarbahara Yug—Hindi Organ), Dwarika Rath (Sarbahara—Oriya Organ), Provat Barman (Ganamukti—Assamese) and Natarajan (Unity—Malayalam Organ) paid homage. Comrade Sudhindra Pramanick (General Secretary, All India Committee, UTUC—Lenin Sarani), Fatick Ghosh, General Secretary, West Bengal State Committee, (UTUC—Lenin Sarani) Anil Sarkar (UTUC—Lenin Sarani, Bihar State Committee), B. Jena (Orissa), Indu Bhowmik (Assam), Sankar Saha (West Bengal State Engineering Workers Union), Sanat Dutta (Bengal Jute Workers' Union), G. Kundu (Durgapur Steel), Yakub Pailan (Secretary, Krishak O. Khet Majoor Federation, West Bengal State Committee), Radhakanta Tanti (Assam State Committee), Balaram Shaw (Orissa State Committee), Mundrika Pandey (Bihar State Committee, KKMS) Balwant Singh (Hariyana

State Committee, KKMS), Dineshkant Dubey (Eastern U.P. State Committee), Provash Ghosh (President, AIDSO), Chhya Mukherjee (General Secretary, AIDSO)

Comrades from DSO State Committees:

Sanjit Biswas (W. Bengal) Kantimoy Deb (Assam), Chitta Behra (Orissa), Arun Kumar Singh (Bihar) A. S. Buxi (Delhi), Shyam Sundar (Hariyana), Narendra Babu (Kerala), Ramjit Biswakarma (UP), Namdeo Laghne (MP), Rabin Samjpati (Chhatra Sanghati), Asoke Mukherjee (Students' Pledge), paid homages. Abdour Raouf (President, DYO) Gopal Kanjilal (Secretary, DYO), Khetra Prasad Sen Sarma (Patbikrit), Leena Mukerjee and Saurav Bose (Komsomol) Badal Mukherjee (Mahila Sanskritik Sangha) paid homage. Sri D.L. Sengupta (Ex-M.P., Rajya Sabha), Dr. N. Guha and veteran Freedom Fighters—Sasadhar Ghosh, Sukhomay Chakladar, Ratanmani Banerjee, Rathin Sen, Manoranjan Banerjee also paid homage.

Leader of different Political Parties:

Asoke Ghosh, Chitta Bose (Forward Block), Suhrid Mallick Chowdhury (F. B. Marxist), Sukumar Ghosh (Socialist Party), Ramesh Sarkar (RSP), Hemen Mukherjee (Workers' Party), Prosanta Sur (CPI-M), Anadi Das (RCPI) also paid homage. Unit In-charges of the Party, District leaders of the Frontal Organisations and also hundreds others upto village levels, social and cultural organisations, eminent persons, and innumerable friends and admirers paid their respectful homage to the Great Departed Leader.

Comrade Nihar Mukherjee Elected General Secretary

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our beloved departed leader, teacher, guide, the founder General Secretary and an outstanding Marxist Philosopher of this era, COMRADE SHIBDAS GHOSH has laid down in the concrete condition of India, and the Indian proletariat can uphold the banner of Proletarian Internationalism only by adhering to the outlook, teachings and guidance provided by HIM on the questions of allegiance and obligation to International Communist movement.

"To translate the teachings and thoughts of our beloved departed leader, teacher and guide COMRADE SHIBDAS GHOSH into practice and to provide leadership to the struggles for fulfilling the behest left to us by HIM the Central Committee elects Comrade Nihar Mukherjee as the General Secretary of the Party."

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the Marxian classics. What is wanted is to learn Marxism from concrete struggles and experiences of life in the background of concrete international and national situations, covering the social-cultural-economic-political situations of a particular country. Then and then only the understanding of Marxian science will be concrete and precise as truth is always concrete and precise. It is due to this scientific approach to Marxian philosophy which is also the essence of its teachings and the concrete application of this scientific approach to the particular conditions of our society in all aspects, under the great leadership and wise guidance of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh that the struggle of only a handful revolutionaries could accomplish a historic task.

It was a gigantic struggle defying mountain-high obstacles covering all aspects of life for a revolutionary transformation, for remoulding of our characters into true revolutionaries with Proletarian ethics, values and culture, zeal and dedication which are essential pre-conditions to complete identification of the self with the cause of Revolution and the Party. And this historic struggle brought forth the historic event, the advent of the Socialist Unity Centre of India, the only Party of the Proletariat on our soil.

This realisation will grow more and more as the struggle for emancipation grows and develops. The class, the country and the international proletarian movement as well will remain grateful to this Great Leader of the Proletariat, an outstanding Marxist Thinker and Philosopher of the Age, our beloved Leader, Teacher and the Founder General Secretary of our Party SUCI—COMRADE SHIBDAS GHOSH.

Red Salute Comrade Shibdas Ghosh!

After Comrade Mukherjee's speech, the President announced that in deference to the requests that came not only from Party workers but from different sections of the people, a portion of speech of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh on 17th September '74 would be reproduced at the meeting. His Voice came through the amplifier! Tears mingled with rains. Only two years back, on 17th September, the day after the premature demise of one of our leaders Comrade Subodh Banerjee, our Great Teacher and beloved Leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was imparting to us the great lesson as to how the revolutionaries should meet a situation at the hour of great loss, at the height of emotional turmoil. Comrades and the people were hearing calmly: ".....Even at

Martyrs' Day Observed

In memory of the martyrs of the historic food movement in 1959, the 31st August was observed by Socialist Unity Centre of India and its mass organisations, DSO, DYO, Pathikrit, MSS, Komsomol and Charanik at Raja Subodh Mallick Square with Great solemnity.

Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, the General Secretary, SUCI placed his wreath on the martyr's alter. Comrade Sukomal Das Gupta on behalf of the West Bengal State

Committee, SUCI, Comrade Ashutosh Banerjee, Calcutta District Committee, SUCI and Comrade Ranjit Dhar for Ganadabi placed wreaths on the alter. Wreaths were also placed on behalf of all the Zonal Committees of Calcutta District, SUCI and all the above mentioned mass organisations along with the Ganadabi Printers & Publishers.

The meeting was concluded with a mass song sung by the music squad of Charanik in memory of the martyrs.

Com. Sukomal Dasgupta Elected Secretary West Bengal State Committee

The West Bengal State Committee of SUCI in its meeting held on 30th August elected Comrade Sukomal Das Gupta the Secretary, of the West Bengal State Committee.

From the very inception of the Party the post was so long held by Comrade Nihar Mukherjee who is now the General Secretary of the Party.

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the time of death of a near and dear one, even at the hour of great loss, or at the height of their emotional turmoil the revolutionaries can hardly forget their duties.

....Mere expression of grief, mere emotional outburst carries no meaning to the revolutionaries if they do not realise the real significance of the cause of grief that has pained them so much and what it really demands of them to perform in their life." It was the valuable guidance of Comrade General Secretary but who could know for this hour too!

The Great revolutionary genius of Comrade Ghosh, placed before the toiling masses the only correct base political line of the proletariat—the strategy and tactics of anti-capitalist Socialist Revolution in our country and to that end gave the clarion call for building up political power of the toiling masses in and through effective instruments for people's struggle. Till He breathed His last, He fought for achieving this.

Today the gigantic struggle that was initiated by our Great Leader, Teacher and Guide is bearing fruits in the expansion and consolidation of our Party throughout the length and breadth of the country.

To-day, we are confident that the great revolution-

ary Party, founded by our beloved Leader, Teacher and Guide Comrade Shibdas Ghosh enriched with vast treasury of knowledge, His great revolutionary Thoughts and the Band of Professional Revolutionaries, taught and trained by Him, along with the toiling masses will carry forward the task of emancipation and thus fulfil the behest of our Great Leader.

To-day, Comrade Ghosh's great contributions to the science of Marxism and the brilliant analyses of and guidance to contemporary problems of life and revolutionary movements in the national and international planes are being widely realised within our country and outside.

Immediately after it, the 'Charanik' Music Squad presented the song composed on our Great Leader and Teacher—a song that the people are hearing today in villages and the streets, a song that will one day reverberate in the rivers and valleys, in fields and factories of this vast land in loving gratitude to the Great Revolutionary Leader by millions and millions of our countrymen.

The meeting came to a close after this song but people were still not dispersing. They were there purchasing photograph of our beloved Leader and the Books containing the revolutionary teachings

and thoughts of this Great Leader of the proletariat. Moving round the Photo galleries, they were going back to the past. The memories so sweet and so painful!

They were with the Great Leader in the thatched cottages of Narasinghar of Bihar where he was taking political class with the poor peasants and agricultural labourers! They were with him in Durgapur Steel Town where he was imparting revolutionary teachings to the workers calling upon them to shun revisionism reformism-economism-opportunism that has permeated so through and through the trade union movement. They were with him in the Saheed Minar Maidan meeting on 24th April, only last year and were still hearing his clarion call for building up People's instruments of struggle and through it to develop political power of the toiling masses. They were with him in his loving caress of the tiniest member of the Party's Central Commune. The Leader is so much with us, who says he is no more!

They were discussing amongst themselves that our Great Leader and Teacher would surely be with us in our revolutionary battles through his Thoughts and Guidance. And this would be the unique feature of our Revolution. They went back

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UTUC (Lenin Sarani) Calls upon to observe Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Day

"The extra-ordinary living memory. meeting of the members of the All India Working Committee of UTUC (Lenin Sarani) held on August 28, 1976 at Calcutta expresses its deepest grief and great loss at the shockingly unexpected, saddest and premature demise of COMRADE SHIBDAS GHOSH, its highly esteemed and beloved President and offers its glowing tribute to his

"This meeting of the UTUC (Lenin Sarani) calls upon its Unions and associate bodies to observe "COMRADE SHIBDAS GHOSH DAY" during 5th to 12th September, 1976, in a most solemn, dignified and befitting manner".

The meeting was presided over by Comrade Sudhindra Kumar Pramanik.

Expressing deepest grief at the demise of the poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary SUCI, said :

"We remember with deep respect at this hour the correct and scientific evaluation of Kazi Nazrul Islam as a valiant fighter of the uncompromising trend of Indian renaissance movement made for the first time in our country by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, an outstanding Marxist thinker of this era. It is only by building up the revolutionary mass movements on the basis of the proletarian culture, in continuation with the thoughts of Nazrul and having a break with it, we shall be able to pay befitting tribute to this great poet. When it is an urgent necessity today to combine the literary and cultural movement of our country with the revolutionary struggles—we hope, the essence of Nazrul's thoughts will act as a source of inspiration to all of us."

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with firm determination and clamness. Before leaving the meeting place they were convinced that A Great Marxist Philosopher and Thinker of the Age, our beloved Leader, Teacher and Guide, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh can never die but will live for generations to come in his invaluable Thoughts and Guidance and in his best of creations the only revolutionary Party on our soil—The Socialist Unity Centre of India. His Thoughts will illumine

the path not only for achieving a Working Class State in our country, but for marching towards the sublime goal of a class-less Communist Society. He will ever be remembered for his unique Revolutionary life and character, for his great historic contribution in founding this Party of Indian Proletariat with Band of Professional Revolutionaries taught and trained by him to carry forward the great task of anti-capitalist Socialist Revolution in our country, for his invaluable contri-

butions to the treasure-house of Marxian Science. History has chosen for him a place of honour which only the Great Teachers of the Proletariat deserve.

Red Salute Comrade Shibdas Ghosh !

Long Live the Great Teacher of the Proletariat Comrade Shibdas Ghosh !

Long Live SUCI—the Great Creation of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh !

Long Live Revolution !



Above :
Comrade Nihar
Mukherjee
addressing the
meeting.



Below :
A portion of
the mammoth
gathering.

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