



## COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA (MAOIST) CENTRAL COMMITTEE

***Unite, organise, and fight to smash the world imperialist system!  
Advance to build a world socialist system!***

**May Day Statement of the Central Committee, CPI(Maoist)**

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This year the world proletariat is celebrating the birth bicentenary of Karl Marx. Born two centuries ago when capitalism was still in its progressive stage, Marx deeply studied the social conditions and the class struggle of his time, combined the best that German philosophy, English political economy and French socialism had to offer and forged the most advanced weapon for the proletariat not only to interpret but to change the world. The result was scientific socialism, which for the first time united on a scientific basis the revolutionary theory of socialism with the practical movement of the working-class. In carrying out his lifelong investigation into the development of capitalist mode of production, Marx discovered the basic laws of social development, provided answers to the outstanding questions confronting humanity and theoretically equipped the proletariat to fulfil its world-historic mission of building a new society free from classes and class slavery. The emergence of Marxism was an earth-shaking event, a complete revolution in the development of human knowledge and the dawn of a new era in human history.

Marx's teachings demonstrated the absolute irreconcilability of the class interests of the bourgeoisie and the proletariat. It drew a clear line of demarcation between the bourgeoisie and its allies and the proletariat and its allies engaged in class struggle. It showed the inevitable doom of capitalism and the equally inevitable emergence of communism to take its place. While capitalism in its first stage developed the productive forces and generally played a progressive role, in its present imperialist stage it has become utterly reactionary, taking the exploitation, oppression, wars and destruction of productive forces to an unprecedented scale. In its rapacious pursuit of profit, imperialism has enslaved, dominated and subjugated a large majority of countries, nations and peoples of the world, brought untold misery and suffering to billions of toiling masses and caused widespread destruction of nature to an extent unheard of in the first stage of capitalism. On the other hand, though the proletariat in the first stage of capitalism was still relatively weak, unorganised and inexperienced in its struggle against the bourgeoisie, in the era of imperialism the proletariat have become strong, organised and experienced enough to rise to the position of the ruling class for the first time. It smashed the old state machinery and established the dictatorship of the proletariat – a completely new state without any precedent in human history. For the first time, the banner of Marxism emerged victorious through the October Revolution under the leadership of Lenin.

The successful proletarian revolutions of the twentieth century demonstrated beyond doubt that when it grips the proletariat, Marxism transforms into a material force. It is then capable not only of sweeping away the rule of the bourgeoisie and all oppressors but is also equally capable of creatively building up the rule of the oppressed. They showed that by establishing its state power, the proletariat can destroy all forms of reactionary, decadent and moribund economy, politics, culture, ideology, customs and ethics of the exploitative ruling classes and create a completely new and progressive economy, politics, culture, ideology, customs and ethics in its place by passing through a long process of transformation. Freed from wage-slavery, the wretched of the earth enjoys for the first time in this new society the fruits of

liberty, equality, fraternity and democracy – the hallowed bourgeois catchwords which remain mere empty words under the dictatorship of the reactionary classes.

Though equipped with the most advanced ideology of Marxism, i.e., today's Marxism-Leninism-Maoism (MLM) and enriched by over one and a half century of revolutionary experience, the world proletariat today finds itself weak and disorganised, while the bourgeoisie still remains organisationally and materially powerful. The class enemy is in power everywhere after the once-powerful socialist camp got dissolved mainly due to the treachery of all kinds of revisionists and neo-revisionists. It is ruthlessly suppressing the people by taking advantage of the weak organisational position of the revolutionary working-class camp. Even in countries where revolutionary struggles are going on under the leadership of genuine communist parties, the imperialists and domestic reactionary rulers consciously perpetuate the reactionary politics and culture of the old society. They maintain social evils to sow the seeds of division among the people and keep them under subjugation. In spite of this, the oppressed people seek real democracy, independence, sovereignty and equality; they seek freedom from all forms of exploitation, oppression, discrimination and humiliation. They are also struggling to achieve them in various forms. But after the coming of class society, after the transformation of capitalism into imperialism, and particularly after the temporary defeat of socialism in the last century, there is no other way to achieve them other than through proletarian revolutions. After the loss of the socialist camp, carrying out such revolutions today has become much more challenging, the present period from this point of view being similar to the one prior to the October Revolution. Nevertheless, proletarian revolutions have remained as indispensable as ever not only to put an end to the economic slavery of the oppressed but also their ideological, political and cultural enslavement, whereby they give up even their dream for a better future.

With the expansion of the capitalist world economy to unprecedented degrees in the last four decades of imperialist neo-liberalism, the inherent contradictions between imperialism and the oppressed nations and peoples, between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat and among the imperialist powers have developed to unprecedented degrees. Imperialist aggression against the oppressed nations and peoples and the onslaught of capital against labour too have grown in that proportion all over the world. The proletariat, peasantry, the middle classes, women, religious minorities, oppressed nationalities, persecuted races and communities, etc. are under more severe economic, political, social and cultural exploitation and oppression as a result. The disparity between the rich and the poor, the wealthy and the impoverished has soared to an unprecedented level. The parasitic, predatory and destructive nature of imperialist 'globalisation' is becoming more and more unbearable for the toiling masses, forcing them to seek a way out of all forms of enslavement. The present crisis of the world capitalist system therefore brings not only untold misery and suffering to the working people but also new opportunities for revolution. The proletariat of our country and the world needs to think seriously and deeply about the ways and means to utilise this favourable condition in the fight for emancipation.

In our country too, the proletariat and all other oppressed classes and social sections are facing the unprecedented brutal assault of the ruling classes aided by imperialism in the form of Brahmanical Hindu-fascism. Led by RSS-BJP and aided by the repressive state machinery, exploitation and oppression in different forms is intensifying throughout the country. They are facilitating more aggressive plunder of the imperialists and the domestic ruling classes. As a part of their long-standing goal of transforming the country into a 'Hindu Rashtra' and a big power, Modi-led NDA government and the state governments are browbeating the democratic movements of the workers, peasants, employees, small and medium traders, the unemployed, students, youths, Dalits, Adivasis, women, religious minorities, oppressed nationalities, environmentalists, etc. The Maoist movement, which is a beacon of hope for all the oppressed classes and sections of people in the country, is also under an intense counter-revolutionary attack as a crucial part of this. All this are in essence direct or indirect forms of class oppression and class war.

Even after the last World War, the imperialists have never for a moment ceased their class war against the working people and their counter-revolutionary wars against the revolutionary, national liberation and democratic movements across the world. The overt and covert unjust wars of aggression, 'regime changes', military coup, etc. across the continents in the last half a century – be it in Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Syria or Yemen, to take just a few recent examples – provide ample proof of this. The imperialist powers are now dragging the people of the world to the brink of a new imperialist war through fresh tariff barriers, trade wars, diplomatic rows, sanctions, military provocations, interventions and aggressions. They are preparing for war against one another to extricate themselves from the gravest economic crisis since the 'Great Depression' of the 1930s. The proletarians of all countries are once again confronted with the revolutionary duty of strongly opposing and organising the people against the outbreak of new imperialist wars, and in case such wars break out, to turn them into revolutionary civil wars in their respective countries with the aim of seizing political power. Only by organising the broad masses militantly and with initiative can the proletariat and its vanguard parties in different countries overcome passivity, stop being a mere spectator from the sidelines and effectively intervene in the political arena to utilise the imperialist crises and wars for the cause of revolution.

The enormity of this task demands that the proletariat in each country scientifically analyse the concrete present-day conditions of the world and of their respective countries in the light of Marxism (MLM), build vanguard communist parties where such parties are absent, consolidate where they are weak and find appropriate forms of struggle and organization to wage revolutionary class struggle against the enemy with the perspective of seizing power. Today there are two strategic tasks before the genuine vanguard parties and organisations of the international proletariat. The first is to lay down the general political line of proletarian revolution for each country by correctly analysing its concrete economic and social conditions, the character of the society, its classes and class relations as well as its fundamental contradictions and the principal contradiction. Only in this way can the party of the proletariat correctly identify its friends and foes, formulate appropriate strategy and tactics of class struggle and unite its allies against the class enemies under its leadership. In this way, the proletariat can initiate revolutionary movements of the workers and other oppressed social sections in the capitalist-imperialist countries and national-democratic movements by organising and leading the working-class, peasantry and other democratic classes and social sections in semi-colonial and semi-feudal countries where such movements are yet to be initiated. The second strategic task is to build a strong united front of the communist movements of the capitalist countries and the national-democratic movements of the neo-colonial and semi-colonial countries against imperialism and its henchmen. To facilitate this, genuine proletarian parties and organisations will need to establish an appropriate international revolutionary proletarian organisation according to the present concrete conditions. In addition, Maoist forces will need to unite with all the progressive and democratic forces in each country and with all anti-imperialist, democratic forces worldwide against the enemy. The above two strategic tasks will complement each other and play an important role in advancing the world socialist revolution.

In our country, it is the call of the hour that the proletariat becomes more organised under the banner of revolutionary Marxism and unite all the oppressed classes, social sections and individuals in a movement against the ruling-class onslaught presently spearheaded by the Brahmanical Hindu-fascist forces. This is the time to build a united movement as a part of the vast stream of the country's national-democratic movement. The entire people, except a handful of ruling-class parasites constituting a miniscule minority, are in urgent need of such a movement. But it cannot succeed merely by raising demands, making criticisms, or offering resistance in a passive and disorganised way. Only by getting organised on the basis of a voluntary unity of the exploited and oppressed people to fight the enemy through to the end can this movement successfully defeat the enemy, build a new society which is truly democratic, egalitarian, independent, sovereign, self-reliant and environment-friendly, and resolve the

outstanding problems of the people in a revolutionary way. Our Party, as the vanguard of the Indian proletariat, is sincerely committed to play its part in fulfilling this task.

No matter what the apologists of the monopoly bourgeoisie and other reactionary classes including the revisionists and neo-revisionists say to delude the working masses, it is impossible for capitalism to resolve its inherent contradictions that repeatedly plunges it into ever deeper and destructive crises and wars. Marxist theory as well as the worldwide communist movement since Marx and Engels has proved with absolute clarity that capitalism is but a transient stage in the development of class society, which is doomed to be superseded by the new, more advanced, progressive, rational and just social system of communism. Modern imperialism, the highest stage of capitalism, is but the eve of proletarian revolutions. Understanding this basic teaching of Marxism, the international proletariat will have to fully comprehend and take up its historic responsibility, organise and unite all the oppressed classes and social sections in the light of MLM and lead them in the struggle for liberation.

It is true that the workers of our country and the world have been valiantly fighting for their economic demands in various forms. Such struggles have been going on since the birth of capitalism. But Marxism teaches us that if the working-class limits its struggles to partial demands alone and do not connect them with the struggle for the end of wage-slavery, there can be no end to their economic and social enslavement. So they must extend their partial struggles to the struggle against economism, reformism and revisionism and for the seizure of political power to establish the dictatorship of the proletariat.

On the occasion of the May Day in Karl Marx's birth bicentenary year, the CC of our Party calls upon the proletarians of our country and the world in the spirit of the international May Day calls of previous years to reaffirm Marxism (today's MLM) as the only ideology for the liberation of the oppressed. We appeal to them to deeply study, thoroughly learn and firmly grasp the teachings of Marxism to master its application in revolutionary class struggle. In its light, we must correctly analyse the concrete conditions of the world imperialist system and of each of its parts – the individual capitalist, neo-colonial and semi-colonial countries. We must learn from the positive and negative lessons of the Paris Commune, the Bolshevik Revolution, the Chinese Revolution and the GPCR, revolutionary and national liberation wars of all other countries including ours and the ongoing working-class movements across the world. We must correctly and creatively apply these lessons to our concrete conditions. This is the historic task the International Day of Labour places before us. Following the path pointed by Marx and the proletarian revolutions of the last century, let us participate in this final class war as partisans of all the oppressed and advance on the path of struggle. Let us intensify the guerrilla war, mobilise the people, expand the mass base and strengthen our subjective forces to defeat the new counter-revolutionary 'Samadhan' plan aimed at wiping out the Maoist movement of India by the year 2022. Let us renew our pledge as a detachment of the international proletariat to realise the abiding call of *The Internationale*:

*No more tradition's chains shall bind us,  
Arise, ye slaves! No more in thrall!  
The earth shall rise on new foundations  
We have been naught, we shall be all;  
'Tis the final conflict,  
Let each stand in his place,  
The International Party shall be the human race.*



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