

Ruling Classes and Corona

The second wave of Corona has killed more than 1 lakh people and infected many more lakhs. The situation in Maharashtra, Delhi and Gujrat is grim. In states like UP, Bihar, Karnataka, Andhra, Telangana and Tamilnadu the pandemic is spreading rapidly. There is shortage of beds. People are dying due to lack of oxygen supply and fire accidents at hospitals. The center refused to acknowledge the shortage of vaccines and oxygen till now and is being accused of favoring certain states. Also there are allegations of vaccines reaching black markets. People are living in continuous fear. Workers in the metropolitan cities are looking at every means to go back to their villages. The prices of essential items and vegetables have increased exponentially. The consequences of lockdown and curfew, measures being taken for Corona prevention, are even worse, jeopardizing the lives and livelihoods of the majority. But governments are busy in the service of big capitalists and imperialists making legislations and selling public property for them. People can see the contradictions between the big capitalists which is getting expressed as the conflict between the ruling parties. They are realizing that the agitations of their representatives of the political parties are not for the people's sake but for their own interests. On the other hand, the ruling parties, comprador bourgeoisie and imperialists intend that they can appease the people and dampen their anger by throwing free schemes and reforms.

The attempts to keep people under religious chauvinism have been intensified. BJP's Modi has spent crores of rupees for laying the foundation stone for Ram Mandir, during the Corona pandemic. Big Capitalists and investors have announced hundreds and thousands of crores of donations for the construction of the temple. In Telangana too, the government is prestigiously building the Yadadri temple spending crores of rupees of public money. Corona could not be a hindrance for organizing the KumbhMela. And as if the festivities are not enough in Tirupati, a 'researcher' now declares that the birth place of Anjaneya is Anjanadri hill of Tirupati, making this a full time news on TVs. Thus temples are competing in attracting believers of Gods. All these are attempts to constantly put people under the opium of religious. Secularism is for the name's sake.

The experience of these 70 years shows how federalism, enabled with the declaration of Republic in 1950, was ruthlessly thrown asunder. The system of conducting Elections by buying voters like sheep in the market, became a norm. The center is even attacking on the bare minimum powers of the state governments. Attempts to overthrow them by buying MLAs and creating political crises are being overtly done by the BJP at the Center. It is not only shrinking the power of the state governments but also attacking the people in fascist ways. It created a war like situation in forest and tribal areas in the name of suppressing the revolutionaries. The central government, which has taken up the weapon of

repression, is trying to suppress the farmers' protests across the country against the implementation of the three agrarian laws and the workers agitations against privatization, in the name of terrorist threats. Creating fearmongering over Muslim Terrorism, Left wing terrorism and Naxalite Terrorism became a daily routine for the government. It is being proved that all this propaganda is to suppress the public outcry against their policies and failures. Day-by-day people are becoming more aware of the conspiracies of the rulers.

Corona came forth as the common enemy of the poor and the rich. The government is trying to evade its responsibility by blaming people are careless about Corona precautions and penalizing and criminalizing them.

The Central and state governments have learnt nothing from the Corona experiences of last April, May and June. They made no efforts to strengthen public health systems in the months between the first Corona wave and the second. Not a single doctor or nurse post is filled on a permanent basis. Not even a single make shift hospital per state, with medical equipment and facilities, is built. In the name of conflict with neighboring China, the imports of medical equipment and vaccine APIs are banned forcing our people to buy them at exorbitant prices.

Those who should take care of the people are promoting KumbhMelas, Brahmotsavas and Amarnath Yatras during the peak of Corona pandemic and when the Medical and health systems collapsed and made Corona treatment a big business. The fascist form, characteristic of finance capital, continues to be seen in every action of the governments. The lives of the employees involved in the election process, security personnel and the people lured and driven to the election rallies and meetings are worthless for the ruling classes. They don't mind exposing the people to the pandemic Corona virus for their power thirst. Never the less a day would come when workers, peasants and middle class will show the strength of their unity.

People should be more vigilant towards Corona and more so towards the ruling classes who exacerbated this controllable crisis into a deadly pandemic. We mourn the lakhs of people who died with Corona and extend our sympathies to all the Corona victims in the country. We also thank and extend our heartfelt congratulations to the health staff and volunteers who are in the service of Corona victims.