

For Understanding

Our country, India is one of the biggest countries and one of the ancient civilizations of the world inhabited by more than a hundred crores of people, who have rich revolutionary traditions and a glorious heritage and culture. It is the country of many nationalities, multi-ethnic, multi-lingual and multi-religious.

Besides, caste division remains a historically determined ugly, inhuman and unique feature of Indian society.

The free and sovereign land of ours was transformed into a colonial country by the British imperialists. The Indian people were under the subjugation of this imperialist power for nearly two centuries.

In order to consolidate their rule, the colonial rulers created a new parasitic intermediary class of landlords through permanent settlement and ryotwari systems. In the process it was mostly the highly powerful and wealthy higher caste people who became the beneficiaries and provided a strong support base to the colonial rule. They retained and utilized the caste system—a bane of Indian society. To safe guard their colonial rule they resorted to communal divide of the people that in the end led to the partition of our country. They crushed the emerging capitalist productive forces and paved the way for the emergence of a new class, the comprador class.

But our people never reconciled to live in subjugation. They rose in struggles, revolts and uprisings to free themselves from the yoke of colonialism. Armed struggle played a distinctive role in the national liberation struggle. A protracted independence struggle was waged in the country. And the First War of Independence-1857-shook the very foundations of the British Colonial Rule.