

Students and Youth should Fight against the Policies of Central and State Rulers who Adopt Pro-Imperialist Policies!

PDSO-NYS State Convention on "Crisis in Education and Employment Sectors – Policies of the Rulers – Tasks of Students and Youth" was successfully held at Guntur, Andhra Pradesh on 22nd December. At 10 am, a mass rally was held from the meeting hall for an hour with the flags of both the organisations and the slogans of the students and youth. The convention was inaugurated by Janasahithi State President Divikumar.

Former central and state adviser YVS Mahadev, main speaker in his address said "In Andhra region, which is home to many natural resources, the most valuable natural deposit wealth is gas. It is abundant in the coastal area of the Godavari River. 30 percent of India's gas wealth is located here. According to the calculations of the Ministry of Petroleum, there is about 7500 million metric tons of gas here. Its international current value is Rs. 167 lakh crores. According to Article 39 (a) and (b) of the Constitution of India, the natural wealth of our country should be used for the development of our country. It should not contribute to the increase of wealth of any man. But the governments are blocking the amendment 25 of 1971 and tying our wealth to the business giants.

Even so, corporate companies like Reliance, ONGC, Vedanta, BPL, and Cairns India are stealing our Godavari gas. Reliance company is robbing 30 MMSCMD (Million Metric Standard Cubic Meters per Day) of gas every day from the D6 block and other oil wells without giving a single paisa to Andhra. This is 30 percent of Reliance's income. On average, ONGC is getting 6 to 8 MMSCMD of gas and 50,000 barrels of crude oil from Vodalarevu. Similarly, without giving one rupee Vedanta Company is getting gas and oil from Yanam. These business giants are taking 2 lakh fifty thousand crore rupees from our entire state every year, without giving a single penny to the development of Andhra. Some intellectuals argue that it is the center of nation's wealth. It is true that it is useful for the development of the country, even though the native state has some rights according to the Tenancy Act. However, Andhra also has the right when private companies steal this gas. It is our responsibility to protect Andhra from this robbery and this division is in a dire situation.

India's gas requirement is 80 MMSCMD out of which 28 MMSCMD is found in our state's Godavari oil fields. But it is used for the needs of our country; they are exporting to foreign countries to benefit companies like Reliance. They are importing for the needs of the country to deplete the common man's money. Anyone values the wealth in currency of that country, but Reliance values and taking command on our Godavari gas in foreign exchange dollars. Even if the Indian government wants to buy it, it is in dollars and should pay for it. No matter how many times the CAG reports put the government on the line, they don't care. Indeed, Modi's adopted daughter, Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation is also taking gas from our Godavari oil fields.

35,000 Fishermen families were rendered homeless due to the laying of lines to carry this gas. Today they are facing a lot of trouble. Godavari region is being destroyed due to pipe leaks and blowouts. Reliance has cross-rigged into ONGC oil wells and has to pay Rs. 14000 crores of

gas. Justice Shah submitted a report on this. Till date, that money has not been paid to ONGC. The culmination of the looting is that the Reliance brothers are looting and want to share of the nation's wealth, gas, as if it were their own wealth; Justice Sudarsan Reddy in his judgement on the reliance brothers dispute scolded them and said who are you to use the country's wealth. These companies have already looted Rs. 60 lakh crores of our income since 1983. Stopping this loot is everyone's responsibility, especially the responsibility of Andhra People!

PDSO State General Secretary A. Suresh in his speech said "Though 75 years have elapsed since the independence of India, illiteracy and unemployment are increasing day by day. The crisis in all sectors of the country is reaching a critical level. It is the rulers who are nurturing illiteracy and increasing unemployment. Corporate, foreign imperialist companies are stepping on their feet. The burden is on all the people. He said that the crisis in the education and employment sectors cannot be solved by an individual, so all the students and youth must unite and build movements against the central and state rulers who are adopting pro-imperialist policies and eliminate the crisis. Also, the National Education Policy-2020 brought by the central government with the aim of corporatisation, saffronisation and centralisation of education should be strongly opposed.

NYS State General Secretary SK Bhasha said, "By handing over the public sector industries to private and corporate forces, the rulers are increasing the unemployment army and on the other hand, they are diverting the students and youth by inciting caste and religious regional hatreds. Two lakh 50 thousand vacant posts in the state and 60 lakhs in the center have to be filled and he demanded central and state rulers to fill the posts.

Also in this convention, 'Upadhyaya' magazine Chief Editor S.K. Jilani, psychologist Dr. B. Aruna, former APTF state general secretary P. Panduranga Varaprasad, PDSO state president N. Bhaskar, state treasurer L.Bhanu and others participated and spoke at the meeting.

In this conference, two books in Telugu language published by the State Committee of PDSO "Permits to Foreign Universities - Marginalized Students Being Deprived of Higher Education" and "Education sector in the Vortex of Social Crisis" were inaugurated.

Student artists performed cultural programs on the issues of education and unemployment. 250 student and youth representatives from different districts of the state attended the convention.