

NHRC issues notices to Centre, UP & Bihar over bodies found floating in Ganga

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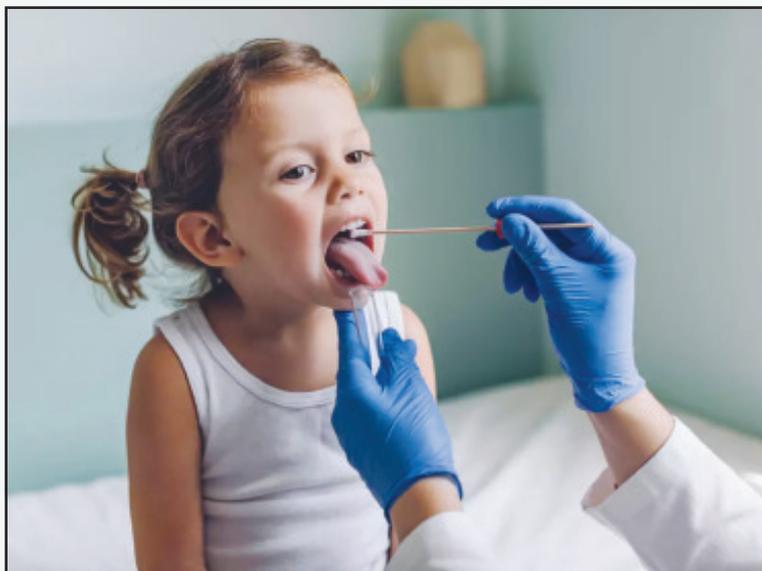


The National Human Rights Commission on Thursday issued notices to the Central, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar governments on a complaint about bodies found floating in the Ganga in the past few days. Amid a spike in COVID-19 cases, there are apprehensions the bodies found floating in Bihar were of COVID-19 fatalities from Uttar Pradesh. The NHRC issued notices to the chief secretaries of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar and the secretary of the Department of Water... ▶ Page-3

LIVES ARE LOST, WHERE IS THE GOVERNMENT? Third wave: Children on target !

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In January 2020, there was a pandemic outbreak in India. During the lockdown last year it was known that, ventilators and oxygen were needed for the corona pandemic. During the first pandemic wave it was known that, the second wave would come. In the first year, the country exported 4,052 metric tons of oxygen. On March 5, 2020, the central government declared corona as a pandemic. It was also announced that 162 oxygen plants would be set up in all government hospitals across the country. Today, suddenly a year later, the government says efforts are underway to build and increase oxygen plants. The



question is, where are the 162 oxygen plants now? Corona management is just a propaganda. The government claims that the country has enough capacity to produce oxygen. If so, why have thousands of people died in the country?

The world already saw the power of banging plates, lighting lamps. Today the world sees the terrible state of India. Lives are lost, the question is where is the government? Odisha, like many other states in the country, witnessed the deaths of people due to lack of oxygen. Meanwhile, the country imported 50,000 metric tons of oxygen from abroad. Another question, why is the vaccination process so delayed? Why are vaccine prices different for the center and the state, for private and public hospitals? Why the country depends on two companies for vaccines. As of May 15, the number of infected victims in Odisha has crossed 600,000. More than 100,000 people are being treated. Twenty-one people have died in the past ... ▶ Page-3

Immigrant workers with railway workers are now hungry !

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More than lakhs of workers involved in railways, bus services, motorists, and migrants are starving to death. Various hotels and roadside shops in the city have also lost their livelihoods. The government has not yet made any financial announcements to ensure their food safety. The number of corona infections is increasing and decreasing day by day. Once again, the third wave of the corona is yet to come. In this case, the government needs to make sure that the food security of those who have lost their jobs and work, or

else there is risk that thousands of people could starve to death! As many as 30,000 families have lost their jobs due to the trains being not operational due to lockdown, shutdown. There are 35,000 contract workers on the East Coast Railway in Bhubaneswar. The East Coast Railway has 300



stations, both small and large, while the Khordha division, 35,000 people have lost their livelihood. There are four categories of people in particular. In addition, there are 700 coolies on the East Coast Railway and 83 in Bhubaneswar. Even coolies work at

major railway stations like Cuttack, Khordha Road, Brahmapur, Puri, Sambalpur, and Jajpur. Even the railway department has 10,000 employees working on coolie tracks. In Bhubaneswar, there are a total of 83 coolies. A total of 50 labourers are working. 18 railway employees are working in parcel department. There are 37 shops in Bhubaneswar Railway station, 9 book stalls, and 12 bottle vending. Nine people are employed in the trolley work. They all work in phases and shifts. This lockdown has deeply impacted everyone.

Editorial

Why is the government insensitive & unmoved?

A game is going on in the country to save lives! The richer class of people have stocked with vaccine 2-3 times its population. Some people in India are playing new games on their smart phones every morning, noon and evening. The game is known as 'Fastest Finger First', which means the fastest person qualifies the game. Many people must be losing in this game. The game is on to become a millionaire. Coronavirus infection is on the rise in the country today due to the government's indifference and insensitivity during the global pandemic. Some black marketers have taken this as an opportunity. Somewhere the trade of medicines is going on, somewhere vaccine theft is taking place, somewhere there is a lack of ventilators, and overpriced oxymeter being sold. The second wave of the corona pandemic has created a climate of fear. Behind it are the hands of multinational pharmaceutical companies. In other words, the corporate world has created an atmosphere of fear and panic by taking the pandemic as an opportunity to benefit. Every day, ordinary people in different parts of the country are in que to get the wonder drug vaccine. Such a que was seen one day during the demonetization of notes. Similarly last year in 2020, migrant workers lined up near railway stations and buses to return to their hometowns. It should be noted here that if you do not have a smart phone or smart device, you will have to wait a long time for the vaccine. Such a situation is being created.

On May 9, the Supreme Court asked the central government to formulate a vaccine policy. How can all people get vaccinated in half a month. On April 5, 43 lakh people were vaccinated. In our country of India, which has a population of more than 130 crore, this is the figure for vaccination. On May 9, average of 20 lakh people were vaccinated. In such a vaccination process it may take up to five years to complete the entire country's population. The government is not been seen as committed, willing and sensitive towards saving lives and livelihoods. As with the participation in the Kumbh Mela to participate in the election process, the implementation of the vaccination process has not been seen with such sincerity in controlling the spread of the corona. Millions of people are living through grief, happiness, and despair. But the government has failed to ensure that such drugs and vaccines are made available to all in the direction of controlling the infection. Seeing the lack of beds in the hospital, the lack of oxygen, the lack of ventilators and the crowds of corpses in the cemetery, it seems that no one else but the government is responsible for the horrible condition that has arisen today!

While an elected government has embraced the election as a major, it seems that the country is not at all preoccupied with protecting the lives and livelihoods of its citizens or is committed to fulfilling its constitutional responsibilities.

Pippa Norris, a professor at Howard University, wrote in his book, "Why Election Fails," that he had studied in 17 countries in 177 elections in the Electoral Integration Project, and that the election had failed as an organisation. Both the administration and the government have failed to do justice to the people. Elections are being used with lies, money, emotional or polarization and the wisdom of the administration. It is important to note that while the government views elections as war, the call for war against pandemics is taken as a mere slogan. As a result, the state of Odisha, Delhi, Maharashtra, UP is in a state of shock today. Millions of people have lost their livelihoods and are now starving to death. That is why the Supreme Court has condemned the government from various states and high courts in the country. Yet the government's stability has not yet been shattered. The government is now in the midst of questions about poverty, injustice and the black market across the country. The most common citizen is asking where is the government now? Why didn't we get a vaccine? Why are thousands of people dying of lack of oxygen? Why are people hungry? The government has to answer these questions and fulfill its responsibility to the people. Because a democratically elected government is accountable to the people. People will not forgive if govt is insensitive. The revolution will begin to overthrow the government in the country. At that time, today's government will be punished by the people.

The uncertain future of our democratic system

Prafulla Samantara

On November 16, 2016, an elected democratic government abruptly announced the seizure of the notes just four hours before. It was only the Prime Minister who announced his decision in the absence of the Union Cabinet, even the Finance Minister and the Reserve Bank Governor. Ignorant, immoral, farsighted and undemocratic decisions can be nothing more than that. As a result, four years and six months later, the country's financial situation is deplorable. The note was not confiscated for black money, but rather for a decision like a nuclear bomb to whitewash black money, which caused financial disaster. Still today, country is suffering the consequences of irreparable damage. And unfairly, the GST is being levied and taxes are being levied on the general public. In just four hours, without consulting anyone, millions of people were locked up in such a large country and pushed to the brink of death. More painful than the corona virus was the lives of millions of migrant workers. Yet for a month, from the Prime Minister to the Supreme Court, he remained insensitive; The fundamental right to life remained the same at that time, although no provision was made for the constitutional provision.

Anti-farmer laws are being passed in Parliament while there is no opportunity to negotiate or protest during the Covid Lockdown. From the amendment of the mining law to the transfer of state-owned assets to private companies, from the privatization of state-owned enterprises to the privatization of profits at home and abroad to the privatization of natural resources coal mines, and the protection of the environment. From the fishermen to the traditional rights of the aborigines, to the economic, social and cultural aspects of the soul of our country, agriculture (small, medium, farmers and agricultural labourers are deprived of their livelihoods as well as food security). In the Rajya Sabha, undemocratic laws were also passed by exercising power. Even though millions of farmers in the country who have been resisting it, especially millions of farmers around Delhi, have been protesting for more than 145 days and giving up more than three hundred lives, an elected prime minister has decided to completely privatize for corporate interests. It's getting dark. To remove the labour rights that the unions have been receiving for years, the company owner has been given a one-sided right to dismiss the workers by removing all the progressive systems of labour exploitation of the companies and restricting them to just four codes. Each year, one crore jobs are flooded and millions of jobs are lost.

With the promise of economic well-being, growth and the growth of the general public, the promise of employment for the unemployed has been watered down. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's unwavering decision to hand over all rights to services in the country and even basic rights services like food, health, education to the hands of private companies in the hands of private companies is the national capital, growth and scientific achievements that have been made in the last 60 years. The commercialization of education, health, food, soil, water, and air means that the dictatorial fascist regime is committed to running the nation through a complete capitalist system under world imperialism, violating the right to life with respect to the 135 billion people. Such unnecessary privatization will touch the skies of exploitation and inequality. Instead of trying to recover, they wallow in their sadness and thus, experience more failure. Government property (rail, road, bank, insurance, port, steel plant) by levying a tax of Rs 50 per litre of oil per day from...

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NHRC issues notices ...

Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation of the Jal Shakti Ministry, calling for reports within four weeks. The NHRC observed that the public authorities failed to take concerted efforts in educating people and preventing the immersion of bodies into the Ganga.

"The practice of disposal of dead bodies in our sacred river Ganga is clearly in violation of guidelines of the National Mission for Clean Ganga project of Ministry of Jal Shakti," the NHRC said. The disposal of dead bodies in such a manner may, seriously affect all those persons, who are dependent on the holy river for their day-to-day activities, the complaint stated.

The complainant in the matter expressed apprehensions that these bodies were of COVID-19 victims and hence were

disposed of in such a manner, it said. The complaint further said that if the bodies were not of those affected by COVID-19, the incidents were shameful to society and amounted to a violation of the rights of the deceased.

Third wave...

24 hours, according to the report. The most worrying thing is that, third wave of corona is yet to come! This will affect the children more. The government has not yet succeeded in getting everyone vaccinated. People's lives are being lost because of the government's failure. That is why the question is, where is the government?

According to the report, the target of third wave of the corona pandemic is innocent children! Nowadays, there is an increased risk of stress disorder in children and adolescents. In Corona's first Wave adults were the target, second Wave youth, and in third Wave babies are at high risk of infection, experts have said. Every wave of the corona is affecting people of all walks of life, while it is mostly affecting certain categories of

people. Experts recommend taking utmost care of small children.

After the first wave, second wave came and now unfortunately the third wave is also expected.

In the third wave, small children will be the target of the virus. "This is the most sensitive time of the year," said Prabhakar Mishra, a paediatrician. Children and infants are more likely to be infected at this time. This was not the case in the first wave. Infections are more rising because young people do not follow the guidelines. In the...

state, about 20 per cent of children and young people are infected. In 2 to 5 weeks after recovering from the pandemic, children or adolescents develop MIS - C (Multi system inflammatory syndrome in children). The second wave shows symptoms such as diarrhoea, redness of the tongue and eyes, and skin diseases. In children, the same medicine can be used, but if necessary. Adults need ICUs, and children too need them.

However, according to official figures, 24,684 children between the ages of 0 and 14 have been infected in the state. As many as 255,103 people

between the ages of 15 and 40 were affected. A total of 1,58,609 people between the ages of 41 and 60 have been infected. Similarly, 51,245 people over the age of 60 have been infected. 66 percent of men are infected, while 34 percent are women. Experts say the second wave is more likely to infect children than the first wave.

In the third wave, infants will be the target of the virus. The corona virus does not see any age. It can infect anyone. Many waves of this pandemic can be seen. The former AIIMS director made the prediction. Following this prediction, advance Covid Hospital is being set up in Maharashtra for children. "The situation is unbearable if the frontline is not vigilant and ready," he said. Even if babies are infected in first or second wave, babies are more likely to be infected in the 3rd wave. Therefore, it is important to be vigilant.

The impact of lockdowns in many states across the country is now being felt. The number of cases per day in the country has risen to more than 400,000, and is below 400,000 in past few days. According to the Ministry of Health, 3.62 lakh have been

infected in the last 24 hours. Another 4,120 people died of the pandemic. Including this, a total of 2.85 lakh people in the country have lost their lives to the corona.

Of the total infections identified, only 15.87 per cent were from Karnataka, Maharashtra, Kerala and Tamil Nadu. According to the Ministry of Health, 82.51 per cent of the total number of victims is from the state.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has said that the number of cases of corona disease in the country is due to political rallies and religious rallies. Infections are on the rise in India due to the B.1617 variant of Covid. The variant was first spotted in India in October last year.

More than 4,500 samples collected from these forty four countries were found to have B.1617 variant. The variant was first spotted in India in October last year. According to the World Health Organization, the variant is most common in the UK after India. "Because of B.1617, the corona infection in India has increased rapidly," he said. India has the highest number of Covid-infected people after United States.

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the pockets of a cyclist or a small farmer irrigating a small diesel pump. Is it not the identity of a bankrupt government or an anti-people regime that has borne government spending? Whereas companies like Adani-Ambani have made millions of rupees in the last four years and even increased their wealth by 35 per cent during Covid, while not collecting more income and assets from the general public in hotels ...

Will the reader consider where the government that is running the country's finances is taking our nation by imposing GST on eating dosa-idli?

Today's covid confrontation makes it clear that the government of our country has no moral or constitutional responsibility or sensitivity to the people. For the past year or so, the government has not been able to rectify its mistakes or make preparations to provide

comprehensive health care with the necessary changes in the health care system. Only worried for number of votes. The Prime Minister, the Home Minister, and the Chief Ministers rallied for millions of people without Mask, holding a Kumbh Mela, in which millions of people were affected by the virus and the virus spread across the country. The Election Commission became the talk of the town. The people are dying Due to the lack of oxygen in the hospital. But the prime minister is running for office. Within a year, the testing center could not be reopened or the companies paid for the 160 oxygen plants but could not implement them. There is also a lack of immunity. Why would the state government buy, sell private hospitals and the prices also vary? An ordinary citizen who cannot buy cannot be vaccinated. How to get rid of the virus? How will the country

be free from disease? The BJP government in Uttar Pradesh has announced that it will be a punishable offense if anyone on social media speaks or complains about cowardice. Of course, the Supreme Court has ruled that it is a violation of human freedom. P. Prabhakar, husband of Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and eminent economist, said a heartless prime minister had completely failed the country's economy and health system. Democracy in India has been weakened, according to a report by the Swedish Democracy Institute and the US House of Representatives. Democratic rights, democratic institutions, the media have lost their freedom. The author was one of the thousands of political prisoners in the country who joined the call for a total revolution against dictatorship in the event of a 1975-77 emergency. But from the time

of the declaration of the state of emergency to the declaration of the state of emergency today, the government is trying to cripple the constitutional democratic system that promotes corporate fascism and communal fascism. Siddique Kapan, a Kerala journalist who has come to collect reports of gang rape and murder against oppressed girls in Uttar Pradesh, has been in jail for the past six months on charges of sedition and has not received protection from the judiciary. Disha Ravi, a 21-year-old worker, has been jailed on charges of sedition by the central government.

There were many such tragedies during the Hitler regime in Germany. Opposition groups called for a boycott of the assembly in protest of the new constitution. In February 1943, the 21-year-old Sophie Scholl distributed a leaflet on Nazis on the campus of the

University of Munich, which was sentenced to seven days in court by a Nazi court. The leaflet called for "courageous opposition to Nazi fascism through non-violence." In Germany at the time, the leaflet was perceived in today's India as Disha Ravi's toolkit. There are no Nazis in our country. The Indian people lifted the 19-month dictatorship. Today, farm workers are fighting on the streets. Those who are still unable to understand the situation will at least think that Disha ravi has been imprisoned, that we should speak out, criticize, protest non-violence and move on to dignity before going to the death penalty in the future. Therefore, cooperation in the field of corporate-free farming and peasant struggle for governance is solitary.

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Be positive



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India is now ranked No.1 Not in anything else, But in Corona infection. You have to be patient while saying this, because this is a negative thing! You have to be positive despite the thousands of adversities. Last April, the Madhya Pradesh government said the death toll due to corona in Bhopal was 104, according to a major news agency. But more than 3,000 bodies were cremated last month in various cremation grounds in the city. But be Silent & Be positive.!

Tomorrow's news is that hundreds of dead bodies are floating in the Ganges. But no one has an answer as to why? But we have to remain positive. On the streets of the big cities, there is always honking noises of ambulances carrying patients. Checking social media pages brings tear to eyes. Patients are dying without oxygen. They are doing video call to their near and dear ones just before dying & they say, "I would have been saved if there was no negligence in my treatment". Is this a negative thing to ask? The German Nazi government once killed thousands of Jews in a poisoned gas chamber and a gas van in German-occupied Europe. Is our situation any different? Wouldn't it be genocide to let people die without oxygen? The Allahabad High Court has already told the government that killing patients without oxygen is nothing less than a form of criminal activity and massacre. We will not remain negative. Still we have to remain positive.

More the corona is spreading, the more our corona remedies are emerging. Surendra Singh, a BJP legislator from Bairia in Uttar Pradesh's district, described the corona treatment method as saying that 50 mili litre of cow's urine mixed with 100 mili litre of water. By consuming this liquid a person will not be affected by corona. Another remedy, a video of a man greeting the sun by putting cow dung on his body in a barn is circulating on social media. Such things are being spread. At the same time, doctors have repeatedly denied that the cow dung will not cure corona, but may cause a different infection. The country's health minister has asked people to

consume dark chocolate to boost immunity. According to Baba Ramdev, there is as much oxygen in the world as required by a person. Why are people walking around with cylinders? "Everything is a conspiracy by foreigners," says Kangana Madam. Plant trees for oxygen. The Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister is worshipping to defeat corona. Madhya Pradesh Culture and Tourism Minister Sushri Usha has advised to clean the environment and do yagnya, havan to avoid the impact of third wave of corona. Yet so far only two percent of our population has been vaccinated with two doses. "When will entire population be vaccinated,, only goddess Ganga knows," he said ironically. Experts say you should

forget about herd immunity until at least 70 percent of people are vaccinated. Then in such a scenario it would take at least eight years to achieve our goal of vaccination for entire population. So who knows how many variants and how many tsunamis we will have to see if we remain positive?

We can't beat corona by banging plates, clapping and lighting candles. It is true that no matter how positive you may be, you will not be able to cope with this pandemic without scientific management and good governance. Exclude management, even mismanagement is not here. The whole system is faulty. Was there any system at all? The bullock cart rider is asleep while the cart is moving. Some

ruthless bullocks have taken it down. The cart may overturn any time. No! Nothing will happen. Be positive. People are blaming the government. The government is blaming the people.

There are a total of five deaths in Fakir Mohan Senapati's famous story 'Rebati'. At that time, one after another families were dying due to cholera. Let's close our eyes this time. This is the easiest way. Only by closing the eyes we can be positive. So whoever is doing whatever let them do. Then what do we get from all this nonsense? Our job is to be positive. Today, 7,564 more corona patients have recovered from our state.

So please Be positive. Stay safe. Take care.

Starving women eats from dustbin!

Nuapada (Bureau): On the second day of Lockdown, the Nuapada district has been hit hard. The hotel, shops, and markets are locked, and the city is in shambles. To be safe villagers are going through lockdown, just at the same time a shocking and terrible incident has come to the light.. As the city's shops and markets closed, a mentally ill woman was found roaming and crying on the streets. The woman could not bear the flames of hunger. Then she suddenly glanced at a dustbin nearby. The woman immediately went to the dustbin and picked up rotten leftover food and began eating helplessly. This caught the attention of some local experts. They say, "Mentally unstable patients those who are not getting food, the government is imposing lockdown but not arranging for their food. The government must seriously look into it".



Child marriage is on the rise during lockdown!

Nayagarh (Bureau): The Lockdown during corona pandemic has brought opportunity to commit crimes like child marriage. Parents, temple authorities and mediators from different parts of the district are working hard to take advantage of the lockdown. It is a shame that the district administration has not taken a strong action. The state government has imposed a lockdown from May 5 to 19 to prevent the spread of the pandemic. In such a situation, people are afraid to get married in general,

and they are reluctant to get married in violation of the rules set by the government. But while child marriage is completely illegal, there is little fear of such a marriage taking place. During the lockdown alone, Child line authorities reportedly suspended six such marriages during lockdown. It is a shame that the Child Marriage Prohibition Officers (CMPO) have traditionally refused to file a case. On the first day of the Lockdown announcement on May 5th, Child line authorities exposed a child marriage plan in the Nuagaon block area, while two child marriages were stopped in the Ranpur area on the 7th. Meanwhile, preparations were underway for another juvenile marriage ceremony. Similarly, Child Line has stopped organizing a wedding for a minor in the Nayagarh municipality on the 9th. On the 9th, one child marriage was stopped in Nayagarh block. Six child marriages will be stopped in four days. In February and March, there were reports of child marriages in the district, ranging from the complete



inactivity of the CDPOs to the district commissioner's silence. The district administration is expected to meet in April to crack down on child marriage. But it was not seriously done. As in the past, CDPOs have not been prosecuted under the Child Marriage Prohibition Act. Religions have been blamed on parents who organized child marriages. Such marriages are usually opposed by minors. Child Line presents them to the Child Welfare Committee after they are rescued. They are kept in short-stay homes because they are reluctant to return to the family. But now that the corona has been cut, they are no longer allowed to live with their families. As a result, there is a risk that parents may do their remarriage in the next few days. It would not be an exaggeration to say that corona brought a kind of opportunity for child marriage criminals. As usual, the district attorney, Dr. While Poma Tudu has already stated that investigation will be done on the child marriage, but no action has been taken at the time of the incident.

Ravi Das, a revolutionary activist from the Naxal movement passes away



treated at a Cuttack hospital. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

Rabi das, a student from district named Tarapur in Cuttack, studied in Ravenshaw College and during the tenure there he came in contact with the leftist

ideology with the student movement. He then started teaching at Ranihat High School in Cuttack district. There, Nagbhusan Patnaik, along with Lambodar Naik, worked for a leftist organization in Odisha. Rabi Das, Nagbhusan Pattanayak, Bhavani Mohan Pattanayak went to West Bengal to meet with Charu Majumdar, Kahnu Sanyal and Saroj Dutt after learning of the Naxal movement in 1967. In 1968 prior to the formation of the CPI(ML), the All India Coordinating Committee Communist Revolutionary was established. In 1969 July 22 the meeting was held at

Shahid Minar and was chaired by Charu mazar and Kahnu Sanyal and formed under CPIML. Ravi Das was in charge of the CPIML state committee. He was directly involved in the Naxalite movement. He organized the landless in various places and worked for them. He believed in taking the lead in public participation, without regard to armed struggle in the Naxal movement. For this he had disagreements with the party leaders. He was arrested in 1970 and spent seven years in various jails, including Koraput, Jeypur and Sambalpur. While he was in prison, his family went through a deep financial crisis. His family was supported by Sarvodaya leader Malati Chowdhury and Navakrishna Chowdhury. Malati Chowdhury, like Ravi Das, helped the families of more than 200 Naxals in jail. When the Janata Party came to power in 1977, the country's political prisoners were released. In this order, Ravi Das was released from prison. After that, he repeatedly tried to unite the divided Naxal

movement. He did not succeed. He was disappointed. But his tendency to fight for the poor landless did not die. Influenced by the work of Malati Chowdhury, Navakrishna Chowdhury, he joined the Sarvodaya movement. With this in mind, the Gandhi Seva Pratishthan, a non-governmental organization, was working for the development of tribals in Kalahandi district Komna. He worked for Khadi the rest of his life.

In his memoirs, Dandapani Mohanty, host of the Daman Resistance Forum, said that when the Berhampur was led by the CPI (LL) in the 1969, it was the center of the revolutionary student movement in South Odisha. Comrade Ravi Das came here to take charge of the team and conducted the program. I got associated with him over there. He went to Chittrakonda from Berhampur, along with Comrade Nagbhusan Patnaik, Gananath Patra, Yudhisthira Gaud, SK Biswas, Shivram Panda, Purushottam Pali, Comrade Hasna, to

organize the tribals in the breakaway region and to intensify the anti-displacement and land movement.

Police in riot gear stormed a rally on October 9 1969 where a meeting was held by tribals in protest against the police torture, there the police stopped the session and attacked more than 5000 tribals. Ravi Das, along with other leaders of the CPI (ML), were arrested in connection with the Chittrakonda conspiracy case. He had to serve seven years in prison.

Ravi Das was instrumental in the nationwide intellectual campaign to free Nagbhusan from death imprisonment after his release from prison. He was later frustrated by political unrest among various factions split from the CPI (ML). Away from revolutionary politics, he stood as an omnipotent activist in the joys and sorrows of the tribals. In his death, Odisha lost a man of great courage.

The abolition of the zamindari system and the seizure of power by the landless through an armed revolution. With this slogan in 1967, the Naxalite movement began in the West Bengal. Many may have disagreed with the movement over the violence, but it was the latter that paved the way for a land reform law in the country. Brought the poor and landless to the center of politics. The revolutionary Ravi Das, 82, who once led the movement in the country and followed the omnipotent path, has passed away today. He was suffering from old age ailments, & was being

The only hope is the crutch

Joda (Bureau): To sustain and support the family, Durga Gagrai was working as a truck helper. The family lived happily on a meagre income. Suddenly a black cloud of unfortunate incident hit the family. His right leg was completely broken in an accident with a truck. As a result, he was admitted in Cuttack hospital and treated for three to four months. He became crippled. Now he is looking for a way to survive. Durga says that with government assistance at the administrative level, it could



have helped him. Now there is no good house to live in or food to eat. All the plans of the government seem to have been of no use to her. The crutch is the only hope for her. Durga Gagrai in Jamupani village in Badkalimati panchayat under

the twin blocks of Kendujhar district. She worked as a local truck helper to support the family and happily ran the family. But a few years ago, in a truck accident, his husband right leg was broken and he became paralyzed. The husband's inca-

pability has hampered his family's livelihood. Durga is sitting like that at home after recovering. He feels helpless. The family's livelihood now falls on wife Sumati Gagrai. Durga's wife, Sumati Gagrai, runs the family with her eldest daughter, Reena Gagrai, Bela Gagrai, who earns a living for the home by working as labourer in other houses. With that in mind, the four members of the family are finding it increasingly difficult to sustain. What kind of plan does the government have for the differently disabled and

poor? But all the government's plans are inaccessible to Durga Gagrai. There are no good houses to live in, and four people are living in a dilapidated house. After Durga became incapacitated, she went from the local panchayat to district blocks, but to no avail. In stormy days the roof top of the hut gets damaged and flown away. However Durga Gagrai appealed to the government to take steps at the administrative level to include them in the permanent housing scheme with allowances.