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Veteran Journalist Vivekananda Dash Succumbs to Covid-19

'Janabadi' Bureau Review

Veteran Odia journalist Vivekananda Dash died while undergoing treatment for Covid-19 at a private hospital in Bhubaneswar. He was 70. A native of Salepur in Cuttack district, Dash was residing at IRC village in Bhubaneswar. He had tested positive for Covid-19 on September 1 and was advised of home quarantine.

He was later shifted to Aditya Care Hospital where his condition was improving. But, he finally lost the battle to Covid-19 and passed away. He was survived by his daughter and two sons. Dash is the Founder and Editor of the fortnightly newspaper 'Janatantra', first published in the year 2001 but closed after a major fire accident in 2004 to start again in 2011.

He had worked with popular Odia dailies 'Sambad' and 'Prajatantra' and English weeklies 'Eastern Times' and 'Organiser' between 1971 to 2004.

Dash supported some of the Dalit and tribal movements and wrote articles on Dalit, tribal, and human rights in 'Janatantra'.

He was born on January 7, 1952, in Laxminaranpur, Salepur Cuttack district. He first joined Hatibari High School in Sukinda, Jajpur as a math teacher. From 1937 to 1979 he served as a teacher and headmaster. But Vivekananda's revolutionary consciousness could not hold him for long in high school. He left teaching and started journalism. He started working as a representative of Balangir in 1984, then worked for the News Bureau, and was later in charge of the Baleswar edition. He also worked in the Prajatantra for some time. He then joined the Janabadi, the only human rights newspaper in Odisha, to accept the Marxist thinker SNM Mudali, the founder of Janabadi and a prominent human rights activist. He was the first editor of Janabadi. At the same time, he provided information on how tribal, oppressed, and oppressed groups are being exploited and persecuted, and deprived of human rights. Vivekananda's editorial attracted the attention of the government. Whether it is the case of the Koraput Narayanpatna peasant movement or the incident of tribal martyrdom by police in Kalinganagar. From NarayanPatna to Nuapatna-Dhinkia, Vivekananda was a front-runner in anti-displacement mass journalism. After leaving 'Janabadi', he started his newspaper called 'Janatantra'.

He has associated with the "democracy" movement until his death. Vivekananda, known as a senior journalist, has made a name for himself by writing unscrupulous writings against corruption. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, BJP state president Sameer Mohanty, eminent human rights activist Biswapriya Kanunghago, Nistha director and eminent educationist Prof. Sangram Mudali, CPI (ML) leader, All India Forward Block State Secretary Jyotiranjana Mohapatra, social activist Runita Kundu, 'Janabadi' editor Chakradhar Pradhan, have expressed their condolences over the death of Vivekananda Das. They expressed that, his contribution to the world of Odia journalism would always be remembered. Not only did he create his own unique identity in the field of journalism, but he was also involved with the world at large. In addition, he became involved in social work.

Vivekananda's family:

He has two sons, Shiladitya and Satamanyu, daughter Swati, two daughter-in-laws, a granddaughter, a son-in-law, two grandsons.

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Why the 'Janabadi'?

The preamble to the Indian constitution makes it clear that India is a sovereign, democratic, socialist and secular state. Nonetheless, the central government omitted the two words 'socialist and secular' in an advertisement issued on the last Republic Day. Be it intentional or unintentional. The party-BJP, which has been in power since the last Lok Sabha elections in 1994, has a strong sense of disrespect for the two words. However, the party has embraced Gandhian and socialist ideology. The Congress party, which has ruled the country for a long time, has also adopted Gandhianism and socialism as its ideals. In other words, the two main parties in the country, the Congress and the BJP, are committed to the socialist ideology. But the reality is that the two largest parties in the country are now openly paranoid about socialist ideology and almost all parties that have adopted parliamentary politics, including both parties, have recently embraced the 'corporate capitalist' policy. And competing for each other for the sake of corporate interests.

Against this backdrop, there has been further debate among the left-wing parties about the approach taken by the so-called socialist and communist ideology. At times the Congress /BJP are holding each other's hands because of secularism, and sometimes they are undoing it. As it turns out, the left is not as intolerant of the bourgeoisie party as the BJP, the Congress, or the BJP.

In the corporate world, almost everyone is fascinated by the richness, glitter, and eloquence. So why would the media be excluded? The corporate world has been flouting the media by the lure of advertising. Besides, the ownership of the country's major media is in their hands! The so-called fourth pillar of democracy is in the hands of the corporates. This is why the life or livelihood of the public or the general public in the media, the story of salt-oil, disease-cure, happiness-sorrow, education of children, pain, the tyranny of the strong over the weak, and above all, the suppression of the state over them, no longer matters. Except for a few events, the media is often busy praising the corporate world. Politics, sports, movies, discourses of saints and their various supernatural glory, religious-cultural programs, etc are being given priority in electronic media programs.

There has been little public outcry over how organized protest rallies have ever been to protest the general public. Because nowadays political parties do not come forward to address people's problems. Political parties are no longer running their organizations and public education programs. The media has been indifferent to this. Because most of the media owners are corporate entities.

In such a complex and precarious situation, 'Janabadi' is a small beginning to play the role of the public in the media world. Of course, there have been many such attempts in the past and many journals have died prematurely. We know our resources and energy are limited. We are very aware of our weaknesses. The opposition, on the other hand, is very powerful and has a lot of money. We will continue our struggle by following the following lines of poetry by the late Raghunath Das, a revolutionary poet.

I am Jataayu, the eagle-

Set to fight

I know, Ravana, I won't match your might,

I may or may not win, but fight I must,

It's my will that I trust,

Injustice, I want slain and stopped,

That is the solace to Sita and the just,

That is my victory, so fight I must.

With this compliance and intention of the people of the state, I pay tribute to 'Janabadi'.

Editorial

Farmer's murder is a warning

The world is celebrating Non-Violence Day on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the national father of India. Non-violence - vows not to spread violence. The BJP-led government, which sits on the throne of India, is also taking the oath, but the government's ministers are creating an atmosphere of violence. The Union Minister's son had killed the protesting farmers. The incident took place at Khiri in Lakhimpur in Uttar Pradesh. Before this barbaric incident, the world witnessed the assault of a woman during the block president election here. Union Home Minister Ajay Mishra and Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshab Morya had earlier threatened the agitating farmers. Such were the threatening words, "Back out from the movement or be prepared for dire consequences." Following the threat, Ashish, the son of the Union Home Minister, drove a car speedily and killed four farmers. Such massacres may have occurred during British rule. In a democracy, freedom of expression is a fundamental right of every citizen. The brutality of the fact that the government has been ignoring the demands of the agitating farmers for the repeal of the law against the government's flawed agriculture is a big challenge for a civilized democratic society. The government should remember that by killing the farmers it can not kill the movement. The Lakhimpur Khiri incident is a warning to the government. By supporting undemocratic activities, the government has shown that the health of our democracy is not doing well in this regard. Union Minister Ajay Mishra, who voted in favor of the violence. He is no ordinary man, he is the Home Minister of the country. He has a responsibility to uphold the country's constitution and law. He is also responsible for maintaining peace. But reports from people say that's just what's happening. Opposition and dissent in a democratic country are evidence of survival.

Union Minister Ajay Mishra is an important part of the political party and government that is opposing the farmers' movement. Minister Mishra has acted in a manner that indicates that the status quo of the constitutional office and the sense of dignity have come to an end. Violence and intolerance have crossed the line. In a democratic system, there is a mass movement. But why is the government intolerant? What has been seen during the last seven years under the BJP-led central government is communal hatred and fascist captain and anarchy in judgment. The ministerial representative in the government is moving away from truthfulness and human values and attacking the fundamental rights of citizens. Now we see how more than 500 farmers sacrificed their lives. According to the constitution, the government of democracy should give citizens the right to live with dignity. But instead, it is creating fear among citizens. Representatives of the government are behind the situation as socio-political values are declining and creating tensions. The incompetence, failure, and undemocratic practices of the government are certainly responsible for the rise of violence, unrest, hatred, corruption, economic corruption, and misconduct in social justice and behavior. It must be responsible for the government's actions in reducing personal feelings of love, brotherhood, kindness, and human compassion. The government should remember that it is made up of representatives elected by the people. It is the responsibility of the government, to uphold the values of democracy. Citizens of the country will not accept if the government works to discriminate between people by sowing the seeds of communalism based on religion and race. Be careful, government! Failure to work for the protection of democracy and the fundamental rights of citizens will lead to rebellion and revolution. The government will be responsible for this. The mass movement against arbitrariness is now intensifying. The government should be aware of this.

The devil's atrocities can go to any extent

To assault women, alcohol is consumed by some people in the society - they had to involve in theft to buy alcohol - to involve in theft they had to murder people - they had to spread darkness to murder people - The devil's actions can go to what extent? Perhaps the Central Modi government can go to any level to comply with its corporate agenda. It is evident from the results. Modi thought that the farmers' movement would be "temporary" and that it would be "handcuffed". But the peasant movement, like other political movements, has not been temporary and continued for a long time. More than ten months have passed. Lakhs of farmers are sitting at the Delhi entry gate. The movement will not be stopped until the Black Agriculture Act is repealed. The Modi government has been plotting to defame the peasant movement.

Revenge has erupted after attempts by Modi and his party to thwart the movement have failed. Farmer's 'killings in Haryana, Uttar Pradesh's farmers' rallies are the latest examples of this brutality. The ringmaster of the killer gang is the son of Union Minister Ajay Mishra. Farmers were shot with gun if they survived the vehicle crash. Thirty-three years ago, Nathuram Gadse, the godfather of these killers had killed the father of the nation. Of course, Nathuram could not escape the judicial

system during that time. But can it be guaranteed that today's judicial system will punish these heinous peasant killers? This is because the judiciary's judgments in various important cases are being affected by the central authority.

Looking at the Taliban's religious fundamentalism in Afghanistan today, it seems that Modi, who has seized the center of power in our country, has a lot in common with fundamentalism. Islamic fundamentalism



Biswonath Mohapatra

and Hindu fundamentalism are rife with explosives. They can go to any level to seize power. Along with the Taliban, other Muslim clerics have been subjected to unspeakable atrocities against women, attacking various schools, shooting and killing hundreds of students inside schools. In other words, people are being killed in broad daylight. After the seizure of state power like the Taliban, the constitution can be changed, the limbs of the states like Jammu and Kashmir can be cut off, ropes can be tied on the necks of the peasants, the workers can be slaughtered in prehistoric slavery.

So be careful! More difficult times are coming. How many more monsters will emerge from hell. So wake up and keep moving forward !

Protesting workers face the threat of police!

Jajpur (Bureau): About 250 contract workers working at the cement factory in the Kalinganagar industrial area have been sacked without notice. Workers have been protesting in front of the factory since the 1st of the month as they were fired without being paid full and final remuneration. No one has cared for this matter. Rather, a police officer is trying to bully the workers. The police threatens that if the workers do not discontinue the movement, he will trap them in a fake case.

One person after another is being laid off for openly violating the Labor (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1947. Last month, about 250 contractors at the Sagar Cement Factory were fired. According to sources, the factory authorities had blocked the entrance of

workers and employees' office since the 1st of last month. Workers protested in front of the gate that day. Excitement erupted again on Monday over this. In the evening, the factory authorities held talks with a delegation of protesters in the presence of police. Protesters reiterated the two-month pay and re-employment issues at the meeting. According to Venkat Reddy, the factory's manager, the 1-month-old worker's salary will be paid by Tuesday afternoon. He said all workers and employees would be involved in the work from Wednesday. Workers, on the other hand, have warned that the agitation will continue until they are paid wages for the past two months. The workers will meet and inform the SP regarding the threat by police officials.

In protest of the continued negligence Odisha Primary B.Ed. teachers federation

Bhubaneswar: B.Ed. The Odisha Primary Teachers Federation has repeatedly protested against the state government's neglect of B.Ed teachers. State Union President Ajay Kumar Dhal alleged that the state government was cheating teachers instead of giving them fair justice based on B.Ed. The issue was discussed in detail at an important meeting of state executives on Sunday. Government Primary B.Ed. Teachers are hired on an advertising basis but are not paid appropriately. B.Ed teachers are also not given priority in the promotion. The government is hiring in two categories, with 50 percent B.Ed. And the rest is 50 percent in + 2 CT. Eligible teachers are promoted to senior teachers by creating a new cadre to promote qualified teachers, which is completely undemocratic and illegal. +2 C.T Teachers employed in the post were later allowed to be promoted based on seniority by increasing their qualifications. Teachers hired on a B.Ed basis

are being neglected and not promoted, which is strongly opposed by the union. The union is urging the state government to carry out the promotion process by holding the original appointment post. The state government has embraced the new education policy of the central government in 2020 and issued a notice stating that there is a need for B.Ed teachers for the upper primary classes while the state government has taken action in this regard and has prepared special cadres for B.Ed teachers. Following the directives of the Central Government and the NCT to provide quality education to the upper primary students, the state government was recruiting B.Ed teachers in all the states of India, but Odisha was one such state where B.Ed teachers were recruited but wages are being paid at Matric CT rates, which the federation is vehemently opposed to. In addition, only B.Ed. Teachers are being sent on deputation, which the union opposes and urges them to be

placed in high schools by promoting the government system instead of deputation. Umesh Chandra Nayak, general secretary of the Union, has demanded that B.Ed teachers be able to meet the demand if the government takes steps to facilitate this. The meeting was attended by Rajdhani Sangh General Secretary Dr Devendra Kumar Nayak, Executive President Saroj Kumar Panda, Abahak Pradyumna Barik, Vice President Niranjana Samal and other district representatives including Devdatta Das, Anant Kumar Sahu, Anadi Charan Nayak, Jaydev Sahu, T.K. Rajaram Patra, Narendra Pradhan, Dilip Kumar Pradhan, Gautam Kumar Sahu, Purnachandra Behera, Madan Mohan Sahu, Amulya Kumar Lenka were the chief guests. The federation has warned that if the government does not take immediate action and do justice to B.Ed teachers, the federation will launch agitation at the block level and later take up the agitation at the state level.

Protesting workers face the threat of police ! Students housed on private land !



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Students housed on private land !

Kalampur (Bureau): The dormitory of Mahulpatna Uneet Vidyalaya was built on non-government land while the owner of the land has locked up the dormitory which has given rise to a new problem. The leak was caused by a lock on the dormitory. The future of a total of 20 students with 4 in the ninth grade and 16 in the tenth grade is in the dark. According to the information received, in 2008, the Integrated Tribal Development Agency provided grants for the construction of 110-bed dormitories for the students of this advanced high school. But no government land was available near the school. As a result the house of, Pita Naik, of Mahulpatna, which is adjacent to the school premises, proposed the construction of dormitories in his land of a privately owned mango orchard. In addition, officials from both the Tribal Integrated Organization and the District Welfare Department promised to place the school owner in a position in the school instead of paying any compensation. But even after 17 long years, Pita Naik has not been provided with a job. On the other hand, with the completion of the

dormitory, the students had started staying. The dormitory is built on about 40 decimile of land, including the garden, where Pita Naik lives. Four mango trees were cut down during the construction of the dormitory. Naik's, who had repeatedly rushed to the district welfare department's office, including the school's headmaster, and the office of the tribal coordinator, urged the 20 students to leave the school's dormitory. The dormitory was locked after the students left. The students informed Laxmidhar Naik, the school's headmaster. Headmaster Mr. Naik immediately informed his superiors about the incident. On the advice of higher authorities, Thuamul Rampur police have filed a case against Pita Naik, who illegally locked the dormitory. Students who have now moved out of the dormitory are being housed in the elementary school dormitory, while they are worried about where they will be studying later. While the school has been closed for two years due to the Covid pandemic, it is expected that the studies will be affected. The district welfare officer, Arvind Ray, was contacted.

Lakhimpur Kheri: 'Video of Incident' Goes Viral; Families Demand Autopsy Reports Before Cremation



A viral video purportedly showing protesting farmers being run over by an SUV in Lakhimpur Kheri, Uttar Pradesh has gone viral on social media. The video was first shared on Twitter on Monday by Tractor for Twitter, a handle run by farmers protesting against the Union government's contentious laws.

A total of eight people were killed on Sunday in Lakhimpur Kheri, including four farmers and one freelance journalist.

The video lasts for 29 seconds. According to NDTV, the police are yet to verify its authenticity. The visuals shared do not make clear who is driving the SUV. In the video, the car is seen ramming into people who fall, while others try to flee the scene. Another SUV, with sirens on, follows the first car.

Among the many political leaders and others who shared the video on social media was one unlikely face - BJP MP Varun Gandhi.

Protesting farmers have said that the deaths were caused by an SUV driven by Union minister Ajay Kumar Mishra's son, Ashish Mishra. The minister, however, claims that his son was not at the scene. An FIR citing murder charges has been filed against Ashish. Families of the killed farmers said on Monday that they would not cremate the bodies until they were given copies of the autopsy reports, NDTV reported.

While protests were on at the site and tensions were high through most of Sunday and Monday, including displaying the bodies of the killed farmers, the area cleared up by Monday afternoon. Bharatiya Kisan

Union leader Rakesh Tikait spoke to senior leaders in the Uttar Pradesh government and then spoke to the protestors at the site, asking them to go home and promising that justice would be served.

"Veer shahidon ka balidan, yaad karega Hindustan (The country will remember the sacrifice of the brave martyrs)," Tikait said, adding that it was a big victory that a murder case had been registered against Ashish Mishra and Rs 45 lakh compensation had been promised to the victims' families, The Hindu reported.

"The minister and his son will not be spared...he will lose his ministerial post," Tikait assured the protestors. If satisfactory action is not taken in 10-12 days while the killed men's funeral proceedings took place, the BKU said, a maha panchayat will be called. The government has said that a retired judge will probe the incident.

According to The Tribune, in addition to the case against Ashish Mishra and others, a counter-FIR has also been registered against protesting farmers. The first FIR has been registered under Section 302 (murder), Section 120-B (criminal conspiracy), and Section 147 (rioting) of the Indian Penal Code.

This FIR, according to the newspaper, is based on the complaint of the family of a BJP worker who was allegedly killed in the violence. It names Amandeep Singh Sindhu, Mahendra Singh, Jejender Singh Virk, and some unknown persons.

Meanwhile, many opposition leaders were stopped on their way to try and visit the victims' families on Monday. Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra was among them and has now been in detention for more than 28 hours. On Tuesday morning, while sharing the purported video of the incident, she asked why the police were taking action against her rather than the driver of the vehicle.

"@narendramodi Ji your government has detained me for the past 28 hours without any order or FIR. How come the person who ran over farmers has not been arrested yet?" she said in a tweet in Hindi.

Congress media and communication vice-chairman Pankaj Srivastava said the party general secretary, who was detained at 4:30 am on Monday, has been in detention for the past 28 hours. "She is not being allowed to meet her lawyers and the administration is not telling her reasons for her detention," he said.

Besides Priyanka, state Congress president Ajay Kumar Lallu, national secretary Dheeraj Gurjar, Youth Congress national president B.V. Srinivas and party MLC Deepak Singh are also under detention, Srivastava said.

The video not only exposes the Godi media but also destroys all the assertions of the minister.

The decline of journalism is so horrible that India's place in the world of independent journalism is listed below. It ranks 142nd out of 180 countries. India's Godi Media would have been number one in the world if lying had been made to cover up the killer's journalism. Don't you buy soap or papads from the market? Then why do you buy pathetic newspapers? Whenever you claimed that every product is the best and you will find customers, have you ever wondered how Godi Media gets its buyers/readers despite being pathetic? Check out the frames in this video.

Cellphone video footage has emerged from Lakhimpur Kheri over the last 24 hours showing SUVs plowing into a group of farmers from behind and driving on, as well as occupants of the car exiting the vehicle even as a person seems to be caught under the wheels. The Samyukt Kisan Morcha says the 29-second video purporting to show the actual moment of impact was shot by eyewitnesses adding that the

footage has been edited to slow it down for clarity.

"The footage was obtained by one of the social media supporters of the farmers' movement. It was slowed down to show what exactly happened, that too from behind unaware, peacefully-walking protesters. No other editing was done," said Kavitha Kuruganti, an SKM leader representing the Mahila Kisan Adhikaar Manch, who has been handling the platform's media updates.

After he brokered an agreement between the district officials and the grieving community to send the bodies for a post-mortem on Monday, Bharatiya Kisan Union leader Rakesh Tikait had urged farmers and eyewitnesses to come forward with any evidence or videos showing the truth of what had happened, asking them to submit videos on social media.

The 29-second video which became viral on social media later on Monday night shows a Thar jeep hitting a group of men walking on a rural road, some holding flags. An elderly man with a white kurta and green turban is thrown onto the windshield of the vehicle by the force of the impact while others fall by the road. Soon after, a second SUV drives past as well.

Another shorter 10-second video posted on Twitter on Tuesday morning appears to show a man in a blue kurta jumping out of the same jeep and running away, even as a man seems to be caught under the wheels of the vehicle.

The SKM claimed that such videos proved the truth of their allegations. "Many eyewitness accounts are now being captured on videos which also reveal that Minister's son Ashish Mishra was indeed driving the 'Thar' vehicle, from which he later got down and ran away, with cover and support provided by the police, and while firing on protestors," said an SKM statement.

Responding to journalists' queries on the videos, Mr. Mishra said he had evidence to prove that neither he nor his son was present at the spot. He said based on the videos, it was visible that the driver was killed after being pulled out of the car, adding that if it had been his son, he would have been dead.

The U.P. police did not respond to queries regarding the authentication or investigation of these videos. Even as the SKM social media team attempted to track down eyewitness footage and authenticate it, they said they were being hampered by the suspension of Internet services in the area.

How to portray all these images of murder and violence. Should any of the authorities in the nation be involved in any murder or violence, should their cruelty and lies be subject to editorial rebates? However, video can be distracting, and it can affect anyone who can think, understand, and watch. Sardarji wearing a yellow turban now seems to know that something has happened.

Throughout the video, the farmers are walking peacefully. But the Jeep and the cars behind it no longer wait for the farmers to get out of the way. The speed at which the jeep is hitting people. The black car that comes after it doesn't even slow down.

Part of the Jeep comes in the frame. It is not clear who is sitting in the driver's seat. Some people say there was the driver and some say the minister's son Ashish. The minister said, his son was not in the jeep.

Who seems to be escaping by closing the door of the jeep? The video shows two people getting off the jeep and running, where are they?

We can't show all videos. These pictures will be really disturbing. This 24-second video destroys every theory of lie. After the video, Home Minister Ajay Mishra may feel relieved that Prime Minister Modi will not be able to dismiss him. Prime Minister did not dismiss him even after his name was mentioned in the FIR, then what will he do after

the video comes? Remember all the statements of the Minister. Sometimes he says - farmers attacked with sticks, and sometimes he says people from terrorist organizations like Babbar's Khalsa have become active. Not only that, but he also issued a written statement, which did not contain a single word about the farmers who died. "Farmers attacked with swords," he wrote. Now the video has engulfed the entire cabinet. Ajay Mishra said, "All the information and videos that have been seen shows how the driver of the vehicle has been dragged and killed." If my son had been driving, he would have been killed. It is not possible for 10-12 people to run their vehicles over some people in the presence of thousands of others.

There were ten-twelve people in the jeep. Who were they? What is their identity? Where are they? In the 28-second video, the jeep crushed the farmers. Will the minister change his statement after watching this video? It remains to be seen how many times he will change his statement. He has to save his political position. He has to save his son. Until then, farmers have always been called terrorists, sometimes oppressors.

Minister Ajay Mishra represented his son Ashish Mishra in such a way that a controversial perspective would take place and Godi media would have the opportunity to move forward with all those statements and what happened at the scene and that will distract you? Why did the minister make such statements?

The minister said about his son that he would have a license if he had the revolver. Everyone has the right to self-defense. Union Home Minister Ajay Mishra wrote in the affidavit that he had a rifle and a revolver. The rifle is said to be worth Rs 75,000 and the revolver is worth lakhs of rupees. Did the police confiscate the minister's revolver or rifle and send it to investigate? As a minister, did the jeep have a police officer to protect him?

This is important because many eyewitnesses said the minister's son

did shoot. Was there no armed soldier in the jeep? Whether or not the minister's son was in the jeep it is not clear from the police. Is NASA being assisted in its investigation or is it being viewed from the moon via telescope?

F a r m e r s were not violent. They did not carry a sword. In one video, you can see two white cars in the background as the car's speed increases. As you can see, farmers are standing on the side of the road and cars are moving.

Many types of videos are going viral. One of the most compelling viral videos is about a man wearing a white shirt and pajamas and that he takes out a revolver from his pocket. This video is hazy, nothing is clear. The man is said to be Ashish Mishra, the minister's son. Nearly three days have passed since the farmers were killed but police have not answered any questions. The answer is that the police were busy with the post-mortem. Were the entire police force and officers busy with the post-mortem?

Three to four videos related to the scene have already surfaced. Try putting all of this in a sequence. It will be clear that the farmer was not an attacker. The farmer did not have a sword. The jeep hit them from behind and killed them.

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi also questioned the Prime Minister by showing a viral video of Lakhimpur Khiri. Opposition groups called for the immediate release of Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Ajay Mishra and the arrest of his son Ashish Mishra. In July 2019, he delivered a speech during the revision of the Motor Vehicle Act. He also posted the speech on his Facebook page. As a result of a misdemeanor, the person



who is a victim of the accident has no fault, and he suffers due to the other person's driving. There should be a rule that ensures safe driving. The minister not only wants to cover up his son but even the jeep.

The United Kisan Morcha has demanded the arrest of the minister's son, Ajay Mishra Teniku, and the dismissal of Union Home Minister Ajay Mishra Teni and Haryana Chief Minister Manoharlal Khattar. BJP MP Varun Gandhi has repeatedly spoken out on the issue of farmers. After tweeting to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, he tweeted again.

The jeep crushed down the farmers. If this doesn't matter to you, then it's a different case. You now want to contribute to the development of the country. The government knows your feelings. This is why the price of petrol and diesel is being increased every week so that you can contribute to the development of expensive petrol and diesel. The people of Uttar Pradesh in Bihar may pray that they get a chance to buy Rs 110 per liter of petrol soon.

In Lakhimpur Khiri, the Jeep filled with petrol and diesel crushed down the farmers and you, who are so busy with development. One day these people will tell you - you are not the public or mass. Write down my words and keep them in your purse.

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The essence of the controversial agricultural law



For the repeal of the three controversial agricultural laws, Indian farmers have been protesting on the Delhi border for more than six months under the leadership of the United Farmers Front. Even after the deaths of more than 200 farmers, the Modi government has been insisting upon the three agricultural laws being supported by many farmers' organizations.

Since India joined the World Trade Organization in the 1990s, multinational agricultural companies have been pressuring India to restructure its agriculture and food economy. An official report prepared under the Vajpayee government in 2002 gives us a glimpse of some of the major lobbies pressing for restructuring of India's agriculture and food economy.

What interests lie behind the three Farm Acts of the Modi government? Various private corporate interests, domestic and foreign, with stakes in trading in grain and other agricultural commodities; contract or corporate farming; logistics (including storage and transport of agricultural products); seeds, fertilizer, and other inputs; food processing; organized retail; and financial sector activities (including investment in commodity markets).

Worldwide, many of these firms are involved in multiple activities. The leading agricultural traders own ocean-going ships, ports, railways, refineries, silos, oil mills, and factories. Their activities include growing crops; selling inputs; buying output, transporting and storing it; processing crops to produce various products, or supplying other producers of final goods; and carrying on sophisticated financial speculation in agricultural commodity markets.

The financial news service Bloomberg once said that Cargill was not only part of the value chain but was the chain itself - from the field to the shop counter. In a 2001 corporate brochure, Cargill described itself thus: "We are the flour in your bread, the wheat in your noodles, the salt on your fries. We are the corn in your tortillas, the chocolate in your dessert, the sweetener in your soft drink. We are the

oil in your salad dressing and the beef, pork, or chicken you eat for dinner. We are the cotton in your clothing, the backing on your carpet, and the fertilizer in your field". Four such firms, of which Cargill is the largest, control 70 percent of the world market in agricultural commodities.

Although the major Indian business groups Reliance and Adani have both strenuously denied pushing the so-called 'reforms', and the Modi government has strenuously claimed that it has no plans to wind up public procurement, both Government officials and private investors state their views and demand more frankly behind closed doors. These demands are then processed into recommendations by official committees - dressed in the language of 'greater efficiency' and 'fiscal savings'.

Thus the High-Level Committee on Reorienting the Role and Restructuring the Food Corporation of India (known as the Shanta Kumar Committee), set up in August 2014, received representations from various private corporate firms, including Adani Logistics, Cargill India, ITC Agribusiness Division, CII Food, and Agriculture Centre of Excellence (CII FACE), Yes Bank, and so on.

Committee for Long Term Grain Policy

However, an earlier high-level official committee report did reveal a bit more regarding the real intentions of those pressing for such 'reforms'. Although its report is 18 years old, the present agenda of the rulers has been under preparation for even longer, and so the report of 2002 remains very relevant.

The High-Level Committee for Long Term Grain Policy, headed by Abhijit Sen, was set up in 2000 and submitted its report in 2002. The Terms of Reference assigned to it required it to examine the following areas:

- i) Minimum Support Prices (MSP) and price support operations
- ii) the role of the Food Corporation of India (FCI)
- iii) the functioning of the Public Distribution System (PDS)
- iv) policies regarding buffer stocks, open market sales, and foreign trade
- v) allocation of grain for rural development and other welfare programs.

Instead of reforming and restoring the loopholes observed in the general food grain collection and distribution system, the powerful group was under intense pressure to destroy the Food Corporation (FCI). "There is no need to restore the current system," he said. The current

crisis has created not only the minimum support price, but also the opportunity to dismantle the general distribution system, and the decline in the role of the Food Corporation of India has come not only from private corporations but also from the private sector.

The committee was asked to comment on several issues raised by the Department of Agriculture after the interim report. He encouraged ordinary people as well to take part in solving this great task: "One of the things you and other people can do is keep up the pressure ... there are going to be some difficult decisions for government". Specifically, examine a proposal from the Union Ministry of Agriculture to ensure that the Food Corporation can introduce an insurance-based livelihood assistance scheme without purchasing grains directly. But fearful of such a move, state governments began to protest. On the other hand, except for Ashok Gulati, one of the members of the committee, the rest of the members declared a minimum price and argued in favor of maintaining the grain procurement system through which to achieve price stability.

Hazards for grain production:

Refuting the argument, the committee opined, "Price instability is not just a matter of concern for the welfare of productive farmers and consumers and their income. Experience from around the world and India has shown that investment in agriculture is adversely affected if prices remain high and the value of production is not guaranteed. The committee, therefore, said that price stability would be the main goal of this long-term policy. If the general collection system is not implemented at a fixed minimum price and the government mandi system (APMC) is lifted, the price of paddy and wheat will be greatly reduced. Even in the rest of the producing states like Punjab, Haryana, and western Uttar Pradesh, it will not be more than Rs 350 per quintal. The committee estimates that if rice and wheat are not procured at the minimum support price, farmers will lose about Rs 40,000 crore, which is estimated to be Rs 1,29,000 crore by 2019-20.

If production declines, the country will be more dependent on imports:

"According to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), imports of food grains from developing countries will increase," the committee said. In 1956-57 it was 10.7 crore metric tonnes, 19.8 crore metric

tonnes in 2015, and 27 crore metric tonnes by 2030. "In that sense, it is possible the United States and the European Union would want to reduce the price of foodgrains and increase their prices." This will save them from the huge discounts they are giving to the farmers of their country.

The committee estimates that India's rice and wheat demand accounts for about 15%. The country's population is also growing. So the country should have enough buffer stock. "If there is a major reduction in ice stocks, it will affect the global grain market." As a result, farmers will be hit first by declining prices, and then by rising prices, which will hurt farmers. If buffer stocks are low and production declines temporarily and food prices rise in the global market at the same time, the situation will be serious, as it has been in the past.

"We will not invest unless the buffer stock system is abolished."

The committee asked private companies if they were willing to invest in the food grain business. "Even if the essentials were lifted, restrictions would be imposed on the transportation/storage and storage of food grains, but they would still not be able to invest," it said. With a long-term, irreversible and profitable government policy, they will only invest if they abolish government policies (buffer stocks) that store more food grains. "They openly said that the main obstacle to increasing their profits was the Food Corporation's buffer stock.

Ignoring the views of many local companies, the government, and their supporters who are members of the committee, the committee is clearly "opposed to the complete abolition of the Food Corporation of India and its inability to divide it on a regional basis or impede its implementation."

It seems to be relevant to inform about these many local companies here. Four of these are known as ABCD. Meaning of A- Danielle Midlands, B-Bunge, C-Cargill, and D-Lewis Drifas. Together, they control about 70% of the world's agricultural products. Cargill is the largest of these. When it comes to explaining the impact of America's second-biggest private company on your life, no one puts it better than the company itself. "We are the flour in your

bread," says one of Cargill's corporate brochures, "the wheat in your noodles, the salt on your fries. We are the corn in your tortillas, the chocolate in your dessert, the sweetener in your soft drink. We are the oil in your salad dressing and the beef, pork, or chicken you eat for dinner. We are the cotton in your clothing, the backing on your carpet, and the fertilizer in your field."

They are now joined by two business groups - Reliance Fresh and Adani Logistics.

Abolition of the rebate system:

According to the OECD, the number of rebates given to farmers in India accounts for about 7.8% of the total grain production. Compared to this, the agricultural subsidies of the wealthy OECD countries (Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, etc.) accounted for about 17.6% of their quota of grain production. The average rebate was 319 billion dollars, of which 231 billion dollars was directly disbursed to farmers. Even so, owning one is still beyond the reach of the average person. In addition, about 50% of the population in developed countries is employed in agriculture.

Government's reluctant move:

The Abhijit Sen Committee's recommendation was submitted in 2002. As expected, the government did not accept the recommendations. The Vajpayee government has deliberately reduced the amount of wheat harvest by keeping the minimum support price stable. Earlier, the Congress-led UPA government first introduced the "Targeted General Distribution System" (Targeted PDS) to divide the consumers of the country into two parts, BPL and APL, respectively. As a result, the FCI warehouse was stockpiled with large quantities of rice and wheat. It was the first step towards the destruction of the general distribution system.

In 2004, the UPA government also followed the BJP-led NDA policy to reduce the amount of wheat harvest by setting a minimum support price. As a result, large quantities of wheat were imported in 2006 at a high price due to a decline in buffer stocks. Wheat imports continued in 2007 but were reduced. During this time, wheat prices rose sharply internationally. But the UPA government later withdrew due to its negative political implications. It may be mentioned here that both the UPA government and Vajpayee's NDA government were coalition governments. So even though some such experimental measures were taken, from a political point of view, the collection system at a minimum support price continued.

However, in August 2014, after Modi formed a senior government, the Food Corporation of

India (FCI) formed another committee to redefine the role of the Shanta Kumar Committee. Many private corporations have their own opinion on the matter. These include Cargil India, Adani Logistics, ITC's Department of Agriculture and Commerce, CIR's Food and Agricultural Development Center, EES Bank, and others. Although the committee did not specify what their demands were, the committee also recommended that the Food Corporation of India (FCI) abolish the general food grain collection and distribution system and instead provide cash for compensation to farmers and consumers. It also demanded the involvement of the private sector at every level of the food supply system. The committee had never mentioned Abhijit Sen's recommendations before, nor did it consider why it had been rejected. After Modi won a single majority in 2019, he passed the three agricultural laws in parliament, especially in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Indigenous edible oil industry destroyed in India:

By 1991, oilseed cultivation and production in our country had become almost self-sufficient. India was a member of the World Trade Organization at the time Its importation of oilseeds and edible oils by the Government has been placed under an open general license system, which has consistently reduced its import duties. Instead of encouraging indigenous oilseed cultivation, the government gradually withdrew from it. As a result, the country's oilseed production and related industries were affected. Gujarat farmers quit oilseeds and move on to other crops.

The ABCD company, which has already written, will benefit from this process. They are active in palm oil, the main producer of palm oil, in Indonesia and Malaysia, and the soybean business. India's Adani-Wilmar is also involved in the edible oil business. About 70% of India's edible oil demand is imported. During 2010-20, India imported about 97 billion dollars worth of edible oil.

In a nutshell, India's food security financing under the three agricultural laws will push farmers across the country to the brink of extinction, even though the sector earns the most. In addition, it will benefit 140 crore consumers in the international market. The huge buffet stock that is now available will still be there. But its ownership will be controlled by multinational companies. India will participate in the auction with the money it has borrowed to get it. Food security economics will thus become a surrender of India's food sovereignty.

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Fake rural housing schemes

Bhadrak (Bureau): More than 8000 'fake rural housing schemes' in Bhadrak district? Officials who had earlier uploaded fake information on the official website are now at risk. Officials are embroiled in irregularities, including showing that the beneficiaries of the homeless house are finished, giving the fourth installment to the beneficiaries to get the first installment. Meanwhile, the departmental director (special project) expressed deep concern over this at a review meeting last week. In the Prime Minister's Housing Scheme (Rural), 34,173 people from 7 blocks of

Bhadrak district were given construction orders in the last fiscal year 2019-20. They were paid Rs 20,000 for the first installment. According to the department's website, 30,208 houses have been completed and inspected by the department's officials. Of the 30,208 people who have already completed their homes, 23,929 have so far received the fourth installment or full grant. The remaining 6279 beneficiaries have already completed their homes, but they have not received the full grant, according to the data. Similarly, in 2020-21, a total of 10940 beneficiaries in the

district were given the first installment grant with work orders. Of those, 9335 have been built and department officials have completed inspections. Of these, 6787 beneficiaries received full funding but the remaining 2548 had not received it.

It is noteworthy that the government is providing additional incentives for the beneficiaries of the Rural Housing Scheme to complete their houses within the stipulated time. In the Bhadrak district, the number of people who have finished their homes in the last two financial years has not been given an incentive?. Is it true

that so many houses have been built or the website has been filled with false information? In response to such questions, Mr. Pandav, Additional Project Director (Rural Housing) of the Bhadrak District Rural Development Agency, said, 'This is happening not only in our district but in all districts. We can also fill in the information on the website that the first installment of the beneficiary has been completed. But the beneficiaries are going to give him the fourth installment after the house is built. It is clear from Mr. Pandav's words; False information is being provided on official

websites. The monitoring of departmental officials is also false. But both the central and state governments want to curb corruption through information and technology. It has been instructed to adopt a system of geographical surveys through geographical tagging. But they are being digested by lower-ranking officials. Although the departmental director (special project) had urged officials at the last review meeting to create such confusion, the Vijay Mahal demanded that arrangements be made to remove the behind-the-scenes activities and secrets.

Malnourished baby, pregnant mother !

Sundergarh (Bureau): A year-old girl is battling death in a hospital and her mother, who is guarding her is not self-sufficient to buy food worth Rs.5. Anyone who thinks of the plight of this helpless mother will be trembling in pain. Pari Munda, a tribal woman from Hatiada village in the Korda block of Balang panchayat, her girl child was in critical

condition due to malnutrition, was rushed to Rourkela Government Hospital on September 28 for treatment. Even after 6 days of treatment, the girl child was not recovering, rather her condition was deteriorating. Meanwhile, the doctor advised her to take Burla. The worrying thing is, Pari Munda, being eight months pregnant has fallen ill due to anemia

while guarding her daughter in the hospital. The duo mother-daughter situation is terrible. Sibalen, the husband of Pari, has migrated to another state to earn a living but he has not returned since last February. The government says it provides free health care to the needy and the poor. But ironically, the hopeless Pari and the innocent girl have not yet had a good fortune.



Disruptive health care in the state: 1985 medical officer posts are vacant

Cuttack (Bureau): Nearly 2,000 doctor positions in the State are vacant, the State government has admitted in the Orissa High Court. In an affidavit, Additional Chief Secretary of Health & Family Welfare department Raj Kumar Sharma has stated that against the total sanctioned strength of 8,729 medical officers in the Odisha Medical and Health Services cadre, 6,744 regular medical officers are in position and the vacancy stands at 1,985. Taking note of the affidavit, the division bench of Chief Justice S Muralidhar and

Justice BP Routray has fixed November 17 for hearing the PIL filed by lawyer Chittaranjan Mohanty. He had sought judicial intervention for filling up the sanctioned posts in the government medical college hospitals, the district headquarters hospitals (DHHs), and other periphery hospitals.

Most of the DHHs are running without adequate numbers of specialist doctors, the petition pointed out. The bench has directed the petitioner to file a rejoinder to the affidavit by then.

In the affidavit, Sharma said,

"For providing proper healthcare against the 1,985 vacancies, 699 medical officers have been engaged on ad hoc and contractual basis and for a temporary period under various schemes."

He added that of the 1,985 vacant posts, 1,586 are backlog vacancies meant for scheduled caste and scheduled tribe candidates. These positions have remained unfilled even after three regular recruitments due to the non-availability of candidates in the SC and ST categories.

The petitioner also

mentioned vacancies in the Odisha Medical Education Service (OMES) cadre in all the eight medical colleges in his affidavit. It states that while the vacancies in the base-level posts of assistant professors are 426, it is 94 in the promotional posts of associate professors and 40 in the case of professors.

"To treat patients and teach UG and PG students in MCHs, 382 assistant professors, 26 associate professors, and six professors have been engaged on contractual/ad-hoc basis", he said.

Sharma said the existing vacancies in the OMES cadre in the promotional posts of 40 professors and 94 associate professors belong to 25 broad specialty and 14 super specialty disciplines. "The major reason for the vacancy in promotional posts of professor and associate professor is non-availability of suitable candidates in the zone of consideration in the feeder category posts of assistant professor/associate professor despite convening of regular departmental promotion committees," he added.