

How much more will Odisha see wage's grief ?

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How much more will Odisha see Daily wage's grief? One by one, workers who left their village to earn a living outside are losing their limbs, others are being imprisoned, and others are facing death and loss of sight. In districts like Kalahandi and Balangir, such tragedies are happening one by one. One such case was reported in the Patnagarh area of Balangir. After losing their son, parents who worked for daily wage returned to the village. According to them, "they worked day and night. The owner did not know

Extreme poverty makes the pregnant lady drag trolley

It won't take much time for this mother to give birth to a baby. The mother needs money to take care of the unborn baby. So, dragging a trolley, to give birth to an unborn child. This is a picture of a woman facing extreme poverty from the Baripada area of Mayurbhanj.

With no help from her husband and mother-in-law, the pregnant lady with a one-year-old boy in her arms walks around the alley. Collecting plastics, bags, and glasses in the trolley to feed herself. A

similar case is of Laxmipriya Das, 19, of Bazar Hat in Chalia, Baripada station in Mayurbhanj district. Due to the lack of Aadhaar cards, she has been denied access to government services for pregnant women. She was not given nutritious food by Anganwadi. Asha...

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whether they eat or not. Even if they cook their meal, they can't eat. They work even in the holidays. The son died in a car accident. His father went to the market. No one took the child to the hospital. Taken to the police station at night. The baby was said to be coming from the hospital. However, they did not save the baby and gave it to them." Hemant Naik of Sareichahal village near Lathore in Khaprakhhol block of Balangir district went to Dana with his wife and 6-year-old son. However, it was reported that the child had been beaten to death by a brickyard owner. The boy was crushed by a truck. However, the father and mother of the son did not show the body to the owner of the brickyard. The owner of the brickyard bribed the police. Even then, he was not allowed to return to the village. Father Hemant and his mother have returned to their village after losing their 6-year-old ...

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Dhinkia residents hide in fear of police !

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Police vs Public, Company vs Earth. Dhinkia under Ersama block of Jagatsinghpur district in protest of the industrial project. The movement has intensified again in the region. The police and the public have come face to face. The scene took place on January 14. Sakuntala Samal's husband from Dhinkia village has been on the run since January 14. Since then, many people in the village are living inside their homes, and many homes haven't cooked food since then. Many people are still hiding in the forest for fear of the police. Our delegation went to meet them. Many of their griefs came to light after talking to him. When people ask about their grief, tears

rolled down their eyes. Abhaychandpur police have forcibly demolished the Pan Baraj, a so-called rice pot for villagers, at gunpoint. No compensation has been paid to them. However, the villagers do not accept the government's offer of just Rs 2 lakh or Rs 3 lakh. With 40,000 to 50,000 rupees a month from the barge, they are open to what the government will do with this nominal cooperation. They refused to vote because no candidate had heard of their plight. The only way to feed their stomach was Pan Baraj which they have vandalized.

So, it is better to break it yourself before they do it. Pan, cashew nuts, pineapple, mango, jack fruit, and

Samyuta Kisan Morcha's protests

Bhubaneswar (Bureau): In the presence of delegations and police appointed by the High Court on February 19, the company has been accused of unspeakable atrocities against Dhinkia residents, human rights violations, and livelihoods.

According to the Samyuta Kisan Morcha, the Jindal Company's use of batons, arrests and false charges against people in Dhinkia in the interests of the Jindal Company is highly reprehensible. The state chief minister Naveen Patnaik has been blamed for the incidents by the protestors. Such repression is very unbearable. Children, ..

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Kewra flower were the income source for the Dhinkia villagers. Between 2 and 3 lakhs of these are imported annually. But the administration is paying only Rs 50,000 to Rs 1 lakh as compensation at the same time. So, people are questioning what their

future holds. Some people, however, welcomed the industry but warned that there would be protests if they did not receive compensation as promised. The anti-industrial movement that has taken its toll on Dhinkia over the JSW... ▶ Page-3

Editorial

Elections: Odisha saw blood and tears

In the fifth phase, the three-tier panchayat elections are over. The state election commission had set a target of holding elections free, fair, impartial, and non-violent, but by the end of the election, Odisha was in a state of turmoil. Where the election candidate was abducted, the journalist went to the polls to collect news. Everywhere you look today, the tide of protectionist sentiment is flowing. Before the election, it was said that the election would be "nightmarish" and "non-violent." But in all the panchayats, the picture of alcohol and violence was found. Unemployment, hunger, neglect, and failure in the election could not be addressed. The only thing that matters is winning the vote. The political party has not been able to fulfill its role in addressing the issue. The only part I didn't enjoy was the weeding and cultivating. Because people can't see development. The government has developed something that people cannot see.

Even after seven decades of independence, peace and co-existence in the countryside are slowly deteriorating. "Especially in the face of sectarian strife, the countryside is now in a state of violence." Such views are becoming more and more visible when the vote comes. In politics, values are declining, leading to the collapse of democratic traditions. Jajpur, Bhadrak, Puri, Kendujhar, Kendrapara, Nayagarh, and Balasore districts were the scene of electoral violence. In a few cases, however, some criminals have been arrested due to the intervention of the Election Commission. In some places, re-voting has taken place. But the Election Commission has been accused of failing to control how criminals have created a state of insanity in most places. This is why we are here today "In each case, the people have, for the first time, been offered a chance to vote. Violence, on the other hand, is being taken for granted. In the name of economic progress in the state, liquor shops have been set up in villages. At a time when the youth of the village are not getting jobs, they are forced to leave their places for employment and earn a living. At the same time, major political parties are addicted to power.

In a peaceful state like Odisha, the way to win the election should not be limited to just condemning it. The reason for the failure of the police administration to maintain law and order should also be sought. Why was the Code of Conduct Violated? For whom or for what political party did the state witness widespread violence? Who prevents elections from being free, fair, impartial, and non-violent? Who created the temptation to create election enthusiasm, empowerment, and confidence among the people? Who incited violence? Because the state has municipal elections ahead, followed by assembly and general elections. It is important for the state to review the issue of violence in the panchayat elections and to explain why the guidelines issued by the Election Commission are not being followed. Because violence is a threat to democracy. It also threatens to protect the rights of citizens.

Political and economic problems will be the cause of World War!

Today, the world is in a state of turmoil. Due to the global financial crisis, the number of victims has risen sharply every week. The current era is being compared to that of World War II. The outrage of the superpowers, the exclusion of other nations from civil strife under the pretext of establishing peace, and their free entry into civil wars, the so-called jihadist organizations such as the IS, the killing of monsters, the atrocities against humanity, and so on. The horrors of the impending World War III.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor, the Supreme Leader of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in the world, has been warning the general public and individuals about the dangers that have plagued the world for years. Not to create a hotchpotch, but to show how the world came to be in this state and how to save the world from that ruin now.

The spiritual leader of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community has made it clear that the only way to bring peace to the world is to follow the path of justice and to surrender to God humbly and obediently. In the same way, we can show empathy to all human beings, help the weak and helpless, share in their sorrows with reverence, respect God, walk in the path of truth and righteousness, and bow down to our supreme Creator with sincere feelings.

Today, political and economic problems in the world have forced war. "We all know that the failure to form a United Nations and the catastrophic financial crisis of 1932 were the beginnings of a second world war," said Ahmadinejad, the supreme head of the Muslim community. Veteran economists today say that there is a lot in common between the current financial crisis and the 1932 financial crisis. Political problems and economic turmoil have once again fuelled the war in smaller countries. In each case, they have seized it, despite obstacles we can scarcely imagine. "If the disputes between small nations are not properly

resolved through politics or diplomacy, then these countries will inevitably split up and form some new factions or factions in the world. This is the main reason for the outbreak of World War III.

Ahmed Mirza Masroor, the 5th caliph of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community, is currently trying to figure out how to prevent a third world war. That is why he is writing letters to all heads of state. "There is a lot of tension and unrest all over the place right now," he wrote to the president of the Islamic Republic of Iran. In some areas, minor conflicts have erupted, while in others, major ones. Powerful nations are using their power to try to maintain peace and to interfere in their internal affairs.

"Everywhere you look today, the tide of protectionist sentiment is flowing. Looking at the current situation in the world, I have to say with great sadness that the foundations of another war have already been laid.

"We are well aware of the horrors of the past two world wars," said Ahmadiya

Muslim Khalifa, a Member of the Knesset for Kadima. Sadly, the complex governance policies and abusive behavior of some countries are indicative of another world war in the direction of the world. This world war will turn into a nuclear and nuclear war. "Everywhere you look today, the tide of protectionist sentiment is flowing. We need to take the path of justice, honesty, and transparency to avoid dire consequences.

We have no reason to give the gift of disability to our future offspring. In a letter addressed to the Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mr. Mirza Masroor, the Supreme Leader of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, said,

"I must convey the message of the Lord to you. Who obeys the word of the Lord? Listen, I hope you are counted among them. Follow the path of those who succeed in leading the way. For it is the way of the God of heaven and earth. I urge you ...



Fazal Haque Khan

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son. According to Hemant and his wife, Padmanabha Naik, Dadan Sardar of Lathore, had taken Hemant to Telangana and left him in a brickyard. The owner of the brickyard was torturing them.

In the absence of Hemant, his wife worked in a brickyard. The brickyard owner's truck rammed, his 6-year-old son while was playing. But instead of offering sympathy to the family, the brickyard owner didn't allow them to leave their jobs. Eventually, they returned to their place. The family is still in fear. They did not say anything about the incident. However, a social activist tweeted to the Odisha and Telangana police about the incident and called on the CMO to take action. Hemant's wife said hundreds

more workers were being held captive in Telangana's brickyard.

Extreme poverty...

workersdenied help. Biju health card, housing scheme, and Mamata scheme are far reachable to her. Three years ago, Vikas Barik had an affair with Lakshmi. The two later married and had a happy life. A year after the marriage, Lakshmi gave birth to a son. While working as a painter, Vikas lived in his ancestral home in the village of Sindurgaura. As Vikas neglected his family being with friends, Lakshmi, grabbed her son and ran away to her father's house. She has taken refuge in her father's house, Ramakant Das, at the Baripada Station Bazaar Hat. They live in congested in the heat, rain, and winter

in that house, and she spends her days starving. Being pregnant, she walked down the aisle. **Inturnbags, shecollects** jars, water bottles, plastic items, paper, and glass bottles from the waste bin. She said she could earn up to Rs 200 a day but ended up earning Rs 150 a day. She saves some money for her delivery. City dwellers are also extending a helping hand, seeing the condition of her body. However, it is hoped that the government's efforts to protect women, and children, will be able to meet the needs and aspirations of mothers and children. Asked by Additional District Magistrate (General) Rudra Narayan Mohanty about Lakshmi, he said all arrangements would be made for her at the government level.

Dhinkia residents ...

project has renewed its image of the POSCO controversy. The future of the industrial project will depend on what the administration and the people of Dhinkia are going to do next. According to sources, on the eve of Saraswati Puja, a JSW's thug in the absence of a certain pan farmer talking of a hijacking woman was recorded on the phone, this video went viral. There has been widespread speculation that Kadali Haranchal is involved.

Samyuta Kisan ...

the elderly are vulnerable. The villagers do not have the right to write and submit applications. The village is completely dependent. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has demanded that

the High Court immediately hear all the petitions for the release of Dhinkia residents from police custody. The protestors demanded action against police, administration, and hooligans. The proposal to make the Jindal project, which is life-threatening and environmentally hazardous, should be withdrawn. Narendra Mohanty, Suresh Panigrahi, Abhiram Behera, Mahendra Parida, Jyoti Ranjan Mohapatra, Srikant Mohanty, Prafulla Samantara, Shankar Sahu, Santosh Rath, Banshidhar Parida, Vishwapriya Kanunhago, Prashant Kumar Many leaders including Niranjana Mohanty, Sudarshan Pradhan, Mohammad Sukur, Pradeep Nayak, Basant Sahu, Ambuj Nath Naseem Sarkar, Subati Mishra, Prabhmanjula Brahma, Vijayalakshmi Patra were present in the protest.

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to do your utmost to protect humanity from the devastation of the world instead of bringing the world to the brink of war.

Instead of trying to recover, they wallow in their sadness and thus, experience more failure. That way we can give a bright future to our future generations. Otherwise, we would give them the gift of the crippled. "I urge the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom to work hard to put an end to the flames of hatred and violence at all levels and in all directions," he said. If we succeed in this endeavor, we can be sure that the future of our next generation will be bright. If we fail to do so, we will have to deal with the devastating effects of nuclear war everywhere, and the consequences of such atrocities will be felt

and our future generations will be devastated. And this generation will never forgive their ancestors for pushing the world into great calamity. Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmed Saheb (1935-1906), the Promoter of the End Times, the Promised Avatar and the Messiah and the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, warns the world community about the Great War, Europe! You are not at peace either. Asia! You are not safe either. islanders! No artificial god will help you. I can see the metropolitan area collapsing, and I see the Eternal Settlement abandoned and uninhabited. God was silent for a long time, and he did terrible things in his sight, but he did not speak. Now he shows off his angry face. Whoever has ears, let them hear that the time is not far off. I have tried my best to

bring everyone together under the peaceful shadow of the Lord. The days will be like a flood of tornadoes before your eyes. You can see the horrors of the AIDS epidemic in your own eyes as a result of extreme immorality. But God loves the slow pace of anger. So, repent, as a result, you can be compassionate. If the world had understood this priceless message of Hazrat Ahmad and acted accordingly, there would have been peace in the world and the human race would have lasted longer. Pray to God that He will empower all human beings. The people of the world will be aware of their responsibilities, as well as their materialism greed, and will try to do their job well. May God Almighty protect us all from the horrors of World War III destruction. This is what we want."

Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe dormitories cost only Rs 24 a day

Bhubaneswar (Bureau): The current market rate is rising sharply. Food prices are skyrocketing. Gas and oil prices have more than doubled in a year. However, in the backward class hostels for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe children in the state, only Rs 24 per child is provided for daily food and drink. However, there is growing dissatisfaction in schools with how to feed three children with these 24 rupees.

The state caste, tribal and backward class development department runs 164 boys' schools, 173 girls' schools, 2 secondary schools, one BED college, and 13 Eklaya model boarding schools in the state. It provides food, shelter, and other facilities for children with disabilities from SC to ST from 1st to +2. So, the officials in charge of managing these hostels are now worried. Hostels are becoming a hard lesson at the rate at which the government has arranged for children to eat and drink. The government pays a monthly stipend of Rs 750 for children to stay and eat. The government last raised the price from Rs 600 to Rs 750 in 2015. But since then, food prices have skyrocketed, but the amount of government grants has not

changed. Many hostels have been accused of banning children's morning and evening breakfasts and reducing food standards. Of the Rs 750 crore provided by the state government for food and drink to children, Rs 724 is spent on food and Rs 26 on child entertainment and oil soap. Of the Rs 724 per meal, Rs 15 per month is provided for rice, Rs 400 per month for pulses, oil, vegetables, salt, spices, and Rs 8 per month for non-veg. There is also a provision for spending Rs 150 for breakfast and evening breakfast. However, the school authorities are concerned about how the price of vegetables, edible oil, pulses, fish meat, and gas has gone up in the market and how the children will be given 2 meals and 2 breakfasts at the rates set by the government.

On the other hand, for the Odisha Adarsh Vidyalaya and other model schools, the state government pays between Rs 1800 and Rs 2000 for children's meals, while educators for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe children differ in the rules, the educator said. In this regard, the departmental official says, the government has been proposed to raise the price.

Cops behaved as company's hooligans in Dhinkia

1. On January 14th police lathi-charged everyone including children. What happened on that day which made the police start doing lathi charges?

"I want to tell you what happened on the 14th." The villagers were anxious to see what they saw that day. "On January 6th, along with samyuktaKishan Morcha, the villagers went to meet the tehsildar to withdraw the police force. On the way, police took photos via a drone camera. In the evening there was another meeting in the village, where villagers said they are fighting for their livelihood. And requested the SamyuktaKishan Morcha to visit them to give them courage.

In the meantime, they had repeatedly asked us to go to Dhinkia. On the 12th, when Pratap Pradhan, a friend of Lakshmi Narsingh Rath reached Kujang on Dhinkia Road, he saw that the police were checking everyone's Aadhaar card. They were looking for LakshmiNarsingha as if he had gone missing. I advised the two friends to leave for Bhubaneswar, fearing any untoward situation by the police.

KshitishBishwal of the CPI (ML Liberation) passed away on January 13th. I and Kalyan Anand arrived in Dhinkia around 5 am to pay their respects. Trilochanpur gates were closed by women. IIC asked me not to go to that place. We can visit places outside Dhinkia where section 144 is not declared. We were forbidden to take photos and talk on the phone. While the argument was going on, suddenly some women from Dhinkia village grabbed us by the hand and closed the gate.

In the evening there was a meeting. It was unanimously decided that Panbaraj would not be given to anyone. We will camp there and eat. Despite the inclement weather, about one and a half thousand people rallied at 10.30-11 pm on the 14th. First, the children, then the women, and finally the men walked towards the bar. At their request, we stayed with them. I saw a thick rope on the road to Panbaraj. About 150 to 200 police officers were present with batons. A scuffle broke out near Panbaraj. Some of the children fell because the children were ahead. Some people brought them in for child protection. The movement was trying to cut the police raw for the pattern. But that was not easy. Instead, clashes broke out between police and locals. At the same time, I urge the police to take immediate action to prevent any untoward incident. Suddenly, people approached IIC Jibananda Jena and started shouting obscenities at him. They asked him to leave the place. I answered that too. While the Additional Superintendent of Police was asking people to stop going pan baraj, it seemed as if he had no power to make a decision. All power was concentrated in the Abhaychandpur IIC. No administrative officials were present. The situation calmed down for a few moments, with a distance between the villagers and the police.

On the one hand, the villagers were discussing how to get to Panbaraj on the other hand, at which

point they looked at the police as if they were preparing for a beating. Another officer, including the DSP and the additional SP, came and asked me to leave. But with the arrival of the people, I said there was no question of leaving the place. In it, people demolished another gate near Mahal. So, some ran in that direction, then the DSP itself took the lead and brutally beat. Children, old people, women did not leave anyone behind. Everyone was chased and beaten. Women's police brutality against women was limited. Which, of course, made the video an overnight sensation. When did some guy drag out there? The police fell into them too. Many people, including Devendra Swain, fell. The woman who surrounded him was severely beaten.

Although the situation is not so tense, the cause of the brutal beating by the police is not known. At the time of the beating, the previous tensions had subsided. The number of female police officers was calculated. Some of them were found helping people. At this point, the DSP grabbed my arm and pulled me away. At this point, my phone was taken away. The police did not respond to a request for comment. Five people were arrested with me that day.

2. how was the behavior of police with you and others?

The five of us who were arrested. Everyone except me was beaten by the police. The persecution of Devendra Swain, the leader of the movement, was limited. Devendra Swayamsevak was arrested and charged with three counts of felony criminal mischief. Then when he came to the police station in another vehicle and saw him, he was helpless to see Devendra Swain in another custody. He was not even given a lungi, he was only wearing shoes. There were only scars all over the body. He also repeatedly said, "Why do I think Maoists are being persecuted?" The misconduct escalated further after the arrival of the Abhaychandpur SI from 11.30 pm to 12 noon. Suddenly he approached me and hung up the phone. By the way, Abhaychandrapur IIC used obscene words in the local language, which is impossible to say. I also said, 'I can answer your obscene words, but your mother and sister are like my mother and sister, so I have not fallen so low as to accuse you.' Apart from these police behaved well. They gave us bread and toast. The arrest was signed at 2 p.m. I was arraigned before the Ersama Magistrate's Office and arrived at the prison at 3.30 am.

3. What was prison life like?

Narendra Mohanty

Six of us were arrested together. In that sense, it is possible to have 6 blankets on the first day, but only 3 blankets on the first day. We lived in a long ward of 20 people. There is also a 2-foot wall, which is like mental torture. Separate cells were then given. During the time of the imprisonment, we had the opportunity to speak to some prisoners held on



January 26. Goodwill was brought to the prisoners from Dhinkia. At this point, I saw some inmates who were to be released within 15 days or a month, but who had been in jail for years because there was no one at home or no money. Prisoners should seek the help of the District Legal Services Authority through the jailer. But that did not happen. Two to three people were released on bail with the help of Pratima and Niran, a lawyer for the anti-fraud campaign.

4. Have been imprisoned earlier? What was the difference between previous and current imprisonment?

In 1992, I was jailed for 7 days in Baliguda, Kandhamal for false charges. He was later jailed for various acts but was immediately released on bail. One month in jail was the longest of his life. In 1992, the prison was very dark and unclean. The situation is improving now. Even now, the food provided to prisons is very poor. Flattened rice and vegetables given in the morning are not enough. Just fish on Sundays, eggs on Wednesdays are ok. Therefore, food supply should be considered. Prison staff should be given the responsibility of cooking directly, and any third party should be given the responsibility. There should be 2-3 phones where people can talk to their families. Wages paid to prisoners are not enough. Prisoner's wage is paid from Rs 67 to Rs 70. Which is a violation of the minimum wage system. A case has been filed in the High Court over this.

5. How do the two groups view the fight in Dhinkia?



This is not a group conflict at all. Rather, with the support of the company and the police, the powerful anti-social people are attacking the innocent people of the village. Who was going to present the real facts before the special delegation of the High Court? The atmosphere of fear was deliberately created. "People are losing faith in the system because of such attacks in the presence of the committee." Even that evening many people were arrested. Even those who took us on bail were arrested. A fake video was released stating that "we are protesting against Devendra Swain or we have support for the government package." "In each case, the people have, for the first time, been offered a chance to vote.

6. Does Political parties have support for the movement?

As a political party, Congress visited Dhinkia. The BJP did not do that. The only question was why there is no polling booth in Dhinkia? Now all the political parties are busy with the panchayat elections

7. Can people win against Jindal as they did in the POSCO project?

The movement had a major impact on Posco's departure. In addition, Posco was eliminated due to the lack of sword mines and the decline in the demand for steel in the international market. Here both the BJP and the BJD agree to the project. Locals are fighting against it.

Dissatisfaction with the Unplanned MCC project



Cuttack (Bureau): The MCC (Micro Compost Center) scheme has been devised to keep households clean and to use waste in the public interest. Following the Tamil Nadu framework in 2019, the Cuttack Metropolitan Corporation (CMC) has come up with a plan to keep the city free of garbage. According to the plan, garbage will be collected from house to house and sent to the center. As a rule, each resident will be allowed to store dry and wet garbage in two separate bins. The cleaning staff will go from house to house collecting it. After the solid waste is cut at the center with the help of a cutter, the manure or organic matter will be made from it with yogurt and honey and the fertilizer will be sold by the corporation. Under the plan, garbage will not be found on city streets or elsewhere. However, due to a lack of proper knowledge and

vision, the MCC plan is seen as an unplanned project. In the first phase, it is expected to start in 15 locations in Cuttack, but the CMC is unable to execute its plan.

In the early stages, plans are afoot to set up biosphere centers in 15 locations across Cuttack. A total of five centers were completed, and the controversy erupted. Mainly, the centers of Raghunath Ji temple, Markatanagar, Sector 7, and Gopal Ji Math; one of the most active centers, have been opposed by locals due to bad smells and pollution. Such projects have been completely illegal in residential areas for various quarters, while two projects have been canceled due to land disputes. The MCC, on the other hand, was demolished near Khannagar at a cost of around Rs 70 lakh for a world-class bus terminal. However, land disputes in Jobra and Vidyadharpur have

hampered the plan. Locals, on the other hand, have expressed dissatisfaction with the Raghunath Ji Temple, sector 7, Markatanagar, and the MCC near the Gopal Ji Math. To date, people near the Raghunath Ji Temple and the Gopal Ji Math have been breathless for the MCC, while no visible steps have been taken after visits by market residents and legislators, which has been widely criticized. While the local area is having a bad odor, the surrounding environment for the MCC is also unclean due to a lack of proper vision. As a result, such public-benefit tax schemes have failed and are causing problems for the public. On the other hand, in some places, it is said to be completely illegal. No talks were held with locals before the construction of the micro-compost center in the settlements. So even after the exchange of funds, such plans of the government are reversing. On the other hand, it is also called money laundering in the name of making public interest plans. Such plans should not be made in densely populated areas. The only reason why it failed to do so was to consult with the intellectuals in the area where it was built. The CMC voluntarily made the plan. Even after repeated awareness of the problems that have arisen in the region, no action is being taken.

Maria Ressa's Nobel Address



Saral Ku. Das



Two journalists, Maria Ressa of the Philippines and Dmitry Andreyevich Muratov of Russia were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2021 on December 10, 2021. Here is the keynote address of Maria Ressa on the occasion of the Nobel Prize acceptance has now become the talk of the world.

"Your Majesties, Your Royal Highnesses, Distinguished Members of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, Your Excellencies, Distinguished Guests

I stand before you, a representative of every journalist around the world who is forced to sacrifice so much to hold the line, to stay true to our values and mission: to bring you the truth and hold power to account. I remember the brutal dismemberment of Jamal Khashoggi, the assassination of Daphne Caruana Galizia in Malta, Luz Mely Reyes in Venezuela, Roman Protasevich in Belarus (whose plane was literally hijacked so he could be arrested), Jimmy Lai languishing in a Hong Kong prison, Sonny Swe, who after getting out of more than 7 years in jail started another newsgroup ... now forced to flee Myanmar. And in my own country, 23-year-old Frenchie Mae Cumpio, still in prison after nearly 2 years, and just 36 hours ago the news that my former

colleague, Jess Malabanan, was shot dead.

There are so many to thank for helping keep us safer and working. The #HoldTheLine Coalition of more than 80 global groups defending press freedom, and the human rights groups that help us shine the light. There are costs for you as well: in the Philippines, more lawyers have been killed - at least 63 compared to the 22 journalists murdered after President Rodrigo Duterte took office in 2016. Since then, Karapatan, a member of our #CourageON human rights coalition, has had 16 people killed, and Sen. Leila de Lima - because she demanded accountability, is serving her 5th year in jail. Or ABS-CBN, our largest broadcaster, a newsroom I once led, which, last year, lost its franchise to operate.

I helped create a startup, Rappler, turning 10 years old in January - our attempt to put together two sides of a coin that shows everything wrong with our world today: an absence of law and a democratic vision for the 21st century. That coin represents our information ecosystem, which determines everything else about our world. Journalists, the old gatekeepers, are one side of the coin. The other is technology, with its god-like power that has allowed a virus of lies to infect each of us, pitting us against each other, bringing out our fears, anger, and hate, and setting the stage for the rise of authoritarians and dictators around the world.

Our greatest need today is to transform that hate and violence, the toxic sludge that's coursing through our information ecosystem, prioritized by American internet companies that make more money by spreading

that hate and triggering the worst in us... well, that just means we have to work much harder. (hold up t-shirt) In order to be the good, we have to BELIEVE it is GOOD in the world.

I have been a journalist for more than 35 years: I've worked in conflict zones and warzones in Asia, reported on hundreds of disasters - and while I have seen so much worse, I have also documented so much good, when people who have nothing offer you what they have. Part of how we at Rappler survived the last 5 years of government attacks is because of the kindness of strangers, and the reason they help - despite the danger - is because they want to, with little expectation of anything in return. This is the best of who we are, the part of our humanity that makes miracles happen. This is what we lose when we live in a world of fear and violence.

The last time a working journalist was given this award was in 1936, and Carl von Ossietzky never made it to Oslo because he languished in a Nazi concentration camp. So we're hopefully a step ahead because we're here!

By giving this to journalists today, the Nobel committee is signaling a similar historical moment, another existential point for democracy. Dmitry and I are lucky because we can speak to you now, but there are so many more journalists persecuted in the shadows with neither exposure nor support, and governments are doubling down with impunity. The accelerant is technology, at a time when creative destruction takes new meaning.

We are standing on the rubble of the world that was, and we must have the foresight and courage to imagine what might happen if we

don't act now, and instead, create the world as it should be - more compassionate, more equal, more sustainable.

To do that, please ask yourself the same question my team and I had to confront 5 years ago: what are you willing to sacrifice for the Truth?

I'll tell you how I lived my way into the answer in three points: first, my context and how these attacks shaped me; second, by the problem we all face; and finally, finding the solution - because we must!

In less than 2 years, the Philippine government filed 10 arrest warrants against me. I've had to post bail 10 times just to do my job. Last year, I and a former colleague were convicted of cyber libel for a story we published 8 years earlier at a time the law we allegedly violated didn't even exist. All told, the charges I face could send me to jail for about 100 years.

But, the more I was attacked for my journalism, the more resolute I became. I had first-hand evidence of abuse of power. What was meant to intimidate me and Rappler only strengthened us.

At the core of journalism is a code of honor. And mine is layered on different worlds - from how I grew up when I learned what was right and wrong; from college, and the honor code I learned there; and my time as a reporter, and the code of standards & ethics I learned and helped write. Add to that the Filipino idea of utang naloob - or the debt from within - at its best, a system of paying it forward.

Truth and ethical honor intersected like an arrow into this moment where hate, lies, and divisiveness thrive. As only the 18th woman to receive this prize,

I need to tell you how gendered disinformation is a new threat and is taking a significant toll on the mental health and physical safety of women, girls, trans, and LGBTQ+ people all over the world. Women journalists are at the epicenter of risk. This pandemic of misogyny and hatred needs to be tackled, now. Even there, we can find strength. After all, you don't really know who you really are until you're forced to fight for it.

Now let me pull out so we're clear about the problem we all face and how we got here.

The attacks against us in Rappler began 5 years ago when we demanded an end to impunity on two fronts: Duterte's drug war and Mark Zuckerberg's Facebook. Today, it has only gotten worse - and Silicon Valley's sins came home to roost in the United States on January 6 with mob violence on Capitol Hill.

What happens on social media doesn't stay on social media.

Online violence is real-world violence.

Social media is a deadly game for power and money, what Shoshana Zuboff calls surveillance capitalism, extracting our private lives for outsized corporate gain. Our personal experiences are sucked into a database, organized by AI, then sold to the highest bidder. Highly profitable micro-targeting operations are engineered to structurally undermine human will - a behavior modification system in which we are Pavlov's dogs experimented on in real-time with disastrous consequences in countries like mine, Myanmar, India, Sri Lanka and so many more. These destructive corporations have siphoned money away from newsgroups and now pose a foundational threat to markets and elections.

Facebook is the world's largest distributor of news, and yet studies have shown that lies laced with anger and hate spread faster and further than facts on social media.

These American companies controlling our global information ecosystem are biased against facts, biased against journalists. They are - by design - dividing us and radicalizing us.

Without facts, you can't have the truth. Without truth, you can't have trust. Without trust, we have no shared reality, no democracy, and it becomes impossible to deal with our world's existential problems: climate, coronavirus, the battle for truth.

When I was first arrested in 2019, the officer said, "Ma'am, trabaho lang po," (Ma'am, I'm only doing my job). Then he lowered his voice to almost a whisper as he read my Miranda rights. He was uncomfortable, and I almost felt sorry for him. Except he was arresting me because I'm a journalist!

This officer was a tool of power - and an example of how a good man can turn evil - and how great atrocities happen. Hannah Arendt wrote about the banality of evil when describing men who carried out the orders of Hitler, how career-oriented bureaucrats can act without conscience because they justify that they're only following orders.

This is how a nation - and a world - loses its soul.

You have to know what values you are fighting for, and you have to draw the lines early - but if you haven't done so, do it now: where this side you're good, and this side, you're evil. Some governments may be lost causes, and if you're working in tech, I'm talking to you.

How can you have election integrity if you don't have the integrity of facts?

That's the problem facing countries with elections next year: among them, Brazil, Hungary, France, the United States, and my Philippines - where we are at a do or die moment with presidential elections on May 9. 35 years after the People Power revolt ousted Ferdinand Marcos and forced his family into exile, his son, Ferdinand Marcos, Jr. is the front runner - and he has built an extensive disinformation network on social media, which Rappler exposed in 2019. That is changing

history in front of our eyes.

To show how disinformation is both a local and global problem, take the Chinese information operations taken down by Facebook in Sept 2020: it was creating fake accounts using AI-generated photos for the US elections, polishing the image of the Marcoses, campaigning for Duterte's daughter, and attacking me and Rappler.

So what are we going to do?

An invisible atom bomb exploded in our information ecosystem, and the world must act as it did after Hiroshima. Like that time, we need to create new institutions, like the United Nations, and new codes stating our values, like the universal declaration of human rights, to prevent humanity from doing its worse. It's an arms race in the information ecosystem. To stop that requires a multilateral approach that all of us must be part of. It begins by restoring facts.

We need information ecosystems that live and die by facts. We do this by shifting social priorities to rebuild journalism for the 21st century while regulating and outlawing the surveillance economics that profit from hate and lies.

We need to help independent journalism survive, first by giving greater protection to journalists and standing up against States which target journalists. Then we need to address the collapse of the advertising model for journalism. This is part of the reason that I agreed to co-chair the International Fund for Public Interest Media, which is trying to raise new money from overseas development assistance funds. Right now, while journalism is under attack on all fronts, only 0.3% of ODA is spent on journalism. If we nudge that to 1%, we can raise \$1bn a year for news organizations. That will be crucial for the global south.

Journalists must embrace technology. That's why, with the help of the Google News Initiative, Rappler rolled out a new platform two weeks ago designed to build

communities of action. Technology in the hands of journalists won't be viral, but like your vegetables, they'll be better for us because the north star is not profit alone, but facts, truth, and trust.

Now for legislation. Thanks to the EU for taking leadership with its Democracy Action Plan. For the US, reform or revoke section 230, the law that treats social media platforms like utilities. It's not a comprehensive solution, but it gets the ball rolling. Because these platforms put their thumbs on the scale of distribution. So, while the public debate is focused downstream on content moderation, the real sleight of hand happens further upstream, where algorithms of distribution have been programmed by humans with their coded bias. Their editorial agenda is profit-driven, carried out by machines at scale. The impact is global, with cheap armies on social media tearing down democracy in at least 81 countries around the world. That impunity must stop.

Democracy has become a woman-to-woman, man-to-man defense of our values. We're at a sliding door moment, where we can continue down the path we're on and descend further into fascism, or we can each choose to fight for a better world.

To do that, you have to ask yourself: what are YOU willing to sacrifice for the truth?

I didn't know if I was going to be here today. Every day, I live with the real threat of spending the rest of my life in jail just because I'm a journalist. When I go home, I have no idea what the future holds, but it's worth the risk.

The destruction has happened. Now it's time to build - to create the world we want.

Now, please, with me, close your eyes. And imagine the world as it should be. A world of peace, trust, and empathy, bringing out the best that we can be.

Now let's go and make it happen. Let's hold the line. Together."

Strike in front of High Court Committee: Akshay seeks justice

Discussions on the attacker's false allegations

Jagatsinghpur (Bureau): In Jagatsinghpur district, Ersama Block, Dhinkia area police's baton charge on people who go against JSW project. The case has been filed in High court, after which the government assigned 2 advocates to visit the place on the 19th. There was excitement in the village before they arrived. After receiving money from the company, some leaders, with the help of police, threatened to persuade the leaders at the forefront of the movement and force them to speak out in favor of the

project. The Hon'ble High Court sent a five-member team to examine the case. But Dhinkia Panchayat BJD president Akshay Behera, including some of the police force, Yogendra Malik, Vivek Swayam, Surendra Mohapatra, Sujan Mohapatra, Subhashish Lenka, Santosh Lenka, Bapina Mohapatra, Babu Jena, Devdatta Swayamsevak have been indicted in several cases. Pradeep Satapathy and a social

worker also pushed Manas Kar. Pradeep Satapathy and Manas Kar have been charged with



felony criminal mischief on the villagers of Dhinkia. The video went viral. In the video, anti-social activists like BJD

president Akshay Behera, Subhashish Lenka, Bapina Mohapatra were seen beating Pradeep Satapathy.

Her sister and several other prominent people took him to a five-member committee to protect him. Abhaychandpur police have registered a case against 50 people. The incident has sparked controversy as the district magistrate and the SP have been campaigning for peace in the village. Earlier, pro-social activist Prafulla Samantaray and

senior journalists were not allowed to enter the party. As a result, there is a lot of unrest in Dhinkia. The situation is better in a pool lying too many people are fied and many companies are against the villagers. Some people hide in the forest. To date, the courts have not taken steps to improve the situation, raising doubts about the normalcy of the village. Intellectuals are questioning why polling booths have been set up in other villages if peace has returned to Dhinkia.

Delays in 'eye-scanning' : Farmers can't afford to sell rice



Bhubaneswar (Bureau): Farmers' eye-scans are urgently needed to pay for rice sold to the government. However, this "eyescan" is now a problem for some farmers. Farmers can't afford to sell their paddy at the time of the sale, as cooperatives that buy rice spend too much time scanning.

The farmers' complaint came from the Delang block area of Puri district. Farmers in some of the co-operative societies in the area, who donate their paddy, say the committee is running out of time to do so, rather than scanning it later.

The government has linked Aadhaar and Bank accounts with farmers' registered numbers to prevent them from giving rise to prominent ghost farmers. So, I am scanning to see if the farmer is real or fake while delivering the rice. If the scan appears to be genuine, then the money is being credited to the farmer's account within 72 hours of handing over the rice. However, in some of the cooperative societies in the Delang area, it is this 'eye Scan' that is creating the awkward situation. Where they are delayed by the

scanning process. They ask to come later for scanning after giving the rice. As a result, farmers are no longer able to receive their dues as per the government's plan. A farmer has been accused of scans after weeks of selling his rice.

Farmers say they are taking up to 10 quintals during the current year. In some places, farmers are taking rice to their mills. Even so, owning one is still beyond the reach of the average person.

Farmers in rural areas are also facing several problems, including the government's lack of awareness. This year's target is to run out of rice to sell its produce. They keep rice paddy after being requested by the farmer but an eye scan is not done. It's been a year and a half since I've received this money. To avoid these situations, farmers have suggested placing a center for 'eye scan' so that it would be convenient for selling rice.

Odisha ranks 4th in child sexual abuse

Response from the National Commission for the Protection of Children



Bhubaneswar (Bureau): The Central and State Governments are formulating various schemes for the protection of children. From the birth of the child to the age of 14, the Mamata scheme has been in place. While the state has a plan like 'Mamata', the central government has taken up the scheme saying 'if the child laughs, the country will laugh'. Many plans have been put in place to address this.

However, this seems to be

the case with the paper. According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), in a progressive state like Odisha, violence against women is on the rise, and now child abuse is on the rise. According to the data, Odisha ranks fourth in the country in child sexual abuse. The incident will be discussed in Parliament. A statement from the National Child Protection Commission later asked the state law department.