

Short Story

The Cunning Fox and the Clever Stork

Once upon a time, there lived a very cunning fox who always wanted to cheat and deceive others with its awful and stupid acts. The fox used to deceive others with its sneaky mind. He used to speak to other animals sweetly to make him trustworthy.



One day he tried to cheat and have fun with a stork. He befriended the stork and gained the trust.

The fox acted like a very good friend and cared a lot for the stork. One day, he invited the stork to have a feast with him and he wanted to treat his friend with delicious food. The happy stork accepted the invitation.

The fox promised to offer rich and tasty food for the stork. Considering the delicious dinner proposed by the fox, the stork remained hungry for the whole day.

Fox took the stork to his home. He apologized to the stork that he could not make anything due to his illness and offered some soup. The stork although disappointed, cared for the fox and was happy with the soup. The cunning fox offered the soup in a shallow bowl. The stork was stunned to have the soup in the shallow bowl! The long bill of the stork prevented it to take the soup. As the fox easily licked the soup from the plate, the stork wasn't able to even taste a bit of the soup. It just touched the soup with the tip of its bill.

The Fox asked the stork, 'How is the soup? Don't you like it?' The Hungry stork replied, 'Oh it is good, but I have stomach upset and I can't take anymore soup!'

'I'm sorry for troubling you',

said the fox. The stork replied, 'Oh dear, please don't say sorry. I have some health problem and cannot enjoy what you offer. Please take care of your health.' She left the place thanking the fox!

However, the stork understood that it was cheated by the fox and decided to teach him a lesson. After a few days, the fox met the stork again and decided to play another prank on the stork. This time it was the stork's turn. The stork invited the fox happily and welcomed to pay a return visit to have a dinner.

The fox was happy and they decided on a date to have the dinner. The stork asked the fox's favourite food and offered to cook the same for the dinner. The day arrived and the fox reached the stork's place. The stork served soup to the fox and asked him to have soup first. The soup was served in a narrow jar with a long-neck. The stork was able to drink the soup very easily with its long bill, however the fox couldn't.

The stork asked the fox to enjoy the soup. And showed several delicious dishes in long-necked jars. The disappointed fox said, 'My stomach is very painful. I'm leaving now' and left the place running.

Interactive Discourse on Maoist Movement and the Role of the State: Chattisgarh Experience – A Report

IT News
Imphal, Dec. 3: A One Day Interactive Discourse on "Maoist Movement and the Role of the State: Chattisgarh Experience" was held at the Manipur Press Club, Imphal on January 2, 2016. The lecture was delivered by Shri. Suvojit Bagchi, Bureau Chief, *The Hindu*, Kolkata. The event was organised by the Centre for Manipur Studies, Manipur University, Canchipur in collaboration with the Columnist Forum, Manipur with Media Partner, the Imphal Times.

Prof. Rajendra Kshetri, Head, Department of Sociology, Manipur University was the moderator. Prof. Felix Padel, Visiting Professor, Centre for Northeast India Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and Shri. K. Madhumangal, President Columnist Forum, Manipur were the panelists.

The presentation made by Shri. Suvojit Bagchi was broadly divided in two parts. The first part dealt with the rise and factors responsible for the rise of the CPI-M [Communist Party of India-Maoist] in south Chattisgarh, referred to as the *Dandakarnya* by the Maoists. And the second part focussed on various forms of State repressions. The presentation on the events of south Chattisgarh was narrated using visual photographs and a couple of video clips. Shri. Bagchi submitted that earlier Bastar Division (presently divided into seven districts) formed the south Chattisgarh. It is around 30-35,000 square km in size (almost the size of Kerala with one-tenth of Kerala's population). The Maoists (earlier known as Peoples' War Group) are largely concentrated in this region.

Regarding the rise of Maoist

movement he submitted that tribal uprising in the region is around 300 years old, and thus, Maoist movement is just a dot and subsequent happening. Further, he stressed that Tribal uprising against the State is continuing in Central, West & East India. Thus, according to him, Maoists did not convert the Gond tribals of North India into a militant-tribe who protest for their rights against the State but rather the tribals adopted the Maoists & their policies. The Maoists at present fight for prevention of exploitation of the resources of the tribal people mainly forest produce. They attempt to regulate Tendu wage and price rate of forest produce, which are mainly dominated by the Marwari, Bengali, Gujrati, Sindh, Panjabi and the Bihari in terms of business, while the tribals are the manual labourers. Therefore, the control of the Cintelarnh Market in Sukma District is the key – or a central character in the prevailing conflict in south Chattisgarh. The Maoists have taken up these issues in the form of their political programmes.

Suvojit added that the third factor in the rise of Maoism is two important Central Acts of India, such as the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and the Forest Conservation Act of 1980. These two Acts empower the personnel who are in charge to protect wildlife and trees. However, these Acts are also instruments responsible for completely stripping Adivasis (the Tribals) of their right to collect wood & plants and to hunt /kill animals for survival. Interestingly, when these Acts were enacted in the name of preservation and conservation for the forests & wildlife, it was done without any planning – or without ever thinking how the people who survived on Forest for thousands of years would survive. So, for the Maoists, it is demand for their access and use of their resources without any inhibitions.

The other factor which helped

them immensely is engaging women and children. While many hold that Tribal society is fair and upholds egalitarian ethos, Suvojit held that many of these societies are largely patriarchal and exploitative in terms of gender relations. He added, "My understanding is different: I felt while on one hand it was equal in terms of drinking or singing together it is as exploitative & unfair to women". Thus, many women join the Maoists so as to escape from exploitation and oppression.

Another strong reason for Maoists to convince the Tribals of Bastar is that they need armed movement to protect their water, forest and land. He added that mining begins from meetings of the Gram Sabhas, where signatures of the land owners are forged and gives away lands to the mining companies. He adds, "The Maoists in every programme says this, in loudspeaker, that if they are not there Steel Companies will turn South into North". Mining were undertaken in large-scale magnitude in the North since 1968. This leads to the consolidation programme of the Maoists. And the fact is that "If you let a Communist Party works in any area for a substantial period, it is nearly impossible to uproot as its ideology and party structure grows". Maoist party has grown substantially in South Chattisgarh. The Maoists have integrated with the Gond society.

And these are the cadres who have received education from universities and engineering colleges. Party is the Heart of Maoism. Under Party there is the Mass Front, Janatana Sarkar and Peoples' Liberation Guerilla Army (PLGA). PLGA is the Head and Mass Front (for women, students, workers, etc.) and Janatana Sarkar are the two hands.

The second part of the presentation focussed on State's plan to isolate the Maoists, and

how it has led to severe repression of the tribals. For a long time, the Indian State did not try to understand the problems of the tribals in the region or about Maoism. Mahendra Karma, a rural land lord and former CPI MLA, started the anti-Maoist movement from within the Kond community from the 1990s, known as Salwa Judum. In this process, Mahendra Karma with the help of moneyed community, the State at the Centre & State, armed the local Gond tribals to fight other set of Gond tribals initiating a fratricidal warfare. The other part of the war was to isolate the villagers & Maoists known as Jagargunda experience.

In this process hundreds are being killed and raped. He cited Nandini Sundar who had documented killing of more than 500 women and destruction of villages and filed a petition in the Supreme Court of India. Arming of the local community in a way destroyed the people and wiped off generations of people. However, the Judiciary of Chattisgarh and India punished those most brutally who had tried to question Salwa Judum, atrocities including the social activists and the journalists. Suvojit added, "The State has gone on a killing spree. Now if you raise your voice against this, many things can happen to you".

He cited the example of Dr Binayak Sen who was jailed for raising questions about lack of Health Care and blatant Human Rights abuses; Soni Sori, Lingaram Kodopi were tortured for raising their voices against these injustices; journalist Santosh Yadav and another reporter arrested because they were reporting these cases; Social scientist Nandini Sundar was hunted because she was documenting these cases and approached the Supreme Court and ICRC was thrown out for providing emergency care.

Quake hits Afghanistan, jolts north India

PTI
New Delhi, Jan. 3: A medium intensity earthquake on Saturday hit Hindu Kush region in Afghanistan, ripples of which were felt across North India, including in Jammu & Kashmir and the national capital.

The earthquake, measuring 5.8 magnitude, was 170 km deep, according to the National Seismology division of Ministry of Earth Sciences. There was no report of any loss of life or damage to property till the last reports came in. The tremor occurred at 2:07 p.m. and people in the national capital region rushed out of their homes. People in Kashmir also felt the tremor. The tremor was experienced at around 2.15 pm in the Valley, an official of the MeT department said. A police official said there were no reports of any damage due to the tremor.

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