

Poetry section

# The charge of Mothers

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Dozens of mothers; Dozens of mothers!  
Marched Forward the torch bearer; charge for the lights!  
Fasten your belts; tighten your girth!  
Shut out your doors; certain your children and men!  
Leave none; clear them all! Crying and yelling  
Marching down the Khwai Street; convincing persuading  
Liberate our men; relieve from suppressing  
Weeping and lamenting;  
Stop the lallup; stop the lallup!  
Complaining and protesting; down the street  
Storming and fighting, marching against the British troops  
Challenging and out crying for the immediate action;  
Oh! The ruler; too soft and weary  
Tangling and disputing; doubting his part  
Is too late to shield those unarmed mothers;  
Those valiant, fearless souls wither charging.

Dozens of mothers; Dozens of mothers!  
Marched Forward the torch bearer; charge for the lights!  
Fasten your belts; tighten your girth!  
Shut out your doors; certain your children and men!  
Awaken and come forward!  
Grasp your torch; grasp your torch!  
Let's patrol these nights; down the streets  
Dark and unattended; poise and confident  
Charge for the action; charge for the change  
Hit the pole! Kang kang kang kang kang kang kang  
Pale your hand; with no stone returned  
Identify your men; save your men  
Halt your men; cease them from intoxicating  
Associate them brighter; it's too good to have her relieving for violence.

Dozens of mothers; Dozens of mothers!  
Marched Forward the torch bearer; charge for the lights!  
Fasten your belts; tighten your girth!  
Shut out your doors; certain your children and men!  
Live your breath; walk for comrade  
Consort your companions; secure your bolts!  
Loosen not your hair bun; fasten and wrap your shawl!  
Endure abiding your phanek, persisting last lingering round your waist;  
Ah! What a fettle, how cruel the inhuman?  
How brutal the demoniac law?  
How severe the barbaric actions?  
All in the sadistic; inflicting pain, blooded and merciless  
Oh! Mother, your strength has flown through veins  
Sharp and strong; 'Indian Army, rape us! Kill us!'  
'We are all mothers of our children, come, rape us, you bastards!'

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National and International News

# President Pranab condemns mob lynchings, asks 'are we vigilant enough?'

**Courtesy: TOI**  
**New Delhi, July 2:** President Pranab Mukherjee on Saturday asked countrymen to rally against the rising trend of mob lynchings, stressing that the frenzy needed to be curbed.  
"We will have to pause and ponder over, and reflect, when we read in newspapers that an individual is being lynched because of some alleged violation of law or not. When mob frenzy becomes so hard and irrational, uncontrollable, we are to pause and reflect 'are you vigilant enough?'" Mukherjee said.  
Taking a jibe at such killings, he underlined, "I am not talking of vigilantism, I am talking of 'are you vigilant enough', pro-actively, to save the basic tenets of our time."  
Emphasising that countrymen could not abdicate their duty to counter the trend, Mukherjee said, "Posterity will demand an explanation from us about what we have done."  
He was speaking at the release of a

commemorative edition of "National Herald" on 70 years of Independence, which was attended by senior Congress leaders and eminent citizens. Former PM Manmohan Singh and Rahul Gandhi, who returned from a vacation abroad earlier in the day, was also present.  
Accusing the Modi government of backing perpetrators of mob violence, Congress chief Sonia Gandhi tore into the ruling camp by saying India had reached a crossroads with looming threats of authoritarianism and bigotry.  
Sonia said forces which played no role in freedom struggle were moving to alter the idea of India. "Though their language is modern, they seek to take India backward to further their narrow sectarian vision... Their modern jargons conceal primordial beliefs and concepts..."  
talking about diktats coming from groups on what people should eat or say, Sonia said, "All that is being encouraged by a culture of vigilante

violence, actively supported by those who are supposed to enforce the law. Such examples assault our consciousness almost daily."  
President Mukherjee spoke about the foundation of "secular democracy" laid down by late first PM Jawaharlal Nehru, saying it was a "gigantic achievement" that India had established a harmonious society despite the diversity of 200

languages and dialects, and all seven major religions of the world. "Nehru said his biggest challenge had been to convert a highly religious country into a modern secular country," he said.  
Quoting Nehru, the President emphasised it was not easy to adopt a secular democratic constitution in the aftermath of religious frenzy wrought by partition.

# CVC monitors CBI probe in top bank frauds, including Mallya

**New Delhi, July 2:** Vigilance Commissioner in the Central Vigilance Commission, T M Bhasin has said that bankers need to muster courage to recover their money individually or collectively from defaulters.  
Mr Bhasin said, the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) is supervising CBI's probe in 10 top bank fraud cases, including one involving fugitive businessman

Vijay Mallya. Speaking to a news agency, Mr Bhasin said bankers need have no fear if their decisions are bonafide.  
Our correspondent reports, his assertion assumes significance as the Central Bureau of Investigation is looking into a large number of bank fraud cases worth crores of rupees and involving private firms and businessmen.

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# Imperialist crisis and the future of scientific socialism

The political leaders became like lackeys of a handful of capitalists. While arriving here, the neoliberal economy has completely failed. It could not deter the financial crisis of 2008; on the contrary, it appeared to be more horrible than the previous ones. Various economists have commented on it. Joseph Stiglitz, the Nobel Prize-winning economist and former adviser to US President Bill Clinton, has declared the neoliberalism to have already died. Quoting Stiglitz in Business Insider, an online paper dated August 19, 2016, Will Martin writes, "Neoliberalism is dead in both developing and developed countries." Apart from this, the IMF deputy director Jonathan Ostry and Division chief Prakash Loungani are critical of neoliberal economic policy. In an article entitled, "Neoliberalism Oversold" they write, "Instead of delivering growth some neoliberal policies have increased inequality." The French economist, Thomas Piketty, has published an important book named "Capital in the twenty-first century". He has drawn a conclusion that capitalism has failed because it has been widening the gap between rich and poor instead of narrowing it.  
The neo-liberalism centralised capital into the hands of a certain individuals. The capitalists garnered immense profit out of it, but the government did not have any role in its distribution. As a consequence, a handful of investors accumulated a vast amount of wealth while the rests had been pushed towards destitution and poverty. This process has further intensified after 2008 crisis. Before two years, data showed that the richest 185 people in the world had accumulated the same amount as the poorest half population did. Before six months from today, this very number of rich people was said to be 62 only. However, in these days, the online papers are writing that the richest 8 people in the world own as much wealth as the bottom half world population do. This sort of data gets pouring from online papers run by the international institutions like Oxfam and Forbes.  
Nowadays, the debate whether neoliberalism is viable or not does not confine merely within some known economists and papers. It has become a question of sharp debate between two superpowers in the world: America and China. The US president Donald Trump has stood for protectionism against globalisation and privatisation while the Chinese president Xi Jing Ping

has favoured neoliberalism and globalisation against protectionism. Addressing the meeting organised on January 17, 2017 by World Economic Forum (WEF) in Switzerland at Davos, he says, "It is true that economic globalization has created new problems, but this is no justification to write economic globalization off completely. Rather, we should adapt to and guide economic globalization, cushion its negative impact, and deliver its benefits to all countries and all nations." It shows that china is not only adhered to globalisation but also is committed to developing and spreading it further. It is related to the imperialist policy of China's "One belt one road".  
What a surprise, republican leader Donald Trump and conservative leader Theresa May have now started advocating protectionism in opposition to neoliberalism that Reagan and Thatcher, who represented the same parties, had put forward during 90s of the last century. Another surprise, the parties, who favoured globalisation yesterday, have now stood for protectionism and the parties, who stood for socialism and protectionism yesterday, are openly advocating globalisation at present. This shift that has emerged in the world political arena now must not be regarded as a mere coincidence. It imparts a certain meaning in the context of the world proletarian revolution and national liberation movement as well. Trump's ultranationalism that is reflected in his slogan "Make America great again" is heading towards fascism. The present activities by Trump justify it further.  
Science has made an incredible development in the past two decades. The third industrial revolution has made things possible today which were assumed to be impossible yesterday. Car driving, translations, money transactions, teachings etc. to which skilled people were needed before can be done by computer technology today. Robots can perform now very hard physical works that men were unable to do before. The founding chairman of WEF Klaus Schwab has recently brought out a very important book named "Fourth Industrial Revolution." According to his book, the fourth industrial revolution is characterized by a range of new technologies that are fusing the physical, digital and biological worlds, impacting all disciplines, economies and industries, and even challenging ideas about what it

means to be human. One can now guess the extent of fourth industrial revolution from this saying.  
Many scientists have sharply commented on the fourth industrial revolution. Rob Price has brought out an important article entitled, "Stephen Hawking: Automation and AI is going to decimate middle class jobs" in an online publication, Business Insider, dated Dec 2, 2016. In that very article, he quotes Hawking as saying, "Automation will in turn accelerate the already widening economic inequality around the world. The internet and the platforms that it makes possible allow very small groups of individuals to make enormous profits while employing very few people. This is inevitable, it is progress, but it is also socially destructive." In that very article, "47 per cent of US jobs, 35 per cent of UK jobs and 77 per cent of Chinese jobs are at risk of automation" he quotes a report presented by City Bank. It is a very formidable situation before the humanity.  
It is not that the capitalists are unaware of the dangers that the third and fourth industrial revolution have brought in. But the remedies they provide are ridiculous. James Bessen, a Boston University economist, has brought out an important article on Feb 25, 2017 in an online paper Fortune. In that article he writes, "In a recent interview, Microsoft founder Bill Gates proposed that robots should be taxed. He anticipates that robots will replace large numbers of workers over the next 20 years. By taxing the robots, he argued, we would slow down the pace of automation and the funds raised could be used to retrain and financially support displaced workers." Surprisingly, is the humanity really approaching the day in which capitalists invest money, robots work in the factories and the tax paid by robots is paid back to the displaced workers for renting luxurious skyscrapers and purchasing varieties of food stuffs? What a nonsense, it only shows how narrow and pathetic is the horizon of bourgeois thinking.  
Whatever it be, science and technology has made an unprecedented development. It is the development of productive forces. But this development has come up with a serious question, for whom is the production aimed at if a huge section of the working class population loses employment and their purchasing power has been diminished? Hawking has been raising a strong voice that the world

is going to be destroyed if the AI and technological development is let loose without any proper measure to benefit the working class population. He is correct. It is an obvious crisis brought in by capitalist mode of production. As a result of this crisis, the world is heading towards a volatile situation. There are three basic contradictions in the world at present. They are: first, the contradiction between imperialism and oppressed nations and people second, the contradictions among imperialist forces and third, the contradiction between capital and labour. Thanks to the development of technology and AI, the contradiction between labour and capital has intensified. The dispute witnessed in the course of Trump's first trip abroad, the conflict between North Korea and the US, the tension that has emerged in the Middle East centring on Qatar have led to create a new level of polarisation among the imperialist forces and the contradiction between them is sharpening. There are two alternatives ahead of this situation. They are: one, change in production relation as per the development of productive forces i.e. the accomplishment of socialist revolution led by the proletariat and two, the catastrophic World War III. There exists no third alternative to it. At the end, let us go through the Communist Manifesto. It writes, "The development of Modern Industry, therefore, cuts from under its feet the very foundation on which the bourgeoisie produces and appropriates products. What the bourgeoisie, therefore, produces, above all, are its own grave-diggers. Its fall and the victory of the proletariat are equally inevitable." Thus, the prediction the Communist Manifesto had made before 169 years back in 1848 has been proved correct today. The latest development of technology and AI brought about by capitalist mode of production has led the capitalism to its death knell. Also, the death-bell that is hanging at the neck of capitalism is the indication that the future of socialist revolution is bright. Nevertheless, the revolution does not routinely fall down from the sky. It requires conscious effort. So, this is the time that the genuine revolutionary communist parties all across the world must consciously come forward to prepare for proletarian revolution under the guidance of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism. Only by accomplishing this duty can we bring the world socialist revolution closer.