

## Huge General Strike in India:

### **Workers Need Political Strikes for Communism to End Racism and Fascism**

Tens of millions of workers shut down India's cities and roads on September 2 in what may have been the largest labor action ever. Of course the US capitalists' media are covering this up!

The strike included organized and unorganized industrial and agricultural workers, youth, teachers and many others. It demonstrated their rage at the racist and anti-worker policies of the fascist government of Narendra Modi. Many marched with the red banners of communism.

This political strike followed months of mass mobilizations of Dalits, Hindus, Muslims and others in the streets of Gujarat, fascist Modi's home state, outraged at horrific violence against Dalit youth. Two million marched in Ahmedabad, Gujarat's largest city. Many other cities followed.

A large march is gathering momentum as it crisscrosses villages and cities. Masses of Dalits publicly pledge not to do jobs traditionally assigned to them, like removing dead cattle and cleaning sewers.

In Kashmir, every village and city erupted in violent protests after soldiers killed a 22-year-old. The masses are defying state-sponsored violence in relentless street battles, many led by women.

It took Modi's Hindu nationalist party over 30 years to build a fascist movement. It terrorized Muslims, Dalits, women and the labor movement. The collective mass actions of September 2 destroyed, in just one day, the myth of fascist invulnerability.



**Nothing remains the same in the universe or in society!**

The masses can destroy racism and fascism. But not by voting or fighting for reforms as the leaders of unions and mass organizations tell us! These evils – like imperialist war, hunger, joblessness and homelessness – are rooted in capitalism.

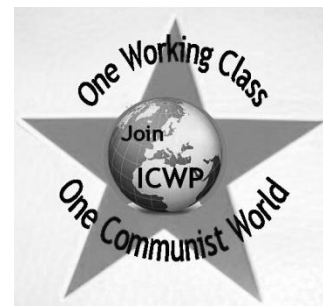
Modi and Trump, Angela Merkel and Hillary Clinton, Pena Nieto and Evo Morales, all politicians serve some sector of capitalist bosses. Voting for any of them only tightens our chains.

Only communism can destroy the brutality and exploitation of capitalism and its racism, sexism and the caste system. Only communism can stop the global crisis of capitalism from exploding into world war.

Only the masses, consciously mobilized for communism, can build the society we workers everywhere desperately need. Workers produce everything. Capitalists need us, we don't need them!

**Communism: What the International Working Class Needs Today**

Bosses spend lavishly to spread anti-communist ideas. They need us to believe that capitalism will last forever.



Real communism is the opposite of capitalism. In communism the working class will control and build production centers, communities and homes to meet our needs. Communism will eliminate money, bosses and borders. Building on this new foundation, the masses will smash racism, sexism, nationalism and all other vestiges of capitalism.

Our vision of communism grows from thousands of years of class struggle. Read the International Communist Workers' Party (ICWP) document *Mobilize the Masses for Communism* (available on [icwpRedFlag.org](http://icwpRedFlag.org)). It explains why we reject the idea that fighting for reforms or even socialism is a step toward communism. In practice, socialism led back to full-blown market capitalism everywhere it was tried.

Sadly, "communist" parties in India and elsewhere still have not learned this lesson. They mistakenly mobilize masses – as on September 2 – for reforms instead of for communism.

When communist ideas are grasped by the masses, they become a material force for communist revolution. That is already starting to happen.

Workers and youth read and discuss *Red Flag*, newspaper of the International Communist Workers' Party (ICWP) in over 40 countries. Thousands read it in India and thousands more in South Africa.

Workers worldwide are more alike than different. We all need to fight directly for communism! Read *Red Flag*! Organize political strikes for communism! Join the ICWP! We have nothing to lose but our chains. We have a world to win.

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