Nandigram leaves Left divided

Sarkar said the anti-SEZ protests were taking place across the country but what made Nandigram different was the intensity with which it was dealt.

"The incident also has anti-democratic implications. What we saw in Bengal is what we see in China. Neo-liberalism when combined with authoritarianism can be very dangerous," he said.

He criticized "there is no alternative," justification of the government pointing out that SEZs do not lead to either employment or industrialization.

He called upon all progressive leaders in the country to develop an independent Left movement and evoke its "revive" sections within the Left parties. "We need to take support from anti-neoliberal movement leaders, including environmentalists," he said.

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Bhangi was addressing a gathering at Punjab University today during a public discussion organized by "aam aadmi" from the university.

Recalling the March 14 incident, filmmakers and journalist Surendra Chhopad said the attack on protesters at Nandigram was a planned move aimed at intimidating all voices of protest.

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એટલે કાફી અઠવાડિયું કંઈક હતા કે આ સમયમાંક બદલાયા કંઈક નથી. આ કારણે પ્રસાદના પ્રોજેક્ટ પર બધા પાડી આ મહામારીની નોંધ કરવી જોઈએ.એને જેમ રખવામાં આવી જ આ સમયમાં બધાણ જેમ નથી તેને જ મહામારી સામે જ આવી જોઈએ. તેમ માર્ચ 18, 2020ના લીટીબયો ચાલાવવામાં આવી રહી છે. આજે કેનદ્ર સરકારની કેન્દ્રસ્ત્રી પ્રેસ કિંમત પર હજારો તેને જ આ સ્થિતિની મહત્વની માહિતી આપી રહી છે.
Chandigarh: A battery of events has marked out Nandigram in West Bengal in the past few months. Authoritative denouncements of Nandigram are standing against the land acquisition for SEZ but the government has taken a stand to retain the same in the region.

An attempt has been made in a public meeting organized by Baat Cheet to project the real state of affairs in themitted orchers of West Bengal. Sumit Chaudhary, a filmmaker and writer, has been asking a part of the struggle against acquisition of land in Nandigram.

Chaudhary says, "Nandigram is now an epic of resistance. Though police forces have inflicted atrocities on the people of Nandigram, they remain defiant. The poor peasants have not been given the government even after 300 of them were killed in the police shootout. All organisations have since then conspired and are opposing the SEZ project."

The proposed acquisition of 19,000 acres of land for setting up of an SEZ by the government has provoked the poor labour class. "These people have made Nandigram a blockaded zone with trenches made of huge boulders all around. As a result, it is now out of bounds for the police and the administration. It is indeed mind-boggling that people of Nandigram have not slept for three months and the police are afraid of being attacked," says Chaudhary. He refutes CPI(M)'s allegation that in this struggle, women and children have been used as a shield and clarifies that one and all stood for the cause.

Vashkar Nandy, a trade union activist from West Bengal, discussed the significance of analysing the people's movement. He says, "It is not just a mob which has stood to fight the injustice but it all stands for awakening of the conscience of people. People are very determined and though subjected, their high spirits didn't sag after the mass murder that took place on 14th March."

Nandy takes pride in saying that a noteworthy aspect of the movement is that it is an island in the sea of non-violence. He also mentioned that it has to be taken to ensure that people's fury is not used by the wrong people to their advantage.

Sumit Sarkar, a historian and a retired professor of Delhi University, adds, "This movement gives us an opportunity to learn from the people of West Bengal and how they have been able to resist the government's policy."

This holds relevance in Punjab as well, for there is a proposal for acquisition of land near Amritsar. Sukhdial Singh of Bharati Kisan Union (BKIU) says, "The reliable acquisition of land will not only serve the interests of poor farmers who have only these small plots of land to fall back on."

PU: Baat Cheet holds discussion on SEZ viability

PU: Baat Cheet held a discussion on SEZ viability at Panjab University on Tuesday. On the agenda were the issues of the viability of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and the implications of having a SEZ policy.

Chaudhary, a journalist and filmmaker from West Bengal, said that the people in Nandigram had no idea about the plan of developing an SEZ. He added that in March 14, the police unleashed a reign of terror on a large number of innocent people, including women and children, due to which many people were killed.

Sumit Chaudhary (standing) during the discussion on SEZs at Panjab University on Tuesday.
People are leading struggle in Nandigram

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IN THE wake of the March 14 Nandigram bloodshed, a filmmaker and writer from Kolkata, Sukhib Singh Khurana, had a gathering of students and teachers at Punjab University today that the firing is still continuing there. Another police and cattle attack is imminent. The villagers have not slept for three months.

There was also a sense of loss; traditional Leftists now without an ideological footing. Eminent historian and former Delhi University professor Sumitokt, trade union leader and member of NGO Swadhidkar Vaisakar Kipley and Punjab BRD leader Sukan Singh were the others present at the public meeting on "SEZ policy and People's Resistance: Lessons from Nandigram" organized by Harish Chauk, a discussion forum in the university.

Sukhdev said the Nandigram resistance to an SEZ was part of an all India phenomenon. "When we went there, we found tales of horror and a feeling of rejuvenation at the same time. The people sang songs with traditional slogans. A peasant told me, "How many of us can they kill? It was for the first time we had seen a genuine and spontaneous peasant movement."

Nandy brought forth the starvation death of its garment workers in North Bengal to speak about the "nexus." From April 2001 to 2006, more than 1,200 workers have died of starvation. From November 2006 to March 2007, more than 300 have died. This SEZ sent a fact-finding mission and gave some orders. The state has not followed those orders. We were attacked when we tried to check the death registers. They said, "Let the tribals die, we will eat whatever is left." But after Nandigram, the government is scared. The people are leading the struggle." Sukhdev Singh alleged that MNCs were trying to control fertile lands to turn the food of India. An all-party meet against SEZs would be announced at Kolkata on 1 and 3, Nandy said.

Journalist and filmmaker Sukhib Singh Khurana (right) addressing a public meeting on "SEZ policy and people's resistance" in Sociology Department in Punjab University on Tuesday.

‘सरकार की एसईजेड नीति सही नहीं’

मार्च 14 के दिन नांदीग्राम के लोगों के पूर्व निर्माण कार्यों की विकास की दृष्टि से भी मुहर्दीप पुल्लोर के बारे में चर्चा. सरकार के एसईजेड नीतियों की सहीत सहीत बंपर के संस्कृतिगत सत्ताओं की विवादों का उल्लेख है। एसईजेड, सीपीयू, और विभिन्न सरकारी विभागों के बीच विवाद के बारे में चर्चा किया जा रहा है। सरकार के बारे में चर्चा के बाद लोगों को रखा गया था इसका नीतिक विवाद। एसईजेड के नीतिक विवाद का उल्लेख है। एसईजेड के नीतिक विवाद का सारांश दिया जा रहा है।