

Demanding the immediate removal of Students' Federation of India's flags and banners from the campus as being constant reminders of Bengal's horrific past

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To The Dean of Students Presidency University 86/1 College Street Kolkata - 700073

Respected Sir,

The Students' Federation of India (SFI) is the student wing of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) - the party which misruled Bengal for 34 years through their policies and politics of genocide, murder and intimidation. There is hardly any day of the year which doesn't mark the anniversary of another ghastly mass-murder conducted by the then communist government or the CPI(M) party cadres.

Even within the campus, it is traumatizing for us students to see some students, who claim themselves to be members of the 'SFI Unit' glorifying and worshipping mass murderers and ghouls like Joseph Stalin and Jyoti Basu - the former having killed millions by forcing them into forced labour camps named 'Gulags' and the later being responsible for the killings of thousands of Dalit Bengalis in Marichjhapi to his successor Buddhadeb Bhattacharya being responsible for the killings of peasants at Nanoor, Singur, Nandigram and Netai.

Some of the genocides conducted by the Left-Front government are here as follows:

1) Marichjhapi massacre

- 2) Bijon Setu massacre
- 3) Kalimpong massacre
- 4) Bantala rape and murder
- 5) Chhoto Angariya genocide
- 6) Singur mass murder
- 7) Netai massacre
- 8) Nandigram massacre
- 9) Sainbari massacre
- 10) Garbeta-Keshpur massacre ... and many more.

Even in recent history of our university, Saptarshi Deb, a then-student of Presidency, son of veteran CPI(M) leader Gautam Deb and recently the CPI(M) candidate from Rajarhat-Newtown Assembly Constituency, was accused of throwing used condoms at female students. The SFI flags and banners valorize that shameful past.

Just as any Union Jack reminds us about the ghastly crimes perpetrated by the British on Indians, every CPI(M) and SFI flag reminds us of the ghoulish history of Bengal.

The Nazi flag and any flags pertaining to communism mean and represent the same - mass murder of civilians.

As a responsible university, whose fame and honour has transgressed all boundaries to reach every part of the world - it is our responsibility to remove any such flags which leave a traumatic effect on the minds of the people of Bengal and India. We are sure that the university doesn't want to be representative of an ideology which espoused the annihilation of masses.

The flags and banners must be removed because the leaders of SFI's mother party - from Benoy Konar to Biman Bose - have abused the only woman Chief Minister of India, who had won over the hearts of the people in her own right. We are sure the university doesn't want to be representative of verbal and physical abuse against women - given that Mamata Banerjee had been time-and-again beaten up by CPI(M) goons and henchmen because the "party high-command" couldn't stand a woman rising up the ranks.

Presidency University is rising against their tyranny. Just like the whole of Bengal, the students are preparing to vanquish them democratically. Our glorious institution has been one of the main sites of protest against the then-Left government, where professors, academics and students joined hands to give the call to overthrow the communists.

So, it is our humble request to you for removing all SFI flags and banners from the university as they as disrespectful to the memories of the thousands of martyrs who lost their lives to communist murderers in Bengal.

Regards,

Shubham Ganguly President Presidency University Trinamool Chhatra Parishad