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Modi's Central Vista
& Maa Ganga Vista
during the Corona pandemic
both markers
of new India under Narendra Modi

New Employment Opportunities

thanks to Covid-19
new employment opportunities
have opened up under Modi's rule
millions would be gainfully
employed
as professional mourners
mothers, fathers & children have
become statues from grief
& stopped shedding tears
at the death of their dear ones

Thanks to Modi

not only the Great Wall of China
is seen from the moon
but now burning pyres in India
due to Corona deaths
are also seen from the moon

a singular achievement of Modi
the burning pyres
the symbol of Ram Rajya

Just as in the USSR

just as in the USSR
every single Soviet family
had at least sacrificed
one of its family members
towards the victory over Nazism

likewise every ordinary Indian
family
has sacrificed at least one of its
family members
to Corona towards modi's new India

What do Dictators do?

dictators don't build
schools, colleges, hospitals
kindergartens or factories
instead dictators turn parks,
gardens and roads
into cremation grounds
dictators don't broadcast mournful
raagas
day & night on the radio
to mourn the victims
of its crimes
but force us to sing patriotic songs

under a dictatorship
flags don't lie at half mast
to mourn the victims
but the flags are unfurled
to celebrate the festival of mayhem

under a dictatorship
the children don't wear smiles
but shed tears

Narendra Modi building Ram Rajya
on the back of the slogan
Ram Naam Satya Hai

Corona Effect

not only lakhs of Indians have died
but in lakhs
Indians have been pushed
below the poverty line

at the same time, hundreds have
become millionaires
while a few billionaires
have added a few more billions
to their wealth

Don't Panic

a health ministry official Luv Aggarwal
said to the people not to panic
over current COVID situation*
what did he really mean?

he meant that since India's
population is 1.3 billion
a decrease of a million or two
would not really impact the total
population

*on April 26th

From a Facebook Wall

in the mean time
this is what the irrepressible middle
class writes

I share some words from the
Facebook wall

it is requested to all not to venture
outside their house
(in the context of Corona rampage)

the people have already kept
copied 'Om Shanti' and 'RIP'
they will not waste any time
to paste these words on someone's
photo

issued in public interest

The Front has Drawn Close to us

so far only the poor
were at the receiving end
of the ongoing battle
between the big bourgeoisie and
the poor
the front line was at the doorstep
of the poor only

now the front line
has drawn closer to the middle
class also
the middle class has been caught in
the tentacles of Corona
this war has caught them unawares
the casualties are mounting

but this is no cause for worry
there is a silver lining
to this calamity
some elements of the petty-
bourgeois class
would join the poor in the war
that the big bourgeoisie is waging
against the poor

then this war would reach the
doorsteps of the rich
and turn the tables on them

A Paradox

it is the mango season now
& Corona is rampaging
through the middle class homes
what a paradox!

In the peace time
during the mango season
it was the custom in the middle
class homes
to eat mangoes by the bucketful

but now such small pleasures
have become a distant memory

The Truth About Tiraṅgā

Corona deaths in lakhs
a black market in Remdesivir
a black market in oxygen cylinders
the unending delay in Covid RT-PCR tests
the non-availability of hospital beds
the non-availability of ventilators
the non-availability of oxygen in the hospitals
the labs refusing to conduct chest X-rays and CT scans
a long waiting list at the crematoriums

this is the bitter reality
hidden behind our Tiraṅgā!

Thy Fate, O Vile Bourgeoisie!

eight private jets carrying India's
super wealthy
landed in London on April 22, 2021
desperately trying to escape
the clutches of Corona

mark the date & the year carefully

in the coming years & decades
inshahallah!
this would be repeated again
in the dark of the night
India's big bourgeoisie
would stealthily
make an exit
when the downtrodden would rise
sounding the death knell
of their rule

On my Android Phone

on my android phone
regular updates
on the IPL score
& the Corona deaths

Three Ram Slogans

three famous Ram slogans
under the Modi regime

Jai Shree Ram

Ram Bharose

Ram Naam Satya Hai

Us vs Them

there were reports that the Delhi
govt
has requisitioned
100 rooms at a 5-star Ashoka Hotel
for judges and their families*

this at a time when ordinary Indians
were struggling
to get a room in hospitals

the fact is that if the ruling class
had the power
and if a paradise and hell
did actually exist
then the ruling class would have
reserved
a place for itself in the paradise
while pushing the masses into hell

but the ruling class is too wise
it knows there is no paradise or hell
above in the sky
the only paradise and hell

is here on the earth
and the ruling class has created a
paradise
for itself here on the earth
and a hell with raging fires for the
masses

A Word of Caution for Ordinary Indians

while blaming Narendra Modi
& his government for the Corona
disaster
don't forget to implicate
the feudal-capitalist state
for this sorry state of affairs
Narendra Modi is nothing
but a representative of this feudal-
capitalist state

Pariah

once they were dear ones
mothers, fathers, sons & daughters
& now these dead bodies
are just bundles wrapped in white
cloth

lined up in hospitals &
crematoriums
to be cremated hastily
there is no time to mourn their
dead relatives
there is no time to shed tears
more important tasks await
like following Covid norms
like saving oneself from Corona

now the dead are pariah for many
lying under the sands of the river
Ganga
a prey to the dogs & vultures

The Dead are only a Data

recently Haryana Chief Minister
Manohar Lal Khattar
told the media that since the dead
won't come back,
there was no point
debating about the death data

let us recall an apt quote
wrongly attributed to Stalin
“a single death is a tragedy;
a million deaths is a statistic”

To The Market Enthusiasts

the 'invisible hand' of the market

the supply & demand

the sacred market mantra

remdesivir being sold for over Rs 1
lakh per vial

Tocilizamab for Rs 75,000 per vial

Oxygen cylinder for Rs 20,000 to
Rs 60,000

where according to the World Bank
data,

the Gross National Income in India
is \$2,120

Covid-19 Crisis

over 2 lakh deaths
in a matter of weeks
Lenin was right when he said
there are decades where nothing
happens;
and there are weeks
where decades happen

today the Bhakts are on a back foot
the liberals in deep thinking
and the Marxists in a told-you-so
mode
suddenly India has come of age

The New BJP Health Model

at the reception
before getting admitted to the
hospital
apart from depositing Rs 15-20 lakh
in advance
you now have to show
that you have brought your own
bed
brought your own medicines
your own oxygen cylinder
your own personal doctor
your own nurse

this is the new BJP health model

The Future is Here

From the Facebook Wall

200 beds available
from tomorrow
April 28, 2021
At DPS, Sector 81.
Faridabad

For more details call
766943072--
766943072--

What after Covid-19?

many lives have been lost
due to the non-availability of
oxygen
many lives have, however, been
saved
because of oxygen
what oxygen would we require
once the Covid-19 crisis is over
to fight Modi brand of fascism?
what oxygen would save us?
do we have the answers?

India in the 21st-century

tested positive
for ultra Hinduism,
ultra Islam
ultra Sikhism
casteism
for feudal-capitalism
for fascism

A VVIP Case

Patient name - India

Location - South Asia

Age - 5,000 years

Fever - yes

Symptoms - Hypoxemia due to
feudalism, capitalism & Hindutva

Oxygen level -. 40

Pre-existing disease - hunger,
poverty, casteism, religious strife,
etc

Help required - to get its rightful
place as vishwaguru

Contact person - the working class

Contact No - 07-11-1917

To Those Who Demand Narendra Modi's Resignation

a petition on [Change.org](https://change.org)
Mr. Modi, We the people of India
want your resignation

However, dear fellow citizens,
anyone in place of Modi
will also be a loyal servant
of the India's feudal-capitalist
system
a loyal servant of the big
bourgeoisie
who will do all in his power
to augment profit
of the capitalist class
the only difference that might be
there
is that the other servant
will make more din & noise
without changing anything on the
ground
we already have a prototype
in the form of Arvind Kejriwal
the need of the hour

is to organise the working class
to overthrow this inhumane system
itself
to be replaced by a socialist system

Saare Jahan Se Achcha

India under Modi
the Indian landscape dotted
with funeral pyres
the angry flames rising high into the
sky
over 2 lakh dead due to Corona

flashback

Indira Gandhi to Rakesh Sharma
“how does India look from the
Space”?
Sharma’s reply: “Saare jahan se
achcha”.

A New Hanuman Avatar

Narendra Modi –
a new Hanuman avatar
Hanuman had set Sri Lanka ablaze
with his tail
Modi has also set India on fire

India's Nau Navaratnas

The death of nau Navaratnas
Rahat Indori, Soumitra Chatterjee,
Manglesh Dabral,
Mishra Rajan Mishra, Kunwar
Bechain & others

nau Navaratnas that remain
Mukesh Ambani, Gautam Adani,
Lakshmi Mittal,
Cyrus Poonawalla, Kumar Birla,
Uday Kotak & others

Oxygen Pumps

seriously...

the way Corona is spreading

& creating mayhem

wouldn't it be a good idea

If oxygen pumps were opened

throughout India

on the lines of petrol pumps?

or deliver oxygen cylinders

at our doorsteps

like LPG gas is delivered?

Corona Crisis

even on the lips of Maoists
The name of the Almighty

as more & more people
get caught in the vice like grip
of the Corona virus

Don't you see?

Moon has become red
so many people have died
so many funeral pyres have been lit
that the moon
now has a red glow to it

Modi Sarkar ka Lekha Jokha

demonitisation

beef lynching

Romeo squads

JNU students protest

CAA protests

2020 Delhi riots

Dalit protests

2020 lockdown

& now the rampaging Corona

with over 2 lakh deaths

The Goebbelsian tongue

Yogi Adityanath claims
all is well in UP
no shortage of oxygen
no shortage of drugs
like Remdesivir

a baba till the other day
how well he already speaks
in the Goebbelsian tongue

On Corona Deaths

a million funeral pyres
but the eternal flame
is only lit
on the tomb of the unknown soldier

election result day

on the facebook

calls for an urgent supply of oxygen
are replaced with TMC – BJP score*

*the day West Bengal Assembly
results were counted

A Corona Lament

how many dreams lie shattered
how many relations have become a
memory
how many homes would never be
set up
how many homes have become
barren
still, for many pandemic is a release
from the eternal cycle of life &
death

Peace in the Shamshan Ghat

no place for Covid patients in
hospitals
no medicines
no oxygen
but everything is available
in the cremation ground

in the cremation ground
there is the long awaited peace
from the toil of the temporal world
all the fire available to burn
the tiredness acquired by human
beings
through the centuries

In the Dark Times

'in the dark times/will there be
singing?
there will be singing/of the dark
times'

there is no singing in
the dark times
we have gone past the dark times
the air is saturated with grief
the bell tolls
in the times beyond dark times
the songs of grief and mourning are
sung
the sad refrains
of Raga
Bilaskhani Todi¹
what is so heartwrenching
is that thousands have died

¹ The canonical grief raga in Hindustani tradition is Raga BilaskhaniTodi. While many other raags have an emotional flavoring of sorrow, this is certainly the most profound and undiluted; its creation is attributed to Bilas Khan, son of MianTansen -- on the occasion of his father's death.

without putting up a fight
this Modi regime
is so inhumane
that it put scalding water
on the hearts of the masses
the masses died a torturous death
gasping for breath



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