

Appeal

You are aware about the momentous role of Kolkata-based independent left weekly, **Frontier** that began its journey under the leadership of late poet-journalist Samar Sen in 1968, in recording the trials and tribulations of both parliamentary and revolutionary left movements as well as creating space for debates and dialogues among their participants across the country and beyond its borders. Generations of activists and academics have enjoyed a symbiotic relationship with this combative journal as its readers and contributors, subscribers and well-wishers.

Having failed to generate enough enthusiasm from our earlier appeals we have now undertaken a fresh effort to revitalize this 42-year-old journal which is unique in its own way. Again we ask our friends to help us in expanding our horizon and broaden our base, both in terms of contents and quality of our coverage as well as circulation and other sources of revenue generation. To be in tune with changing times, **plans are afoot to set up an interactive web page with scope for updates on grassroots level reports and also a platform to exchange views.**

All of us are witnessing a surge in people's movements led by party and non-party formations of various ideological strands against the ongoing neo-liberal, neo-colonial plunder of natural and other resources, often at the expense of livelihoods of poor and marginal communities. In the name of development dictated by corporates and globalization, vicious attacks on peoples' rights have increased across India and other parts of the global south. Ongoing murderous campaigns under Operation Green Hunt, the continuous conflict zones in the North-East, discovery of numerous unmarked graves in Kashmir valley are manifestations of Indian nation-state's undeclared war against its own people.

In the meantime, forces of market fundamentalism have been allowed to annex old frontiers of postcolonial states as the governments continued to renege on their constitutional responsibilities to provide adequate food and shelter, health and education to the majority millions. Legislatures have failed to stop the structural violence on their electorates and systematic mockery of ideas of social justice, economic equality of opportunities and rule of law. Instead, the ruling and opposition elites in general have become one of the sources of people's daily agonies. The ongoing exposures on a series of massive financial scams, have underscored the increasing pillage of public exchequer by the nexus of big business-ministers-politicians-bureaucracy. Also, the rise of religious fundamentalism and ultra right forces of all hues has complicated the situation for social activists who want to broaden the political space for toilers.

In this scenario, you must have also noticed that pro-people reports on grassroots resistance and civil society initiatives as well as debates and discussions on the corresponding issues hardly find space and time in corporate mass media until and unless they suit their agenda. Many of you must have felt the need for alternative media outlets with national reach to exchange reports and opinions on contemporary struggles and events.

We urge like-minded people to assist us in strengthening our efforts. We also intend to share and coordinate with the like-minded online communities for mutual enrichment. To keep us going, with our heads above water, we are offering life membership for Rs 3,000/-. We are requesting all recipients of this communication to take a life subscription.

Frontier's overseas friends in academia have always been a source of strength for us. Once again, we appeal to them to assist us both in content and fund generation.

Inviting fresh suggestions and opinions regarding our endeavour, we look forward to your positive responses as early as possible.

Once again we appeal to those who think Frontier should continue, to come forward at this moment of great stress and strain.

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