

DAMAGE CONTROL?

Anil Sadgopal adds :

DIPANJAN RAI CHAUDHURI is absolutely on track in questioning the West Bengal government's farcical policy of industrialisation and the claimed benefit in terms of the miniscule employment generation. It is not just a matter of policy reform or a balance between industrialisation and agriculture but a matter concerning the development paradigm itself that India has pursued since independence. The only way to demolish neo-liberalism is to demolish its farce of the market-based consumerist model of development. This is precisely where the political debate is yet to begin in India. The question of India's survival as a civilized and enlightened society is also inter-twined with this issue. Nandi-gram has provided the evidence.

Let us also note that any delay in charting a pro-people developmental path will also begin to attrition India's sovereignty as the recent quick turn of events with respect to Indo-US Nuclear Deal in the wake of Nandigram have revealed. What does Prof Chomsky have to say on this? □□□