



## Red Salutes to Comrade Shiv Kumar Mishra

Comrade Shivkumar Mishra who died at the age of 76 in his native Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh recently, was a Marxist till his death. Com. Mishra was born in Ghaziabad in 1940 and did his Master's Degree in political science. During his student days he came under the influence of Com. Manzur Ahmed the secretary of the Meerut district committee of the undivided Communist Party and Com. KN Singh. With their association he was attracted to Marxism and remained a Marxist till the end. He began his journey into Communist movement with his working in the student movement. Com. Mishra along with Comrades Ahmed and Singh worked in building communist movement not only in Ghaziabad and Meerut districts but in the whole of Uttar Pradesh.

His contribution in building worker's organisation in Motinagar Sugar factory and their struggles for a long time. Ghaziabad being very close to Delhi Com. Mishra had the opportunity to meet and hold discussions with the leading lights of the Communist movement. He used to cherish his acquaintance with senior leaders like Comrades Sundarayya, AK Gopalan and EMS Namboodripad. He used to recall with nostalgia his meeting with Com. TarimelaNagi Reddy on a few occasions and his discussions on theory and practice of Marxism with Com. TN. Com. Mishra was very fond of Com. TN's analytical approach towards problems. Having heard of the news that Com. TN's court statement was brought out in a book form titled "India Mortgaged" he longed to have copy and made several efforts to get one.

He opposed "annihilation" program that swept the country after 1969 and wrote many articles exposing its hollowness. Com. Misra edited the weekly "*MuktiYudh*" appeared from Ghaziabad for 11 years. Later he edited "*Janyug*" in the eighties. He was detained on 23 June 1975 under MISA and was kept in jail for 19 months.

Com. Mishra introduced "*Bharat EkBandhakRashtra*" the Hindi version of India Mortgaged at Delhi in 2011. He considered it a great opportunity bestowed upon him to introduce Com. TN's book. Speaking on the occasion he emphasised the need for building mass movements and the tasks of Marxists among working class. Referring to the mistakes that led to the decline of Communist movement, Com. Mishra said it was the duty of the revolutionaries to dispassionately analyse and educate the cadres as well as the people. Com. Mishra's steadfastness, tenacity and unwavering loyalty to Marxism remained as his legacy.

**Red Salute Com. Shiv Kumar Mishra.**

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