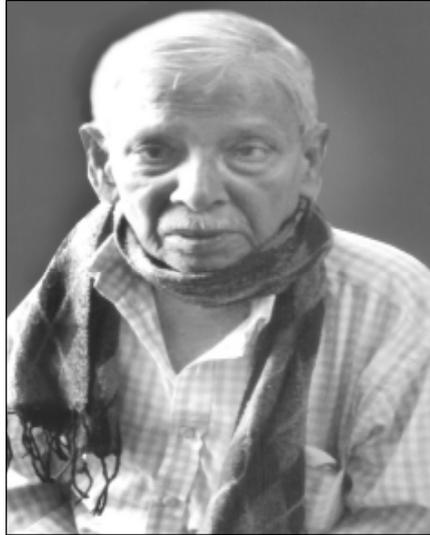


RED SALUTE TO COMRADE KHOKAN MAZUMDAR



On May 29, 2017 the colourful life of Comrade Khokan Mazumdar, an organiser of Indian revolution, one of the leaders of the great Naxalbari peasant uprising and a member of the Central Committee of the CPI (ML) came to an end.

A child named Abdul Hamid was born in a village in Barisal district of presently Bangla Desh 86 years ago . Little did anybody imagine that this child would be known as a Communist Revolutionary leader not only in India but also outside the Country as Khokan Mazumdar. Losing both his parents at an early age he started for Kolkata at the age of 14 years. After many trials and tribulations he came in touch with the Communist Party while working as a Ward boy in the Lake Hospital in Kolkata. At that time he was arrested while leading struggles of hospital workers and spent two years in jail, first at Alipore Central Jail, then at Behrampore Borstal Jail. After release he returned to Kolkata and started assisting doctors of Peoples Relief Committee. Then he joined the CPI after coming into contact with Dr. Ranjit Bose. Then he came to Darjeeling District in 1954. At the advice of Com.Ratanlal Brahman and Com. Charu Mazumdar he first started organizing workers and then was sent to Naxalbari area to assist Com.Kanu Sanyal in organizing the peasantry. What happened afterwards is now history. Naxalbari – Kheribari – Phansidewa area under Siliguri Sub division was reeling under stormy workers and peasant movements. Struggles against Benami lands took a new dimension. Then Comrades were arrested during Sino -Indian war in 1962 and during Indo- Pak War in 1965. But every time the Comrades after getting released worked to develop the peasants and worker movements with renewed vigour. While ideological struggle was carried on by the Darjeeling district, the organizers of Naxalbari area like Com. Kanu Sanyal, Com. Jangal Santal, Com. Khokan Mazumdar, Com. Kadamlal Mallik and Com. Keshav Sarkar went on organizing the masses in practice for revolutionary struggles. The result was for everybody to see – ‘ Spring Thunder over India ‘ – the great Naxalbari peasant uprising. It made a dazzling declaration of revolutionary path in India of drawing a differentiating line against revisionism and neo-revisionism.

Since then till now, there were many ups and downs in the revolutionary movement, many unities and splits in the Communist Revolutionary Movement. Com. Khokan Mazumdar had been untiringly active as an organizer sometimes in Jalpaiguru-Coochbehar region, sometimes in Jharkhand area, and always returning to his root in Naxalbari. He presented his experiences and opinions at Central level of our Organisation.

His ultimate aim of life was to go on working for the interests of the people and for the interests of the party. At the death of Comrade Khokan Mazumdar the Communist Movement in India lost one of its able commanders.

**Communist Movement of India will never forget Com. Khokan Mazumdar.
Red Salute to Comrade Khokan Mazumdar !
Comrade Khokan Mazumdar, you shall live in our hearts for ever !!**

30-5-2017

Central Committee
CPI(ML)

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In its meeting held in March, 2017, the Central Committee of CPI(ML) has paid homage to

Com. Guruva Reddy (AP) CPI(ML);

Com. Simhadri Siva Reddy (AP) CPI(M);

Com. Srilata Swaminathan, CPI(ML)-Liberation;

Com. Ganeshan, CPI(ML)- Liberation;

Com. Vittal Raj (AP) CPI(ML)- Janashakti and

Com. Shiva-Shankar (Bihar) SUCI(Communist)

who have departed owing to serious ailments on different dates in the last three months.
