

"We will Always Cherish the Memories of Comrade Kovai Eswaran" Speakers at the Memorial Meeting extolled to emulate the departed leader



Prof. Sivakumar addressing the gathering

The Central Committee member of Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) and the secretary of Tamil Nadu State Committee Comrade Kovai Eswaran had left us on 01-07-2017. A memorial meeting was held to commemorate the memory of the departed leader at Chennai MGR Nagar Ashoka Marriage Hall on 30.07.2017 at 4pm on Sunday. The meeting continued until 9pm with revolutionary vigour.

The meeting started with the revolutionary songs in memory of our revolutionary fighters who participated in the people's movements and laid down their lives for the people by our cultural squads of Tamilnadu and Andhra Pradesh and the entire hall was filled with emotional fervour.

The meeting was organized by Tarimela Nagi Reddy Memorial Trust (TN). Com. Chittrarasu, of CPI (ML), invited the Secretary of the Trust, Com. Jaswant Rao, the Chairman of the Trust Com. Surya Sagar, son and daughter of Kovai Eswaran and leaders and democratic intellectual to the podium.

The meeting was presided over by Com. Jaswant Rao. He first invited Prof. Kochadai to unveil Photo of Comrade Kovai Eswaran. While opening the photo by Prof. Kochadai the entire hall was filled with great emotion and Slogans were raised with revolutionary fervor in remembrance and as a mark of respect to the departed leader.

Comrade Surya Sagar released the Tamil version of the book "**Voice of Indian Revolution**", a special bulletin brought in memory of Comrade Kanu Sanyal. The title of Tamil version is "INDIYA PURATCHIYIN KURAL". The TN State Committee Member Com. Gunalan explained the special aspects and contents of the book briefly before the audience. He also said that the translation was rendered by Kovai Eswaran and he fell ill when the book was in the press. It is very much sad moment that Com. Kovai Eswaran is no more when this book is being released.

A CD produced and edited by Comrade K. Natarajan on Comrade Kovai Eswaran titled as the "**Life and Politics of comrade Kovai Eswaran**" was released by Com. K. Natarajan and Prof. Sivakumar got the first copy of the CD.

Com. Veeraswamy from SOC (MKEK) has sent a message as he was not able to attend the meeting due to unavoidable circumstances. The message was read out by our Comrade Mugilan.

Com. Jaswant Rao made an emotional presidential address. He stressed and reminded how Comrade Kovai Eswaran had started his political career in Tamilarasu Kazhagam and from there his political journey moved ahead. He explained the importance of his hard work in spreading the message of Naxalbari movement in Tamil Nadu. He told the audience that for having adopted the communist ideology, Kovai Eswaran had thrown out the Government Job and gallant fight carried on by him against the imposition of Hindi. Also he remembered the hard work of Kovai Eswaran in translating and releasing the books of Tarimela Nagi Reddy Memorial Trust into Tamil. He remembered his perseverance and commitment towards revolutionary politics inspite of his ill health. He stressed that Tarimela Nagi Reddy Memorial Trust will always cherish and praise his remembrance.

Prof.Kochadai has remembered Kovai Eswaran's activities and works in Revolutionary Cultural Organization. He stressed that everyone should learn from Comrade Kovai Eswaran's life mainly from his approach in engaging with all radical parties and people to have open minded discussions. He stressed the importance of such a method in the present scenario and appealed everyone to follow the same. Also he remembered Kovai Eswaran's fight against the dogmatism and bad reviews he got from the Headquarters of the then party. Also he told that he lived and practiced his approach until his death and he stood in the forefront and set an example for all comrades in living a revolutionary political life.

Dr.Surya Sagar, the Chairman of Tarimela Nagi Reddy Memorial Trust addressed the gathering with revolutionary fervour. He told that Kovai Eswaran is an important Comrade in developing the Marxist Leninist movement in Tamil Nadu. Also he remembered the efforts made by Kovai Eswaran in forging unity among the CRs and forming the CPI (ML). He also told that seeing the cadres, youngsters and various revolutionary political parties in the meeting he is getting good confidence that we can change the situation prevailing in Tamil Nadu. Also he stressed that the change is possible because of the hard work and stability in the stand of Kovai Eswaran. He said that the book written by veteran revolutionary Com.T.N.- "**India Motgaged**" - will be remembered in the fast changing scenario in the country as "India for Sale or India Sold"

Prof.Shivakumar addressed the gathering. He sadly remembered and told that the then prevailing heat wave conditions and to low asbestos roof of the house made Kovai Eswaran fall sick and his health condition has worsened. He stressed that in any hard conditions Kovai Eswaran had never stopped working for his ideology and party and the only way of glorifying him and a true remembrance of him will be carrying out the struggles forward and works by reorganizing the Revolutionary Cultural Organization in a big way.

Com.Thyagu of Tamil Nationalistic Movement has addressed the gathering. He remembered the dedicated and hard work of Kovai Eswaran in the revolutionary politics. He told that while he tried but was unable to bring the book "Voice of Indian Revolution" in Tamil but with the efforts of Kovai Eswaran now the book was translated and released in Tamil. He told that it was a great contribution by him for his party and for the people of Tamil Nadu and the book is important in the present scenario as Mao's "Hunan Report". He stressed that Kovai Eswaran had carried out the struggle inside the party officially against the Annihilation Theory and stood firm that it is not the correct path and it is against the ideology and principles of Marxist-Leninism. He also emphasized that the late Comrade's approach was always a correct Marxist-Leninist approach.

Com.Gnanasuriyan in his address, emphasized the activities and remembered the days of the then Revolutionary Cultural Organization and has shown the gathering the books released during that period particularly "**SENTHARAGAI**" and also sang a revolutionary song published in that book during that time and praised the role of Kovai Eswaran.

Advocate Ajitha addressed the gathering and in her speech she emphasized that only because of the approach, experience and guidance of the Kovai Eswaran, she could learn lessons in Trade Union Movement.

Dr. Gangadharan in his speech remembered that while he was studying in the Nandanam Arts college he had an opportunity to spend time and speak with Kovai Eswaran and he remembered that Comrade had never saw anyone as an outsider and any one visiting his home was looked like a family member and his family members also adopted the same thing towards comrades.

Advocate Manoharan in his address pointed out that a dogmatic approach had manifested in the theories and Ideologies of some in the ML Movement. But Kova Eswaran's approach was different from it and he practiced the same and worked in his own. He was firm in his convictions and he stood firm in Marxist Ideology and in accepting the responsible position of state secretary of CPI (ML).

Com.K.Natarajan, in his address, recollected the compa-nionship with Kovai Eswaran and the remembered the fine approach he had shown towards other's political affiliations and ideologies.

Tamil Nationalistic Leader **K.D.Pachayappan** remembered and hailed the sacrifices and life of Kovai Eswaran and also he criticised the repression of Modi Government against Tamil Nationalism.

Com. Eswaran's Daughter **Mrs.Priya Nagarajan** has addressed the gathering. She remembered how his father brought her up always speaking truth and how he was a good speaker. She remembered an incident where she sang a revolutionary song in a school competition against the Government and the MLA who was judge in that competition had given prizes to her commending the same. She informed the gathering on her and her family's commitment to carry forward the legacy of revolutionary politics and work according to the principles and Ideology guided by her father.

Comrade's son **Prem** has addressed the gathering in a brief way. He told that inspite of being in very poor conditions his families have stood firm in the communist way of life. He told the gathering that many people orate vehemently on public stages on Communism, some people write vigorously on their Communist ideas but living a way of communist life instead of just preaching and with family practically is a great task. He told that both Com.Eswaran and felt proud of his parents both Rathna and Kovai Eswaran for their dedication, sacrifices for the revolutionary movements. He told about his mother Rathna's contribution in Eswaran's political life.

Com. A.S.Kumar of CPI-ML(Liberation) addressed the gathering and told that it is a great loss for all ML Movements at this present political situation and appealed to all the ML movements with Red flags to come together and unite along with blue flags, green flags and Black flags in the struggle to end the saffron fascist Hindutva politics.

Com. Senthil of CPIML (People's Liberation) has addressed the gathering and in his speech he emphasized that great leaders of 70s movements like Comrade PVS who is also brother in law of Com. Kovai Eswaran, Com.Annadurai, Com.Marx Library Kannan and lastly Com.Kovai. Eswaran's demise is a great loss to the ML Movements and vowed to carry forward the struggles and movements.

Com.Durai Singa Vel of People's Democratic Republic Party addressed the gathering emphasizing the importance of the seperate ML Parties uniting under one banner with the Ideology and type of approach which Com.Kovai Eswaran practiced.

CPIML State Committee Member **Com. Gunalan**, in his speech recollected the sacrifices, political Ideology, commitment and dedication all along the Com.Kovai Eswaran's political career starting from Tamilarasu Kazhagam to ML Movement. He also emphasized that Eswaran's oratory skills, writing skills, translation skills and above all his approach towards all comrades paved the way to draw many young comrades to the Communist ideology and to the ML Movements. Also he emphasized that Kovai Eswaran was always unyielding in the ideological debates and stood strong on the questions of ideology and he tended to adjust on minor or secondary issues with others and loved debating with anyone without any age barricades. He vowed that we should carry forward the legacy and memory of Kovai Eswaran and the revolutionary struggle and Ideology he toiled for till the end of his life.

More than 250 Comrades have participated in the memorial meeting. The CPIML Chennai Committee comrades Com. Chittrarasu, Com.Vinod, Com. Mugilan, Com.Krishnamoorthy, Com.Udayasuriyan have organized the memorial meeting. The meeting has proved that those comrades who die for the people and for the rights of the peoples are higher than the Mountains. With the participation of all comrades and various movements the memorial meeting was highly successful.

At Chidambaram

A memorial meeting of com.Eswaran was held on 16-7-2017 at Chidambaram in Belagam Anadammal marriage hall. It was also the day on which com. Eswaran was born.

The meeting was presided over by Com. Sundaravinayagam. Com. Thiruvalluvan opened the photo of Com. Eswaran.

Comrades of CPI {ML} **Mathiyazagan, Karunagaran, Illangovan** addressed the gathering and remembered the Com.Kovai.Eswaran. Also Com.C.Kaliamoorthy District Administrative Committee Member addressed the gathering. In his Speech He welcomed the actions.

Then **Com.Aravazhi** District Secretary of Viduthalai remembered the importance Com.Kovai.Eswaran. Though born in a Brahmin Family he lived and died as a staunch and aggressive campaigner for the caste eradication. He stood as an example with his principles of eradication of the caste from his life and family in practice.

Com.K.Tiruvalluvan Leader of People Republican Party in his address remembered the days and experiences while he worked along with Com.Kovai Eswaran and his participation along with him in various conferences and seminars on Nationality Issues.

Com.Gunalan State Committee Member of CPI(ML) addressed the gathering in a emotional way and he remembered that Com.Kovai. Eswaran instead of his differences on principles and various political issues with other party comrades, he never compromised on principles and always loved all the comrades with affection. He is always open to everyone and good in his approach towards other comrades instead of differences.Com.Gunalan stressed that everyone should learn lesson from the style of Com.Kovai. Eswaran.

Also various people from revolutionary movement and other parties have participated and gave and emotional address in the Memorial Meeting.

Com.Muthulakshmi of CPI {ML) have given the thanks giving address. and Revolutionary People Art Forum Comrade. Gunasekaran had sung the song on the Martyrs.

At Villupuram:

A Meeting to commemorate Centenary October socialist revolution and death of Com. Kovai Eswaran was held at ASG Marriage Hall at Villupuram on 06.08.2017 and it has been organized by the District Committees of Cuddalore and Villupuram District of CPI{ML). The meeting was presided by Com.Illangovan of CPI (ML).

Com.Sundara Vinayagam member TNSC of CPI(ML) opened the Photograph of Com. Kovai.Eswaran and addressed the gathering. In his address he remembered and spoken about the struggles and battles Com.Kovai Eswaran had encountered in his revolutionary life.

Com.Karunakaran Ariyalur of CPI (ML) in his address remembered the struggles and battles Com.Kovai.Eswaran encountered and hard work he undertook for the release of life Convicts and death Convicts of the Comrades of ML movement.

Com.Gopalakrishnan of CPI(ML) pointed the positive lessons of the Naxalbari Uprising and stressed to work for the unity among the Revolutionary Communist Movement.

The Coordinator of MARUTHAM **Com.Ravi Karthi-keyan** spoke about the campaigns and joint actions he undertook along with Com.Kovai.Eswaran in Nembukol, a Cultural Movement and Revolutionary Cultural Movement.

Prof.Sivakumar made reference to the days he worked along with Com.Eswaran in the Revolutionary Cultural Movements and underlined how it gave inspiration to the peoples movements. He elucidated on the positive impact of Russian revolution on India. **Com.Gunalan** state Committee Member of CPI (ML) have addressed the gathering with a emotional speech. He underlined the impact of Great October Revolution in colonial countries and also how Communist Revolutionary Com.Kanu Sanyal who lead the Naxalbari Peasants Uprising came out and struggled against right and left deviations. In the Year of 2003 he worked hard for unification and formed the party. Com.Gunalan emphasized how Com.Kanu Sanyal strove hard to integrate all comrades to form and work as unified revolutionary organization CPI(ML). Also he remembered how Com.Eswaran carried the struggle in Tamilnadu being the state secretary of the CPI (ML) for upholding the principles and Ideologies of the movement.

Comrades of the Revolutionary Cultural Peoples Forum Com.Gunasekaran and Com. Ashokan have jointly sung a Revolutionary song.

The event and the participation of comrades of CPI (ML) and various other political movements,cultural organizations and revolutionary movements proved that Com.Kovai.Eswaran's untimely demise is a great loss for our party. He worked for the people throughout his life .Dying for people and peoples cause is much higher than the Himalayas.
