

In commemoration of the Centenary of the Great October Socialist Revolution

The Central Committee of CPI(ML) organised a mass rally and public meeting on the occasion of 100 years of Great October Socialist Revolution of Russia on 7th November 2017 at Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.

Five thousand people from various districts of AP and from other states like Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Kerala, Karnataka, and Maharashtra and Delhi came here to participate in the programme.

The mass rally began after paying floral tributes to the great leader Lenin to his statue erected at the heart of the city. The statue of Lenin was presented to Vijayawada city by the people of USSR. The police refused permission for the rally on the plea of traffic control. Yet the people took out rally. With fluttering Red Flags and reverberating slogans like “Long Live October Revolution”, “Long Live Marxism-Leninism”, the participants marched through the streets for two hours. It took more than an hour for the rally to pass one point. At the head of rally cultural activists performed with folk dances and songs.

The mass rally reached the place of public meeting –gymkhana grounds. The cultural activists sang several revolutionary songs in various Indian languages that paid homage to martyrs, paid tributes to October Revolution and socialism.

The public meeting was presided over by Comrades G.Vijaya Kumar, Susheelan and Shanbhu Mahato.

Com P.Jaswantha Rao addressed the meeting. In his speech he narrated events that led to October revolution; the importance of it in the sense that it established for the first time in the history of humankind the political power of the exploited classes and showed the way for the emancipation of colonial and semi-colonial countries. It established a socialist society that achieved progress in a short span of three decades surpassing that of capitalist system which took more than two centuries to achieve. The socialist system achieved this along with the eradication of poverty and unemployment which still haunts the capitalist system, thus proving the superiority of socialism as system of human society. He reminded that comrade Lenin could lead the Bolshevik Party and people of Russia in making success of October revolution only through his relentless struggle against all wrong trends both in ideological and political fronts. It was the high political consciousness of the working people of Soviet Union, which was cultivated by the Bolshevik party, that the first socialist society was built in the most backward imperialist country facing subversions and aggressive wars from the imperialist camp. And thus a new type human being was born in the USSR.

The superiority of socialist system, said com. Rao was again proved in the defeat of Fascism at the hands of heroic Soviet people. As com. Stalin theorised, the downfall of fascism weakened the entire camp of imperialism and paved the way for a new upsurge in the national liberation movements in colonial and semi-colonial countries. The Indian communist movement was influenced by the October revolution and organised many a heroic struggle against feudalism, colonial rule and plunder. In this course, it made mistakes, deviated to left and right. Yet, it is advancing. It is the task of the communist revolutionaries to take the spirit of October revolution to the people of India, organise them into class struggles and lead them to success of New democratic Revolution in India, he concluded.

Comrade Subodh Mitra delineated in detail various struggles waged by comrade Lenin against all wrong trends before and after the October revolution and explained the importance of ideological and political struggle in raising the consciousness of the people. (The abridged version of his speech is given on P.No. 12)

Comrade Alope Mukherjee concentrated his speech on the role played by the USSR in the Second World War and defeat of fascism. (His paper on this subject is given on the P.N.15)

The meeting concluded with the speech by Com.G.Vijaya Kumar who condemned the US imperialist threats of aggression on North Korea. He also called upon the cadre to take the message of October revolution to the people and imbibe the lessons of October revolution and construction of socialist society.

The public meeting was concluded with the vote of thanks by Com. Jhansi on behalf of AP state Committee which made all the arrangements for the CC to organise this programme.

At the end the cultural activists enacted a freeze shot play, “Keep the Red Flag High”. It enacted various stages of heroic struggles of Telangana peasants, Naxalbari peasants and workers and Srikakulam adivasis under the leadership of communists. It inspired the viewers with revolutionary enthusiasm.
