

## Red Salutes to Com. T L Narayana Leader of OPDR



Honorary President of Organisation of Progressive Democratic Rights, Professor of Chemistry, T. L. Narayana died on 31.10.2017 while fighting cancer. He was 83 years old.

T.L.Narayana was born on 18.12.1934 in Kuchipudi near the town of Tenali. He had his education at Kuchipudi, Machilipatnam and Banaras.

He worked as a Chemistry lecturer in Nidubrolu and Tenali. From 1969 onwards until his retirement in 1991, he worked as head of the Chemistry department in Velagapudi Rama Krishna Memorial College at Nagaram near Repalle.

As a socially responsible intellectual, he extended his active cooperation to rationalist movements and oppressed people's movements, all the while working in the teaching profession. In 1973, he joined the people's democratic rights movement and from 1975 onwards he served OPDR at various levels as an active member, as state executive committee member, as state secretary and as president. He is acting as Honorary President OPDR at the time of his demise. During this period he travelled extensively from Srikakulam to Anantapur for the protection of democratic rights and brought to light many suppressed facts through fact finding committees.

Along with Charvaka Ramakrishna, he conducted various programs for the spreading of rationalism and scientific temper.

He addressed many meetings on education system, as a member of Andhra Pradesh Teachers Federation.

He taught students and youth dialectical and historical materialism, on various occasions. He performed a number of progressive marriages.

He joined the Revolutionary Writers Association in 1972 and came out of it in 1975 along with Jwalamukhi and others.

Even though T.L.Narayana is so compassionate and amicable, he never compromised in his philosophy and policies and always behaved with conviction. He never lost his confidence even when there is ebb and tide in the rights movement, ups and downs in his personal life and even when his health is deteriorating.

When police tried to picture him as a naxalite and asked the Nagaram college management to remove him, the management responded by saying that he is the best lecturer and that they won't sack him even if he is a naxalite. In such situations managements usually won't back a person unless he is so dedicated towards his profession. This is just a sample of his character and dedication.

As a student, Narayana was attracted to radical communism and Arya Samaj but later his studies and experiences made him move to Marxism. From then on he lived all his life as a communist.

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