

... And Lives Poet C.V.



Eminent Telugu writer and poet of the toiling masses Chittajallu Varahala Rao passed away on 8th November 2017 due to prolonged illness. Born in 1930 he completed graduation in Guntur and went to Madras Christian College for his post-graduation. Here he was influenced by the great Telugu writer Sri Sri and attracted towards Marxism through his teacher Prof. Chandram Devanesan of Sri Lanka.

He adopted Marxism as his world out-look he continued until his last breath as a Marxist and waged unrelenting struggle in the fields of culture literature and arts. He played an important role in a period in which the progressive literary movement in Andhra Pradesh faced stagnation. His writings inspired the youth.

The “*Paris Commune*” written by CV is an epic that inspiringly retold the history of the first revolution of world proletariat. His satirical rendition of capitalist class, its class nature of exploitation of labour power, its deception in the name of democracy, its duplicity and dubiousness of freedom of press and the so-called independence of judicial system have been clearly and categorically exposed in this Telugu epic with an extraordinary literary skill that inspired many a youth to take up their historical task.

His poetical composition “*Vishada Bharatam*” (The Distressed India) which was published in 1965 has become a hand book for the left oriented youth and students, inspiring them to quote the entire stanzas of CV’s poetry in their speeches and orations in discussions as well as public meetings.

He is well-versed with the writings of the social reformers Mahatma Phule, Periar Ramaswamy, Ambedkar and others and their valid viewpoints regarding abominable caste system. He wrote four books on caste system of which *Satyakama Jabali* is also an epic poem. CV is essentially a Marxist poet of the first order. He opined that in the specific Indian conditions, the class and caste struggles has to be taken up simultaneously for the success of people’s revolution.

With his writings CV has become a poet of oppressed in the Telugu literary world. His death is a great loss to the working class.

The ‘*Class Struggle*’ pays respectable revolutionary tributes to Comrade CV.
