

## **We will always Remember and Emulate Com. Kovai Eswaran**

**One** year has passed since our veteran leader Com Kovai Eswaran left us on July First due to ill health. He was born on 16<sup>th</sup> July 1939 at Gopichettipalayam in Coimbatore district. As a son of freedom fighter he participated in many a struggle at early age. With his political activities he was gradually drawn towards the communist ideology and became a member of the Communist Party of India. He was dismissed from the job by the government because of his political activity.

Com. Eswaran rejected revisionism and neo-revisionism and adopted revolutionary politics. He joined the CPI(ML) (led by Com. Charu Mazumdar. He worked in Dharmapuri district and became a familiar leader. He differed with CM's annihilation line. From 1970 he started working in the literary front and started publishing a literary magazine "*Manithan*" in Tamil. During the Emergency he organised many struggles for democratic rights under the banner of Tamil Nadu Human Rights Organisation.

After the lifting of Emergency, Com. Eswaran started Revolutionary Literary cultural Movement (RLCF) and a monthly magazine "*Sendharagai*". After 1990 the movement got splintered. He continued his contacts with different groups and worked with them.

Later com. Eswaran came into contact with CPI(ML) and had an exhaustive discussion on the Programme and Path documents of the Party. Finding himself in basic agreement with the party's line he joined the party. He translated many documents of the party into Tamil. He took great care and pains in translating Com. TN's book "*India Mortgaged*" into Tamil.

He played an important role in bringing different communist revolutionary groups together and into our party. CPI (ML) Tamil Nadu State Committee was formed and he became its secretary and a member of the Central Committee. He edited party's Tamil organ "*Varga Porattam*".

Com. Kovai Eswaran is a living legend of his times. He lived a simple life ideal for the communists to emulate.

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## **Com. Khokan Mazumdar**

**On** May 29, 2017, the colourful life of com, Khokan Mazumdar, one of the leaders of Naxalbari peasant uprising and a member of CC of CPI(ML) came to an end.

He was born in a village in Barisal district now in Bangla-desh. His parents gave him the name Abdul Hamid. He came to Kolkata at the age of 14 and started working as a ward boy in Lake Hospital. He came into contact with the communist party. He was arrested while leading the struggles of hospital staff.

After becoming the party member, Com. Khokan Mazumdar was sent to Darjeeling district. He joined com. Kanu Sanyal in organising the tea garden workers and peasants in Naxalbari area that led to stormy struggles in Siliguri sub division. While waging ideological struggle within the party, the leaders of the area like Kanu Sanyal, Khokan Mazumdar, Jangal Santhal, Keshav Sarkar, Kadamlal Mallick were organising the masses into struggles. Thus the Naxalbari peasant uprising shook the Indian political scene. It made a demarcation between revolutionary line and revisionist line.

Since then the CR movement faced many ups and downs. Yet Com Khokan Mazumdar worked untiringly during this period; sometimes in Jharkand, other times in Jalpaiguri-Coochbihar area and always returning to Naxalbari area.

He became member of Central Committee of CPI(ML) after its unity with CPI(ML) central organ Janasakti. In spite of his advanced age, he was enthusiastic in sharing his experiences with young comrades and attentively participated in the CC meetings.

***We will always cherish the Memory of  
Comrade Khokan Mazumdar.***

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