

LET US PLEDGE TO ACHIEVE THE AIMS FOR WHICH COM. JASWANTHA RAO DEDICATED HIS LIFE!

Memorial Meeting

Vijayawada 20-10-2020

We all know that Com. Jaswantha Rao, the CEC Member, the Editor of Party Organs, Janasakti (Telugu), the Class Struggle and Secretary of T.N. Memorial Trust was affected by Covid and as a consequence, he breathed his last on Sept 27, 2020 in Hyderabad. There is some delay in holding this Memorial Meeting because of Covid conditions. With all precautions, the AP State Committee of CPI (ML) held the Meeting on Oct 20, 2020 at M.B. Bhavan, Vijayawada, A.P.

Firstly, at 11-0 am, Com. Madhu, the CECM paid a floral tribute to Com. Jaswantha Rao's photo. Later, the CCMs, SCMs of the CPI (ML), the responsible Comrades from various mass organizations, the representatives of other Parties, the family members of Com. Jaswant and democrats laid the flowers and paid their tributes.

Com. K. Kishore Babu, the Member of APSC invited the Speakers onto the Dias. Com. S. Jhansi, the leader of APSC has presided over the Meeting.

At the outset, on behalf of the APSC, Com.S.Jhansi has proposed a Resolution of Condolence focusing on the finer aspects of Com.Jaswantha Rao's prolonged political life and journey. She recollected Com.Jaswant's commitment and dedication. The participants of the meeting observed a 2-minutes silence in memory and respect of Com.Jaswant. The peoples' artistes sung revolutionary songs recalling the sacrifices of Martyrs.

Then, Com.Madhu, the CECM released the book, **Comrade Jaswantha Rao – A Revolutionary Intellectual Fighter** (in Telugu) brought out by the APSC. He paid revolutionary tributes to Com.Jaswant on behalf of the CC and Com.Viswam, the General Secretary of the Party. He said: Com.Jaswant adopted Marxism as the Guiding Ideology for his revolutionary practice as well as life. He held the orientation that we are a part of the past Communist Movement, we must own and continue its revolutionary traditions and values by learning from its positive and negative experiences. Com.Jaswant analyzed the concrete economic and political developments in the method and style of Com.T.N. He shouldered the editor's responsibilities of Party Organs for four decades in 50 years of his political life. Referring to the present crisis – ridden political situation, Com.Madhu said that the Indian rulers are pursuing the policies of sell out to the imperialists and big bourgeoisie. Succumbing to the US imperialists, they are tying our Country to the chariot wheels of US strategy for domination. They are scuttling the voice of people through fascist type of suppression and using various methods to divert the people's attention from their basic policies. In this situation, intensifying the struggles on basic issues and moving the people into a wider and united movement against the anti-people and anti- democratic policies of the Indian rulers is need of the hour. In conclusion, Com.Madhu called upon the Comrades to continue the struggle of Com.Jaswant for the change of system and realize the aims for which he laid down his life.

In his talk, Com. G.Vijaya Kumar, the CCM said: We hoped to see Com.Jaswant recovered from the Covid effect, live and continue the work of revolutionary movement for 10 or 15 years more. But, belying our hopes, Com.Jaswant has met with untimely demise. This has drowned me and all our Comrades in deep sorrow and grief. But we must bear it and carry forward the tasks he left for us.

Com. P.K.Shahi (Delhi), the CCM said: My association with Com.Jaswant is relatively short in duration. Yet, we were immensely influenced by his commitment and political maturity and this will continue to inspire us for long.

Com.Gunalan (Tamil Nadu), the CCM said: Com.Jaswant's demise has thrown all the revolutionary ranks in Tamil Nadu into deep sorrow and grief. Owing to Covid conditions, we could not gather at a place and hold the Memorial Meeting. Yet, we have selected a village in rural area where we have a peasant mass base and held the Memorial Meeting there.

Com.Prasadanna (TS), the CCM said: Com.Jaswant had higher education in Medicine. But he rejected all opportunities to lead a comfortable life and carried on revolutionary work for more than 5 decades. This is quite inspiring. My Red Salutes to Com.Jaswant.

Com.Chittipati Venkate-shwarlu, the AP state leader, CPI (ML) ND said: Com.Jaswantha Rao's demise is a serious loss not only to the CPI (ML) Party, but also to all the CR ranks. Especially, in the present conditions when many intellectuals and even various parties are theorizing and propagating that there is no feudalism today, capitalism is continuing in India and, therefore, we are left with the task of socialism. On behalf of our Party we express our deep sorrow at the demise of a revolutionary intellectual like Com.Jaswantha Rao who was explaining with all authority that India continues to be a semi – colonial, semi – feudal society where the imperialists have made feudalism as their social base and imperialism – landlordism and bourgeoisie are in collaboration.

Com.P.Prasad, AP state leader, CPI (ML) ND paid tributes Com.Jaswant on behalf of their Party. He said: In the present conditions, when the danger of fascist forces is growing in the country, there is urgent need to develop the united action of democratic, progressive, left and secular forces and achieve the unity of revolutionary forces and make conscious efforts internally to advance the subjective efforts in accordance with the needs of objective conditions.

Com.Arasavelli Krishna, the leader of RWA said: We lost Dr.Jaswantha Rao – a valuable revolutionary intellectual— who was clearly revealing and explaining the complexities of Indian Society. Our tributes to him. He used to explain a most difficult theoretical point in so simple form that a common man could understand. His imprint on the Indian society will never disappear. Com.Jaswantha Rao's departure in the present disturbing conditions of the society is a loss to all oppressed classes. Com.Master, the State leader, CPI (ML) Janashakti said: Now the govt. is imprisoning who ever are raising their voice about the people branding them as urban Naxalites. It is physically eliminating some. Com.Master paid tributes noting that the demise of Com.Jaswant is a serious loss at a time when the rulers are subjecting to this kind of repression those who in their view are opposed to their exploitation.

Com.P.Madhu, the AP State Secretary, CPI (M) said: It is a matter of serious regret to lose a revolutionary intellectual like Com.Jaswantha Rao who could scientifically analyze and clearly explain to the people the nature of society and current political developments. My tributes to Com.Jaswant.

Com.Rama Krishna, the AP State Secretary, CPI said: The number of left intellectuals is coming down. Serious repression is being let loose against them, for instance, Prof. Saibaba and Com.Varavara Rao. It is necessary that the Marxist intellectuals seriously discuss on the achievements as well as the failures of 100 years of Communist Movement. It is a gap on the side of left and secular forces that they have no clear and unified agenda as the BJP, Sangh Parivar, corporate and saffron forces do have. Com.Rama Krishna expressed the hope that Communist Movement in India will come under a single Flag with a single Agenda. Tributes to Com.Jaswant on behalf of CPI.

The MCPI (U), AP State leader, Com.Khadar Basha said: It is true that Com.Jaswantha Rao studied Medicine to treat the diseases of human beings. But he was in the revolutionary practice of curing the society till the last moment of his life. Com.Khadar Basha paid the tributes to Com.Jaswant on behalf of their Party.

Com.Gollapudi Prasad, the AP State Secretariat Member, MCPI (U) said: It is true that Com.Jaswantha Rao was a revolutionary intellectual fighter. He revolted against the caste domination right when he was a student and was suspended from the college. He went on rising to higher levels with the same commitment and determination. Com.Venkat Reddy, our state Secretary, could not attend this meeting. I pay my tributes to Com.Jaswant on all their behalf and the Party.

Com.Harnath, the APSCM, CPI (ML) Liberation said: Continuing a proper united action on the basis of minimum demands can be our tribute to Com.Jaswant. Parliamentary illusions are wearing out. Organizing the peoples' movement against the anti – people laws and repression is need of the hour.

The Messages from the CECMs of CPI (ML) Com.Arvind Sinha, Com.Subodh Mitra, Com. Alope Mukherjee recollecting their intimacy with Com.Jaswant and the fine qualities like the commitment, dedication, humility and uncompromising attitude towards political issues they observed in Com.Jaswantha Rao were presented in the Meeting. A video of song written by Com.Mitra paying tributes to Com.Jaswant and sung by Com.Vimala was played in the Meeting.

Com.S.Jhansi, the AP State leader, in her concluding words, said: Com.Jaswant was explaining with examples the nature of the reforms talked about by the rulers. The three anti-people, anti - peasant laws recently brought by the Central govt. and their aspects are only a continuation of earlier policies. They are laying the road legally for the Corporate and company agriculture. As a consequence, the crisis in the lives of tenant farmers and agricultural labor is going to deepen further. Congress today is crying hoarse against these laws. But it pursued the same policies when it was in power.

They are only investing the capital and bringing changes in the agrarian sector in the interests of their exploitation. These are not fundamental. The peasant masses, therefore, must be prepared for struggle against the big landlords whom the imperialists have made as their social base; against the imperialists and their comprador big bourgeoisie with the slogan of land to the tiller. All claims of the rulers that the peasant's income had gone up are a big lie. In the face of this situation, it is the task of Comrades to go to the villages, organize the people into the agrarian revolution. This alone can be the best way of paying tributes to Com.Jaswant.

Three hundred people from various districts of the State have attended the Memorial Meeting observing all Covid precautions.

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