

TRIBUTES AND CONDOLENCES

The CC of CPI (ML), in its Meeting held in the third week of Dec' 2020 adopted the following resolutions paying Tributes to comrades and friends who departed in recent months. It observed silence in memory and honor of them.

COMRADE TAPAN BANERJEE: Com.Tapan Banerjee, a senior Comrade and a secretariat Member of WB State Committee of CPI (ML) has departed on May 24th, 2020 owing to failing health and advanced age (80 years).

In his long revolutionary political life, he faced imprison-ments, and brutal tortures which crippled his life. Yet, he continued his revolutionary work with the same zeal. In his political journey, he joined the UC, CPI (ML), PCC, CPI (ML) and CPI (ML) Janashakti. Finally, he became the member of leading committee of our party CPI (ML) in West Bengal and continued in it till the last movement of his life.

CC, CPI (ML) pays Red Salutes to the departed Comrade.

COMRADE KUNNU TUDU: Com. Kunnu Tudu, life partner and active companion of Com. Leba Chand Tudu, leader of revolutionary Adivasi movement in Gopiballa-bhpur has departed on 5th Nov,2020. For a long time, she was suffering with deadly cancer and finally succumbed to it.

CC, CPI (ML) pays Revolu-tionary Salutes to the departed Comrade and conveys deep condolences to Com. Leba and other members of their family.

COMRADE T. PURNACHANDAR RAO: Com. Purnachandar Rao, affectionately called as "uncle", leader of Vijayawada Town Party Committee and AIFTU (N) in Krishna district, AP, has departed on Oct, 26th, 2020 while under going treatment in a Govt. Hospital for covid-19.

Com. Purna's political life began 65 years back in the united Communist Movement. He had no formal education. Yet he under-stood well the politics of class struggle. He held unflinching faith in the Red Flag. Through his dedicated work, he rose from an activist to the level of district leader. He stood militantly with Com. Kotaiah in repulsing the goonda attacks on the people. He was active in all workers' struggles in Vijayawada. Several times, he encountered attacks, police repre-ssion and tortures. He played an important role in making several mass programmes organized by the Party in Vijayawada a success.

CC, CPI (ML) pays Red Salutes to departed comrade and conveys deep condolences to the members of his family.

COMRADE NEXHMIJE XHUG – LINI: A veteran Communist leader of Albania died on 26th Feb 2020 at the age of 99 years.

She joined the Communist Group at the age of 19 and became a founding member of the Communist Party of Albania. She fought against the occupation of Albania by the Italian Fascists and suffered imprisonment for 13 years. She was a founding member of Anti-Fascist National Liberation Front. Tirana (Albania's Capital) was liberated by armed revolution in Nov 1944. She later married Envar Hoxha.

Com. Nexhmije held several positions in the People's Democratic State of Allbnia. The reversals in Soviet Union, China and Yugoslavia created complex situation for the Communists. Com. Nexhmije suffered imprisonment for a long time, yet stood firmly by Socialist heritage. The fascist regime of Sali Berisha destroyed the socialist system built under leadership of Albanian Party of Labour and Envar Hoxha. In her book, " My Life With Envar Hoxha" she held high the banner of Socialism.

CC, CPI (ML) pays Red Salutes to Nexhmije xhug – Lini – a prominent Communist of Albania and the world.

COMRADE S. K. MUKHTAR PASHA: Com. Mukhtar Pasha, CCM, CPI (ML) ND led by Com. Chandranna from Khammam district of Telangana State recently departed owing to corona. He was 58 years old.

In his political life, Com. Mukhtar Pasha shouldered several responsibilities in Party and dedicated best of his energies for the development of working class and peasant movements. He wished the unification of CRs into a single Party of Proletariat. His departure is untimely and serious loss to the CR Movement.

CC. CPI (ML) pays Red Salutes to the departed comrade and conveys its deep condolences to his life partner and their daughter.

COMRADE P. K. MURTHY: Com. Murthy breathed his last on March 22, 2020 struggling with deadly cancer in a Hospital in Puducherry. He was 80 years old.

Initially, Com. Murthy was influenced by the anti-caste and self – respect movement led by Periyar. He went to Paris to study Engineering where he took an active part in the historic student's rebellion that swept France in 1968. He adopted Marxism Leninism Mao Thought as his ideology. He returned to India in the wake of revolutionary developments and fully integrated himself among the coal mine workers in Chhindwara of MP and made strenuous efforts to educate in revolutionary politics, organize and move them into unions and struggles. He shouldered the responsibility of all India leader of Revolutionary Workers' Organisation. He was an active in the formation of CPI (ML) Janashakti in 1992. He carried out various tasks as a COCM in CPI (ML) Janashakti. He disconnected himself from us, perhaps, he was annoyed by the decision of the party on his accepting an Award from the French Govt. in honor of his role in WSF. At the same time, his best of the qualities and role in the CR Movement must be remembered.

CC, CPI(ML)pays Revolutionary Tributes to departed Comrade P. K. Murthy.

COMRADE GANANATH PATRA : The Communist Revolutionary leader Com. Gananath Patra (GP) breathed his last on June 6th, 2020. He is a senior leader from Odisha. He departed at the age of 80 owing to failing health.

Inspired by the Great Naxalbari Movement, Com. GP left his job and joined the revolutionary movement. He later joined our Organisation and worked in several areas of Odisha. He played a key role in the massive protest movement that had come up under the leadership of Party CC against the Nuclear Test Range proposed to be set up by the Central Govt. in Baliapal area of Odisha. He was a CCM of CPI (ML) from 1982 to 2008. In the course of adivasi movement that had developed in Bandugaon- Narayanpatna areas of Koraput district in Odisha with the inspiration of rythu, cooli and adivasi movement in Vijayanagaram district of AP under the leadership of APSC against the illicit liquor trade, for land and the implementation of 2/56 Forest Act, he differed with the policy of CC, AP and Odisha State Committees to view the contradiction between the paidis (dalits) with the adivasis as a contradiction between two oppressed sections and unite them and left the Organisation. Later, he was in jail for some time and, after release, he confined himself to home owing to ill health. Yet, our relationship with Com. GP is of long duration.

We pay our Revolutionary Tributes to Com. GP on his departure. We convey our deep condolences to the members of his family.

COMRADE VINDAI VEDAN : Comrade Vindai Vedan was a member of Tamil Nadu State committee, CPI(ML) for some time. He breathed his last on Dece'20, 2020, Comrades of the Tamil Nadu SC of our Party have recollect him on the occasion of his first Memorial day and paid him the Revolutionary Tributes.

CC, CPI (ML) pays Revolutionary Tributes to Comrade Vindai Vedan.

COMRADE PUTTUSUAMMAL : Mother of Tamilarasan, aged 110 years from Manikam village, Cuddalore district, Tamil Nadu breathed her last on November 1, 2020. Comrade Tamilarasan was a state leader of CPI(ML) of 1969, later of PWG and then the Organiser of Tamil Nation's Movement. He died in an encounter in 1986. Comrade Puttusuammal, his mother was helpful to the CRs in so many ways all along her life. Comrades Gunalan, Karunakaran and other Comrades of our Party in Tamil Nadu participated in her condolence meeting attended by thousands of people and paid Revolutionary Tributes to her.

CC, CPI (ML) pays Red Saluted to departed Comrade.

COMRADE MAHESHWAR RAY : A Communist leader from Samasti-pur, Bihar has departed at a Patna hospital on Dec'19, 2020. He suffered imprisonment for 4 years. After release in 1978, he was active among the toiling people moving them in various protest actions on their problems.

CC, CPI (ML) pays him the Tributes.

SWAMI AGNIVESH : Swami Agnivesh, a social activist, scholar and Arya Samaji leader passed away in a Hospital in Delhi on Sept'11, 2020 owing to multi-organ failure. He was of 80 years old.

He dedicated his entire life to the upliftment of down-trodden, oppressed and other toiling people. He fought for the civil and democratic rights of the people; opposed social oppression of dalit, atrocities against women and state repression. He was active in the fight for legal safeguards against corruption and in defence of adivasi struggle in defence of their right to land. He opposed communal chauvinism and suffered brutal attacks from the BJP- RSS men. With his demise, the people lost a democrat, a true friend and companion. CC, CPI (ML) pays him Tributes.

Dr. V.VEERABHADRA RAO : Doctor Vasireddi Veerabhadra Rao, a democrat, people's doctor and a well wisher of revolutionary movement has departed on Sept'6th, 2020 owing to failing health. He was 70 years old.

He is from Indugapalli village, Krishna district, AP. While studying Medicine in Hyderabad, he was closely associated with democratic students, literary and cultural activities. On completing Medicine, he worked under an experienced pro-people doctor. He ran clinics nearer to the dwellings of poor people in rural and urban areas. Everywhere, he earned the name as a talented doctor with a concern for the poor. He successfully held the Medical camps organized by the RCS (AP) in adivasi areas. He attended the problems of health of adivasi poor children with all affection and concern for them whenever he had an occasion. The way health sector was getting commercialized, the medical profession was ethically getting degraded and going out of the reach of common people had seriously disturbed him. In his demise, we lost a democrat, close friend and a people's doctor. CC, CPI (ML) pays Tributes to him.

Prof. SUKUMARAN NAIR: Prof. Sukumaran Nair, a retired Professor of Political Science in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala has passed away recently at the age of 80 years. He was a democrat and friend of revolutionary movement and contributed to the dissemination of progressive ideas among the students and youth and to the democratic movement. CC, CPI (ML) pays Tributes to him.

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