

## Red Salutes to Com. Krishna Dev Sethi

Comrade Krishna Dev Sethi, a veteran Marxist Leninist and Communist Revolutionary leader from Kashmir departed on 28-01-2021 at the age of 93. He was ailing for a few months.

Com. Sethi was born at Mirpur, presently in Pakistan administered Kashmir. He migrated to India during partition. He joined the struggle against the Dogra rulers of Kashmir at the age of 13 years. He was one of the prominent leaders in the National Conference led by Sheikh Abdulla. He stood with Sheikh Abdulla and National Conference in the historic struggle for the abolition of landlordism and the distribution of land to the poor in Jammu & Kashmir. He strongly supported the National rights of Kashmir people for self-determination. Later, he joined the united CPI. The course of struggle against revisionism and neo revisionism led him to leave CPI and CPM and form CPI(ML) in Kashmir. He adopted Marxism Leninism Mao's Thought as his ideology, rejected the left adventurist line and adopted the politics of Agrarian Revolution and New Democratic Revolution. He later joined the CPI (ML) led by Comrade Chandra Pulla Reddy and became its leading committee Member. Com. Sethi was the lone surviving member of the Constituent Assembly of Jammu & Kashmir. He was later elected as MLA from Nowshehra Constituency in Jammu & Kashmir.

Com. Sethi organized and led many a peasants and employees organisations and struggle in Kashmir and was elected as the All India President of IFTU. He was a well known revolutionary intellectual in Kashmir and wrote many analytical articles in various Journals in Kashmir and party organs. His departure is a serious loss to the Communist Revolutionary Movement. We lost a valuable living witness and link to the history of developments in Jammu & Kashmir and struggle of Kashmir people. CC, CPI (ML) pays its Revolutionary Tributes to the departed Comrade and condolences to the members of his family.

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