

Com Balan, Leader of Dharmapuri Peoples' Struggle against Feudal and Caste Oppression

About 150 people attended the commemoration programme jointly organized by the CPI (M-L) (People's War) (Bolshevik), CPI (M-L), CPI (ML) SOC's, People's Power, the Revolutionary Student Youth Front, the Tamil Nadu Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist-Maoist ideology) and the Tamil National People's Front.

About 70 people, including a few groups led by Comrade Tamilvanan, attended the programme. A group led by Comrade AMK attended the Peoples Democratic youth Front commemoration programme. About 200 people took part in it. Comrade Sushilan, Member of the Central Committee, CPI (M-L) addressed the CPI (M-L) programme and Comrade M. Gunalan, Secretary of State addressed the function.

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The comrades commemorated Appu-Balan this year under the slogan of "All M-L revolutionaries vow to unite all the left democratic forces". As soon as the ceremony was concluded, the police crackdown is as it was last year. While the messages of the speakers did not reach the public due to the failure of the loudspeaker, the procession carrying flags along with posters, notices and banners were very well received by all. 'Class Struggle', September 2021 magazine was widely distributed to all comrades on the occasion of Comrade Balan's commemoration programme.

Comrade Periyannan, M.J.E.M., presided over the commemoration programme. Comrade Siddhantham addressed the gathering by hoisting the red flag at the memorial. Comrade Villkrishnan inaugurated and addressed the CPI (M-L) commemoration procession. Comrade Gnanam, editor of Samaran magazine, and senior comrade Jeeva, who has been running the Naxalbari movement for a long time spoke on the occasion.

Comrade Sushilan CPI (M-L) Central Committee, said that the ruling class killed Appu in the 70s and Balan in the 80s. Thus the ruling class parties acted hostile to the people. He spoke on the need to carry out the revolutionary tasks left by the comrades with the support of the communist revolutionaries, the left and the democratic forces.

Comrade Gunalan CPI (M-L) Tamil Nadu Secretary in his speech explained how Comrade Balan mobilized the people to struggle against the higher caste atrocities and feudal oppression. Similarly, Kanthuvatti mobilized the people in this district and fought against atrocities. The problems that Balan left behind still haunt people today.

Comrade Balan is Comrade of the Communist Party of Tamil Nadu (M-L Mao Thought).

Ramani Tamil National People's Front, Comrade Aranga Gunasekara, Tamil People's Revolutionary League, Comrade Vedyapan and Comrade Palani also addressed the memorial service. Comrade Parasuraman thanked the audience.

