

International Human Rights Day in Patna

On 10th December under the banner of Bihar PUCL, a public meeting has been organized at Buddha Memorial Park of Patna on the occasion of International Human Rights Day. In this meeting the challenges before human rights movement were seriously discussed. Nearly 150 civilians participated in this meeting. Nearly 20 people spoke in this meeting. A leaflet was released. Prof. Ananda Kishore working president of Bihar unit of PUCL, presided the meeting. Sarfraj Ahmed General Secretary, PUCL, conducted the meeting. All speakers condemned violating of human rights, slaughter of civil liberties and attacks on civil rights. They appealed public to fight against the repression. In a statement issued by united front of civil right, Bihar state, it is said that. Government is violations civil rights. In the reign of BJP attacks all increased on democrats, civil rights activists, intellectuals, journalists and progressive elements. Famous intellectuals were arrested and kept in jail for several years in Bhima-Koregao case.

In 2020 communal riots, Police filed cases against arrested social workers who are working for communal harmony instead of culprits who sponsored those riots. By doing this government unmasked itself. The meeting discussed and demanded action against attacks on dalits, minorities, adivasis and women, the attacks on journalists, filing cases and murdering some journalists also were mentioned in the document. They mentioned present sorrowful condition of farmers and agricultural labourers and demanded 200 days work should be given in MNREGA. Jobs are being given on contract basis. Unemployment is on a rise and demanded for filled up of vacant posts. They demanded that minimum wage should be implemented; Urban Employment Guarantees scheme also should be announced.

Sudha Vergheese, Nari Bheri leader, Chakravarthi Ashok Priyadarshi, General Secretary of Samatha Sadbhav Party and Aravind Sinha, Provincial Committee Secretary of CPI (ML), Arun Kumar Mishra, Central committee member, CPI(ML), Ravindra Nath Roy of CPI, Suryakar Jithendra of SUCI (Communist), Radhesyam of sravahara Jana Morcha, Sanjay Syam of Nagarik Adhikar Raksha Manch, Naredra Kumar of CCSS, Rajaram of CPI (ML), Nivedita Jha - Working President, Bihar Mahila Samaj, Rampari, Vice-President, Janavadi Mahila Samithi, Jaya Prakash Lalan of Shram Mukthi Sanghatan, Baladev Jha of Janavadi Lok Manch, Kamallesh Sarma of AIPF, Krishna Murari of Jana Mukthi Sangharsh Vahini, Ras Bihari Choudhari of Communist Chetana Kendr, Kousalendra Varma of AITUC, Ganesh Sankar of CITU, Rupesh of Lok Parishad, political activist Nanda Kishore Singh, a social worker Galib, Kishori Das of Vanchith Samaj Morcha, Ashish of Bigul Majdoor Dasta addressed the gathering.

In his presidential address Prof. Ananda Kishore condemned the attacks on human rights. He mentioned the killing of 14 civilians in Nagaland and questioned on the integrity of AFSPA. He said that PUCL is demanding the repeal of UAPA, Rashtriya Suraksha Kanon and Deshdroh Ke Kanon Acts. He said that all these acts are being misused by the authorities and the ruling classes; hence those acts should be repealed.

In cultural activists sing revolutionary songs. Aditya Kamal and Pramod Yadav participated in cultural activities.