

Johar Comrade Maruthi

Com Maruthi passed away on 28-08-2022 at the age of 74 after fighting with prolonged illness. Maruthi is a comrade with broad outlook and a big heart. She pursued her engineering from Government engineering college, Kakinada. While working as a faculty in Warangal Regional Engineering College, she actively participated in progressive activities. She would react strongly and stood against the reactionary measures by the authorities without any compromise. She gave shelter to many in her house and supported many students emotionally and financially in their studies. She took care of them as a guardian through thick and thin. In a word, she considered all of them as her closed ones.



Com Dr. Ghanta Venkatarao and Maruthi's marriage happened in the course of the revolutionary movement. Dr. Venkata Rao had to take over the duties of the State Convener of the Students Union and Maruthi left her studies and went as per the decision of the district leadership to the East Godavari Agency as an activist. A few days later she was arrested near Sunnapuralla at Rampachodavaram. After coming out of the case, she completed her studies. Com Venkatarao was implicated in the Hyderabad conspiracy case and imprisoned. He came on bail and completed his Medical Course. With these restraints also there was never deviation in their political outlook. Dr. Venkatrao took responsibility in the democratic rights movement staying in Guntur. He worked hard for the defense of accused in Parvathipuram and the Hyderabad conspiracy case. They stood by many of the comrades. Maruthi has the ability of speed reading (skimming) and exceptional memory. She studied literature, novels and political literature.

Her father died in her early age and she grew up with her mother and maternal grandmother. She grew up in a free environment and emerged as a responsible and a woman with integrity. Although she is not a revolutionary activist, Maruthi's role cannot be overlooked. She has two children, Bhaskar and Mallika. We express our deep condolences to her children and her life partner Dr. Venkata Rao.