

Tributes to Kakarla Nageswara Rao

Kakarla Nageswara Rao member of Organization for Protection of Democratic Rights (OPDR) breathed his last due to illness on 11-12-2022 in Hyderabad at the age of 82. He was State committee member of OPDR for almost a decade and continued as a OPDR member of Krishna district, AP.

Nageswara Rao was born in 1940's in Pedamuttevi village of Krishna district, AP in a communist family. His father Kakarla Venkateswara Rao was known as Senior Comrade (Peda Comrade). He used to participate in the activities of the organization since his childhood. His wife Kalpana also extended support to the activities of the organization. Kalpana died in 2021 due to Covid.

Nageswara Rao's house used to be a library and a home for literary meetings. Recognizing the need for literary and cultural programs, programs were organized in villages. In October 1981, Nageswara Rao and Kalpana took the responsibility for the state wide conference of Janasahiti held at Pedamuttevi.

He worked in OPDR as an associate of Kantamneni Ravindra Rao and Surapaneni Seshagiri Rao. He participated in OPDR's efforts against police detentions, encounter killings, illegal arrests and conspiracy cases. In the 1970s and 80s, he actively participated in the organization's agitations against upper caste attacks on Dalits. He is an admirer of 'Prajasahithi'. Nageswar Rao lived till his last breath with the desire to change this unequal society. Class Struggle expresses deep condolences to his family.