

Tributes to Comrade Ranjit Singh

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Comrade Ranjit Singh, the member of Central committee of CPI (ML) passed away on 25-01-2023 in Jaipur (Rajasthan). Com. Ranjit had long history of communist revolutionary movement. From his student days he got involved in SFI and slowly became an important organiser. In 1964 he left CPI (M) due to ideological differences and joined hands with newly formed committee in support of Naxalbari revolt. Subsequently he became one of the organisers. He along with other leaders started publishing RAHUL as their theoretical Organ. They started organizing workers, peasants and students and built-up strong revolutionary movement throughout the state of Rajasthan. In early seventies they had to go underground. At the time of formation of CPI(ML) they joined the newly formed party but as they tried to implement the line of annihilation program, very soon they realised that the line is wrong. They faced the setback. Finally they disassociated with the line. At this point of time they came in contact with Asit Sen and after several rounds of discussion finally organised themselves into a parallel organisation. Comrades of Rajasthan, UP, Delhi, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Maharashtra met in a conference in 1972 and adopted three documents for their organisation. Com. Ranjit was elected Secretary of NZC of REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE AND UNITY COMMITTEE (RCUC(ML)). Later on, he was elected as CCM of AIPC of CUC(ML). In 1975 UCCRI (ML) was formed. Com. Ranjit was one of the delegates in the conference. Later on after death of Com. T. Nagi Reddy the UCCRI (ML) faced a split. Com. Moni Guha has become GS but within a year he left UCCRI (ML). At this point of time the Organisation faced a serious crisis and it was Com Ranjit Singh who took the responsibility to save the UCCRI (ML). In emergency all India conference was convened. Com. Ranjit was elected GS. He was one of the organisers to work for the unity and as a result COI (ML) has come to existence. Again he was elected to the CPI (ML). Com Ranjit worked tirelessly to translate 'India Mortgaged' in to Hindi. His death is a great loss not only to CPI(ML) but also to the entire Communist movement. We pay our tribute to Com Ranjit.