

## Reports:

# Let us Fight against Feudal, Imperialist Exploitation, Oppression and Cultural Values by Joining our Hands with Working Class People

A Call by the Conference of Stree Vimukthi Sanghatana

The conference of Stree Vimukthi Sanghatana was successfully concluded in Anantapur town in Andhra Pradesh on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2023. It was attended by delegates from erstwhile undivided 14 districts of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Fraternal delegates came from Odisha, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

### The Proceedings of the Conference

The conference was started by the hoisting of flag of the organisation by its president Dr.C.Vijaya. In the inaugural session Comrade Ajitha proposed the resolution of condolence for the martyrs and it was adopted by the conference by observing silence. The session was presided by Comrade C. Vijaya. At the outset the president of the reception committee Dr. Suryasagar welcomed the gathering. Retired professor of Kakatiya University Prof. T.Jyothi Rani in her inaugural address remembered her long affinity with Stree Vimukthi Sanghatana. She explained how dubious are the policies of the governments and how they are leading the womenfolk in to further degradation. Renowned Writer Seela Subhadra Devi in her speech explained the necessity of reading progressive literature. On behalf of Manavatha Blood Donors Association Tarimela Amaranatha Reddy pointed out that most of the women are suffering from anaemia and they are to be duly educated in this aspect. The president and vice president of APTF, Chennupati Manjula and K. Ashok Kumar criticised sharply the education policy of the government. AIFTU (New) State President C. Peddanna mentioned the plight of women as unorganized sector workers. The General Secretary of PDSO Comrade A. Suresh condemned the unscientific educational system. Comrade Sk. Basha, the General Secretary of Nava Yuva Samaakhya explained how women are being victimised by the vicious culture that is being propagated by the imperialists.

The fraternal delegates from Karnataka, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Telangana Comrades Laxmamma, Bhavani, Radha, Srilatha respectively gave their messages. The president and joint secretaries Dr. Chandanamithra, Thapathi Chatarjee and Munmun Biswas of Sramajeevi Naree Manch of Bengal who were unable to attend the conference under unavoidable circumstances sent their written messages wishing the conference a success and those messages were read by Dr. C. Vijaya. In this conference an English book, 'Historical Andhra State Women's Conference: Aims, Objectives and Experiences' was launched by Comrade Bhavani of Odisha. The art pieces by Manmayee Ratha, an artist from Odisha and a fraternal delegate were exhibited in the campus of the conference. Dr. Padma, the Chairperson of Gates Institution of Technology gave her message.

A procession was led by the artistes of Praja Kalaakaarula Samakhya with drums and dances. The members, leaders of Stree Vimukthi Sanghatana carried flags of the organisation and shouted slogans like 'Let us fight against exploitation patriarchy, oppression and communalism'.

Before the public meeting the artistes of Praja Kalaakaarula Samakhya played a dance drama on martyrs, 'Netthuru Deepaalu'. The public meeting was presided by the General Secretary of the organisation Comrade Lakshmi. The state President of Raithu Coolie Sangham (A.P.). Comrade S. Jhansi, Dr. B.Surya Sagar, Chairman of Tarimela Nagireddy Memorial Trust, S.M. Basha of Human Rights Forum, Dr. C. Vijaya, president of Stree Vimukthi Sanghatana also addressed the gathering.

The delegates' meeting was held on the second day of the conference. Comrade Jhansi addressed the delegates meeting. In her address she explained at length how religious traditions and rituals are hindering the progress of women and how women have to fight against them by forming into several associations.

Comrade Amalendu proposed some amendments to the manifesto of the Stree Vimukthi Sanghatana which were accepted by the delegates. Comrade Lakshmi, the general secretary gave the report of activities from the last conference in 2014 and it was discussed and adopted. A new executive committee with 20 members was unanimously elected.

Earlier a reception committee was formed with Dr. Surya Sagar, Chairman of Tarimela Nagireddy Memorial Trust. A pamphlet explaining the activities of the organisation was widely circulated requesting funds by several squads of women. Several members of the reception committee also participated in this preparatory work. In before conference propaganda with pamphlets widely among the people of the town and nearby villages.

The following resolutions were adopted. Condemning the war between Ukraine and Russia, against the rapes and violence towards women, demanding the total prohibition of liquor and drugs, against the vicious exploitative culture, demanding education and medical treatment as a right to all, condemning trafficking of women, against communalism and superstitions, supporting the agitation of women wrestlers in Delhi, against the exploitation of forests and natural resources, against the compression of 44 labour acts as 4 labour codes, against the price rise of essential commodities, against the privatisation of Visakha Steel Factory, demanding the cancellation of cases related to Delhi peasants agitation, against the rise in the electric charges, condemning the khaf panchayats and honour killings.