

Remembering Comrade Ranjit Singh

A year elapsed since the demise of Com Ranjit Singh. He was born in late 1930s at a time when the independence struggle was at its peak. His parents were freedom fighters and he grew up in an environment of anti-feudal and anti-imperialists movements. He completed his Law from Rajasthan university but never practised. His parents used to say - who will stand by the people and fight for them if he takes up a job. He was a simple, soft spoken, intellectual and a man of self-esteem. In his daughter Rachana's words - His family was big. He loved people. He educated his family and the people around him against superstitions and social evils in the society.



He was attracted to Marxism since his student days and was active in communist movement. During the split in communist movement in 1960s he stood on the side of communist revolutionaries. His wife Mrs. Susheela Devi who was a teacher stood as his pillar of support for carrying out his revolutionary activities with out any hindrance and at a later stage of her life she suffered from cancer for a long time and Com Ranjit Singh took care of her. During that period also he was enthused and took the task of translating TN's 'India Mortgaged' from English to Hindi taking care of her by sitting beside her bed with a determination to bring communist literature to communist revolutionaries of Hindi speaking belt. His wife died in 2012 which disturbed him a lot. He moved from Jhunjhunu to Jaipur to live with his son Rakesh's family for few years and later lived with his daughter Rachana's family till his demise. Due to his inability to walk he couldn't participate in public meetings. But his determination not to sit back made him to continue to translate Marxist literature to spread the Marxist ideology in the Hindi belt.

His contribution in translating 'India Mortgaged' and 'Historical & Polemical Documents' into Hindi is commendable. In his foreword to the Hindi version of the book, he said 'India Mortgaged' will continue to illuminate our hearts and minds with the light of Marxism-Leninism and Mao's Thought and will continue to remind us of our revolutionary duty.

We lost Com Ranjith Singh last year. But his contribution to the communist revolutionary movement will be remembered for ever. 'Class Struggle' pays its revolutionary tributes to Com Ranjith Singh with utmost respect.