

# MARXIST LENINIST PARTY OF INDIA (RED FLAG)

## CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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### Homage to Comrade Kovai Gnani

Eminent Tamil writer and Marxist literary critic comrade Kovai Gnani passed away due to age-related illnesses at his residence in Coimbatore on 22nd July (Wednesday). Though he was not associated with any organisation he was lifelong supporter of revolutionary Marxist Leninist movement and had been fraternal to our movement from mid 80s. His radiant hope for revolutionary social change, steadfast commitment to secular and democratic rights and unflinching anti-imperialist position were exemplary. In the beginning years of Imperialist Globalisation and at the dark turn due to the demolition of Babri Masjid he stood in frontline for anti imperialist people's solidarity and broad fronted defense of secular democratic values; avowedly fighting Neo-colonialism and communal fascism. Surviving physical blindness he read widely and articulated with visionary brilliance.

In Tamil poetry and literary criticism he initiated novel movements. He authored over 25 books, five volumes of essays, 11 anthologies, and three poems, he also mentored several modern Tamil writers, poets, and critics. He was honoured with the Tamil Literary Garden Award in 2010.

With comrade Gnani's demise, it is a great loss that has occurred to the revolutionary, secular and democratic movement in Tamilnadu. We dip the red flag in final salute to comrade Kovai Gnani and express heartfelt condolences to his bereaved family.

**MS Jayakumar**

**General Secretary**

