

MARXIST LENINIST PARTY OF INDIA (RED FLAG)

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Cochin, 12th September 2020



Adieu Swami Agnivesh

As Swami Agnivesh (Vepa Shyam Rao; 21 September 1939 – 11 September 2020) passed away yesterday, the nation and its people lost a strong defender of democracy and secularism, bold standard bearer of freedom and egalitarian social life of Indian people and man of piety who empathized and stood with millions fallen into the miseries of poverty, destitution, caste discriminations and all forms of repression.

He had been the president of the World Council of Arya Samaj, the highest international body of the Arya Samaj movement originally established by Dayanand Saraswati in 1875, from 2004 to 2014. He also had served as the chairperson of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery from 1994 to 2004.

Swami tried to mediate to end hostilities of various kinds and fought against horrendous state terrors such as fake encounters and abetting connivances of crimes committed by the uniformed forces too. He was inextinguishable flame of vigilance against violations of human rights, unflinching guardian of secular values and indefatigable champion of democracy. He vehemently resisted the hindutwa fascists' sinister designs and perpetrations that caused communal polarization and terrific carnages.

We dip the Red banner in final salute to the radiant life and invaluable contributions of Swami Agnivesh at this hour of grief and vow to hold his contributions high for ever.

(Signed)

MS Jayakumar

General Secretary