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16th Death Anniversary of our beloved leader Com. Tarakeswar Chakraborti



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16 years have rolled by after the sad demise of our beloved leader Com. Tarakeswar Chakraborti, former General Secretary of AIBEA (1980 to 2-5-2003).

If Com. Prabhat Kar and Com H L Parvana were the architects of our organisation who led our movement in the formative years and shaped it up as a mighty organisation, achieving collective bargaining rights and Bipartism as well as leading the struggles to achieve nationalisation of banks, it was Com. Tarakeswar Chakraborti who was the crusader against the reforms agenda of the Government.

He was a visionary leader who unleashed struggles against attacks on public sector banking and attempts of privatisation right from the beginning of such measures when the LPG policies were ushered in during 1990s.

He was the first amongst the crusaders against bad loans and dared to publish the list of defaulters challenging the political cliques and the powerful capitalists.

While he was part of the tribulations under the Tribunals and Awards right from the inception, under his pragmatic stewardship, AIBEA achieved 5th, 6th and 7th Bipartite Settlements with innumerable benefits.

Thanks to his farsightedness, he demanded pension for bank employees and led a bitter struggles against all odds to achieve pension for bank employees. Today, lacs an lacs of bank employees are enjoying this wonderful social security of pension.

Today when we see mounting attacks on public sector banking, repeated efforts to privatise our Banks, increasing attacks on our rights, fissiparous tendencies to weaken the unity of bank employees, Tarak Da will ever stand out as a colossus to be a beacon light to help us to take AIEBA in the right path in these present challenging times.

His great qualities of leadership helped to take AIBEA to new heights.

Ability to lead from the front and inspire others

Benevolence and compassion to those in distress

Commitment to fight back any attacks on bank employees

Dedication to the cause of working class

Empathy to the sufferings of the poor and less organised

Fraternity with the general trade union movement

Generosity to go even with opponents for the sake of greater unity

Height of simplicity and accessibility to the rank and file members

Iron-handed approach towards organisational indiscipline

We recall his outstanding and immeasurable contributions to our movement. A stronger AIEBA was his mission. Let us do our bit to further strengthen AIBEA and pay our homage to him.

With greetings,

Yours comradely,



C.H.VENKATACHALAM
GENERAL SECRETARY