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To All Members

'Shyamal-da' is no more with us

Com. Shyamalendu Bhattacharjee, Ex- Vice President of UBIEU CEC, our Shyamalda, as he is fondly addressed by one and all in the trade union fraternity has quietly breathed his last to eternal peace on 20th December at dead of night while in deep sleep. It is really hard to believe that this action-oriented and ceaseless worker profoundly busy for the society will leave us so quietly. We recollect with pride Shyamalda's seven minutes' 'Greetings' to the members of UBIEU family on 10th December last in the course of 13th All India Biennial Conference of our union held at the University Institute Hall, Kolkata which will remain an everlasting source of inspiration for all of us at this difficult time.

Bearing the brunt of the infamous partition and communal carnage, a child along with other members of his affected family had to leave his hearth and home in the then East Pakistan and took refuge in Tezpur a semi-urban township of undivided Assam. The trouble he took for earning livelihood is, indeed, awe-inspiring. By virtue of his strong will-power and dedication to all sources of livelihood, this child became an epitome of hard work, honesty, sincerity and rose to the position of a scale-II Branch Manager in United Bank of India in Assam. Owing to his principled stand against class collaboration and for class unity and struggle, he was neither a 'yes-man' of the association nor he was in good book of the management for his pro employee attitude as a result which he had to undergo the rigors of motivated transfers in various difficult parts of North Eastern Region. But at no time he succumbed to pressure and at the fag end of his service he retired as Branch Manager, Dispur, Guwahati.

Settling down permanently at Rainagar, Kolkata, Com. Shyamalendu Bhattacharjee dedicated his entire retired life for the services of our union. He is the rare personality who used to attending the Union's Central Office daily for voluntarily looking after most important tasks acting as a true guardian of the comrades in arm. Apart from this engagement, Shyamalda willingly rendered his service in a school of the old-aged persons / children in his area as also a library of his locality where also he became a very popular and respected social activist.

His contribution towards the formation and development of our union in Assam and North Eastern Region (NER), is, indeed, incredible. Com. Shyamalda was the Founder President of undivided NER. Remaining in middle management level of our Bank, he remained an active member and leader of our union till his retirement. His home was a virtual shelter to our members during the formative period of the union in NER. Similarly, comrades like our ex-president Uddhab Kakati had been given shelter by Shyamalda's family during the horrible days of Assam agitation. The strength and vitality of each and every member of UBIEU in N.E. Region during the last three decades can properly be termed as derived from Com. Shyamalda. Members of our union in NER feel today, as loss of their father figure at the demise of Com. Shyamaldendu Bhattacharjee. Central Executive Committee lost a leader, a guardian and above all a true trade union worker with imitable character.

We dip our banner to pay our respectful homage to Com. Shyamalendu Bhattacharjee and convey our regards and sympathy to his bereaved family.

Red salute to Shyamalda. Com. Shyamalendu Bhattacharjee Amar Rahe.

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