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To all Units, Affiliates, Office Bearers, CC & GC Members

COMRADE V S ACHUTHANANDAN PASSES AWAY

Comrade V S Achuthanandan fondly known as VS, one of the tallest leaders of left and democratic movement of the country, passed away on 21 July 2025 at the age of 101 after prolonged illness. He was admitted in a Hospital in Thiruvananthapuram. He left behind his wife, son, daughter and millions of comrades, disciples, followers.

Comrade VS was a towering figure in the Indian left movement and a lifelong crusader for justice, equality and democracy. He was elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly for seven terms. He was the Chief Minister of Kerala from 2006 to 2011 and was leader of the Opposition for two terms. During the remarkable tenure in public office, he exemplified the ideas of integrity, simplicity and unwavering commitment to the cause of the downtrodden and toiling masses. Rising from humble beginnings to the Office of the Chief Minister, his ascent mirrored the growth of left and democratic movement of Kerala.

Comrade VS was a leader who stood with the people taking up their struggle as his own thus, he left an indelible mark among common people. He, as former leader of agricultural and coir workers of Kerala, understood the plight of them correctly and that insight turned into his political strength in course of time. Com VS organised coir workers of Aspinwal Company, Alappuzha where he started working. He maintained keen interest on the bank employees' movement and remained a true guide of BEFI. Com VS inaugurated the tenth Conference of BEFI Kerala during the year 2010.

Comrade VS played a leading role in the land reforms movement in Kerala, the fight against corruption, religious fundamentalism and the advancement of social justice. He led struggles for fair wages, end to bonded labour, job security, reclaiming surplus land and environmental issues. His contribution in championing the rights of working class, peasantry and the common people will always be remembered. He lived a life of exceptional energy and resilience. His century spanning life is inextricably intertwined with the modern history of Kerala.

As we mourn his demise, we also recollect the rich legacy he has left behind. Even in his advanced age, Comrade VS stood at the forefront of people's struggles, inspiring generations of activists and leaders. His life will always remain a guiding light in our ongoing struggle.

Bank Employees Federation of India expresses profound grief at the demise of Comrade VS and pays respectful homage to the memories of Comrade V S Achuthanandan and dips its banner. We also express our deepest sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and other comrades in arms.

**LONG LIVE COMRADE V S ACHUTHANANDAN
COMRADE V S ACHUTHANANDAN AMAR RAHE**

(Debasish Basu Chaudhury)
General Secretary



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