



BSNLEU salutes and pays respectful homage to Com.K.G.Bose, on his birth centenary.

07th July, 2020 is the 100th birth anniversary of our great leader, Com. K.G.Bose, who had immensely contributed in transforming the Central Government Employees trade union movement in general and the P&T trade union movement in particular. Through his struggles and sacrifices, Com.K.G. Bose awakened the P&T employees and showed a new path to their trade union movement.

At a very early age, Com. K.G.Bose lost his father and his elder brother. Therefore, he had to struggle hard to earn a livelihood for the family. Soon after his appointment as a clerk in the office of the Divisional Engineer, Telegraph, Calcutta, in 1941, Com.K.G.Bose became a sincere trade union activist. He emerged as a leader in the historic strike of the P&T workers in July 1946 strike, which is inscribed in the history of the freedom struggle.

He was arrested and dismissed from the service, in connection with the proposed strike in 1949. However, despite his dismissal from service, Com.K.G.Bose continued to serve the P&T trade union movement, till he breathed his last in 1974.

In 1954, Com.K.G.Bose played a pivotal role in forming the National Federation of Postal & Telegraph Employees (NFPTE). Thereafter, he significantly contributed to the formation of the Confederation of Central Government Employees. Com.K.G.Bose played leading role in organising the Central Government employees' strikes in 1960 and 1968.

As a part of his trade union activities, Com.K.G.Bose gave much significance in educating

the workers ideologically. In this process, Com.K.G.Bose inspired and created a large number of leaders. He attached much importance to the democratic functioning of trade union and in developing collective leadership. He emphasised that, a trade union worker should be morally clean and firm in ideology. They must be sincere in their official duties and should love their fellow workers.

Com.K.G.Bose raised the popular slogan of "Unity for Struggle and Struggle for Unity". He concentrated much in building up united struggles. This was manifested in the formation of the "12th July Committee", a platform consisting of the workers, employees and teachers in West Bengal, spearheading united struggles.

Today, when the country is facing the disastrous situation created by the anti-people, antiworker and pro- corporate policies of the Modi government, the teachings of Com.K.G.Bose, assume much significance. BSNLEU marches ahead in the path shown by Com.K.G.Bose, upholding his slogan of "Unity for Struggle and Struggle for Unity". BSNLEU has become a part and parcel of the struggles being organised by the mainstream trade union movement of the country.

The Central Secretariat of BSNLEU, which met on 15th June, 2020, has decided to observe the Birth Centenary of Com.K.G.Bose, for one full year, starting from 7th July, 2020. During this period, various programmes will be organised, to educate the employees of the teachings of Com.K.G.Bose. ●

