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All India Road Transport Workers' Federation (AIRTWF) expresses its deep sorrow at the passing away of Comrade Nepal Dev Bhattacharya, its current President. AIRTWF pays respectful homage to the beloved departed leader Comrade Nepal Dev Bhattacharya. He was 73. He had his last breath at 01.30 AM on 13-05-2025 while undergoing treatment at private Hospital in Kolkata.

It is very shocking and a great loss not only to his family but to all the Transport Workers in particular and the toiling masses in general

He was elected as the President of AIRTWF in the 11th Conference held in Haryana in July 2022. We are heading towards the 12th Conference scheduled to be held from 29th to 31st July-2025 at Trivandrum, Kerala. At this critical juncture passing away of Comrade Nepaldev Bhattacharya is very painful and great loss the working class movement

Nepal Deb Bhattacharya's political journey was deeply intertwined with the history of the Left movement in West Bengal. As a member of the CPI(M), Bhattacharya served in the Rajya Sabha from 1981 to 1988, representing the state during a critical period when the Left Front held sway in Bengal's political landscape. His tenure in the upper house of Parliament was marked by his fight for rights of working class, social justice, and policies aimed at uplifting the marginalized.

He was the president of the North 24 Parganas district CITU where he championed the cause of workers across various sectors. His association with the Students' Federation of India (SFI) in his early years, where he succeeded Subhas Chakraborty as General Secretary, underscored his lifelong commitment to mobilizing student and youth for progressive change.

Apart from politics, Bhattacharya made notable contributions to Bengali cinema. His directorial venture Chaka (2000), featuring Mithun Chakraborty and Debashree Roy, remains a significant cultural achievement, reflecting his artistic sensibilities and social concerns.

Despite his diverse pursuits, Bhattacharya stayed deeply rooted in his ideals in articulating the struggles and aspirations of the working class. His humility and accessibility endeared him to colleagues and constituents alike.

AIRTWF once again dips its red flag in respecting his memory and paying homage to Comrade Nepal Dev Bhattacharya.

Red Salute to Comrade Nepal Dev Bhattacharya!

Yours Comradely

(R.Lakshmaiah)
General Secretary.