

Tributes paid to human rights activist Mahaboob Batcha



Activists, advocates and academicians paying tributes to human rights activist A. Mahaboob Batcha of SOCO Trust in Madurai on Saturday. G. MOORTHY

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Activists, advocates and academicians paid tributes to human rights activist and advocate A. Mahaboob Batcha of the Society for Community Organisation (SOCO) Trust, Justice Shivaraj V. Patil Foundation and Justice P.N. Bhagwati Foundation, at Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer Community Hall here on Saturday.

The event was organised to celebrate Mahaboob Batcha's life and loving memories. Former Madras High Court Judge Justice D. Hariparanthaman unveiled a portrait of Mahaboob Batcha.

Advocate and Executive Director of NGO People's Watch Henri Tiphagne released a book titled 'SOCO Batcha' authored by senior advocate T. Lajapathi Roy. The first copy was received by advocate and human rights activist Vincent Ma-

noharan. The book is a compilation of articles with photographs of Mahaboob Batcha. Justice Hariparanthaman recollected his association with Mahaboob Batcha and said that he had dedicated his life to serve the people.

Mahaboob Batcha died on February 14 following a prolonged illness. He was 64. Born in 1959 in Madurai, he obtained his law degree from the Government Law College in Madurai and later completed his Masters in law from the University of Madras. He was inspired by the judicial activism of former Supreme Court Judges Justice P.N. Bhagwati and Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer and dedicated himself to social work and for upliftment of the weak.

Managing Trustee of Justice Shivaraj V. Patil Foundation S. Selva Gomathi, the family members of Mahaboob Batcha and others were present.