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DMK MLA dies of coronavirus on his birthday

CHENNAI, DHNS: DMK MLA J Anbazhagan, one of the key strategists of the party and a close confidant of M K Stalin, passed away on Wednesday after losing his eight-daylong battle against Covid-19.

Incidentally, Anbazhagan died on his 62nd birthday and became the first lawmaker in the country to succumb to Covid-19. A second generation DMK leader, Anbazhagan is survived by his wife and two children.

Anbazhagan, who was at the forefront of DMK's 'Ondrinaivom Vaa' (Let us come together) campaign aimed at providing relief to those affected by Covid-19 lockdown in the city before he was wheeled into Dr Rela Institute and Medical Centre here on June 2, breathed his last at 8.05 am on Wednesday.

Anbazhagan, who was secretary of DMK's Chennai west district, was buried according to the Dravidian customs at the Kannamapettai crematorium here.