## Press Release

The following statement was issued to the press by the joint platform of Central Trade Unions on 03<sup>rd</sup> November 2021

The constituents of the Platform of Central Trade Unions held a meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> *November 2021* in Delhi to consider the situation arising out of the Government's push to privatise and hand over all the National Assets to the Corporate Sector, NMP being the latest design. It was felt that the immediate effect of this move will be tremendous price rise and increase in the user-charges for the people besides other disastrous negative fall-outs on our infrastructure and the economy. The meeting also discussed the total anti people attitude of the government which is refusing to consider any demands of the people raised by the trade unions and kisan organizations undermining all democratic practices.

With a view to make the people aware of the dangerous effects of this policy, it was decided to systematically reach out to the people, starting with a *National* conventionof *Trade Unions* in Delhi on 11th November, followed by *state level conventions, jathas, demonstrations, Mhapadav, mini parliaments, extensive signature campaigns etc all over the country* to be followed by a 2-day countrywide general strike *during the Budget Session in 2022.* The meeting decided to observe 26th November, the anniversary of the National General Strike of trade unions and the Kisan March towards Delhi as a nation-wide protest day.

This meeting was followed by a meeting with the leaders of the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM), in which both sides apprised the other of the struggles being planned ahead and were unanimous that worker-kisan unity is the need of the hour and to work to strengthen it through united struggles.

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