

ALL INDIA FORUM AGAINST PRIVATISATION (AIFAP)

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To

The Joint Platform of Central Trade Unions and Independent Sectoral All India Federations and Associations

The All India Forum Against Privatisation (AIFAP) expresses its whole hearted support to the call of the Joint Platform of Central Trade Unions and Independent sectoral All India Federations and Associations for the countrywide two-days' general strike on 28-29 March 2022 against the anti-people, anti-worker and anti-national destructive policies of the central government. The AIFAP exhorts all its members to demonstrate the unity of the Indian working class by making the strike a grand success.

The coming countrywide general strike is an opportunity for workers to send a strong message to the big capitalists of the country, the real rulers of the country, that anti-people, anti-worker policies will not be accepted by workers and peasants of the country.

The general strike is also an opportunity to further strengthen the unity of workers and peasants by actively supporting the struggles of each other, as the policies pushed by the big Indian and foreign corporates, through the party in power at the Centre, are against the interests of both. The growing solidarity is seen in the decision of the Samyukta Kisan Morcha to participate in the general strike and the inclusion of 6-point charter of demands of the Samyukta Kisan Morcha in the demand charter of workers for the general strike.

The general strike is one more united action against anti-worker, anti-people measures of the government included in the Charter of Demands:

1. Scrap the Labour Codes; Scrap the EDSA (Essential Defence Services Act)
2. Accept 6-point charter of demands, post repeal of Farm Laws, of the Samyukta Kisan Morcha,
3. No to Privatisation in any form and scrap the National Monetisation Policy (NMP);
4. Food and Income Support of Rs 7500 per month to non-income tax paying households;
5. Increased allocation for MNREGA and extension of Employment guarantee Scheme to urban areas;
6. Universal social security for all informal sector workers;
7. Statutory Minimum wage and social security for Anganwadi, ASHA, Mid-day-meal and other Scheme workers;
8. Proper protection and insurance facilities for frontline workers serving the people in the midst of pandemic;
9. Increase in public investment in agriculture, education, health and other crucial public utilities by taxing the rich through wealth tax etc. in order to revive and revamp the national economy;
10. Substantial reduction in the Central Excise duty on petroleum products and concrete remedial measure to arrest price rise.
11. Regularisation of contract workers, scheme workers and equal pay for equal work for all

12. Cancellation of NPS and restoration of old pension; substantial increase in minimum pension under Employees' Pension Scheme

The time has come for workers and peasants to demand from all political parties to incorporate "protection of right to work, living wage, free quality health-care and education-facility to all citizens as fundamental rights" as a firm commitment in their political manifestos for assembly and Lok Sabha elections. We should also ask the candidates to take oath publicly to fulfil their assurances and to support the demands of workers, farmers and all people of the country if they come to power.

AIFAP fully supports the Charter of Demands and is confident that the two-days general strike on 28th and 29th March will be a resounding success.

In solidarity with you,

All India Forum Against Privatisation

Constituents (in alphabetical order):

1. Air India Employees Union (AIEU),
2. Air India Service Engineers Association (AISEA),
3. All India Bank Officers Association (AIBOA),
4. All India Coal Workers Federation (AICWF),
5. All India Confederation of SC/ST Organisations (All India Parisangh),
6. All India Defence Employees Federations (AIDEF),
7. All India Federation of Electricity Employees (AIFEE),
8. All India Federation of Power Diploma Engineers (AIFOPDEE),
9. All India Guards Council (AIGC),
10. All India Loco Running Staff Association (AILRSA),
11. All India New Pension Scheme (NPS) Employees Federation,
12. All India OBC Railway Employees Association – Northern Railway,
13. All India Pointsmen Association (AIPMA),
14. All India Port and Dock Workers Federation (AIPDWF),
15. All India Power Engineers Federation (AIPEF),
16. All India Railway Employees Confederation (AIREC) – Western Zone,
17. All India Railway Track Maintainers Union (AIRTU),
18. All India Railwaymen's Federation (AIRF),
19. All India Scheduled Caste Scheduled Tribe Railway Employees Association (AISCSTREA),
20. All India Station Masters Association (AISMA),
21. All India Train Controllers Association (AITCA),
22. Andhra Pradesh State Power Employees Joint Action Committee (APSPE-JAC),
23. Bahujan Samajwadi Manch (BSM),
24. Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) Employees Association, Palakkad, Kerala,
25. Bharat Petroleum Technical and Non-Technical Employees Association (BPTNTEA)- Mumbai Refinery,
26. Bhartiya Railway Mazdoor Union (BRMU), SW Railway, Hubli,
27. Brihanmumbai Electricity Supply and Transport (BEST) Employees Union,
28. Brihanmumbai Electricity Supply and Transport (BEST) Kamgar Sanghatana,

29. Chittaranjan Loco Works (CLW) Railwaymen's Union, Chittaranjan, W.B.,
30. Chittaranjan Railwaymen's Congress (CRMC), Chittaranjan, West Bengal,
31. Cochin Refinery Employees Association (CREA-INTUC),
32. Cochin Refineries Worker's Association (CRWA) – CITU,
33. Container Corporation (CONCOR) Employees Union,
34. Dakshin Railway Employee Union (DREU),
35. Diesel Loco Modernisation Works (DMW) Railwaymen's Union, Patiala, Punjab,
36. Diesel Loco Works (DLW) Men's Union, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh,
37. DMW Railway Workers Union (DMWRWU), Patiala, Punjab,
38. Electricity Employees Federation of India (EEFI),
39. Hind Khadan Mazdoor Federation (HKMF),
40. Hind Mazdoor Sabha (HMS) – Telangana,
41. Hindustan Petroleum Employees Union, Vishakhapatnam Refinery,
42. Indian National Electricity Workers Federation (INEWF),
43. Indian Railway Loco Runningmen's Organisation (IRLRO),
44. Indian Railway Ticket Checking Staff Organisation (IRTCSO),
45. Integral Coach Factory Mazdoor Sangh (ICFMS), Chennai, Tamil Nadu,
46. Integrated Coach Factory (ICF) Labour Union, Chennai, Tamil Nadu,
47. Jammu Kashmir Power Employees and Engineers Coordination Committee (JKPEECC),
48. Joint Action Front of Public Sector Trade Unions of Bangalore,
49. Kamgar Ekta Committee (KEC)/Mazdoor Ekta Committee (MEC)/Tozhilalar Ottrumai Iyakkam (TOI),
50. Lok Raj Sangathan (LRS),
51. Madhya Pradesh United Forum of Power Employees and Engineers,
52. Maharashtra State Bank Employees Federation (MSBEF),
53. Maharashtra State Electricity Workers Federation (AITUC),
54. Men's Congress Diesel Loco Works (MCDLW), Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh,
55. Mumbai and Suburban Secondary School Teachers Association,
56. National Federation of Indian Railwaymen (NFIR),
57. National Federation of Telecom Employees (NFTE)-BSNL,
58. National Movement for Old Pension Scheme (NMOPS),
59. National Railway Mazdoor Union (NRMU), (Central Railway/Konkan Railway),
60. Neelachal Executives Association, Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited (NINL),
61. Port, Dock & Waterfront Workers Federation (AITUC),
62. Purogami Mahila Sanghatan (PMS),
63. Rail Coach Factory (RCF) Men's Union, Kapurthala, Punjab,
64. Rail Coach Factory (RCF) Men's Union, Rae Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh,
65. Rail Coach Factory Mazdoor Union (RCFMU), Kapurthala, Punjab,
66. Rail Coach Factory Men's Congress (RCFMC), Raebareilly, Uttar Pradesh,
67. Rail Wheel Factory (RWF) Mazdoor Union, Bangalore, Karnataka,
68. Rail Wheel Factory Karmika Sangh (RWFKS), Bangalore, Karnataka,
69. Research Design and Standards Organisation (RDSO) Karamchari Sangh, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh,
70. Sanchar Nigam Executives Association (SNEA)-BSNL,
71. Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) Officers Association,
72. Singareni Collieries Workers Union (AITUC),
73. Singareni Miners and Engineering Workers Union (HMS), Telangana,
74. Subordinate Engineers' Association (MSEB),
75. Surat Trade Union Council (STUC),
76. Teachers Democratic Front Mumbai (TDF),
77. Union Territory (UT) Powermen's Union, Chandigarh,

78. Unorganized Workers and Employees Congress,
79. Water Transport Workers Federation of India (CITU),
80. West Central Railway Employees Union (WCREU).