

## **Press Release**

*The following joint statement was issued to the press by the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) and the platform of Central Trade Unions and Independent Sectoral Federations/Associations after their joint meeting held today- 26th February 2024.*

**The CTUs extend their unequivocal solidarity to SKM call for Mahapanchayat on 14th March at Ramlila ground, Delhi.**

**The CTUs and SKM demand judicial enquiry to investigate the killing of the young farmer.**

The meeting expressed satisfaction that the slogan of “OUST THE ANTI-WORKER, ANTI-FARMER, ANTI-NATIONAL REGIME AT THE CENTRE” was taken to all the corners of the country, by the successful conduct of the Nationwide mass mobilisation alongwith Industrial/Sectoral Strike and Grameen Bharat Bandh on 16th February jointly called by the Samyukta Kisan Morcha and the Joint Platform of Central Trade Unions and Independent Sectoral Federations/Associations. They thanked the other sections of the society, organisations and social movements for extending their solidarity support and also participating in mass mobilisations at various sites.

The meeting condemned the brutal actions by the Haryana and Central forces against protesting farmers on Shambhu and Khanauri borders of Punjab, in which young farmer Shubhkaran Singh lost his life. It is most deplorable that these forces violated federal structure and respect to sovereign rights of state governments and used these oppressive measures in the territory of Punjab, not only with water cannons and plastic pellets but metal pellets were also used. Use of drones on the food producer Annadata seeking for their genuine demands was most barbaric. Not only that, the forces went inside Punjab boundary and damaged more than 50 tractors and vehicles of farmers, they continued picking up people at random.

The CTUs and SKM demand judicial enquiry to investigate the killing of the young farmer, to fix responsibility and registration of a case under Sec. 302 of IPC for stringent punishment to the culprit and compensate the farmers for the huge damage done to their tractors and vehicles.

The CTUs extend their unequivocal solidarity to the programme called by the SKM for a Mahapanchayat on 14th March at Ramlila ground, Delhi on their demands.

The state units of CTUs and SKM would continue to coordinate in states at various levels to carry forward the worker-farmer historic unity achieved on the common charter of demands in their Joint All India Convention of Workers and Farmers held on 24th August, 2023 in Talkatora Stadium in Delhi.

Onward to save the nation, save the people,  
Oust the anti-worker, anti-farmer, anti-national regime

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