

The following statement was issued to the press by The Joint Platform of Ten Central Trade Unions on 7th January 2025

**Unite and fight the anti-people, anti-worker, anti-farmer policies
Prepare for countrywide militant protest action
including countrywide strike against labour codes**

The meeting of the Joint Platform of Central Trade Unions and Independent Federations and Associations, held on 6th January 2025 at New Delhi, expressed serious concern over the arrogant and atrocious continuance of the anti-people, anti-worker policies of the present corporate-communal regime in governance in its 3rd term, putting unbearable burden of miseries, joblosses and joblessness and deepening impoverishment on the one hand and barbarously curbing the constitutional and democratic rights of the people to protest and dissent on the other. As such, the entire constitution and related institutions and values are under consistent onslaught by the present regime at Centre. The government continues its policies of privatization /disinvestment and sale of PSUs and Govt. services, such as Indian Railways, Defence, Coal mines (MOD), non-coal mines, Steel, Port & Dock, Airports, Roadways, Electricity, Telecom, Banks, Insurance etc. It is refusing to restore Old Pension Scheme (OPS) and for setting up of the 8th Pay Commission. The CTUs decided to carry on the united struggle of the working people to a further height of resistance with all its might.

Joint Platform of CTUs extends all support to the ongoing struggles of peasants and the agricultural workers against the betrayal by the Central govt. even to implement their written commitments on statutory MSP and other issues which are all matters of record. *(The blame for anything untoward happening to Shri Jagjit Singh Dallewal, who is on fast for the past more than 40 days, lies squarely on the Central Government for going back on those written assurances.)* The CTUs are in constant dialogue with Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) for workers-peasants joint action programmes in the days to come.

The joint platform of CTUs took serious note of the desperate exercise of the corporate servile Govt by the ruling regime in its 3rd term to notify all the four labour codes which could be stalled so long through united struggle of the working people even after their enactment in 2020. The Codes have to be more labour centric. Also, the forthcoming union budget is expected to continue with the same corporate-servile policies and loot of the toiling people. After detailed deliberations, the meeting of CTUs decided the following programmes:

- **On 5th February 2025—massive joint protests countrywide at district/sectoral levels against the anti-people measures in the budget, including burning the budget-effigy;**

- In the event of notification of labour codes by the govt, trade union movement must promptly respond and react by immediate massive protest action/burning the labour codes throughout the country and series of agitations/mobilisations to culminate in countrywide general strike in continuity of the same;
- Date of the general strike will be announced in at appropriate time. But preparation must start immediately.

The Joint Platform of Central Trade Unions and Sectoral Federations/Associations calls upon the working people of the country across the sectors in general and all its constituent organizations in states and sectoral level in particular, to prepare for a determined resistance to start with immediate response of countrywide general strike preceding phased agitations against the notification of labour codes.

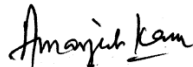
Joint meeting of the constituent organizations of the Joint Platform of CTUs, Sectoral Federations/Associations should be held at the earliest by march, to plan for intensive grass-root level campaign against labour codes and related policy issues focused on the call of countrywide general strike shortly after labour codes-notification.

In the meanwhile, meeting of the CTUs and SKM is scheduled for 15th January to plan for joint activities.


The Joint Platform of CTUs, Sectoral Federations/Associations calls upon the working people to prepare for a determined resistance to the atrocious arrogance of the ruling regime to impose conditions of slavery on them through labour codes.



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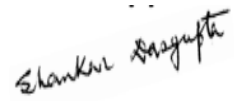
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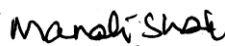
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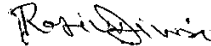
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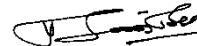
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