

Press Release

The following statement was issued to the press by the Joint Platform of Central Trade Unions (CTUs) and Sectoral Federations/Associations today- 9th December 2025

Press Release

- **Joint Platform of Central Trade Unions (CTUs) and Sectoral Federations /Associations resolve to intensify the struggles in a phased manner till the four labour codes are withdrawn**
- **The CTUs congratulate the working class for their widespread immediate response in resistance against the labour codes and the massive participation on 26th November 2025 in the protest action.**
- **The CTUs will intensify the campaign among the working class against the labour codes, exposing the false propaganda of the government and corporate media serving the employer classes and defy any effort to impose the codes on the Working Class.**
- **The CTUs will call a countrywide direct action including General Strike in February 2026. The date of the strike will be finalised in the meeting on 22nd December 2025.**
- **The CTUs will coordinate with SKM which is in struggle for their basic demands of MSP, loan waiver etc., and against the Seed Bill and Electricity Amendment Bill 2025.**
- **The CTUs call for solidarity and support from all sections of the people and all opposition parties.**

The Joint Platform of Central Trade Unions and Sectoral Federations/Associations met on 8 December 2025 in hybrid mode. The meeting took stock of the situation after the notification of the labour codes. It is heartening that the working class has reacted spontaneously against the anti-labour codes which the government could not notify for the last five years due to the stiff resistance of the trade union movement of the country.

There were widespread protests throughout the country, especially at the workplace level. Even non-unionised workers and workers belonging to the BMS joined the protests including burning of the copies of the codes. There were widespread protests among the journalists as well.

On 26th November 2025, the country witnessed massive mobilisations at the district/block headquarters as well as at the workplace level. The Samyukta Kisan Morcha has also mobilised in large numbers including in villages, protesting the Seed Bill as well as the labour codes in addition to their basic demands. Other sections of the people, especially the students and youth also joined the protest in large numbers. We thank all the people for joining this struggle to save the basic rights of the people.

There is unprecedented false propaganda on the so called 'benefits' of the labour codes to the workers including advertisements in mass scale and paid news and articles supporting them which shows the panic among the government administration and the ruling classes. There is total chaos prevailing in labour departments and courts.

For the first time, all the opposition parties came together demanding the repealing of the labour codes. We welcome this move and expect they will continue this support till the codes are repealed.

The meeting took note of the Indigo menace which has caused distress to lakhs of people. The incident shows the height of corporate arrogance and total negligence of the safety of the workers and the passengers. The warning by the central trade unions on privatisation and monopolisation especially of the strategic sectors has become true.

We demand judicial probe, exemplary punishment of the guilty and adequate compensation to all those who are affected. The government should learn lessons from this experience and immediately stop the hasty privatisation moves especially in strategic sectors like electricity, petroleum, railways, defence, telecom and banking.

It is decided to build up phased consistent struggle till the labour codes are withdrawn. The Joint Platform decided to go on a countrywide General Strike in February 2026. The date of the strike will be announced on 22nd December 2025 in the next meeting.

The trade unions will organise the protest actions at the workplace/local/district/state levels. All the state chapters of the platform will meet within a week and chalk out detailed plans for massive campaign including jathas, rallies, mobilisations, door to door campaign, will intensify the sectoral actions and struggles etc. leading to direct action including the general strike in the first phase of the struggles.

The Joint Platform will coordinate with Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) approach platforms of various sections on struggle against the anti-people policies of this pro corporate communal government.

We call upon all the Opposition Parties in Parliament and various sections of the people, especially the youth and students to come in support and solidarity with this struggle to save the basic rights of the working people and save the democratic fabric of the country.

Issued by



INTUC



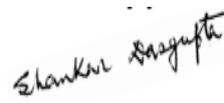
AITUC



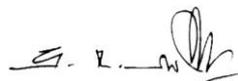
HMS



CITU



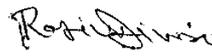
AIUTUC



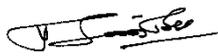
TUCC



SEWA



AICCTU



LPF



UTUC