

May Day Zindabad!

Let us advance the program of the working class to become the ruling class!

Call of the Kamgar Ekta Committee, on the occasion of May Day 2026

Comrade workers!

May 1 – May Day is an occasion of historic as well as contemporary importance for workers of all countries. “Workers of the world unite!” With this call from over a century ago still echoing strongly in our hearts, we reaffirm our solidarity and resolve in the struggle against capitalist exploitation and all forms of oppression.

May Day is coming at a time when crores of working people are out on streets all over the world, protesting against attacks on their rights, unjust wars waged against people of Iran and Palestine and cutbacks in essential services by the capitalist governments.

It is our hard work which is creating the wealth of India but we are paid wages that are barely enough for a bare existence. The fruits of workers’ toil are being enjoyed by the capitalists who are growing richer by the day.

The recent clashes between factory workers and the police in the industrial belts of the National Capital Region of Delhi expose the unbearable conditions against which workers are revolting. They expose the brutal repression which we workers face when we demand and fight for our rights.

Across all sectors of economy, across public and private sector companies, more than 10-12 hours working has become a norm. Contractualization in all these enterprises is rampant and blatant. Vacancies are not filled, creating unbearable pressure on workers. Safety standards are being blatantly flouted, leading to terrible accidents. The four Labour Codes are aimed at legalizing all these practices and attack many other hard-won rights of workers.

Workers in the railways, electricity, banking, insurance, coal mines, telecom, petroleum, ports and other public sector companies are waging a determined struggle against the privatisation program and the increasing use of contract labour.

IT workers, health care workers, municipal workers, school and college teachers are all fighting for their rights. Workers are demanding pension and other forms of social security to ensure dignified life after retirement.

On 12 February, working people, including peasants, all over the country participated in a massive General Strike, to oppose the mounting attacks on their livelihood and rights.

The growing unity of workers and peasants around one common platform of immediate economic demands is a very positive development. The capitalist class and its political parties are trying to break this unity by inciting conflicts among the working people based on religion, caste, language, tribal identity or ethnicity.

No matter what our religion, caste, gender, ethnicity or language may be, all of us who live by selling our labour power belong to one class, the working class. Our struggle is against the capitalist class, and so is the struggle of the peasants. The interests of the capitalists are diametrically opposed to the interests of workers and peasants. This is the truth, which the BJP, Congress and other parties of the capitalist class try to hide.

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We, the workers and peasants of this country, make up more than 90 percent of the population. However, our voices are not heard. Changing governments at the centre and states has not changed the orientation of the economy, which has been towards maximizing the profits of the capitalists. Capitalist parties continue to promise what the people want and do the exact opposite to serve the capitalists once they form the government. They are not accountable to the electors whose representatives they claim to be. Despite what is claimed, we can see that in this democracy, we the people have no power; policies and laws are made exactly contrary to our interests and in the interests of the ruling capitalist class.

The nature of the bureaucracy, the security forces, the judiciary and all other arms of the state is not changed through elections. From the time of the British rule to this day, they uphold the interests of the exploiters at the expense of the toiling people.

While we have to struggle to improve our lives, and even just to maintain what previous generations of the working class have won through struggles, we must also work to replace the rule of the capitalists by that of the workers and other toilers.

The existing system of bourgeois democracy needs to be replaced by a new system of democracy, designed to keep the working class in power. The political process must be designed for the working people to have direct control over their elected representatives and the decisions they take. Elections must be publicly funded. People of every constituency must have the decisive say in the selection of candidates. We must have the right to recall our elected representatives at any time if he or she does not act in our interest.

With political power in our hands, we will be able to change the aim and orientation of the economy from the maximisation of capitalist profits into the fulfilment of the growing needs of all working people.

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On the occasion May Day 2026, let us resolve to escalate the struggle in defence of our livelihood and rights!

Let us strengthen the unity of workers of India across all sectors of economy, across unions and organizations, across state boundaries, defying capitalist class's bid to divide us on the basis of caste, religion, language, region, etc.!

Let us wage our struggles with the aim of establishing the rule of workers and peasants in order to ensure better lives for us all!