

## Press Release

The following statement was issued to the press today 23<sup>rd</sup> March by the Joint Platform of the Central Trade Unions and Independent Sectoral Federations and Associations

### **Call to make nationwide two days general strike on 28-29 March 2022 a grand success**

The Joint Platform of Central Trade Unions held a meeting in Delhi on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022, to take stock of the preparations in the various States and sectors for the proposed two day All India strike on 28-29 March 2022 against the anti-worker, anti-farmer, anti-people and anti-national policies of the Central Government. It was reported that the strike preparations are in full swing, with joint state level conventions, sector-wise conventions in public sector as well as corporate sector and the unorganised sectors such as Scheme Workers, Domestic Workers, Hawkers, Beedi Workers, Construction Workers etc. Roadways Transport Workers and Electricity Workers have decided to join the strike inspite of the impending threat of ESMA (Haryana and Chandigarh, respectively). Financial Sector including Banking and Insurance are joining the strike.

The strike notices given by unions in the sectors such as coal, steel, oil, telecom, postal, income tax, copper, banks, insurance among others. The Unions in Railways and Defence sector would be making mass mobilization in support of strike at several hundreds of spots.

The meeting took note of the fact that emboldened by the results of the recently held state elections, the BJP Government at centre has intensified the attacks on the working people, reducing the interest rate on PF accumulations to 8.1% from 8.5%, sudden hike in Petrol, LPG, Kerosene, CNG etc., taking steps to implement their program of Monetization (PSU Land bundles) but are held back only because of the worsening condition of inflation and crashing share markets. The meeting condemned these policies.

The meeting welcomed the reiteration by the Samyukta Kisan Morcha that they will observe Rural Bandh on 28-29 March.

The meeting appealed to various unions at State levels to join the strike to oppose the anti-labour policies of the Central Government, the four labour codes being it's glaring example.

It was decided to hold a public meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> March by connecting the Union members on Facebook page of the CTUs from 5pm to 6pm.

The Platform of Central Trade Unions and Sectoral Federations and Associations calls upon all sections of society to extend their support to the strike called under the slogan "Save People, Save Nation"



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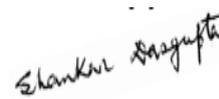
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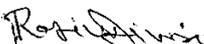
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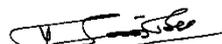
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