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Press Release

Preliminary reports received till 2:00 pm of the National General Strike

8th January 2020 National General Strike a Grand Success Working people in Rural & Urban India Challenge Modi Governments' anti workers anti people anti national policies

We congratulate the working class and all other sections of society, the farmers, agricultural workers, students, teachers and intelligentsia which came in support, for the successes of the National General Strike.

The strike action by working people in urban and rural India, small or big towns, in factories, and farms, on streets and highways was tremendous surpassing the precious strikes.

The anguish of various sectors of the society against the misrule of Modi Government has added into their support to this General Strike of workers.

There was complete strike and Bandh in the states of Assam, Manipur, Kerala, Odisha, Maharashtra, Tamilnadu, Pondicherry, Goa, Bihar, Jharkhand, Meghalaya, Telangana, Haryana and Tripura. There was complete industrial strike in the states of Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Gujarat, West Bengal etc. There were massive processions and demonstrations taken out in various parts of the country.

There are reports received of Rail Roka, Road Roko from many parts of the country. There were reports of arrests of 2000 workers from Chennai, 1500 from Assam, 500 in Bhubaneswar, the reports are still pouring in. In Uttar Pradesh, the police did not allow processions of workers in many places.

The reports of complete strike in Banks, including in RBI and insurance sector, Tea gardens, in oil in marketing, refineries and pipelines, Copper, power, defense production units, railway production units, water depts. education & health depts. etc. In Coal Sector in some areas was complete bandh & partial in some areas, Vizag steel plant was 98% on strike, Balco went 100% on strike, BHEL 80% to 100% in various places. The state government employees showed determined participation in strike in several states. The municipal workers & income tax departments witnessed 100% strike in some states.

The road transport employees in Government, public sector and many places in Pvt. Sector also in several states were also on strike paralyzing the normal life.

The students & teaching community came out in support of the workers strike with their demands of roll back of hike in fees in various universities, end to commercialization of education and against brutal attacks by the police and goons on students and teachers in some universities.

The scheme workers like Anganwadi, Asha, Mid-day meal etc all over India came out on streets for large mobilisations in the pursuance of chaaka jam, road jaam.

The hawkers & vendors unions, those of construction, beedi and home based workers as well as domestic workers unions mobilized the working force for demonstrations.

In all most all the states the processions in industrial areas were carried out after strike. In several places these processions then proceeded for closure of the markets.

In Delhi also the industrial areas in all Zones witnessed processions by workers and a meeting by public transport workers at IP Depot was held. A procession & demonstration by unions was taken out from Shaeed Park (Near Express Building), marched towards ITO crossing, but they were stopped by police before the barricades.

They were addressed by Ashok Singh-INTUC, Amarjeet Kaur-AITUC, Harbhajan Sidhu-HMS, Tapan Sen-CITU, Rajiv Dimri-AICCTU, Devrajan-TUCC, R.K. Sharma-AIUTUC, Manali Shah-SEWA, R.S. Dagar-UTUC. Comrade Binoy Viswam, Member Parliament Rajya Sabha remained throughout in the procession. Dr. Kanhaiya Kumar also reached and addressed the gathering extending all support from students and youth.

This was the biggest ever strike in the last two decades in which more than 25 crore workers participated and several lakhs of farmers and landless labourers joined with their Gramin Bharat Bandh Call.



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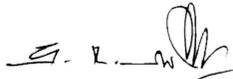
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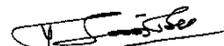
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