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**To Office Bearers, State Federations and
All India Bankwise Federations, All unions**

Dear Comrades,

**140th Anniversary of May Day
Celebrate May Day - Unite today, for a better tomorrow**

World over, the workers will celebrate the 140th Anniversary of May Day on the 1st May, 2026. On this occasion, we not only recall the brutal massacre of workers at the Haymarket Square in Chicago, but also the resolve of the working class to face these attacks. When workers were marching in procession with white flags demanding peace, they were fired and with blood shed by them, white flags became red. That is why we glorify red flag and our AIBEA flag is also in red. May Day is an occasion to take the pledge that we shall always keep this red flag of unity and sacrifice aloft.

May Day signifies and emphasises the need for unity of the workers, nationally and internationally. Today we find aggravated attempts to exploit the workers with inadequate wages, negation of basic trade union rights, denial of job security – all with a view to maximise the profits of the employers and capitalists. Unfortunately, the Government is also favouring them, rather more and more concessions are given to them. May Day is an occasion to take the pledge that we shall continue our struggles for the betterment of the workers.

On the other hand, the recent new Labour Codes brought by the Government seek to take away existing hard-won labour rights of the workers and trade unions. The attempt is to make unionisation difficult and to blunt the resistance of the trade unions so that the capitalists and Corporates can exploit the workers and amass more wealth. May Day is an occasion to take the pledge that we shall intensify our efforts to thwart these diabolical machinations.

India is a country with very large population of young people. We need to create jobs for them. Public sector in our country, besides strengthening our economy, was also producing jobs for the young. But unfortunately, the Government is pursuing the policy to weaken and dismantle public sector and this has also affected generation of jobs and unemployment is swelling more and more. May Day is an occasion to take the pledge that we shall defend public sector and also fight for more jobs for our unemployed youth.

Banking sector is also facing challenges. Public sector banks are sought to be privatised and private banks are being sold to foreign investors. Even Co-op. Banks and RRBs are in their target. Bad loans are still piling up but are masqueraded through IBC haircuts, provisions and huge write offs. Burden of this day light robbery is put on the shoulders of the common people and customers. May Day is an occasion to take the pledge that we shall expand our campaign to save banks from privatisation.

As trade Unions of the working class, we all know that we denounce war as a solution and believe in peace and peaceful co-existence. War is destructive and has its serious economic consequences which will very badly affect the workers and the people at large. War is a ploy and strategy of capitalism and imperialism. May Day is an occasion to take the pledge that we are committed to peace and stand against war.

Thus, May Day is very important for the trade unions and the working class. In these challenging times, our Unions become very important to defend our rights and make advancements. Let us celebrate the May Day with our firm commitment to the path of unity and struggle.

We call upon all our Unions and members to observe May Day befittingly and join the May Day programmes being organised at all the centres by central trade unions or hold independent programmes.

With greetings,

Yours Comradely,



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