National protest day on 3rd February 2021

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JOINT PLATFORM OF CENTRAL TRADE UNION ORGANISATIONS AND INDEPENDENT FEDERATIONS/ASSOCIATIONS Joint Circular National protest day on 3rd February 2021
 The Meeting of the Joint Platform of Central Trade Unions and Independent Sectoral Federations held on 22nd January 2021 at New Delhi discussed at length the prevailing situation and challenges before the trade union movement and the future course of activities and agitations in the aftermath of the successful countrywide general strike of 26th November 2020 against the anti-people, anti-worker and anti-national policies of the Government at the centre.

 The meeting also reviewed with satisfaction that immediately following the 26th November General Strike, the entire trade union movement had been actively involved in the solidarity activities and agitations in support of the united struggle of the farmers demanding repeal of farm laws and Electricity Amendment Bill 2020 which was initiated by farmers' massive blockade and stay-in demonstration around the borders of Delhi and subsequently spread all over the country. The solidarity activities by the workers and trade unions with the farmers' struggles have still been continuing and will continue as per standing decision already taken by the Joint Platform of CTUs and Federations in the National Convention of Workers held on 2nd October 2020 and reiterated by subsequent joint circulars and statements. The meeting has also noted the united intervention by the Joint Platform in the matter of draconian Labour Codes aimed at imposing conditions of slavery on the working class, by way of its outright rejection including the draft Rules thereof, boycott of virtual meeting held by Govt., which was again jointly conveyed by the Joint Platform to the Labour Minister in the tripartite meeting held physically on 20th January 2021. The Joint Platform also through a written communication to Labour Minister dated 20-01-2021 demanded that all the Labour Codes including the Rules must be put on hold and the entire issues must be discussed Code-wise de novo separately and decision be taken on the basis of consensus only. The meeting of the Joint Platform of CTUs and Federations while discussing its future course of united activities, recalls the collective understanding underlined in the Joint Declaration of the General Strike on 26th November 2020, that the General Strike of 26th November is the beginning of further higher form of struggles in the days to come against the ongoing destructive anti-worker and anti-national policies of the Govt. On this premise, the Joint meeting has undertaken the following programmes to start with to prepare for further heightened pitch of struggles based on "defiance and noncooperation":1. National protest day on 3 rd February 2021 demanding A) Scrapping of labour codes and electricity bill 2020 B) No privatisation C) Income support and food support to all poor workers' households D) Against anti-people policies as reflected by union budget Protest day to be observed through massive demonstrations/mobilizations at the workplaces, and industrial centres/areas and also burning the copies of the Labour Codes. 2. Three days massive dharna/relay hunger strike at state/ district/ industrial centre level in the third/last week of February 2021 (dates to be decided shortly). 3. Joint complaint to ILO against the blatant violation of ILO conventions and principle of tripartism by the Government of India. The Joint Platform of Central Trade Unions and Independent Federations calls upon the trade unions and workers in general to carry on intensive campaign in all the workplaces and in residential areas throughout the country against the destructive anti-worker, anti-farmer and anti-national policies of the Govt. and make the above programmes a massive success to pave the way for further combative struggles including multiple day's strike in the days to come to fight, defy and resist the destructive and anti-national policy regime.