

Press Release

23rd Dec. 2025

The following statement was issued to the press by the Joint Platform of Central Trade Unions (CTUs) and Sectoral Federations / Associations today

- **Joint Platform of Central Trade Unions (CTUs) and Sectoral Federations / Associations resolve to call a General Strike on 12th February 2026 against the draconian Labour Codes and the multi-pronged attack by the Central Government on the people's rights and entitlements.**
- **The strike date will be formally ratified at the National Workers' Convention to be held on 9th January 2026 at HKS Bhawan, New Delhi.**

The Joint Platform of Central Trade Unions and Sectoral Federations / Associations met on 22nd December 2025 in hybrid mode. The meeting expressed deep anguish over the blatant attacks of the Modi Government inside and outside Parliament during this intervening period.

****The "Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India (SHANTI) Act", which will allow private and foreign players to enter highly risky and hazardous nuclear power production with a motive of profit; it has withdrawn the liability of foreign and national suppliers of instruments in case of accidents/disasters – certainly, it is an attack on the nuclear security and sovereignty of our country.**

****The Mahatma Gandhi NREG Act has been replaced by the Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025. This new Act replaces the rights-based rural employment guarantee, when the people are reeling under extreme joblessness, by discretion of the central authority and shifts the fiscal burden onto the States. It bans the operation of the Act during harvesting season, ensuring cheap labour to the landlords.**

**** 100% FDI has been allowed in the Insurance Sector, practically giving foreign players the right to take over domestic insurance companies.**

**** The Central Government has placed the Viksit Bharat Shiksha Adhishthan Bill, 2025, in both Houses of Parliament, though it could not be passed in this session.**

**** The Government has floated the Draft Seed Bill and the Draft Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2025. These Bills, if placed and passed, will create a disastrous impact on agriculture, domestic and MSME electricity consumers, and the public electricity sector of our country.**

**** The Central Trade Unions took serious note of the current environmental crisis in the northern part of India, unbearable pollution in Delhi-NCR, and the dangerous Supreme Court order allowing the destruction of almost 90% of the Aravalli Hills, which have remained the protector of northern India from the expansion of the Thar Desert.**

CTUs extend strong solidarity to the people and movements who are fighting against all of these draconian attacks.

The CTUs salute Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) for their unconditional support to the General Strike.

The National Coordination Committee of Electricity Employees and Engineers (NCCOEEE) has also announced to hold its Sectoral National Strike on the same day with full strength and conviction.

The joint meeting of NCCOEEE, JPCTUs and SKM had decided to hold nationwide protests against the SHANTI Act on 23rd December 2025. Joint meetings and conventions with electricity employees and consumers will be held in the months of January and February 2026.

The SKM has decided to observe the Resistance Day on 16th January 2026 at villages and block levels against the Seed Bill 2025, Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2025, VB-GRAMG Act, 2025, and in support of other demands. The CTUs will take part in this action with full strength.

The Labour Codes have been notified, and the Government is trying to utilise all of its institutional machinery, media, and public sector managements to build a positive consensus around these Codes. But the workers are determined to fight against the unilateral imposition by the Government and get the Codes repealed.





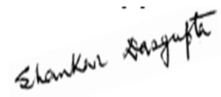
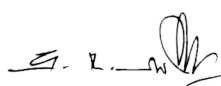
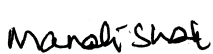
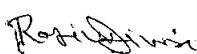
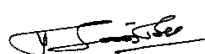

The meeting of Central Trade Unions has decided to give a strong message to the Modi Government by observing a "One Day Strike" on 12th February 2026. The date of the strike will be formally ratified, and a detailed plan of action will be prepared at the National Workers' Convention to be held on 9th January 2026 at HKS Surjeet Bhawan, New Delhi, at 02.00 PM.

If the Government still tries to pursue the notification of Rules under the Codes and does not repeal the Codes, the Central Trade Unions will be compelled to go for further strong actions, including a multiple-day General Strike, besides sectoral resistance actions.

CTUs call upon the entire working class and other sections of the toiling masses to gear up for the ensuing General Strike, start campaigning widely, and prepare their organisations for a heightened struggle.

We call upon all the Opposition Parties in Parliament and various sections of the people, especially the youth and students, to come forward in support and solidarity with this Strike to save the basic rights of the working people and protect the democratic fabric of the country.

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