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MAY DAY Calls For United Action by Worker-Peasant Alliance

It is the 135th May Day that the international working class is going to observe on the coming 1st of May. On May Day the working class contingents in all countries will assess the international and national situations in order to weigh the strategic and tactical positions of the forces of capital and labour.

Worsening Global Crisis

As the 3rd Depression unravels new crises and inequalities the third wave of Covid 19 pandemic hits many countries especially in Europe. This has aggravated the economic crisis jeopardising the so-called recovery in many countries. Even according to the World Economic Outlook by IMF, April 2021 published on March 23, 2021, the 'Emerging market and developing economies are expected to suffer more scarring than advanced economies' and that 'The labor market fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic shock continues, with young and lower-skilled workers particularly hard-hit.' In nutshell, according to the IMF, '..most of the momentum in growth is expected to come from advanced economies – led by the US since it is expected to grow in the current year by 6.4 percent – along with China primarily, which is expected to grow in 2021 by 8.4 percent. .. but, having said that, global economic recovery is expected to slow down to 4.4 percent in 2022.' So, once again a 'pale recovery' that actually amounts to 'no recovery' is what unravels when it reaches 2022.

The IMF has come out with a proposal to increase wealth tax and bolster state finance as an immediate measure. This confesses that no trickling in effect happens. So, the advanced capitalist states, like the US were compelled to spend; though even such expenditure falls short regarding its impact on labour generation. The latest Covid relief package by the Biden administration was \$1.9 trillion, which is roughly 70% of India's annual GDP. As a result, in both capitalist nations and the Asian-African-Latin American countries the said economic and social depletions happen in varying degrees. In the IMF language it is 'divergence in recovery'. In the countries where the far right, neo-fascist and fascist forces are in office like Brazil, Turkey and India the anger of the working class and other toiling masses rage against them. In a number of countries like Spain, Newzealand, Greenland etc the left has enhanced positions with electoral victories.

Deteriorating Indian situation

The economic situation in India is stooping to new lows. Retail and recreation activity across India have come down by 25% as of April 7 compared with February 24 according to google mobility data. As the economy consists of a large service sector, this deterioration of retail and recreation activity shall have a negative impact resulting in lower realisation of labour. Similarly, the MSMEs will also be affected badly. As the farmers are in struggle and the enthusiasm of agrarian production gets affected the rural

unemployment shall go down. Because of the intensification of the LPG policies, particularly the intensification of aggravated disinvestment of the PSUs, urban unemployment is going to increase. So, in real terms, along with the Modi government's economic policies, the negative impact of the 2nd wave of the pandemic will be serious upon Indian economy, reflecting badly on social life as well. So, the duty bound working class has to demand that the government must stop all kinds of privatisation and that employment generation must be increased consciously.

The second wave of the pandemic

In India, the second wave of the Covid 19 pandemic has hit hard affecting the people in various states. The death rate has escalated dangerously. People even struggle for oxygen. It is the time for a 'Do or Die' battle against the pandemic. The situation is least taken care of by the Modi government. Hence, all those who love this nation and the people should unite for resolute action, and must demand for the following actions from central and state governments .

*** Increase healthcare facilitation even employing the armed forces medical corps and Special Pandemic Control Cells at District Tehsil and Village levels;

*** Immediate free vaccination for all on war footing;

*** Free rations and direct fund transfer of Rs 10,000/- for all the non-income taxpayers for at least 3 months, expandable up to 6 months;

*** Special trains and special means of mass transport for the migrant workers and all the stranded people to reach home villages and hometowns;

*** Due notification and preparations in case of lock-downs and systematic implementation of total vaccination as the first agenda of such lock-downs.

*** Expansion of MGNREGA programme to include all the oppressed inclusive of Dalits and Adivasis, immediate implementation of Urban Employment Guarantee Programme and giving advance payment for six months for both schemes;

*** Immediate payments towards all arrears of salaries and lay-off remunerations, and advance for six months to all industrial workmen in case of lockdown and shut down;

*** The PM care fund must be made available for the said goal distributing funds among states and UTs without discrimination.

*** Besides political parties, all the TU centres, TU confederations, Agricultural Workers Unions, Artisans' Unions, Farmers Organizations and other formations of toilers must be included in the committees and meetings that the central and state governments consult and discuss with.

Worker Peasant Alliance

The attack upon both the working class and the peasantry by the Indian state goes accelerated as both the Anti-farmer pro-corporate laws and the anti-worker labour codes are passed. Both these laws are on the path of implementation. Along with the intensification of the penetration of the international finance capital into the domestic economic system, these anti-worker, anti-peasant laws have accentuated the reason and the necessity of the Worker Peasant Alliance in action. The ongoing struggle of the farmers emphasises this. So, this May Day calls for formation of Worker-Peasant alliance in mutual support for Farmers Struggle and the upcoming actions of the Indian Proletariat and to demand the repealing of the Anti-farmer pro-corporate laws and the new Labour Codes.

Revolutionary greetings

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