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TO ALL UNITS AND MEMBERS:

Dear Comrades,

We greet AITUC on its 100TH Founding Day

We have pleasure in conveying our fraternal greetings to All India Trade Union Congress – AITUC on the eve of its completing 99 years of glorious existence and entering its 100th Founding Day on 31st October, 2019.

All of us are aware that AITUC is the first and foremost national trade union organisation in our country. It was founded on **31st October, 1920. Lala Lajpat Rai was the founder President of AITUC** and since then illustrious leaders have led this organisation. Besides organising the workers into trade unions and fighting against exploitation of the workers, AITUC was also in the forefront during the freedom struggle.

Due to consistent militant struggles, many trade union rights and labour rights were snatched and secured from the British Government as well as from the employers of that time. In those days, AITUC was the only national central trade union and all workers were rallied behind the banner of AITUC. However, after independence, trade union movement in our country has been divided on political and other considerations thus weakening the strength and bargaining power of the working class.

However, even today AITUC is a pioneering trade organisation with a membership of 14 million (1.40 crores members) .

The bondage and fraternity between AIBEA and AITUC dates back to the foundation of AIBEA in 1946 when AITUC played a leading role in inspiring, motivating and guiding the bank employees to form AIBEA. Com S.A. Dange, the then leader of AITUC had given all courage and guidance to the bank employees' leaders who decided to found AIBEA.

Since then, AITUC has been a most trusted friend, philosopher and guide for AIBEA in all our struggles, difficulties and tribulations.

AITUC leaders have always been the well-wishers of AIBEA and have always been of great support and guidance to AIBEA.

Not only during the formative years but even thereafter AITUC leaders have been of great help to AIBEA. Leaders like Com Indrajit Gupta, Com M S Krishnan, Com Homi Daji, Com. K L Mahendra, Com. A B Bardhan, Com Gurudas Dasgupta and others have been of great inspiration to AIBEA in the recent decades. Today, Com Amarjeet Kaur is the General Secretary, thus having the distinction of being the first women General Secretary of any major Central Trade Union in our country.

Many central trade unions in the past tried various attempts of disrupting the unity of bank employees for narrow political considerations but AITUC has always stood with AIBEA in cementing the broad-based unity of bank employees.

In the last more than 2 decades, in the face of the ill-effects of the policies of globalisation and liberalisation, when unity of the workers is the cry everywhere, AITUC had played a sterling and significant role in bringing all the central unions together and forging united struggles. Number of united struggles and strike actions has taken place in the recent years under the joint call of all the central trade unions against the adverse impact of neo liberal economic policies.

Even presently, due to its initiative, all the Central Trade unions have given the call for **National General Strike on 8th January, 2020** against anti-labour policies of the Government.

We convey our revolutionary greetings to AITUC on this happy occasion of entering its centenary year.

Yours Comradely,



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GENERAL SECRETARY**