

“Ensure minimum wages of Rs. 15,000”

- Staff Reporter

The Centre for Indian Trade Unions (CITU), Tamil Nadu Vivasayigal Sangam and All India Farm Workers' Association affiliated to Communist Party of India (Marxist) staged a demonstration here on Monday, demanding the government to ensure minimum wages of Rs. 15,000 to all workers.

Representatives of the forums said that the government must eradicate contract system of employment in production and services sectors, increase working days to 250 days from 100 days and raise wages to Rs. 300 per day for beneficiaries of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.

The government must fix remunerative prices for agricultural produce in accordance with recommendations of Swaminathan Commission, stop land acquisition for industrialisation and give free house site pattas to workers in the unorganised sector and farm labourers, they said.

The demonstration was staged in remembrance of those who lost their lives in police firing during a nationwide general strike in 1982. K. Chellappan, State vice-president, CITU, R. Chellaswamy, district secretary, Tamil Nadu Vivasayigal Sangam, and Malaivilai Pasi, district secretary, All India Farm Workers Association, took part in the demonstration.

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