

Major trade unions in Goa to join all India labour strike on Sept 2

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All major trade unions in Goa under the banner of “Goa Convention of Workers” has decided to back the nationwide general strike call to be observed on September 2 against “anti-labour and anti- people policies of the Governments.”

All major trade unions of Goa comprising of All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC), Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS), Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC), Goa Municipal Employees Union (GMEA), All India Bank Employees Association (AIBEA), Co-ordination Committee of Goa Government Employees (CO-CO-GGOE), Electricity Employees’ Union Goa (EEU), Government of India Navigation Employees Union (GOINEU), KTC Drivers & Allied Employees Association (KTCD&AEA) and Goa Government Employees’ Association (GGEA) participated in the protest demonstrations organised in Goa on Tuesday.

The nationwide strike will demand that the Centre stop forthwith the process of amending the existing Labour Laws, withdraw forthwith Road Transport Safety Bill, stop disinvestment of Central Public Sector Undertakings and FDI in Defence, Railways, Retail trade, Insurance, Banks and other financial sectors.

At Goa level, the demands are revision of Minimum Wages for all schedules of employment with linkage to Dearness Allowance. Minimum Wage not less than ₹ 18,000/- per month w.e.f. January 1, 2016, abolition of contract labour system in all perennial and permanent jobs operations in Government and private establishments, regularizing the services of all contract workmen employed under PWD Labour Supply Society, Drishti Lifeguards, Kadamba Transport Corporation Ltd., (KTCL) and all other Government instrumentalities, equal pay for equal work to all contractual employees, implement Universal Social Security cover for organized and unorganized workers with a National Social Security Fund, legislation to ensure 10 per cent service charge to the hospitality sector and hotel employees and immediate action against corporate defaulters who fail to pay loans secured from public financial institutions, said Adv. Suhas Naik, convenor, GCW.

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