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'Changes to Labour laws will suppress voice of workers'



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'Govts. have ignored labour but have attacked their basic rights'

The proposed move by the Centre to bring in amendment to Labour laws came under criticism from trade unions during the May Day celebrations here on Monday.

Addressing a rally by workers of Tata Marcopolo Private Limited under the aegis of the TUCI-affiliated Krantikari Kamagar Union, TUCI State Secretary K.B. Gonal called upon the working class to oppose the Union government's move to amend nearly 44 labour laws and bring into force only four labour codes. These codes are detrimental for the prospects of the labour class and they would suppress the voice of the workers, he said.

The legitimate demands of the working class were being neglected and the rising prices of essential commodities are like rubbing salt into the wounds of Labour. The contract system too is against the welfare of the labour class and this has created uncertainty, he said.

At a public meeting at Swami Vivekananda Circle, All India United Trade Union Centre district convenor Gangadhar Badiger said that in the name of economic growth, the successive governments have downplayed the demands of the labour class and have attacked their basic rights. Appointment on contractual basis was the most inhumane form of exploitation which only helps avoid provisions of the Labour laws and harassment of employees. Workers should launch an agitation to safeguard their interests, he said. Earlier, TUCI members took out a rally from Kadapa Maidan to the Deputy Commissioner's office and submitted a memorandum there.

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