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CELEBRATION OF MAY DAY

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International Workers' Day which is often referred to as May Day is a celebration of labourers and the working classes and it is promoted by the international labour movement. May Day is an occasion that pays tribute and respect to workers and their contribution towards making our lives easier. A cause close to the heart of men May Day celebrates and honours workers. It is a public holiday of much importance to labour rights' activists.

The historic May Day has been celebrated all across our country under the banner of AIBOC in a grand fashion and in its true grandeur. Thousands of our comrades came forward to commemorate the martyrs of 19th century who made history by sacrificing their lives and red painted the flag of May Day with their blood to give shape to a labour dominated society, the fruits of which we are still enjoying. We dedicated the special day to lakhs of our distressed farmers, urged public conscience about the importance of Public Sector in Indian economy and re-christened the day as **“Save Public Sector, Save Farmers and Save India Day”**.

We give below some of the glimpses of May Day celebrations.

In Kolkata it started with sky rocketing slogans chanted by a huge gathering assembled at the Local Head Office of State Bank of India at Kolkata under the stewardship of AIBOC, West Bengal State unit. The meeting began with paying homage to the martyrs of Haymarket Square in the form of a chorus song sung by comrades from different affiliates. The Commemoration Flag was hoisted by the leaders of the State committee amidst shouting of slogans and salutes renting the air. The speakers highlighted the relevance of May Day in the present day context and described the plight being faced by the people engaged in farming sector and the impending threat that Public Sector in the country is slated to face. Bardhaman, Midnapur, Krishnanagar, Siliguri are the other prominent cities in west Bengal where members sang, walked on the roads, shouted slogans, assembled at prominent places and delivered speeches to mark the special day in its true spirit. Different affiliates of AIBOC also made their mark through various activities like blood donation camps and meetings. The day marked an end with a press conference by AIBOC west Bengal State leadership.



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The historic event marked splendid commemoration at Guwahati where the May Day was celebrated in presence of all the other constituents of AIBOC. The President of Assam State Unit kick started the morning event by hoisting the May Day flag amidst a huge gathering shouting slogans all along to mark a revolutionary start of the event. The secretary of the Assam State Unit while briefing the media, elaborated the theme of this year's commemoration and its relevance in present day context and informed the press about our decision to observe every Monday of the week as protest day when "Dharnas" will be arranged across the seven states of North Eastern Circle on various demands under the Banner of AIBOC. The flag hoisting ceremony was followed by a general meeting arranged by the State Committee to have a thread bare discussion on the Govt. Policies vis-à-vis the stand taken by AIBOC and to chalk out future course of action taking a queue to the spirit that MAY DAY instilled amongst each of the participants. Tripura, Shillong, Manipur, Mizoram are other prominent states and centers where the day marked a glorious celebration.

The Tamilnadu State Unit of AIBOC marked a hilarious celebration of historical May Day with day packed programmes ranging from hoisting of May Day flag to mass gathering, meetings, press conferences and also demonstration in front of RBI Office, Chennai condemning the statement made by its Governor and Deputy Governor as regards to Public Sector Banks. They also provided letters to 21 children of farmers who died this year undertaking to take care of their entire education expanses up to college level.

In tune with the same, all other State Units of AIBOC also celebrated this remarkable day of workers by convening meetings, hoisting flags, shouting slogans and organizing demonstrations at the respective cities. The celebration of May Day 2017 by all the affiliates under the banner of AIBOC has been a great success.

Always at your Service

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With greetings,


(S.K. Bhattacharjee)
GENERAL SECRETARY