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Protest day on 21st April 2020

## Not lecture, give ration, pay wages



Thousands of FMRAI functionaries and members stood with posters and banners in their doorsteps, Verandahs, Balconies and even rooftops in all the cities and towns across the country to raise their voice of protest against

**FMRAI Greets all members for observing all India Protest Day on 21st April 2020 with enthusiasm and spontaneity by complying all the governmental guidelines and physical distancing norms which are meant to contain the corona virus.**

the sheer indifference of the government in the matter of wage,

food and livelihood of the workers and the common people during Covid 19 lockdown. One poster reads: Give ration, not lecture; Give wage, not proverb. Another poster reads: Stop torture on Sales promotion employees in the name of work from home. Yet another poster reads: no hollow speeches, we need food, we need wages. Yet another: protect migration workers and Medical Representatives. Stop Bhasan. Give ration. Some other posters demands 0% GST on medicine, no victimization and 8 hours work besides requesting end to lecture and ensuring ration and salary. Some other posters demands of transferring Rs.7500 in cash to each family who does not pay income taxes. In some instances protesters were alone, in many instances they were accompanied by family

members. In some instances protesters carried union's flag, in

some other instances two or three of them came together following distancing norms and displayed posters and union's banner. Many protesters took notice of the enormous distress of the migrant

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21st April protest, MPMSRU



21st April protest, HPMRA







Covid 19

# Relief Work During Lockdown

In this unprecedented situation when the entire human race is in the midst of a severe crisis, FMRAI gave a clarion call to the State and Sub units to organise relief activities in order to stand by the suffering people of our country as a part of our social responsibility by maintaining physical distancing. The state and subunits responded immensely in various forms as had been done by the members of FMRAI in different natural calamities and disasters in the past. Some state units have financially contributed to the CM relief fund, others are in the process of collecting donation, majority of sub units have reached to the weaker section of the society with limited resources like masks, sanitizers, soaps and food materials or helping people access to essential medicines through proper networking. As reported, in the southern part of our country in Kerala the members of KMSRA has contributed One Day Salary and the collection to Chief Minister Disaster Relief Fund (CMDRF) of 3 lakh rupees has already been deposited to CMDRF and another 3 lakh more to be deposited shortly. More than two hundred members have registered in Sannadham portal to extend voluntary work to the state government and were working with local administration in Community kitchen. Masks Sanitizers and hand wash were provided to various groups and helping aged and the needy in 14 subunits. Trivandrum subunit has opened a helpline for reaching medicines to the lone and elderly with the help of distributors and local chemist who are unable to travel out. In Telengana, TMSRU have contributed ten thousand rupees to CITU to help the needy migrant workers. TMSRU gave call to their members to

contribute money to help the needy due to COVID 19 pandemic and lockdown. Members responded positively and around Rs.1,80,000 could be mobilised. Convenors of Council took very good initiative in following up with their members. Rs.50,000 was contributed to Telangana Chief Minister Relief Fund and 200 migrant workers at Hyderabad were provided ration. PATNAM, JVV and TMSRU started Medical Helpline to give Tele consultancy services to patients of Telangana and contributed ten thousand rupees and members are working as volunteers. The Jagtial subunit has handover medicines to Police Department for relief work. In Andhra Pradesh, more than 650 comrades contributed to the service activities to the have nots and migrant workers across the state. Totally 5 lakh rupees were collected plus 3 lakhs worth of goods were contributed to the suffering people in 16 sub units. APMSRU has already donated rupees fifty thousand to CM Relief Fund. Members of seven subunits have distributed masks, sanitizers and food packets along with CITU. In Tamil Nadu, TNMSRA has initiated the process of relief work and donated Rs 32,000 to the Pondicherry CM relief fund and more than 2 lacs to Tamilnadu CM relief fund. On 14th May, 2020 on the occasion of All India Demand Day to provide safety gears for front line workers in some units of TNMSRA sanitizer, masks, dry food were distributed to the health workers, safai karmacharis and police, some units donated PPEs to the government hospitals. Blood donation camp were organised in 2 towns. In the state unit of Karnataka, members of five subunits of KSM&SRA namely Kalaburagi, Hubli, Davangere,

Mysuru and Bagalkote were involved in distribution of food packets, grocery items and milk to nearly seven hundred migrant and daily wage earners. The state unit of KSM&SRA has given a call for donation and contributed rupees twenty thousand to CITU and it is decided to deliver grocery items worth rupees eight hundred to each affected family. Blood donation camp was also organized in Hubli subunit. In the western part in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, MPMSRU have donated Rs 25000 to CM Relief Fund of both states. Apart from this, 1100 ready to eat food packets with the help of CITU from base canteen were distributed jointly with MPMSRU Raipur unit and RDIEU (Raipur Division Insurance Employees Union). Betul Unit has distributed mask, hand sanitizer, hand gloves, fomite cap and energy drink to nearly 100 police personnel on duty and on daily basis served tea to all police men, district hospital staff and to the available patients. Medical camp were organised in Mubarakpur square in Bhopal on the highways to serve the passing migrant workers. Apart from Bhopal, similar camps were set up alongwith CITU and other fraternal organisations in Rewa and Sagar subunits. MSMRA state unit has contributed to Maharashtra CITU relief fund rupees ten thousand and has donated Rs 1 lac towards CM-Relief Fund. Nasik, Jalgaon, Chandrapur, Bhandara, Jalna, Akola and Ratnagiri subunits provided groceries and basic requirements to the poor and needy. Blood donation camps were conducted in Parbhani and Nashik. The subunits of Nanded, Ratnagiri and Usman Abad distributed sanitizer and masks to Police force in their respective units. In the northern

part of the country in Punjab and Chandigarh the state unit of PCMSRU, in the Jalandhar subunit has collected rupees twenty thousand and distributed 25 ration kits to the needy persons. PCMSRU state unit has decided to contribute to CM relief fund. HPMRA has decided to contribute rupees ten thousand to CITU relief fund. RMSRU state unit has collected from all 17 subunits using digital payment system and handed over one lakh rupees to CM Relief Fund. Apart from it many subunits are depositing money in CM relief fund at local level also through district administration. Subunits are also providing masks, sanitizers and food packets at many places. RMSRU also wrote to CMO offering volunteer service but didn't receive any response. At Jodhpur, 15 volunteers are rendering services in district collector's office. Total financial contribution in the state of Rajasthan is around 4.5 lacs. In the capital of our country at Delhi, DSMRO is working at local level, distributing essential grocery to the needy. Further, DSMRO State Committee has decided to give twenty five thousand rupees to CM Relief Fund through collection. In the states of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand, Meerut, Moradabad, Banda, Chitrakut, Lucknow, Lakhimpur, Basti, Ambedkar, Nagar, Ghazipur, Ballia, Varanasi, Bareilly and Azamgarh subunits of UPMSRA has collected funds and distributed food packets/ rations/ drinking water etc. to needy people independently or in co-ordination with other organizations. And in the eastern region of India, OSRU has contributed twenty thousand rupees to Odisha Government state relief fund and has initiated the process of collection from all subunits. In the states of Bihar and

Jharkhand the state unit of BSSRU has donated twenty thousand rupees to state CM Relief Fund of Bihar and Jharkhand respectively. The subunits collected money at their respective subunits and purchased food items, sanitizer, water, mask and distributed to police, municipal workers and poor people in general. In the north eastern states, CRU has collected and donated Rs 75000/- to the CM relief fund of Government of Assam, Rs 25000/- to CM relief fund of Meghalaya and and Rs 10000/- to the CM relief fund of Tripura and also provided relief with food grains, pulses and edible oil to 2800 needy families mostly stranded construction workers and others. In West Bengal, members of WBMSRU have distributed thermal guns, sanitizer, soap, gloves and mask to district administrative authorities and health care personnel. Food materials were also handed over to the poor people across the state. Blood donation camps were also organized by the subunits. Relief work has been carried out mostly in the district of Coochbehar, Darjeeling, Dakhin Dinajpur, East and West Burdwan, Nadia, Murshidabad, Hoogly, Howrah, North & South 24 Parganas and Kolkata independently or jointly with CITU and DYFI. Estimated relief material approximately worth four lakh rupees have already been distributed. State committee has also decided to contribute to Chief Minister's relief fund. The members of FMRAI across the length and breadth of the country, in this unforeseen situation has stood beside the people of India with its limited resources and are continuing to serve the poor and distressed in this hour of crisis. On 27 May, 2020, the members of KMSRA distributed sanitizers to the common people

## Central Trade Unions’ Letter to the Prime Minister

Sir,

We have been drawing your attention through our letters to you and also the Labour Minister to the plight of the working people - rural and urban, organized and unorganized sector, self employed, own account workers, gig economy and agricultural workers etc. who lost their livelihood due to sudden lockdown. We have been raising the issues time and again that in crisis situation the buffer stocks of FCI be opened to feed all working masses universally without requirement of any cards/ documents. But from our ground reports even those who are the card holders of categories such as Antyodaya – BPL-APL, they are not covered fully. In our understanding enough is yet not accomplished for ration to reach everybody. We again urge you to please open the huge Anna Bhandaar available with FCI for all these people. All the workers working in different other states or in the far off districts/locations within the state far from their villages are now exhausted financially and mentally with no cash and nothing at all in their hands wherever they are stranded. In such a situation, to make them pay for their rail fare to travel back to their homes is the height of insensitivity to their plight. We also take objection to the latest order from the Ministry of Home Affairs dated 3rd May stating that the government will facilitate the movement only of those stranded workers who had gone to work or from work place to hometown just before lockdown but could not return to their native places/work places on account of restrictions placed on movement of persons and vehicles as part of lock down measures. We take it as discriminatory as no restrictions can be put on the movement of the migrant workers making it time conditional on all those who are desperate to visit their families. Moreover no one would be interested in un-necessary travel as there are fears of getting infected from Covid-19 virus. We urge upon you to please appreciate and appropriately intervene and ensure for their return to home without charging any fares from them in trains and the public transport in roadways. These workers are already in distress and they should not be pushed into further miseries. We hope you would immediately take cognizance in the matter and take appropriate urgent decision in favour of these migrant/ stranded workers. There is urgent need for cash support also for the working people for their survival related requirements and have been urging for about Rs.7500/- per month to be transferred to all the needy(non income tax paying) households for a period of three months at least irrespective of the Women Jan Dhan Yojna with about 20 crore registered (coverage of less than 5 crores families only) and among them also substantial number of accounts have been deactivated. We urge you for your immediate attention for this cash transfer demand to be accepted by the government. We know that big organized sector is in position to make wage payments till the sector restarts its production as per government advisory (which is being flouted by many amongst them and we have been bringing to the notice of Ministry of Labour for enforcement intervention without any result yet), but the MSME sector are in real difficulties and need to be supported. We strongly opine that there is need to subsidise the sector for wage payment of the workers for at least three months to come and that aspect needs to be considered. We take this opportunity to urge you to immediately cancel all unnecessary projects such as “New Parliament Complex”, provisions made for NPR, so that funds are available where needed urgently.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

INTUC, AITUC, HMS, CITU, AIUTUC, TUCC, SEWA, AICCTU, LPF, UTU



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21st April protest, CRU

workers who were passing days and nights without food and without shelter. Denial of the wages by hundreds of employers has become the mainstay of all protests. Not only some employers but also some government violated the universal norms of 8 hours in the pretext of virus has roused anger. Some government, like the government of Uttar Pradesh under Yogi Adityanath, found the virus epidemic time a convenient occasion to suspend all labour laws. This anger of the workers and the common people was



21st April protest, GoaMRA

further aggravated when the fortnightly addresses of the prime



21st April protest, RMSRU

proverbs and literary puns but did not address the major issues



21st April protest, GSMRA

faced by the common people of the country.

India Protest Day on 21st April 2020 with great enthusiasm and spontaneity by complying all the governmental guidelines and physical distancing norms. This extraordinary agitation programme was implemented by all state and subunits of FMRAI throughout the nation and the photographs were shared in the social media. In northern India it was organized by DSMRO in Delhi, by HPMRA in Himachal Pradesh, by HSMSRU in Haryana, by PCMSRU in Punjab and Chandigarh, by RMSRU in Rajasthan and by UPMSRA in



21st April protest, DSMRO

Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. In cities and town in western

in Maharashtra by MSMA and in Madhya Pradesh and



21st April protest, PCMSRU

TMSRU in Telangana, by KMSRA in Kerala and by KSM&SRA in Karnataka. Similarly, the agitation programme was implemented in Bihar and Jharkhand by BSSRU,



21st April protest, HSMSRU



21st April protest, TMSRU



21st April protest, BSSRU



21st April protest, WBMSRU

minister, which were duly studded with Sanskrit poetry,

FMRAI greets all members and functionaries for observing all

India it was organized in Goa by Goa MRA, in Gujarat by GSMRA,



21st April protest, OSRU



21st April protest, UPMSRA



21st April protest, KSM&SRA

Chhattisgarh by MPMSRU. In the southern states and union territories it was organized and implemented by APMSRU in Andhra Pradesh, by TNMSRA in Tamilnadu and Pudicherry, by



21st April protest, MSMRA

in seven-sister north-eastern states (Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram and Tripura) by CRU, in Odisha by OSRU and in West Bengal by WBMSRU.